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Building History

The Graduate House at Dalhousie was established in 1974 in one of the many university houses on campus. At the time, the 900 graduate students at Dalhousie were a highly varied group, and, many felt, an invisible one. A gathering place, a focal point on campus, was greatly needed. Grad House created that for the first time.

The creation of the Grad House was initiated and propelled by the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS). The interior of the house was renovated to create three levels of open lounges with a wall of windows at the back. The building featured a small games room, an associations room and a bar on the lower level. Remodeling cost \$65,000, which was shared by Dalhousie, the Dalhousie Students Union and the graduate students. The Grad House opened in February, 1975.

In April 1978 the Grad House was devastated by a serious fire. Caused by an electrical malfunction, the blaze caused considerable damage, but fortunately DAGS had insurance.



Grad House Pub - Postcard, 1995



Graduate House - Exterior - Front, n.d.



Grad House - Building Shot, February 1975

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