

Howe Hall Column

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It was Oct. 21 in the year of our lord 1974 that a few students got together and decided to approach the Editor of the GAZETTE for a Howe Hall news page.

What happened next...? We got it.

Well, when the Howe Hall Students Council heard of our achievement, a motion was unanimously passed to give us their full support.

The Howe Hall boys immediately began working on the project. We had literally broken the ice by initiating a constructive attempt to make the dreams of Howe Hall a reality.

At first it is best to introduce Howe Hall to the other students at Dalhousie University and to pay particular attention to the integral role it plays in the orientation of youngmen. It has been an uphill struggle for the Dean of Residence, David Chanter, though he has not been given full credit for the job he has performed for the past year. Closely associated with the Dean are his four Dons who are allotted the task of counseling and really keeping the students of the individual houses together as one united body of Howe Hall. The Dons' task is not an easy one because the houses war against each other in a mad struggle for supremacy. Therefore, most students have neglected one of the most important elements in this university, that is, Howe Hall.

This week our feature article is on Henderson House - its role in our university society.

Henderson House in recent years has been called the "zoo". Not because of the building perse, but probably because of the wild behavior exhibited by members of the house. Now realistically, Henderson House, for the past decade, provided experience and training for young men. These students, having once been "high school kids", are now in the process of becoming mature men. It is one place where "mommy and daddy" are not around to pick up the pieces but rather the frosh are confronted with their own problems and they must use their own resources to gain answers. It is a fact that in Henderson House the students find answers for thier various problems by simply using their own resources which were dormant at home. The process of transforming an immature frosh into a matured man is what Howe Hall is all about.

The Don of Henderson House Greg Zed, has in two years matured as a young man and gained a lot of experience in counseling and psychology. It would seem psychologically beneficial that there is a common need which is being fulfilled by the rough experience of living in Howe Hall.

In September 1974 it was the first time Henderson House had almost a full quota of freshmen. To the president of Henderson House, Robbie Spicer, this was one of the best events to have happened because most of the problems that have occurred in past years were due to the older boys influencing the younger ones to perpetuate old events. This kind of activity caused a lot of damage to property and even disillusioned the young frosh about what is acceptable and what is not acceptable in Henderson House. The frosh at the very beginning of the year seems to be a gullible bunch and were fooled into doing things that were financially detrimental to them. This is the grass root cause of all the confusion which arose in that house and helped in portraying the image of it being a "zoo".

From the many activities which have taken place it seems that Henderson House is pulling its own weight in the sense, that these young men's attitudes are particularly better now than it was in past years. For it would seem that there is a sense of nationalism and pride which had never existed before mid-March in any previous year. It is apparent this year in November. Thus, this could give the Dean of Residence a good reason why Henderson House should be soley restricted to "frosh" or freshmen.

The writers of this article have observed that the Greek proverb "in unity there is strength" has been utilized to the utmost in this house.

The Don and the President of Henderson House seem to be pooling their resources and are performing a splendid job. As a result the young freshmen are really eager to get involved in the House activities. Because of its enthusiastic residents Henderson House is causing a serious threat to all other houses in sports and spirit. Their spirit has lead to the establishment, for the first time in residence history, of a **Dal Tigers Fan Club**. And, as a result of this spirit and willingness to work, Henderson has cleared up all debts and are proud to claim that they are three hundred dollars in the clear. To the "frosh", who may not be informed, there is to be an award at the end of the year for the most spirited house. Therefore, the columnists wish you the best in achieving this goal - this should be a further incentive for your participation.

The name the "zoo" is still attached to the House and the lack of discipline was a major cause of this label. The President seems to think that "discipline" is much better this year because there is complete confidentiality where fining is concerned. It seems that this procedure alleviates future conflicts that may arise from this problem. The method of fining is probably the best method introduced in any house, because residences are usually plagued with people arguing over fines. It is not our purpose to take sides but to make sure both persons involved are given full

hearings that are based on the facts. The fines then can either be imposed or rejected. One important fact seems to pop up every time fines are imposed and that is; "Can a floor representative be wrong?" Yes, he can be, and we strongly emphasized this point when last year cases were brought up to the Appeal Court. It was discovered that last year floor representatives are "never wrong." We put our trust in this year's Disciplinary Council and hope that they will not futhre perpetuate the same mentality which existed last year.

To the people who may not be aware of it, there exists an Appeal Court. If at any time, you feel that you have been ill-judged bring it to the courts attention. On the Court there are a lot of honest and just students who are experienced in dealing with these matters, so feel free to take them your complaints.

In general the students that live in Henderson House are a varied group and a times conflicts do arise. There is a need for older boys in the house. This, the students claim, would help initiate them into university life. In this respect we feel the Orientation programme has failed.

Psychologists state that it is definitely a good thing to have young students gaining help from older boys. Henderson House has only its Resident Don and two other boys, along with the President of Howe Hall. Without this kind of help the students may not be able to gain maturity, self confidence and be able to stand on their own feet as men. But this depends on the policy of the Dean and the Higher officials.

We think that the Don is correct in his "meat grinder" approach to the immature wild games that take place in that house. The older Resident is confident that after next year Henderson House will have ushered young men into an experience of a lifetime. This experience will remain embedded in our memory banks and will not be washed away with time, but only with death.

It is the general consensus of opinion that there is, to a certain degree, an inferiority complex in Henderson House. This is a real problem and cannot be dismissed for it is a cold fact. One method which could be utilised by those who have this gross inferiority complex is to have faith in yourself and work with your house in any sporting or other activities that may lead to your House's supremacy. And in the course of time destroy this inferiority complex and produce a more mature and self confident House.

Henderson House has a room-mate problem because there is a period of adjustment that must take place and one of its results is room changes. The Don claims that, this year 1974-75, Henderson House has had a decline in the amount of room changes primarily because every student is equal, they are all freshmen.

What helps in evaluating the problem is that most people are away from home for the first time. The Orientation programme this year failed to introduce students to university live. Next year it is hoped that the Orientation Committee will not only concentrate on the students that live in residence but aid all the students in fulfilling their expectations of University.

Most people are aware of the fact that the Orientation programme which was adopted this year followed in general what happened last year. So it can be appreciated, if later on in the year when new elections take place, that our present President of Howe Hall, George Loanes, and our present Vice-President, Joe Fahey, give some advice about changes in the Orientation programme.

In closing the President of Henderson House, Robbie Spicer said, "I am in love with my house and its members and wish the next year's President a House 10 times better than this year." To Daddy Don of Henderson House, Greg Zed, wishes the boys a full year of fun but mentioned that "all play and no work makes Jack a dull boy".

Mystery Surrounds Leary's Silence

LOS ANGELES (CUP-ZNS) -- Doctor Timothy Leary, the former Harvard professor who became a leading advocate of the use of LSD in the late 1960's is currently being held in "extreme security" by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency states that Leary is being held at a "secret location for his own protection," in the Los Angeles area while he cooperates with drug agents and the FBI investigators.

Leary has not been seen by any of his former close associates for the past five months. However, according to federal officials, Leary personally has turned down written requests from several of his former friends for face to face meetings in prison.

The spokesperson for the drug agency states that Leary, just recently turned down a request to meet personally with his former close associate, poet Allen Ginsberg, who had written a personal appeal for a meeting several weeks ago.

A group of Leary's associates, including Ginsberg are working with public advocates, a San Francisco Civil Liberties group, in an effort to establish direct contact with Leary.

They say they want to see if he is well, and want to hear in Leary's words why he is allegedly cooperating with federal authorities in providing information that could be used to prosecute various political and drug activists.

Federal drug officials say Leary is being held at the secret location "at his own request", reportedly to protect him from possible recriminations by those he has been testifying against. The drug agency declines to say if Leary has been testifying against a Los Angeles grand jury.

Leftist Group Bombs L.A.

LOS ANGELES (CUP) - A West Coast terrorist group calling itself the New World Liberation Front has put the IT&T corporation on notice that it can expect continued "repercussions" for its complicity in Chilean political affairs.

The group has already claimed credit for two recent bombings in Sheraton hotels in Los Angeles and San Francisco. The Sheraton chain is a subsidiary of IT&T.

In a message to Los Angeles radio station KPFK, the group demanded that "IT&T admit to the American people and the peoples of the world of their complicity...in Chile's murderous." It also called upon the corporation to "implement the release of all political prisoners in Chile" or "suffer further repercussions for your brutality against humanity."



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