EDITORIAL

Dalhousie Student Council:

Liberté, egalité but no fraternities

This Sunday the Dalhousie Student Council will be picking a Judicial Board. The Judicial Board will then rule on the constitutionality of the Inter-Fraternity Council's bid to be recognized as an A Society, and obtain a vote on council.

In the preamble of the Student Union constitution we are told "The Union and any organization under the jurisdiction of the Union shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, political orientation, or ethnic origin." It will be up to the Judicial Board to decide if the I.F.C. adheres to these guidelines.

While the Judicial Board is investigating the I.F.C. to see if they discriminate on the basis of sex, they might also want to look at the individual fraternities currently recognized as B societies, to determine if they discriminate on the same basis.

As a B society must surely be considered as "under the jurisdiction of the Union", all B societies and their constitutions must then satisfy the same criteria that the I.F.C. is now being tested on.

LETTERS

What's their

Mr. Dunn states that my negative

opinion of Dal. fraternities

indicates that "there are some

everything they read". I must admit

that he is correct in inferring that

my reading on this subject has

been, up to now, limited - limited,

in fact, to a few advertising

handbills. You know the ones I

mean, they're plastered over every

tree on campus and have really

catchy slogans like "B-52 PARTY"

and "ELECTRIC JELLO

PARTY!". I apologize for my

naivete in assuming these sources

However, sarcasm aside, I would

like to thank Mr. Dunn for his

informative letter - he has

. that still believe

purpose?

To the Editor;

were reliable.

people.

Some of the fraternities presently recognized as B societies include: Phi Delta, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, and the Omega Pi Sorority.

If any of these frats are found to practice discrimination, as outlined by the student union constitution, then surely their privileges and status as B societies must be withdrawn.

However, while the problem of societies and their practices being unconstitutional is an issue, right now the larger question is whether the I.F.C. deserves a vote on Council.

The I.F.C. is a body which represents eight fraternities. A fraternity, regardless of what one might think of it, is essentially a social club. There is nothing either intrinsically good or bad about that, but there is no precedent for giving a social club a vote on council—especially if they represent only 150 people.

Presently council is made up of elected representatives from faculties, appointed executive members, an international students' representative and residence representatives.

provided exactly the kind of

information which should have

been included in the original

article. Perhaps he would be

willing to further my education by

answering a few more questions: Is

membership open to all student?

Are memberships given free of

charge? Where is the emphasis

placed in fraternity life - on

serving the community, or on

making "on-going contacts with brothers" in the political and

Kwak ducks

I thought I should respond to

last week's column, where

"another arts student, grammati-

cally yours" has some interesting

observations. Of course we were

the issue

Isabel Fearon

economic elite?

To the editor:

The members elected from the various faculties represent students, including frat members. The appointed executive members are elected by council. They also help administer the Union.

The international students' councillor represents a group of students who have special interests. They pay differential fees and bring a viewpoint to Council which might otherwise not be heard.

The representatives from the residences are there because they speak tor many more people than the Frats do, plus they also have a special interest in how the administration runs the residences. The student union can best represent resident student's interests to the administration by hearing from them directly.

In short, there are no gratuitous seats on council. Fraternity members are already represented on Council as Dal students; to ask us to recognize their social clubs seems a little much.

finest academic minds are led by

chemists. And yes, the building

addition has been planned for

many years; more than 20, in fact.

Dalhousie's first president-

chemist. Most building expan-

sion at Dalhousie took place

during the presidency of Dr. Henry Hicks, who is still, and

rightly, proud of his undergradu-

ate degree in chemistry. During

those years we've seen arts centres,

libraries, dental schools, life

science buildings, Dalplex, and

many others arise, but no new

chemistry building. We invite

your visitors to drop by in the

chemistry department afterward.

They might partake in the smells

and sounds, and for instance

watch 48 organic-chemistry stu-

dents all trying to manipulate

intricate glassware without rais-

ing their elbows. Or they might

try to force themselves through

the centre isle of room 6017 in the

LSC, filled with 28 1st-year chem-

By the way, Dr. Clark is not

Pat Savage

to the analytical/organic lab and see where their great-grandparents were taught, or try to see through the smoke and the crowd.

The new chemistry addition will provide the healthy, safe, and inviting modern laboratory atmosphere that our students deserve. The decision to build it was not only based on good demographics, it was also based on the demonstrated need, considerations of ventilation and health, fire safety, and education requirements. We can't wait until next year!

Chemically yours, Jan C.T. Kwak Chair, Chemistry Dept.

Raves for slaves

To the Editor, Grawood Lounge and Bar Services would like to thank all those who participated in the Slave Auction for Big Brothers/Big Sisters held in the Garden October 9. Response for the charity fundraiser in the Grawood Lounge has been a big success this year. Thanks to one and all.

Deborah Brown

Good for Glazov

To the Editor;

Thanks to Jamie Glazov for his enlightening feature on the situation in Nicaragua. Seeing that Calero, Robelo and Cruz are all former Sandinistas, and are presently leaders of the Contra Freedom fighters, it is ridiculours to assert that the Contras are "Somacismo". Not only should Mr. Glazov be commended for pointing out the

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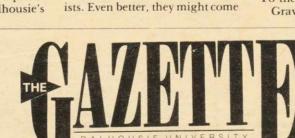
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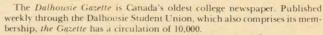
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