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EDITORIAL

OUR BOOKSTORE

A new bookstore swung into operation on the Dal campus this fall, and to its management and the university administration which promoted the project go the thankful sighs of relief of some 1500 customers. Much enlarged and providing the purchasers with an opportunity to see just what goods are available, the undertaking is convincing one and all of the justification of the expense involved.

As usual the first week of classes produced the expected "bargain sale" reaction amongst the buyers with the result that it was almost voluntary suicide to step inside the door. But with our usual indifference to being jostled by the mobs (we've been to too many wrestling matches) we were more interested in the prices of the articles being sold than in the humans attempting to finalize ownership.

We recall most vividly the bookstore prices investigation carried on here last year by a NFCUS committee and its report that our prices compared quite favorably with other universities. But we recall equally as vividly that the report only scratched the surface of the books being sold across the counter and can hardly be used as a true indicator of a comparative study of Dal book prices versus those of other universities. The response by other Canadian universities to our questionnaires re their book prices was at the very best, "pretty poor." We do not hesitate to urge another comparative study of our book prices compared with those across the nation.

OUR CANTEN

Sometimes we gamble. Frequently we lose. Once again the canteen management and the university officials have let fly another wallop in an attempt to "beat the bugs in the canteen." We aren't referring to insects of any description but the too oft-heard complaint regarding the service at Studley campus's only canteen. The new railing in front of the counter is proving useful but far from capable of being able to cope with "the clueless ones" who burly their way ahead of the more considerate who take their place in line. A frequent turnover of personnel at the canteen has also added to the misery of the management. We urge everyone to help the situation by clearing the tables of your used service in hopes that this practical co-operation may inspire the powers-to-be to go after a final and much-needed system to keep the line moving!

OUR POCKETBOOKS

No one knows better than this corner that the amount of money in the pocketbooks of Dal students has not kept pace with the rapidly increasing costs of attending this (or any) university. In the majority of cases the greater portion of a year's college expenses is directed to keeping that part of the body, commonly referred to as the stomach, filled.

It is submitted here that Dal students have to go off the campus and down to a certain eatery on Spring Garden Road (or elsewhere) in order to enjoy the advantage of a free juice, a free dessert (including choice of pies) and a five-cent coffee and a more than reasonable basic price for a meal, well-cooked and well-served.

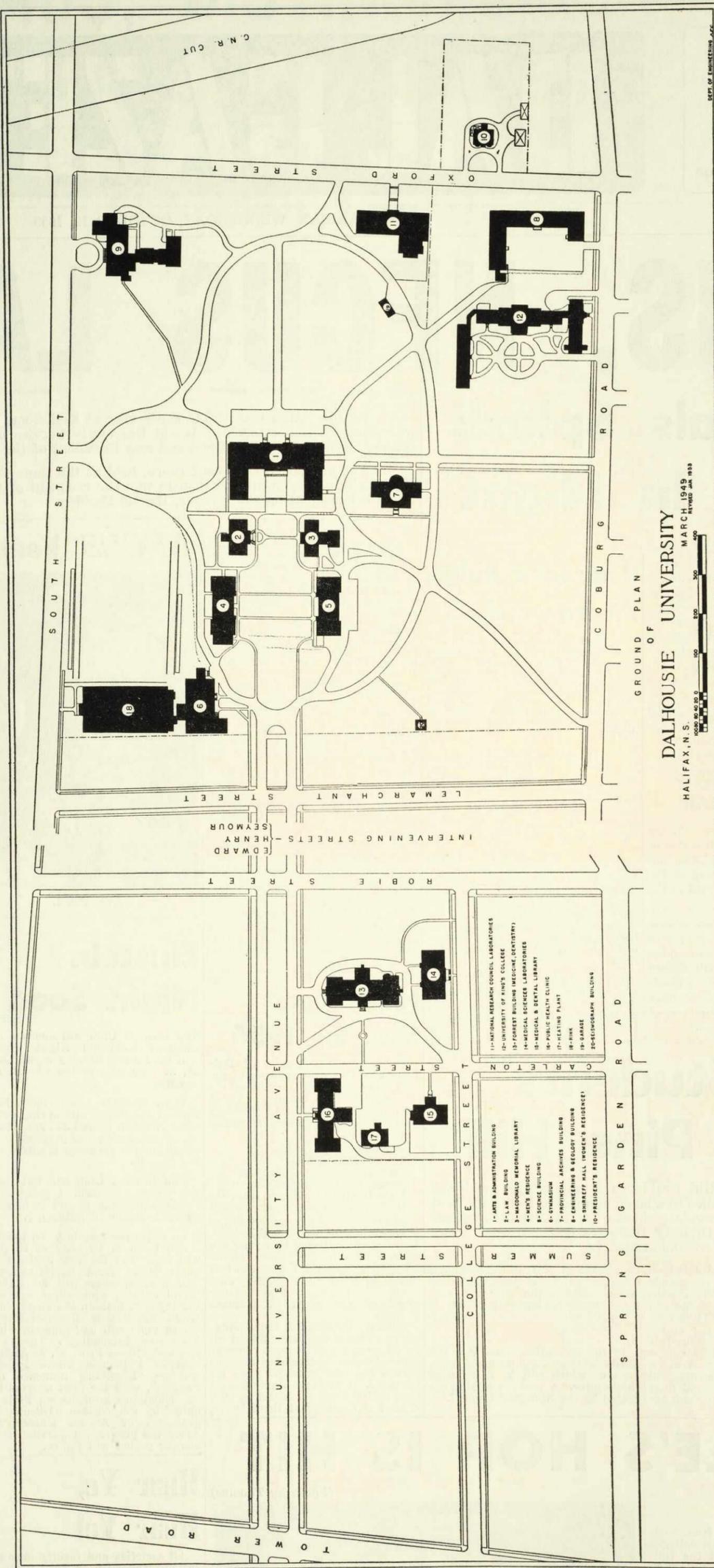
We protest the fact that a canteen is operated on this campus, supposedly for students, and patronized almost entirely by Dal men and women, at a cost to Dalhousians which, in the run of a college year, means an un-needed extra outlay of hard-earned cash. We think there is a solution, and we think that the hour is past due for its full consideration.

OUR HEADACHES

The University Administration very recently expressed every desire to seek a lasting and satisfactory solution to the repetitious problems that arise perennially in connection with the Dal canteen at Studley campus. While the eating arrangements at the Forrest campus leave much to be desired, the greatest amount of griping arises at Studley. With this in mind we suggest the following:

1) The Dal Students' Council should take over the responsibility for operating both the canteen and/or the bookstore;

THEY CLAIMED IT COULDN'T BE DONE!



ories of the National Research Council (11) and of the Provincial Archives (7). Both campuses may be reached easily from any part of the city. Trolley coaches 1 and 4 (Edgewater) run west on Spring Garden Road and Coburg Road. Trolley coaches 2 and 4 (Downtown) run east on Coburg Road and Spring Garden Road. Trolley coach 6 runs between the corner of Oxford Street and Coburg Road and the Downtown district via the South End.

health: hospitals, laboratories, and clinics. The work of these is closely integrated with that of Dalhousie. The western campus, known as "Studley" is the home of Arts, Science, Commerce, Law and Engineering. It is dominated by the massive Arts and Administration Building (1), symbolizing the central place of the Liberal Arts in the life and work of the University. Visitors are particularly invited to inspect this building and to enjoy the sweeping panorama of land, sea, and sky which its tower commands. The Studley campus is the home, also, of the University of King's College (12), associated with Dalhousie, of the Maritime Regional Labora-

The ground plan of Dalhousie University shown above is printed for your convenience as a guide to the location of the university buildings. As the plan shows, Dalhousie University occupies two campuses, linked by a short stretch of the boulevard known as University Avenue. The eastern campus (containing buildings 13 to 17) is the home of Dalhousie's Medical, Dental, and Nursing Schools. Here also is the Maritime College of Pharmacy which is affiliated with Dalhousie and which is housed in the Medical Sciences Building (14). The campus is centrally located in a large area of institutional buildings designed for various activities in the field of public

A SYMBIOTIC UNION— STUDLEY & FORREST CAMPUS

- 2) A joint student administration board should be set up to control operations and finances of these groups;
 - 3) The present management should be retained under direction of the board;
 - 4) That prices at both canteen and bookstore be lowered;
 - 5) That the Law School consider the feasibility of setting up a utility canteen similar to that in the Med School at Forrest campus.
- There is no denying, that like the students, the Dal Council is hampered by a restricted ability to keep the cash box well lined. Each year the Council slices unmercifully,

but without option, a substantial slice off the various budgets presented by campus organizations for the forthcoming year's activities. This corner cannot understand why the Council should not take the "bull by the horns" and attempt to settle the issue, fill its coffers, silent the gripes of students once and for all, and give both themselves and the Dal Board of Governors the nicest headache cure of the term. Our suggestions are by no means original. They are being and have been pursued in universities across the country, including St. F.X., Acadia, U.B.C. and others. It's not too late to hop on the bandwagon.