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THE ATWOOD LEGEND

On the fifteenth anniversary of his association with the university, the Gazette pays editorial tribute to an unsung but deserving campus hero—Roy Walter Atwood, genial bossman of the Gym Store.

Roy started dispensing to Studleyites in 1930 with headquarters established in the old gymnasium. Transferring temporarily to the Arts Building basement in '32, he migrated to his present quarters the following year.

Today . . . "Roy's" means more than a supply depot for cokes, cigarettes and textbooks. It constitutes the nearest approach to a student common-room on the campus. It is a haven of relaxation; a welcome sanctuary from the ordeals of academic study.

From 9.00 to 6.00, Monday through Saturday, affable Atwood greets streams of work-weary (?) collegians trickling in from sessions in the lab and drafting room.

" . . . What's this . . . Looks like rain."
" . . . Yeah, but it smells like coffee."
" . . . Gimme a coke!"
" . . . Whatch got for dinner, Roy?"

One might expect a normal man to break down under the strain. But not Atwood! He faces adversity with a stoic determination reminiscent of the ancient Spartan warrior. A perfect example of the "Health is Wealth" slogan, Roy enjoys an All Bran breakfast daily and gleans his vitamins from a carefully-planned diet (i.e., fish chowder and lamb stew).

Nor are his Gymn Store labors confined to the culinary pursuits as he has taken complete charge of the University Book Store this year—a task demanding intricate figuring and considerable correspondence.

A ready conversationalist, befriended by countless cronies, Atwood has an encyclopaedic knowledge of university affairs and is frequently called upon to harangue on the "thises and thats" of campus controversy. Like the "salon" of old, "Roy's" is the favored oasis of gossipers and scandal-mongers—where debatable issues split the air "ad infinitum". When it's in working order, a battered jute-box groans away "ad nauseam". The whole contributes to an atmosphere which is suggestive of an Egyptian market scene. Incidentally, Pasha Atwood dislikes jute-boxes, which may account for the fact that the machine collapses periodically to be adorned with an "out of order" sign.

Proud pater of four, Roy's fatherly instincts show forth in his behind-the-counter personality. A snack-bar counterpart of radio's "Mr. Anthony", he is always ready with consoling and constructive advice for conscience-ridden habitués of the Store.

In all sincerity, however, we congratulate Roy Atwood on his 15 years of devoted service at Dalhousie, and trust that his "Silver Jubilee" will be editorialized in The Gazette 10 years hence. Roy and the Gym Store are Dalhousie institutions without which campus life would be a pretty dull affair.

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("Inside" News from the Political Front)
A CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS FEATURE
By NEIL MacDONALD

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Right now, there's a good deal of activity in Selective Service Headquarters here and rumours are floating around about a revision in the call-up regulations as they affect university students. No one in authority will do more than say that the regulations are subject to continual review, that they are therefore under consideration now, that the manpower situation is growing more critical, and that it is possible a revision may be necessary.

Conscription of Students

It is obvious, of course, that if the regulations of Selective Service are changed, they will be revised to make it more, not less, difficult for students to remain at university. Our armies need reinforcements and it is probable that, before this war is finished successfully, we will require even a lot of those who are now "Low category" men. The United States has moved to use its "low categories" in combat areas, and it is quite possible that we may yet follow suit.

There is, however, nothing more to report than that, with so much smoke—part of which is a screen, there is probably some fire and that, before many weeks, we may see an announcement of new student regulations.

Veterans Unassisted

The Department of Veterans Affairs, and its divorced wife, the Department of National Health and Welfare, are coming in for a good share of criticism around Ottawa. The former, it is said, in specific cases has not furnished the veteran with the assistance to which he is entitled in rehabilitation. Several are attending Canadian universities, on their own funds, rather than on the rehabilitation grant they should be receiving.

National Health and Welfare has about twenty Civil Servants working for it, out of the 5,000 or 6,000 who will be needed to implement the rather complicated system of Family Allowances. It is going to take time to train these people (to say nothing of the time it takes to find an employee these days) and to design and set up the intricate tabulating machines which the operation requires.

Guessing is going on as to when the first cheques will appear, and very few authorities on the Civil Service think it can be done by July,

Staff Sketches

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Of all Campus figures C. L. Benet needs no introduction. Born in New Zealand, he attended school and university there. A law student at university, his chief job during the summer was throwing widows and orphans into the street from the law office in which he worked. He believes that this experience has served him in good stead as Registrar. He served overseas from 1916 to 1918 and in 1918-19 he taught in the Army Educational Scheme. He attended Cambridge for three years and then came to Canada and the Kings staff in 1922. In 1928 he married and celebrated by going to Harvard for two years. In 1930 he returned as Head of the English Department at Dal, where he has lived happily ever after.

1945. The job is too big to be done in that time, and the time between the passage of the bill and the first of the New Year was almost entirely spent without practical profit.

What the NFCUS

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pus and given the same treatment and assistance and made subject to the same controls as other undergraduate organizations. The delegates felt, however, that veterans could adjust themselves best by assimilating with other students in existing organizations.

Standing Committees

It also recommended the setting up in every university of a standing committee on veterans' affairs, to include members of the faculty, the study-body, the veterans and the government department of Veterans' Affairs.

It urged that additional grants be given to veterans entering college to cover expensive textbooks and equipment. It suggested that in highly technical education, such as aeronautical engineering, where advanced courses are not available in Canada, students be permitted to pursue their studies abroad, supported by the regular veterans' grants (not now done). Honor and/or senior students were suggested as a suitable source for free help in tutoring where such help is needed by those who find re-adjustment to academic work difficult.

(3) Military Training:

Serious consideration was given to this part of the students' life, eliciting a uniformity of opinion on all campuses. The time was considered inopportune, however, to make any recommendations so the question was referred back to a standing committee for further study.

(4) Education and Exchange Scholarships:

After having discussed this at some length and having heard the

tentative criticisms and proposals of a committee it was decided to refer both questions back to a committee for further study and recommendations.

(5) National Unity:

It was both enlightening and encouraging to note the sound and tolerant attitude of delegates on this thorny but pertinent problem. Among the recommendations made were: (a), that all universities make at least one class in Canadian History compulsory for all students; (b), students seek the faculties of the CBC for national radio forums on national questions.

(6) Revised the N.F.C.U.S. Constitution and elected a new executive. Dick Bibbs, of U.B.C. is now president.

SODALES—

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fessor W. R. Maxwell, and Bob McCleave, Sodales president.

Subject for the resolution argued was "Resolved that British foreign policy is to the best interests of the United Nations," with speakers having the liberty to pick some aspect of the broad subject. Thompson and O'Hearn took a negative attitude to the Greek question; Havey, McLaren, Saunders, and Harris an affirmative one, while Hickman giving an extemporaneous speech spoke on Newfoundland prospects of confederation with Canada. Hickman and O'Hearn entered at the last minute, after being spectators.

Meanwhile, it was announced the much-noted interfaculty debates would start Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in the Arts Building, when Arts and Science will tangle with Engineering.

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