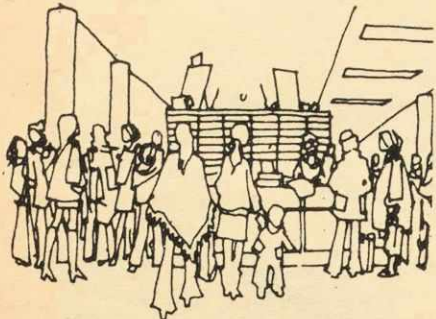
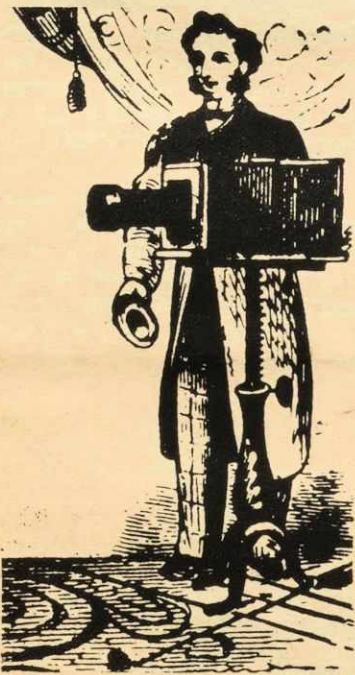


Tips for frosh

The place looks big and confusing all right, but it's actually only a matter of time until it becomes home. Here's a few hints to help you during your first days at Dal -- maybe you'll only get lost once instead of four times like I did.



Registration -- Get there early, read all of your instructions carefully, and be patient. What more can I say?! Bookstore lineups are always just as bad if not worse. It's always quicker to pay in cash if that's possible.



Housing -- "There's no housing problem," the Housing Secretary has told us. Of course she lives at home. Housing is hard to find, especially when you don't know where to look. Halifax is famous for its expensive rents, so consider yourself lucky if you have to pay \$100 a month or less for your own room. Check the housing notice board on the first floor Student Union Building and ask for help from the housing office and the housing secretary. Keep your eye on the ads in the local papers, as well as bulletin boards around town. When you are house-hunting, don't be afraid to ask lots of questions -- make sure you know what you're getting into.

Getting lost -- My speciality! Try picking up a map **before** it happens - not after. You can get one at the Enquiry Desk of the SUB (if you can find the SUB) and better still, pick up a Student Handbook there. It has information on anything and everything you'll want to know. If you are confused on campus - ask for help.

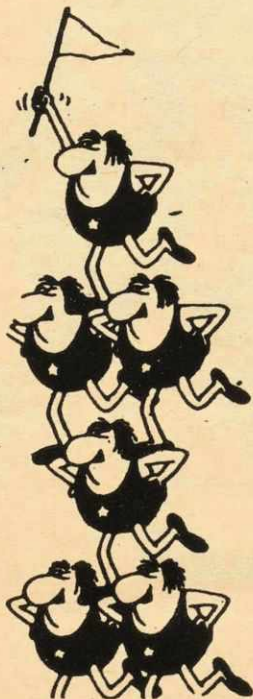
Getting around town -- The bus system isn't too difficult. Number 1 goes right down Coburg Road heading either towards downtown, or up Oxford and towards a couple of shopping malls. If you don't

know how to get around -- ASK! The bus drivers in this city are often very helpful.

Making friends -- you'll have to put out a special effort -- remember that there are many students in the same situation as you. Don't wait for the other person to smile first! If you're one of the 'privileged' who gets a room in residence for your first year, making friends is pretty easy, but being off campus is definitely another matter. Don't get disgusted after wandering around for a few days by yourself -- things will improve.



Courses -- Not being much of an academic myself, I'm no expert on course advice. But, talk to people about courses they've had before -- don't accept one opinion, ask around. There's no better way to discovering if your prof will put you to sleep or fascinate you every time you enter class. If in fact, you discover you've made a big mistake and the class isn't what you thought it would be -- drop it. But read your calendar to make sure you do it before the penalty deadline.



How to survive first year

Get involved! Do things! Don't sit around! Join a society or club and make new friends. Get into some activities -- education doesn't just happen in classes -- in fact, many people gain more from their extra-curricular involvement than what they are 'supposed' to learn.

And speaking of learning -- why not join the **Gazette** -- there's no better way to figure out how this place operates. And you'll meet lots of people. We're friendly -- honest! (3rd floor SUB 424-2507).

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