

# Let's Give Bookstore Obsolescence The Heave: Here's How

At the close of the first week of a new college year, the majority of Dalhousie students on the Studley Campus must feel that its almost as difficult to get books as it is to learn what's in them. The reason lies in the snake-like lines of students-turned-stoics that inched their way with depressing slowness through the crack of dawn 'til the dewy eve.

### First Week Inadequacy

In an effort to satisfy the clamor about the inadequacy of the book store, we approached Mr. Roy Atwood, the proprietor, for his opinion. He emphasized that the present location of the store is vastly superior to its prior one in what is now the band room of the gymnasium. Moreover, he feels that the alleged inadequacy of the store will cease after this week and that for the remainder of the college year it will be capable of efficiently serving the students. While the difficulties involved in the permanent modernization and expansion of the present store have not been resolved it would appear both necessary and feasible for the first week at least to make use of some additional larger room such as the nearby men's common room.

Hand in hand with this expansion could be coupled a self-service arrangement of books by subject, designed to fill the demands of many of the larger classes. This innovation would not only keep the waiting line in motion, but would result in less work for the obviously overworked staff. If this system were established on a series of tables, two cashiers could enforce some system of control, while students hired for the positions could supervise the displays. This improvement, accompanied by the temporary employment of several extra sales clerks would clearly result in the soothing of students' ruffled tempers and a more efficient selling operation.

### Here to Stay

Although plans call for the completion of the new mens' residence by next fall, the future of the present building and, consequently, of the book store, has not yet been decided.

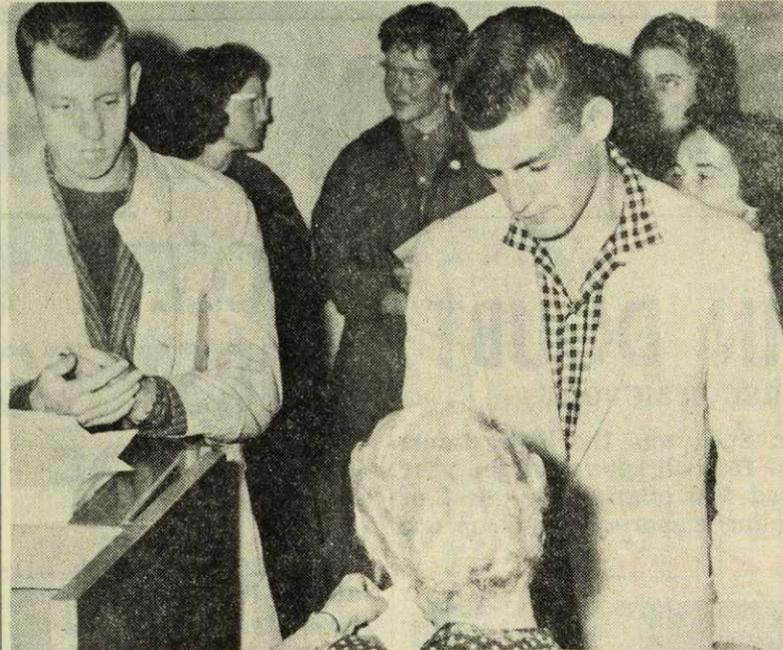


Photo snapped afternoon of final registration day. However, students have been standing in line appreciably longer; gentleman standing in front of Registrar in changing German class to Russian because of Czarist rebellion, student to left is wondering who won Spanish-American War, and women in back are thinking of working for a year. The Gazette regrets lack of registration figures (and consequent lack of material for a story), but the Registrar's Office, due to a new system, is unable to produce them with the accustomed speed.

Assuming that the store is going to remain where it is for a time, there are several additional aids that could greatly expediate the buying and selling of books. Mr. Atwood insists that many students could avail themselves of the book lists in the store in order to fill their needs before the annual influx of new students. Moreover, students could make plans to, integrate the buying of books and supplies as part of the registration process. This organization would have the desirable effect of bringing students to the book store not in droves of 30 or 40, but rather in manageable groups of three or four.

The two staff members of the store feel that service could further be improved if payment for books were made exclusively in cash. Many have had the annoying experience of standing patiently in line only to discover that the book they wanted had been gobbled up hours before. A list of unavailable books could very easily be posted in several conspicuous spots outside the store.

### Student Council Investigating Committee

The student council has indicated its interest in the future of the book store by the appointment of a special committee headed by Vice-President Wally Turnbull. This group plans to conduct a survey on the efficiency and operation of similar stores at other universities. The resulting information could well influence some decision on the im-

## D. G. A. C.

### Lots 'A Laughs

With exercise time here again, why wait till graduation to obtain your college girl figure? In D.G.A.C. now all sports activities are waiting for soon-to-be-sore enthusiasts. Details were available at the first D.G.A.C. meeting on October 8, when president Janet Sinclair welcomed the girls and outlined the year's activities.

A number of changes and additions in the regular activities program were announced. For swimming fans there will be a chance to pass various requirements on Wednesday evenings from 8 to 9:30 at Stadacona under the directions of the Red Cross. Those who have been unable to exhaust themselves in the pool will be encouraged to finish the job with skating and bowling during the rest of the week. According to Joanne Fryers, this year may see a new activity, sure of pleasing even the most unathletically inclined girl on campus.

So—watch for posters announcing the first D.G.A.C. night, and desert the books for a lot of laughs and fun on the least serious night of the week.

provement of the present store.

While tuition costs at Dalhousie have been kept within fairly conservative bounds, it seems unfortunate that the prices of books continue to rise at an astronomical rate. In an effort to explain this fact, Mr. Atwood pointed out that, while material costs drive prices upward, the net profit on each book sold does not necessarily increase.

While the exorbitant cost of books appears to be unavoidable, the unnecessary waste of students' time can and should be avoided in future years.



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