

# Greeks To U of H

## Ode to Jolly Jack

*Little Jack Hardy, Life of the Party  
Felt the need to complain;  
In a fit of unrest, he would try his best,  
And repeated his long-time refrain:*

*"Down with the Greeks, the sisters and brothers;  
Abolish each fraternity.  
All this school needs is a real man who leads -  
Choose either Ben Holden or me."*

*You criticize our mixers, beer blasts, and the like -  
Corruption of society are we;  
But, my dear Jack, there's something you lack  
If your best weapon is pornography.*

*If you're all so concerned for the good of the world  
Why not start with a clean-up campaign?  
From your filthy appearance and "intellectual" minds  
What can our campus gain?*

*Homecoming and Greek Week are parts of college to us;  
You think protest and trips mean living.  
Stand on your feet and face reality:  
Discover the meaning of giving.*

*We'll still continue as brothers and sisters,  
So don't bang your head on a wall.  
While we're making friendships and helping each other  
Maybe you can run it all.*

*But before you attack us and charge us again  
(You who were once one of us),  
Take care, Mr. Hardy, do not think it over  
Before you begin your next fuss.*

*For we are the Greeks, and we are not dying;  
We believe in all that we do.  
We love it, we live it, and we really give it.  
And our togas are off - to you.*

Lorraine Sapko  
Alpha Xi Delta

# GREEK

## Give Us Answers

Dear Jack,

First of all, I would like to state that I am a freshman, and I am in no way whatsoever, related to any fraternity, here or elsewhere. These are my own feelings and I was not put up to this by the IFC or any members of any fraternities.

My first question is why the S.A. or the Campus Center has the right to say that fraternities or sororities should be abolished. Possibly, the point about mixers not being allowed in the Campus Center is valid (although I do not see where a fraternity mixer would cause more trouble than a school sponsored one) but after all the fraternities do pay \$100.00 to use the Campus Center, so it is not as if they were using it for nothing.

Another question is, what is meant by 'we could sponsor constructive and/or educational programming instead?' Like what, Jack Hardy folk sings or frisbee contests? (no offense Jack, I think you play great) Face it, contrary to what else was written in the UH News, every one who isn't in a fraternity or sorority does not spend all of their time studying, and people do enjoy the mixers. I think personally that educational programs could be set up, and that the students could simply choose which ever they prefer.

My third question is, if you know that all of this graft has been going on, instead of telling us about it (although it is interesting to know) why haven't you channeled your writing so that something could be done about correcting this situation? The same is true of everything you mentioned. Why hasn't the S.A. been notified? I mean, have you been storing up all of this evidence over the years in preparation of your expose on the Greek system at the University of Hartford?

In reference to John Cronin; you state that, "Never before has such a large number of people been joined together to form such a negative force in an academic institution." I disagree in that perhaps the organization I will mention and its affiliates are not as large as the international fraternity system, but what this group lacks in number, it more than makes up for

in negativness. This group is the S.D.S. and their revolutionary counterparts.

As I recall, it wasn't the fraternities taking over and destroying the campuses, or if I may take out of context some of Jack Hardy's words, 'all they do is cause trouble and damage to the University', it was these other groups.

And as I further recall, it was the fraternities that were trying to prevent their respective schools from being torn down. And from what I see on the sports page, it seems that the fraternities 'take time out' for sports now and then.

Well, I'm not telling every one to pledge, and I'm not going to tell every one not to pledge. In fact, I'm not even sure if I will even pledge, I'm just asking for some honest answers.

Sincerely,  
Larry K. Miller  
Freshman

## In Reply to Stan Starsiak

In reply to Stan Starsiak - "Everyone must conform," says Stanley Starsiak, in reference to fraternities. I would like Mr. Starsiak to tell me where he got this information, or did he make this clever observation all by himself. "Individuality fits" is the slogan for one fraternity on campus and I think it applies to most of the other Greek organizations as well. Stanley Starsiak would THINK about who comprises the different fraternities he would see that there is no "frat man." True, some brothers seem alike but, when you put a lot of people in a group some always seem similar. However, if you care enough to go beyond physical appearance, attire, the way one sits or walks, you might see that each person is really an individual. Mr. Starsiak conveys the impression that it is a terrible thing for a member of an organization to be proud of it and try to promote its name. The Sports Car Club, the Radio Station, and the members of the newspaper take pride in their organization as well. Is this wrong?

What's wrong with the fraternities competing on the athletic field? Mr. Starsiak, like any other man, is free to join an independent league. If Mr. Starsiak and his entourage would support the athletic events of this University, then Greeks would not be the only spectators there.

Who are you, Stanley Starsiak, to tell us when we should give money to charitable organizations? You're absolutely right about the fact that we donate on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Do you? Where were you Mr. Starsiak, when the brothers of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity bounced a ball for four days straight? (relatively speaking) Did you donate one out of the \$2000.00 they raised for the Hartford Heart Fund. By the way, the entire sum went to the Fund and not into their treasury (sorry Jack) which can be checked with the Heart Fund.

Mr. Starsiak feels that the fraternities have a set-policy against studying. All Greek organizations on campus have specialized study hours for pledges, which are used only for studying. You see, while we do belong to Greek organizations, we also are students, just like you. Grades are important to us, we study for exams, and we DO care about academics.

Starsiak has made the amazing discovery that fraternity brothers help each other in their school work. This is fantastic. I give you a lot of credit Mr. Starsiak because, based on his article I get the impression that he never sought any outside academic aid. Congratulations.

There is no denying the fact that fraternities need money to keep them out of hot water, but what organization doesn't.

The newspaper certainly does.  
Goidle DeBlasio

To Whom It May Concern:

And so it criticized each flower,  
This supercilious seed;  
Until it woke one summer hour,  
And found itself a weed.

(Mildred Howells)

Jeanie Litchfield  
Alpha Xi Delta

## To The Defense

Dear Brother Hardy,  
Having read the barrage of criticism levied by the "Liberated Press" upon fraternities last week, I decided that the newcomers to our campus should at least be exposed to the other end of the story.

Truly fraternities are first social. But a completely social scene is a narrow road and fraternities realize this. For you to play the role of God, to pass judgment upon others, and then use your influential position to impose your will on still others is an assumption and use of power in excess of your duties.

For the "Liberated Press" people to point a finger at fraternities while talking of "conformity" and "loss of individuality" is absurd. The so-called "free-thinkers" are the easiest to spot on the campus; typically long hair, beads, army jacket, or vest, bell-bottoms or faded, torn levis, and no shoes are just the outward appearances; more important are

the similarity of opinions towards Vietnam, or Blacks, or Greeks.

Fraternities on this campus still offer more in terms of friendship than any independent group (barring perhaps the UCF) on campus.

Fraternities on this campus are not blind to change. They are perhaps only slower to throw tradition to the wind. We fully realize the type of student now on campus. We are aware of the necessity of change. Your intentions perhaps were to hasten this inevitable change in fraternities. In this case, Brother Hardy, your enthusiasm surpassed your good judgment. Your untimely ridicule undoubtedly will have an effect on the easily swayed freshman minds -- hopefully it will show them not to believe everything they read in our illustrious paper but to get out and view the Greeks in all aspects and decide for themselves.

Fraternally,  
Scott Campbell, President of Theta Chi

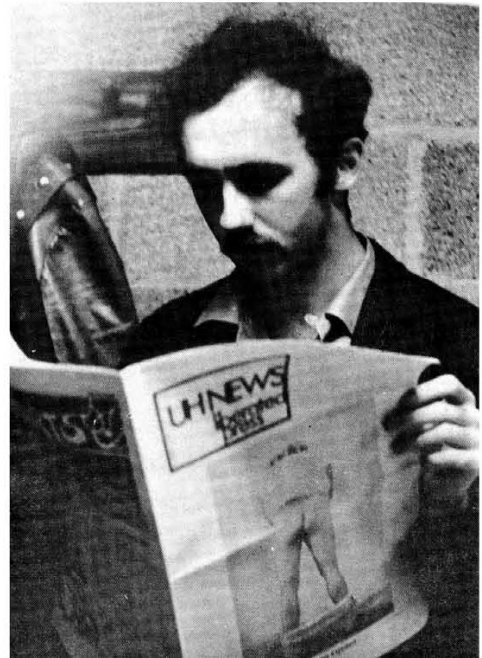
## We Can Take It Can You?

Dear Jack:

While I realize that this letter might get lost or filed under more "fraternity bullshit", I still feel (right in my gut) a need to write and voice an opinion. Last Wednesday our campus paper turned its guns upon the Greek System at UH. Your aim was accurate and deadly. You sent several organizations babbling to their respective National groups. This in my opinion exemplifies the present state of the Greek System. It is unfortunate that such groups, who are the first to cry foul, cannot learn from that flurry of opposition. We, of Phi Sigma Kappa realize our shortcomings and are working to overcome the problems. Yet, we are not the only groups on campus which could better direct their aims. I understand Jack that your newspaper is undergoing

an audit to determine the whereabouts of several thousand dollars. Rumor perhaps? While we realize that as an organized group on campus we owe something to the entire University community, yet I see little involvement by the large number of freaks on campus. Actually Jack you and your newspaper staff have, in effect, created your own little cliche. This letter of nolo contendere. The Greek system has long needed a kick in the ass. If we cannot step back and laugh at ourselves once in a while then things are really hurting. We are aware of the need for change within our organization and for increased involvement. However the basic premise upon which fraternities were founded is not outdated and will continue to be relevant down through the years. While I see an increasing feeling of brotherhood among the freaks and the plastic-people, there is still a gap in their relationships. I feel that we offer a closeness and understanding that is not

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Jon Rosenthal