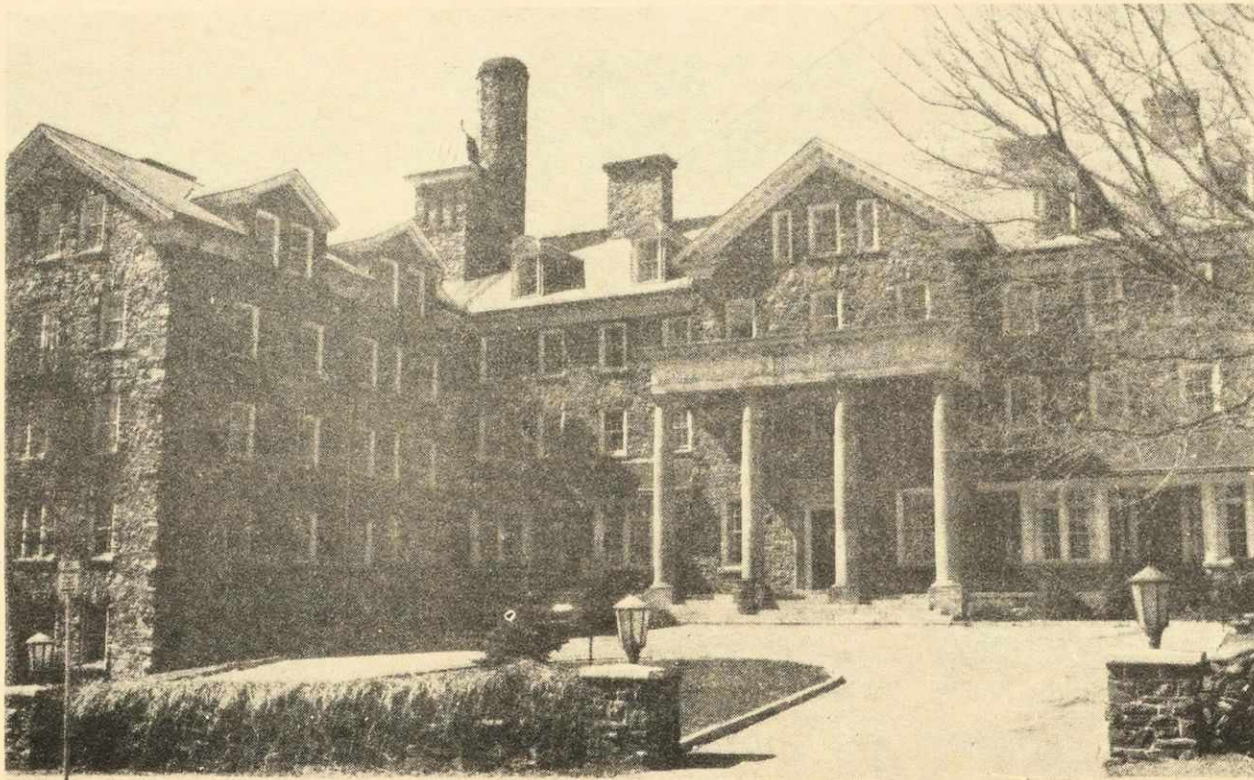


# Women suffer discrimination



Dalhousie continues to maintain its policy of treating male and female students differently by imposing curfews on female, but not male students.

by Donna Treen

The reality of open hours at Shirreff Hall appears to remain in the distant future.

Discussions with students in the women's residence revealed that a proposal had been presented to Vice-President W. Andrew MacKay last May. Since then, there have been no apparent results.

The proposal requested open hours for males on weekends. At

the moment, all males must leave the female residences by 3 a.m. Under the proposal, men would be signed in by a female resident, using a number rather than her name.

Two years ago a survey had been conducted regarding other universities' open hours rules. A few co-ed universities admitted having problems. The survey is now outdated and a former member of the

committee now suggests that another be taken.

Half the Shirreff Hall residents are first year students. Some are in their twenties and have lived on their own before coming to Dal. All are, however, required to follow the "freshette" rules.

Any student intending to be out of residence after 10 p.m. must sign out, and later fill in the time of her return.

1st year leave of absences before Christmas include regular 1:30 a.m. returns, five late leaves of 2:30 a.m. a month, and seven special late leaves of 3:30 a.m. per year. Permission for these special late leaves for "freshettes" must be obtained from the Dean of Women, or in her absence, by the president of the residence council. Permission for weekend leaves must be obtained from the Don on the floor. Overnight leaves are permitted only by the Dean, or, in her absence, the president of the residence council. These leaves count as 2:30 a.m. leaves.

No such rules apply to first year male students. Howe Hall residents do not have to sign in guests. Women are allowed in at any time.

When asked why female students must sign men in, Dean of Women, Christine Irvine explained that "girls expect more security than men." Parents worry more about their daughters, the Dean added, and feel better with the present regulations. Once a woman has finished her first year at Dal, she has unrestricted leaves.

Ardmore Hall, a Dal residence which houses sixty women, supposedly runs by the Shirreff Hall rules. Males are allowed into Shirreff at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, but not until noon at Ardmore.

Ardmore Hall does not have a residence council. Residence activities, therefore, are not planned for Ardmore Hall inhabitants. This year, each Ardmore resident paid a fee to form a residence council, but nothing has yet been done.

## Gov't closes store

by Trish Aikens

Could it possibly be time for Pierre to step down? Apparently many Haligonians think so, and no doubt there is a multitude of Canadians who feel the same way.

The Feds want to save money, and so as a part of their general cost cutting programme they have gradually phased out of existence Government bookstores all across the country. Unfortunately for Trudeau, it seems his popularity is going the same way.

According to Ken Moran, the manager of the Government bookstore in metro, many people have expressed negative opinions against our current P.M. and his decision to close the bookstore. They believe this Government project to be worthy of the taxpayers money whereas other existing Government programmes are not. "Everyone is upset about it", he says.

Some of the publications in the bookstore included: Between Friends - a dedication by Canada to the American Bicentenary; The

Canada Year Book, in both French and English editions; The Fit Kit - a unique package designed to keep you fit not fat, and also books pertaining to aviation, tide tables, flora and fauna, the arts, the Economic Council of Canada and a legal section.

But apart from selling books, the bookstore was also an information centre where people could get all their questions answered. Bill Lawrence, the assistant manager of the store says that besides providing excellent services in the area of

government documentations, publications and general service information concerning various government departments, the bookstore was the only location to where individuals from all walks of life could come, in order to find direct

avenues to all Government services. Although Lawrence says the closing will have an adverse effect on both students and professors, he feels that it will be more to the detriment of the students because they cannot as easily obtain the material.



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In a supposed economy move, Prime Minister Trudeau and his Nova Scotia Cabinet colleague Alan MacEachen eliminated Information Canada.

The Government bookstore in Halifax has been in operation for ten years. It was the last one in Canada to open under the Pearson

Government and is now the last one in Canada to close under the Trudeau government. Many people were unaware that the bookstore was still open and most likely this confusion was brought on by the fact that Information Canada was closed last March. "Information Canada was a completely different section" says Moran. "It consisted of a bookstore, inquiries and expositions." After that was closed down no more free material was obtainable. He believes that the Nova Scotia section, which is also completely apart from the Federal bookstore, will remain in operation for as long as possible. That's one consolation, and possibly another point chalked up for the Preem. However, the P.M. may not be so lucky when the next election rolls around.

## Less spent in Atlantic

OTTAWA (CUP) -- University enrolment is up and will continue to rise, according to a report from Statistics Canada.

But over-all enrolment in the education system declined, mainly due to the falling birth rate during the 1962-73 period, the Stats Can report says.

During this period education spending rose to \$9.6 billion from

\$2.3 billion, almost twice the rate of growth in the Gross National Product (GNP), the report says.

Meanwhile, the federal share of education expenditures dropped to 10.2 per cent from 14.9 per cent while provincial spending rose 60.7 per cent from 43.6 per cent, according to Stats Can.

Federal proposals for future cost-sharing with the provinces

when the Fiscal Arrangements Act expires next year include tying the federal contribution to the rise in the GNP and transferring tax powers to the provinces, replacing the current system whereby the federal government funds account for 50 per cent of provincial expenditures.

The report also notes that while workers in the Atlantic provinces absorbed a greater per cent of education expenditures than their counterparts in Ontario and the West, less was spent on students in that region.