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EDITORIALS . . .

Pants Down

To say it simply, fraternities and sororities should be abolished. This action should be taken by the Student Association directly or by the Campus Center indirectly. The Campus Center should abolish fraternity mixers, as all they do is cause trouble and damage to the university. Without mixers, the fraternities would die. This would cut off their main purpose. The old argument that mixers are the only social life on campus should be replaced by an argument that we could sponsor constructive and/or educational programming instead.

DID YOU KNOW! THAT SAE WOULD NOT ALLOW BLACKS INTO THEIR FRATERNITY WHILE THEY WERE PLEDGING THEIR NATIONAL? THAT TKE HAS NOT PAID FOR ANYTHING IN THE BOOKSTORE FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS BECAUSE THEY HAD "BROTHERS" WORKING THERE? THAT PI LAMBDA PHI STILL HAS NOT MOVED THEIR HOMECOMING FLOAT TRAILER OF TWO (2) YEARS AGO (ADDING A BEAUTIFUL TOUCH TO OUR CAMPUS). THAT SAE, SAM AND OTHER FRATS HAVE RAISED MONEY FOR THE LIBRARY FUND WHEN IT HAS ACTUALLY GONE INTO THEIR TREASURY. THAT THEATA CHI AND OTHER FRATS HAVE PLEDGED BROTHERS ILLEGALLY (UNDER A 2.0 Q.P.A.) ONE COULD GO INTO SORORITIES BUT IT IS BE KIND TO UGLY DUCKLING WEEK.

The pity of it all is that fraternities and sororities could be such a constructive force on the campus and in the community. pledging, instead of being a humiliating process could be a character building process. Sure, every fraternity and sorority has their token projects in the community, (putting flowers in the girl's form), but this is secondary to their primary (social) direction. Fraternities and sororities must re-orient themselves if they are even to attract enough pledges to keep themselves from extinction.

For now, boys and girls, you are caught with your pants down and before you pull them back up you ought to try on a different pair. If anyone is thinking of pledging this semester . . . DONT.

Frat Rats

If there's one thing in this school that I cannot grasp at all, it's the good of the fraternities on this campus. Over the past few days, I have conducted a number of interviews with fraternity members, (And to that one person to whom I used the guise of a Sociology report, I apologize.) and asked them a number of questions. I found, with few exceptions, the "brothers" to be quite cooperative, polite, candid, and blind. Never before has such a large number of people been joined together to form such a negative force in an academic institution. Granted, a few years ago, fraternities were the only group on campus to sponsor social activities, but such is the case no longer.

What seems to be the problem is that fraternities have a total disregard for our school, the students, the community, in short, they can't think of anything but themselves. Beyond the two-bit glory of Homecoming, Greek Week, Miss U of H, etc., the fraternities are absolutely nothing. Their shallowness is rivalled only by the business school. Have you ever heard of a fraternity academic committee? How many Greek library funds have you heard of? (ones that actually get to the library fund). Doesn't it bother you that the Greeks can find the time to channel their energies to social functions almost exclusively? Aren't you even curious as to why their faculty advisors aren't aware of this fact?

I was. And having completed the interviews, I have come to one conclusion only. That the fraternities on the campus are interested only in their emblem bearing, card playing, and lunch table cliques.

Think honestly, now. Let's play a little word game. Very honestly now. I'll say a word and you think of the associations.

FRATERNITY

What have you come up with?
Let's try another.

U of H

Anything? Well, this is what I come up with.

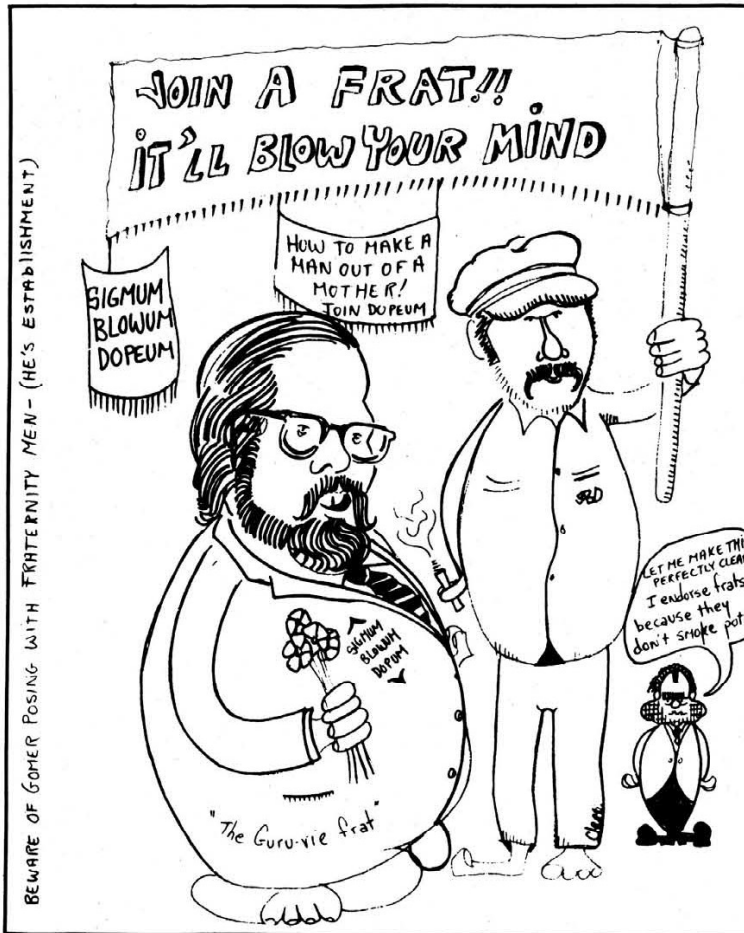
FRATERNITIES

beer blasts
mixers
Homecoming
Miss U of H
Greek Week
pledging
lunchtime tables
John Crandall

U of H

bookstore
cafeteria
community interaction
requirements
overcrowded classes
registration
library books
Chancellor Woodruff

Love and Kisses,
the Jock of hearts



I've limited myself to eight associations each. Out of the eight, I can draw only one parallel. This isn't shocking in the least. It's to be expected, and if you were thinking honestly, then your results were the same.

Now we're faced with a problem. How does one turn such a stagnant and sickening force into a vibrant and stimulating one. Infiltration from within definitely doesn't make it. I'm just not man enough to pledge. We could kidnap John Crandall and hold him hostage. But frats do things like that every day.

I don't know. Fraternities on this campus have an impressive number of members. A number that, if grouped together, could form quite a moving force. Personally I think the fraternities have no balls. So enraptured in social life, I think they're afraid of making asses out of themselves on the more important side of things.

Alright, we know that the frats are expending their energies selfishly. But just what is going on that is so important as to make the rest of the school suffer? Well, there's beer blasts, mixers, busting pledges, Homecoming, Winter Weekend, Greek Week, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The IFC is an organization that could bring the Greeks together as a powerful force who, together with the rest of the students, could do things for this school. The problem here being for Greeks to remember that they are students first and brothers second, and in turn the school first and your fraternity second. So my proposition is simply that the Greeks get off their asses, have a little balls, and help us complete our school and community.

John Cronin

Alpha Xi Delta

Anticipating an eventful and challenging year, the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta join together in welcoming each new student to the University of Hartford. Alpha Xi Delta's first project of the semester was directed at greeting new and returning dorm students; floral horseshoes, made by the sisters, were hung in the lobby of each girls' dormitory. The sorority is presently at work planning Rush functions, enjoying the opportunities to become acquainted with the new students. Still Alpha Xi Delta's activities of the year will be their traditional dance, to be held in April.