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## Fun and Frolic in the registration game

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Another summer has come and gone and now the Dal-housie heirarchy is looking forward to the annual Confuse a Student Game.

How can you join in the fun? Before you even attempt to play this ever popular game, you must obtain a set of rules called a calendar. Finding a set of rules in itself is not as easy as it sounds, especially at this time of year. Most players get theirs in spring to avoid the rush.

Read through the eligibility requirements and if you meet the standards then you try to raise the entry fee.

If you get lucky and manage to rob a bank or something, drop the loot at the Registrar's Office. This year's fee is unmentionable, we don't want to scare the players away.

Now you're ready to play. Pick up something called a class approval form, this is your score card. The object of the game is to score 100 points. Score 20 points for each full credit course approved, and 10

for each 1/2 credit. Time limit is one week. Ready, Set, Go!

If you have planned your strategy properly you would have a basic idea of which courses are going to help you reach your objective. It would then seem to be a simple matter of finding the Profs and getting them approved.

The first stop on your quest is the hallway outside the admissions office. This is also your first indication that Denmark might not be quite as healthy as it looks.

You may find that some courses listed in the rules are not listed on the lists. To further complicate matters there are courses on the lists that are not in the rules. This is due to the fact that the rules are printed in April and May. The professors who make up the rules like to change things around a little to see if you're really smart enough to be in their classes.

Now if you had your heart set on a course that is not on the lists, don't despair. Go to the

Registrar's Office and ask them about it. They will inform you that they know nothing about it and would you kindly consult the department in question?

This is not such a bad thing unless you are looking for a course in Medieval Studies, Classics, or Comparative Literature. Then you're completely screwed. Go directly to psychological services. Do not pass go. Do not collect \$1,000.00.

The reason for this is that these departments only exist in the minds of certain professors, finding them is like finding the Lost Continent of Atlantis - interesting but highly unlikely. And nobody would believe you anyway. For example, two weeks ago nobody knew who the head of the Classics department was.

But for those of you who manage to find the professors in question through connections in the RCMP or something, there is a glimmer of hope.

You will now discover that your course is either not being offered this year or it's being conducted under a tough blanket of security in some dark dingy basement. Now at least you can collect your points or search for an alternate source of points.

Somewhere in your search you are bound to come across a course that is cross listed. This is a course that is listed in more than one department. If you choose one of these you will end up consulting the department. There each of the departments in question will tell you to consult the other.

In this case go directly to the SUB Cafeteria for coffee. You must stay until you roll 7, 11, or doubles, or spend one half of your cash on hand.

When arranging your time table it is inevitable that you encounter the letters CD, Consult Department. The department will theoretically inform you when and where your

course will be conducted. By now you have had some experience with consulting departments and will not be fooled this time. They will try to direct you to the Prof in question who is at a meeting of the Faculty Association (he's drinking at the Faculty Club), or the NDP (he's fooling around with his secretary), or the Board of Governors (he's playing poker with the boys) or some other subversive group.

Many players are inspired at this point to take a .22 to the

roof of the Arts Center and get their points by picking off administrators. (10 points for a Prof, 5 for assistants).

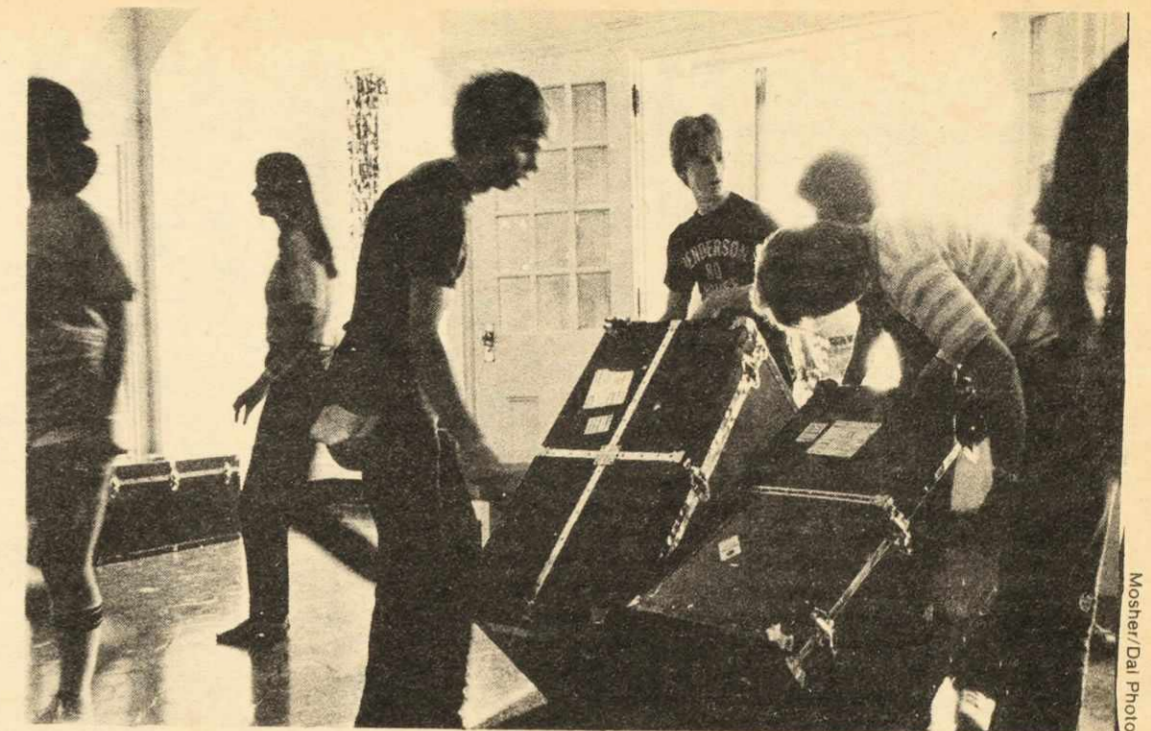
There are many who do manage to survive this red tape runaround, about 10,000 a year. (multiply by \$1,000.00 equals ...Oh, my God!!).

If you are one of the chosen who manage to successfully complete the game your reward is that you are stuck here for another year.

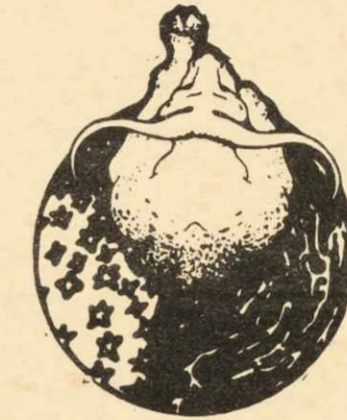
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