

Dartmouth College

The Fight Against Fraternities

By: James Turner

1914 Wilder Quint: *The Story of Dartmouth*

- “The history and the present status of the fraternities is honorable” (Quint 258)
- There has been a “great increase in handsome and well equipped fraternity houses in recent years” (Quint 257)

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of living to some extent, but not to the cliquy and dangerous length seen at some other colleges, for here again the wisdom of President Tucker was wonderfully manifested when he persuaded the trustees to rule that no fraternity house should contain more than fourteen men and that none should set a regular table. It has thus been made impossible that any set of students exist within a fraternity shell. Somewhere, three times a day,

1960's Chris Miller: *The Real Animal House*

- “Dean Seymour never quite knew what to do with the AD’s... whenever the AD’s got in trouble, it was if they were the beloved but troubled sons of a dear friend” (Miller 208)
- “The unholy deal was entered into: The ADs would sustain the first triple warning in the colleges history... but in return, had to swear the notorious Seven Fires would be ended forever” (Miller 208)

March 3, 1983

To: Jim Tonkovich, FBO
Chuck Chapman, IFC

From: Lynn Mather, CUL

We would very much like your input in addressing fraternity issues in deliberations of the Committee on Undergraduate Life. Your representatives on CUL -- Ed Schue and Jim Otto -- no doubt explained that we will be discussing fraternities at the beginning of the spring term. At that time, could you address the following:

- 1) What role might fraternities and sororities play in a system of residential dorm clusters?
- 2) What standards do fraternities and sororities have on issues such as physical maintenance, community development, program diversity and alumni participation?

I understand that the second issue is currently under review for the Trustees in April. We would like a copy of your report on this for our consideration as well.

If you have any questions about this, please call me.

1978-79 Move to Reform

- The Faculty voted on November 6, 1978 to abolish fraternities and sororities at Dartmouth
- This triggered the formation of an ad hoc committee that reviews each fraternity and reports to the faculty about whether their concerns are being addressed

As a result each house was individually reviewed and assessed on whether they had met the "minimum standards" of the agreement, and recommendations were made whether they should continue to be recognized on campus.

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FRATERNITY AND SORORITY REVIEW BOARD
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

DATE: 2-16-85

FRATERNITY/SORORITY REVIEWED: ALPHA DELTA

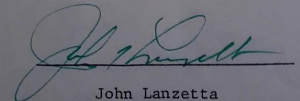
SUGGESTED ACTION: PASS PARTIAL NOT PASS

COMMENTS:

Alpha Delta has not met minimum standards but should be allowed to maintain its College recognition pending a later review.

Alpha Delta has many problems in the areas of Behavior and the use of alcohol. In order to retain College recognition, it is imperative that the problems in these areas be resolved. The Board expects that the rules and goals regarding the use of alcohol will be reconsidered and be rewritten.

Also imperative to College recognition is the display of a new attitude in the House by ~~this~~ means of an improved level of behavior. Alpha Delta's past behavior has been unacceptable and it must change.



John Lanzetta
Chairman

Present: President Hanlon

Moving Dartmouth Forward

- “The Steering Committee and President Hanlon seriously considered eliminating Greek life on campus”
- “The College expects meaningful, lasting reform from the Greek system as a whole within the next three years, failing which its continuation at Dartmouth will be reassessed”
- “Dartmouth will take a lead among colleges in banning hard alcohol on campus”

Present: President Hanlon

Changing Precedent

- The college ‘implied that re-recognition was possible if the corporation undertook certain changes, including forming a new board, identifying a faculty advisor, closing the house for a period of time and shutting down unauthorized rush’ (AD letter). AD met all of these criteria.” (The Dartmouth)
- In the past “‘All organizations seeking re-recognition have eventually been re-recognized,’ the Board’s letter reads, acknowledging that College administrators ‘clearly sent mixed signals’ to AD regarding re-recognition” (The Dartmouth)

Fraternities serve a critical role and are a critical component of Dartmouth

