

fraternity brothers are willing to give one another. To truly understand the bond that fraternity members have between them, or the good that they do for others, you must become a member, or at least stick around longer than a few hours on a Friday night. Someone who has stuck around long enough to know,
Shawne Downey

We're all brothers

To the editor:

When I picked up my copy of the Gazette last week I was hoping for an intelligent and informative article on fraternities. I was not impressed by the imbalance that I found. Ashley Abbott's article, "The Young and the Restless," vastly outweighed the smaller and considerably more

intelligent (despite its title) article, "Moral Wreckitude in Fraternities."

I am not a member of a fraternity myself and have no wish to join one, but this does not stop me seeing that there is more to a fraternity than simply drinking beer, throwing up and molesting women. Ever hear of community services?

Likeminded people always seek each other out; students interested in music and radio can become a part of CKDU, students interested in journalism can write for the Gazette. In some ways these institutions can be seen as fraternities for these people. Is it for us to denigrate that aspect of human nature that makes people seek out their own, be it in an on-air studio, an editorial office or in a fraternity?

Please, let's try and be a little more open-minded in our reporting in the future; some people may have found that article amusing but quite frankly I found it offensive.

Yours sincerely,
Peter West

Something completely different

To the editor;

Now that the 1986-87 academic year has begun and I am no longer a student at Dalhousie, I would like to thank a number of people who made my Dalhousie experience more fulfilling during the last two years. These are almost all persons. I have not met.

First, my thanks go to the officers of the Dalhousie Student Union who represented student interests. I think particularly of the year when there were labour problems between labour and administration. When either Alex Gigeroff (DSU President) or Rusty James (Vice-President) appeared on television, I felt

proud to be a Dalhousie student.

The executive of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students and the staff of the Graduate House contribute a lot to university life. I spent a number of very pleasant hours in the Grad House discussing library science and other esoteric matters. (I don't specify the number of hours because I don't want my former profs to know.) I hope that the *Dagger*, which resumed publication last year, continues to appear.

During my two years of studies, I enjoyed and was kept informed by both *DAL NEWS* and the *Gazette*. Fortunately, neither see Dalhousie through rose-coloured glasses; any coverup at the university is unlikely.

Most of the people mentioned are comparatively young compared to someone like me who first graduated from university in 1969. It is worthwhile to reflect upon the contributions of these young people as an indication of what they will contribute to society in years to come after they graduate.

Yours sincerely,
Murray Baillie

few prizes and the use of their special-events cruiser for the duration of the week. Coke, C100, and many local merchants were also used as sponsors of Orientation '86.

By comparison, Dalhousie has one of the calmest Orientation programmes I've ever seen or heard of. Hazing and initiations have been eliminated, whereas other universities even in the province have not evolved from the barbaric practices that once used to be part of Dalhousie's welcoming week.

There is no disputing the fact that UNB's programme is a good one. However, I ask if it is reasonable to compare a programme that receives \$37,000 from its Student Union (one of their largest expenditures) to one that receives \$1,600? I think not.

Also, I am afraid that UNB's Orientation Week was not voted best in North America. Actually, to the best of my knowledge, it received an award entitled "Best Paraphernalia" from an organization that is representative of only a portion of North American colleges and universities.

Feedback is important for such events like Orientation Week, for such feedback, especially negative, allows future planners to make the necessary changes to improve the event overall. This criticism, however, must be accurate in order to serve its valuable purpose.

Sincerely,
Craig Cummings
Chair

Orientation '86 Committee

Frosh week not slosh

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the article, "Off Campus with the Frosh Squad," that appeared in the September 25th edition of the Gazette.

Students are exposed to a completely new atmosphere when they enter university. There are new freedoms and new responsibilities associated with this move for both on- and off-campus students. The main purpose of Orientation Week is to make the transition from high school to university a little easier. Events such as "The Third Thursday" and the Summer Orientation Programme also work toward the same goal.

Reference was made to Orientation Week being focused on students living in residence and not downplaying alcohol to the degree that it could have. During the summer, the off-campus frosh squad wrote personal letters to approximately 500 metro students inviting them to take part in Orientation Week activities. All of the letters were handwritten and signed by a member of the squad to further reinforce the message. Advertising in local high school newspapers and a newsletter published by the University reiterated the same.

In terms of brewery sponsorship, our lone sponsor provided a

No to IFC on DSU

To the editor:

I am curious to know why Sandra Bell is "anticipating a positive response" to the Inter-Fraternity Council's bid to gain representation in Council. Is it because the IFC represents a strong force within the university community? Fraternity members comprise only a tiny minority of the student body — 150 of several thousand students. It is because, as Mr. Dunn claims, they are setting a proper moral standard for students to follow? Even if they have magnanimously ceased to discriminate against Blacks and Jews, this hardly qualifies them as champions of justice, law, and morality.

I'm afraid that until the IFC convinces me they serve some purpose other than the promotion of substance abuse, my vote will remain an emphatic "No."

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Psychology Student

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