



The continuing saga of Howe Hall

by Paul Zed

An integral part of any residence life is its social activities and Howe Hall certainly isn't any different. The organization that is behind these activities can be found in the name of Residence Council. Some may ask what is it and who is on it? Well, members include the presidents of the five houses in Howe Hall as well as an executive that is comprised of a president, vice-

president, secretary, treasurer, food rep. and sports rep. It is easy to see that these members of Residence Council have a very important function to perform as more than 550 residents rely on their judgement and decisions in determining not only the frequency of parties and sports activities but also the design of food contracts and other vital services that a

resident may desire. Thus their jobs are important, essential and not to be taken lightly.

As they represent the residents of Howe Hall the residence council is directly responsible to all the occupants and must serve as a means for unifying those within.


The question that is necessary to raise is does the Residence Council of 1975-6 seem to be fulfilling its duties.

Certainly, with respect to the handling of money it appears that the finances are in the capable hands of Brian S. The vice-president Peter Bloxham definitely should be complimented for the way in which orientation week was handled. The president of our "hallowed halls" is Jim Maddox. Although mild mannered and quiet in voice, except when under the influence, he has very definite opinions and attractive ideas on the running of council. He was successful in receiving for the first time a grant for Howe Hall from the Student Union which will be well used.

Everything though, is not rosy in Howe Hall. Numbers have been dramatically increased with triple rooms and the additional doubles out of singles. Maddox says that despite the obvious disadvantages in overcrowding there are numerous benefits. That is more revenue and thus greater improvements may be made with respect to recreation for example.

The two problems that an increased population does bring is lack of communication and related directly to that a decline in spirit. But it is questionable whether the blame for this can fall on the shoulders of residence council. Maddox singles out this lack of communication on the increase in numbers and this seems reasonable, however, the problem still exists.

This problem in communication may be somewhat relieved with increased input on council by the freshman house - Henderson. Also with a stronger house committee the executive of the houses might do more to make their members more aware of what's communication. As for the problem of spirit in the individual houses the fault might lie with the president and his house committee. It is up to these people to create a desire for the members of their house to take an interest in what is going on around them. An appeal is thus being made to the house presidents and their committees to concentrate a little more effort into their houses.




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