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## CANTEEN CHANGES TO BE MADE

### Dr. Kerr Approves Council's Plans

The efforts of the Law Society to improve conditions in the canteen in the Men's Residence have been successful. The resolutions printed in last week's Gazette were approved at a meeting of the Society last Wednesday, and taken to the Students' Council that night. Again they were overwhelmingly approved, and a committee consisting of two third-year law students, Pat Nowlan and Len Martin, with Council president Vic Bursall, Law 3, and Council members Finton Alward, Law 3, and Butch Thornhill, Arts 2, was nominated to take the matter to President Kerr on Thursday morning. He received the committee and discussed the matter with them. His letter to Vic Bursall, dated October 15, is printed below. It provides a solution to most of the problems arising from the canteen situation.

Dear Mr. Bursall,

Thank you for bringing the delegation of your Council to see me yesterday on the subject of the canteen and dining facilities in the Men's Residence. Thank you, also for giving me the submission setting for your proposals for the improvement of these facilities.

The members of your delegation were surprised to hear that this was the first time of which I have any record or recollection that the Council made direct proposals on this matter to me, but as the human memory is quite fallible I shall be glad if you will consult your minutes and let me know if you discover any entries to the contrary. Professor Theakston, who was present at yesterday's meeting recalled that the President of the Council last year or the year before, made a suggestion to him regarding the provision of a new door, but they both agreed after discussion that it was impracticable. When the new Arts and Administration Building was first opened and the space occupied by the Registrar's staff and certain professors in the Men's Residence became available, I asked the President of the Council to furnish me with any ideas which he or the members of the Council might have regarding the utilization of the rooms for the benefit of the students, but no recommendations were forthcoming except that the Registrar's Office should be assigned to the President of the Council, and this seemed reasonable to us. I mention these facts merely to impress on you that the University welcomes any proposals for the comfort of the students that the Council wishes now or in the future to make and to assure you that whether your views can be adopted or not they will always receive careful consideration.

I have now reviewed your submission regarding the dining service with Professor Theakston, who is Engineer in Charge of Buildings, and I am glad to report to you the conclusions we have reached. I shall refer to them by the numbers which you have used:

1. The University is prepared to install a cafeteria service and disperse with the present horseshoe counter. You should know, however, that we tried the cafeteria system several years ago and had to abandon it. No catering firm was interested in operating the cafeteria, whose activities as you realize are confined to the University session and whose prices have to bear some relation to the financial resources of students. On the advice of men of long experience in the catering business and with a friendly interest in the University we installed the horseshoe counter. We are prepared to act on your recommendation and try the cafeteria system once more.

2. It is Professor Theakston's clear understanding, and mine, that students were to be permitted to eat their lunches in the East Common Room. Professor Theakston had tables set up in the room for that very purpose more than a year ago. We have now taken the matter with Mr. Atwood and advised him that this is our wish, and he has agreed, without hesitation,

to honor it. Hereafter, until the alterations referred to in paragraph one have been made, students are encouraged to eat in the Common Room to prevent congestion in the canteen. They will be expected to return their trays and used dishes to the counter.

3. The repainting of the premises was planned for the coming summer, but Professor Theakston and the Chairman of the Building Committee agree to have the work done this year instead; ordinarily major new expenditures cannot be made after annual budget is approved in the spring.

4. Precautions will be taken forthwith by Mr. Atwood to insure that dishes are clean: this is an imperative requirement, and he says that while he has not neglected it in the past he will pay stricter attention to it in the future. The general cleanliness of the dining room will depend to a large measure upon the co-operation of the students, and the University will have to insist that they observe the same rules of tidiness as they would instinctively follow in a home or any public dining room. Their carelessness in this respect has often tried the patience of the people who are responsible for the general appearance of the premises. The co-operation of the Council in that matter will be appreciated.

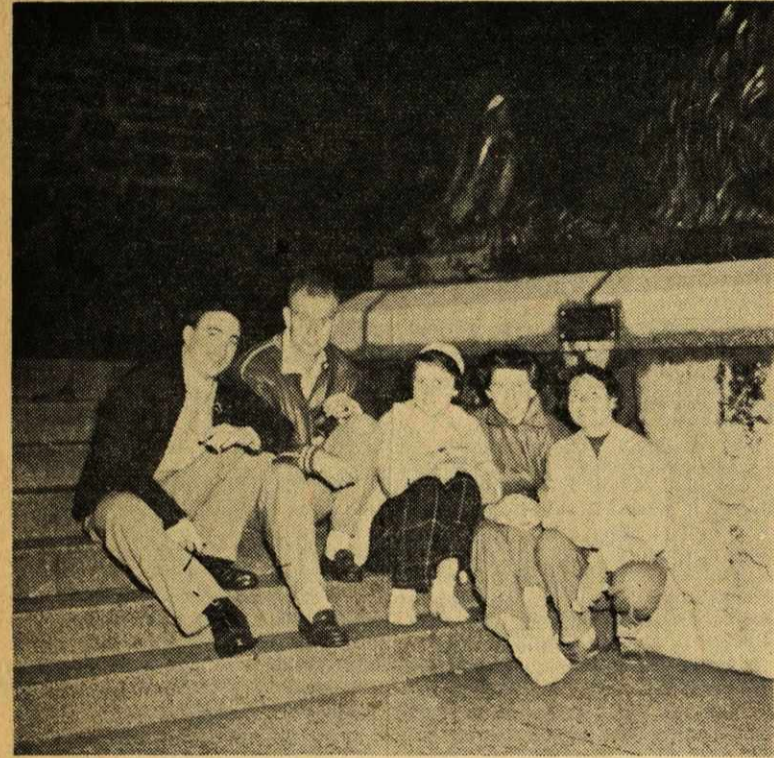
5. The projected reorganization and structural changes having been decided upon, time will be required for considering details, making proper plans, and securing tenders: after that the actual work to be done by carpenters, electricians and decorators will require at least a week. To make changes immediately would involve an interruption of services to students during the session, and the suspension and perhaps loss of catering staff, and to do so without proper consideration of the details might result in costly mistakes. Our decision is therefore that the structural alterations should be made and painting done during the Christmas holidays when they can be accomplished with the least inconvenience.

6. Mr. Atwood cordially agrees to make himself available from time to time to discuss the service with duly appointed representatives of the Council, and I shall be happy to arrange such meetings at your request.

When we are making the structural changes noted above, we plan also to transfer the bookstore from its present position and remove partitions in order to restore the main dining room to its maximum size. We plan also to cut an additional doorway from the hall into the dining room, near the new serving counter.

As I stated to you in the course of our conversation, the University is not making these changes under pressure but most willingly. We are genuinely anxious to make the accommodations here as attractive and agreeable as possible to the students. I shall always appreciate your initiative in bringing suggestions for improvements to my notice.

With every good wish, I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
(Signed) A. E. Kerr.



Shown above during Introduction Week activities are five Dalhousie freshmen. These activities came to a close last Friday night in the Gym when the Alumni Association entertained all freshmen at their annual party.

### Alumni Entertain Frosh At Gala Party in Gym

### Rink Rat Aims For '55 Told

By Jim Nesbitt

The Rink Rats have tentative plans which are already being formulated but I think that I should explain what the Rink Rats are and what they are attempting to do. We are a body of thirteen people on the campus who have to organize and carry out functions with the help of every member on the campus to make money in order to pay off a debt that was incurred by the Council when they accepted a proposal made to pay off \$10,000 of the cost of building the rink. The original plan was to pay off the \$10,000 in three years. This was about five years ago and so far the amount collected has only been \$2,600.

This means that we are two years behind in paying off the debt and we still have \$7,400 to go. We feel we can accomplish great things this year if you get behind us. After all, it's your project, too. We are just the internal body representing you.

Your committee this year consists of Sarah Pullen, Anne Stacey, Kathleen Houghton, Betty Morse, Janet Conrad, Jean Ritcey, Faith Hiscock, Peter Power, George Mitchell, John Nicholas, Steve Harper, Alan 'Butsie' O'Brien, Bob MacLean and Jim "Nosey" Nesbitt. We also have, as a working body, the fraternities on the campus, who have agreed to help in every way possible. This was announced at the last meeting of the Inter-Fraternity Council. In addition to this they have pledged to give all the profits that they make off the Inter-Fraternity dance that is being held on November 5 at the Sea Gull club to the Rink Rats. With such a body and with some more enthusiasm like this from everyone we should be able to make this a banner year.

Other plans, besides the Rink Rats sponsored "X" trip, will include tickets and programmes to Glee Club productions, the profits to be split with WUSC; two dances to be held next term on February 11 and March 4; and incidentals as they arise. It is urged that if anybody has any idea on how to raise money to get in touch with any of the committee members, for we do not expect to be able to think of everything and you should feel free to participate in anything with us. This is your endeavor, too. Get in the swing of things and help us make this a banner year. You can start by planning to go to 'X' with the rest of the students on Oct. 30.

### Trip Planned By Rink Rats

Jim Nesbitt, Law 3, chairman of the Rink Rats Committee, has announced plans for a football trip to Saint Francis Xavier University on Saturday, October 30. Dr. Kerr, university president, has given his approval, and all students are urged to go. Classes, however, have not been cancelled.

The train will leave Halifax about nine in the morning and will be back about midnight. The whole trip is dependent upon one thing—at least 200 students must go. Tickets for the 500-mile trip are on sale between classes in the morning and from 3:20 to 3:45 in the afternoons, and cost only \$5.00. All money will be refunded if enough tickets are not sold by October 27.

Plans are being made to take a band for sing-songs and the game, and since this is the first student trip for several years, the Rink Rats are hoping for an overflow crowd. The cry is, "Get on the bandwagon and to 'X'".



Arthur L. Foote, shown above, is this year's Rhodes Scholar for the Province of Nova Scotia. Art, who graduated from Dalhousie in May with a Bachelor of Laws degree, has entered Exeter College at Oxford University, where he will read for a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Information on the Rhodes Scholarship for next year is printed on page two.

### Law School Enrollment Up; First Year Biggest Ever

The Dalhousie Faculty of Law, internationally known as "the brainiest school in the country", this year has the highest registration in its history. Largest increase is in the first year class, with 72 students attending. Figures released by Dean Horace E. Read show total enrolment at 175.

An article appearing last spring in MacLean's Magazine is credited with attracting more students than usual from all across Canada and from two other countries. Half of the new class took their pre-law course at Dalhousie, while the other thirty-six represent twenty more universities. Eight came from Saint Francis Xavier, giving the Antigonish college the number two position.

Other figures show four from St. Dunstan's, three from Mount Allison, U.N.B., and Saint Mary's, and two from Ottawa University. The thirteen universities with one representative are Acadia, St. Anne's, St. Joseph, St. Thomas, Memorial, McGill, Toronto, McMaster, U.B.C., Brooklyn College, Northwestern, Cambridge and the University of Aberdeen. Thirty-seven of those in first year have a B.A. or equivalent degree.

The future lawyers have been attending classes for five weeks, and Pat Nowlan, president of the Law Students' Society, has indoctrinated the newcomers into what he says is "recognized as the leading faculty on the campus".

### Plans Future MIDL at King's

The intercollegiate debating schedule for the next three years was drawn up at the annual Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League conference, held last weekend at the University of King's College. With the King's Quintilian Society as the host, the meetings went off smoothly on both Friday and Saturday.

The new schedule, presented by an elected committee, met with unanimous approval, something unusual for the debaters. It will send each of the ten member universities against all the others within a three-year period, and in the next six years each university will both visit and entertain the other nine. Members of the schedule committee, nominated at the first business session, were David Peel of Dalhousie, Tom Denton of Acadia, Charlie Brewer of Saint Francis Xavier and Bill Hayes of Saint Mary's.

During the coming year, debaters from Dal will visit Mount Allison and Saint Mary's, and entertain a team from Saint F.X.

The question of a new trophy for the league championship prompted one of the liveliest discussions in MIDL history. Saint Dunstan's University, now in permanent possession of the Eaton Trophy by virtue of three wins in the last five years, was in the center of the battle. Its delegates had offered a new trophy to be named after the University, and after much talk, the meeting decided that the trophy would be welcomed, but that it must not bear the name of St. Dunstan's.

A new constitution and bylaws, presented by the delegation from U.N.B. Law School, took most of the time of the conference, and it was finally approved with corrections. Three resolutions to be submitted to the Canadian University Debating Association for national championship debates were also decided upon.

On Friday evening the delegates were entertained by the Quintilian Society at a dance in the Haliburton Room, which was enjoyed by the many couples present. Universities represented at the conference were Acadia, Dalhousie, King's, Mount Allison, St. F.X., St. Mary's, St. Thomas, St. Dunstan's U.N.B., and U.N.B. Law.

The annual Alumni Freshman party, instituted three years ago for the class of '55, was held last Friday night in the gym, with all new students invited. The class of '58, deprived of the usual rites of initiation, welcomed this opportunity of getting better acquainted. They turned up in large numbers to consume free coke and sandwiches, to meet the officials of the Alumni Association, and, incidentally to dance.

Chairman of the Alumni Committee in charge of the party was Orval "Bub" Troy, a Halifax barrister, who was a prominent figure in campus activities a few years ago. Honored guests were Dr. Kerr, president of the university, Alumni president Gordon and Mrs. Archibald and vice-president Mrs. Heaps and Mr. Heaps. Lady members of the association provided the refreshments, under the direction of Mrs. Olga Martell.

Dancing was to the music of Chauncey Powers and his orchestra, an organization seldom heard on the campus, but very much enjoyed. The door prizes, for frosh only, were won by Marsha Kelly and Isaac Boniuk. Several other prizes were presented during the evening by Dr. Kerr and members of the Alumni.

### WUSC Indian Sale in Gym

The WUSC Treasure Van of India will, this year be held in the Dalhousie Gymnasium on October 21, 22, and 23, from 2:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon and from 7:30 to 9:30 in the evening. Again featuring handicrafts of India, this year there will be some from Greece also.

A special feature of the Handicraft Sale will be an exhibition of dolls from more than twenty countries. Dolls have already been received from King Paul and the Prime Minister of Greece, Princess Wilhelmina of Holland, the Crown Prince of Ethiopia, the Crown Prince and Princes of Japan, Prime Minister Syngman Rhee of South Korea, the Grande Duchesse of Luxembourg, the Prime Minister of Norway, Prime Minister St. Laurent, the King of Belgium, and Chief Trudeau of Wikwenikong Reservation, Manitoulin Island. More dolls are expected from several other countries.

Everyone is invited by the committee to visit the sale and see the dolls. All proceeds go to support relief work in India.

**Plan now for  
The Gazette's  
MASQUERADE  
Dance  
in the Gym  
FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 29**