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Lectures To Stop 23rd July

College Room-rents Skyrocket

ROOM RENT UP 75%

After the enjoyable long week-end at home, it was a most unpleasant surprise to read, on the bulletin board, the notice that room-rent had risen from two dollars to three dollars and fifty cents per week.

The students affected were those who, with good and sufficient reasons, had left the Alexander College mess to eat their meals outside. Their reasons were many and varied, but the main one was the poor quality and small quantity of the food and the attitude of the people serving it. Another strong reason was one that affects the student's most precious possession — his pocket-book. That is, the matter of long week-ends without rebate. The caterer is credited with four of the student's precious dollars for the four days the student is absent, and the student gets nothing in return. A thirty-five cent outlay — an extra bottle of milk a day — for four dollars is poor business — for the student! Because of this general dissatisfaction a number of students decided it would be advantageous to eat out, in spite of a probable increase in the cost of each meal.

We were informed at the beginning of the course that the rates at Alexander College were seven dollars per week for meals and two dollars per week for the rent of a cubicle, a total charge of nine dollars per week. Individuals were also advised on reclaiming their ration books that they would be charged two dollars per person per week for the rent of their rooms.

Then over the week-end the rate, for these people only, was increased. Since the change was not announced until July it is decidedly unfair that these students were charged the increased rate for June.

It is the opinion of the above mentioned students that the price of \$3.50 per week is exorbitant for the living quarters provided. At this rate the rent for one barrack-block would be over \$1000.00 per month. If this rent is out of proportion, it would seem that the students paying it are being penalized for eating their meals outside the mess.

It is understood that the cost of board at Alexander College was based on the fact that the university authorities decided that nine dollars per week would be all a veteran could afford to pay out of his sixty dollar living allowance. Every student appreciates the consideration given by the university to his limited income. The change in rents must be interpreted as either a change in policy and a new disregard for the student's fixed income, or a determination to compel the students who are eating outside to eat at the Alexander mess against their will.

The veteran student appreciates all the university authorities have done to provide living facilities. He is, however, dissatisfied with the messing arrangements, and yet has to live on his fixed income. Therefore he feels that the university should reconsider their change in rents and return to the former charge.

THE OFFICIAL VIEW

The somewhat abrupt and bald notice that appeared on the bulletin board in the lounge, (since taken down), stating that rooms without meals were now \$3.50 per week, meals, \$7.00 per week, combined, \$9.00 per week, came as a considerable shock to those students who had found that they could get better meals, nicely served, with a choice of foods, down town for at least the same price. Unfortunately the notice was taken the wrong way and in an effort to straighten matters out we went to see the Dean of Alexander College in order to obtain some reliable information.

He pointed out that the University, prior to the great influx of Veterans, had never undertaken to provide accommodation for students — except at the Residence. As they could not see Veterans waiting years for their

education, solely because of lack of accommodation in town, they decided to try and provide room and board here and organized Beaver Lodge and Alexander College.

Well aware of costs of board in the city, they took account of students monthly D V A allowance of \$60.00 per month and set their rates at a flat charge of \$9.00 per week room and board for a cubicle shared by two. He stated that the proportion of the nine dollars which goes for food is on a sliding scale according to numbers of students eating 'in' — at the moment, seven dollars. It would appear, that while the overhead of the College cannot be precisely stated, it is approximately \$4.75 per resident student. Overhead includes, of course, rent on buildings, fuel, electricity, (continued on page 3 col. 1)

Ballot Cancelled Three days Tutoriais

Because of the virtual impossibility of reversing plans previously made with the paymasters branch of D. V. A. to have the course end on the last day of July, there can be no extension to the present Alexander term.

Dr. Gregg has, however, concurred in a plan which has all the advantages set out by "Pro" in the last issue of the Brunswickan without any of the disadvantages mentioned by "Con". This plan is as follows:

The regular schedule of lectures and labs with the exception of Physics lab as noted below will end Tuesday night July 23rd, and the examinations will be held on the last three days of July.

In physics, however, due to the staggered arrangement of lab experiments, a cut off on Tuesday night would mean a decided lack of uniformity in that various students would miss different experiments. In order to prevent this the regular physics labs will be held Wednesday afternoon 24 July for "B" group and Thursday afternoon, 25 July for "A" group.

For chemistry and Physics a special programme of tutorial classes will be worked out for the mornings of July 24, 25 and 26. These will include two hours daily of each in tutorial size classes and a schedule for these three days will be posted shortly.

The afternoons, with the exception of the Physics lab already mentioned, will be left free for students to study or to make their own arrangements with professors for additional help in the above subjects and in Math, History, Drawing and the classics as desired.

There it is. The professors are willing to help you. The time has been made available. Make use of it.

ART FOR ALEXANDER

Pegi Nicol McLeod, under whose direction the Observatory Art Centre was opened last week for the Summer School, has told the Brunswickan that any Alexander College students who would like to enter a class even for the few weeks remaining, or would like to discuss with her their interest in this field, would be welcomed if they will call at the Observatory any day between 3 and 5 pm.