

Phi Kap fined \$250

by Rachel Henderson

Members of the Phi Kappa Pi fraternity now think twice before putting out the garbage after 10.

Last December, the City of Halifax fined the fraternity \$250 for unreasonable noise after frustrated neighbors decided to press charges.

Neighbors at the Robie St., and Cherry St., location have been complaining about the noise for "about 25 years," according to one resident, but an 11 p.m. band practice in July was the last straw.

"The other neighbors and I decided that if the noise could be heard through two storm windows it was unreasonable," said the resident, who requested anonymity for reasons of "self-preservation."

But David Morris, a first-year member of Phi Kappa, complains neighbors "are not sympathetic towards frats." Phi Kappa brothers "try to live in some semblance of fraternal life," Morris said.

Fraternity members say noise is simply unavoidable: "It is the nature of the beast," said John Annett, former president of the fraternity. He said neighbors should try to accept Phi Kappa for what it is, even if that means loud parties from time to time.

Phi Kappa's defense lawyer argued that position at the Dec. 16, 1980 trial, and though Annett pleaded guilty to the charge of excessive noise on behalf of the fraternity, he expected to get off with a \$25 to \$50 fine. But Judge Sandra Oxner didn't see things Annett's way, and levied the \$250 fine.

Phi Kappa brothers say they reacted with "shock" to the decision. Though they admit the complaint against the band practice was reasonable, they say the fine was out of line.

But most neighbors' complaints are "totally unwarranted," frat members say. They told how a neighbor phoned police about being awakened by frat members taking out the

garbage, but the neighbor says the brothers "were whooping and yelling."

Halifax Police report numerous complaints were received prior to the fining, including calls from nearby Camp Hill Hospital. Fraternity members claimed to be unaware of the hospital's complaints.

The fraternity is willing "to back down within reason," Annett said. For example, members now stuff mattresses in their windows to muffle noise from parties. "I don't think it's anything we can't come to terms with," he said.

The anonymous source, in turn, reports parties aren't quieter, but disturbances are now only "weekly events, not daily ones."

"The problem will continue to diminish only until they forget the fine," the source said.

Phi Kappa should "keep their pukers and their pissers out of our yard," the person concluded.

A PEEK AT THE PAST

Flu problem in 'good old days'

by John Cairns

Sickness can be inconvenient at best and disastrous at worst. Much of its seriousness lies in the speed and unexpectedness with which it can strike.

On February 6, 1951, Dalhousie was enduring an influenza epidemic. Even **The Dalhousie Gazette** was hampered, and the editor moved decisively to meet the demands of the situation. He published the following story with instructions for his staff. In those days, incidentally, **The Gazette** appeared twice weekly.

"Influenza ravages Europe and Dalhousie students look on with passive interest. Influenza puts 700 to bed in Grand Falls, Newfoundland, and student make fun of fellow students from that town. Influenza hits Dalhousie and students sit up with alarm as societies all over the Campus are crippled with members struck by germs.

The DACC have lost a lot of their players as a result of the epidemic. As a result, their showing in intercollegiate games has not been good. Several defeats in hockey and basketball during the past few weeks have manifested the effects of the sickness.

Even **The Dalhousie Gazette** has suffered under the impact as two page editors have been waylaid and the burden of turning out the issues have fallen on too few shoulders.

Council Pres. Sherman Zwicker has been in bed for a few days. Coaches Vitalone and Evans have been out of commission also.

The 'flu' has also struck the DGDS. Several chorus members have been unable to turn out for practice.

BULLETIN

The Flu epidemic has reached such proportions that **The Dalhousie Gazette** has

decided to take measures to combat the insidious influence of disease among members of the staff.

Realizing that if a large proportion of the staff fell ill at the same time, it would be virtually impossible to publish a paper, the Editor has decided to defeat this possibility by insuring that no more than half the staff get sick at any given time.

Hereafter, and until the end of the present emergency, those people who would normally work on the Friday

edition of **The Gazette** are permitted to be sick from Friday until one day before their deadline; and those who work on the Tuesday edition will be granted sick leave from Tuesday until the time they normally have to start thinking about the next issue."

Why did this revolutionary technique not make medical history? Perhaps it simply did not receive sufficient publicity. Clearly for people able to follow instructions, the medical ways of **The Gazette** cannot fail.

Benefit dance to support scholarship fund

by Susan Hayes

Oopalee Operajita, a world famous dancer studying at Dalhousie has agreed to give a benefit performance of her native dance, Odissi in aid of the french scholarship fund.

The scholarship fund was started about two years ago. In order to raise money for the fund, initially, a variety show was performed and an auction was held, along with some of the funds from the French House. As well as the benefit dance, a play is to be put on and the proceeds from a French cookbook will be used for this year's fund.

Karolyn Waterson, of the French Department, said the fund is allocated to students who have need, and those who might not normally return to school without the funds.

"Students apply for the scholarship fund and are given money according to need and according to how much money is in the fund."

Waterson approached Oopalee about the benefit dance and once obtaining agreement, asked Student Council for free use of the McInnes

Room. The dance will be held on February 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Oopalee did her undergraduate work in India and is presently studying for her Masters in English on a Rotary fellowship at Dalhousie. In May she will resume touring starting in London, England.

The dance she performs is almost two thousand years old and is taught in India by Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra. Her costume for the ancient dance takes two hours to put on and to properly attach everything. Although the dance and music is foreign to most people's knowledge, the dance is quite dramatic and the music easy to listen to.

There is no admission charge to the dance, but a collection will be taken during intermission. Contributions are tax deductible. Waterson says students shouldn't be discouraged for attending because they can't make a large contribution. They realize how little money students have, she said. Response to the idea has been good so far and there is hope for a large attendance.

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