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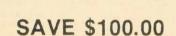
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THE CANADIAN BOOK Information Centre is the the latest organization at Dalhousie to face the "space management" axe in the university's drive to reorganize the campus.

CBIC has to leave its location, next to the Killam library, by the end of December, and supporters of the centre say the university's move is "more than regrettable."

The centre offers students, faculty and the public an opportunity to see books published in Canada on a variety of subjects as well as sponsoring readings by Canadian authors and providing information about the publishing industry.

Many faculty and secondary school teachers use the facility to view new Canadian texts that they might incorporate into their classes. Mary Jo Anderson, CBIC's director, says the centre 'has no new home as of yet," and she isn't sure where in the city the organization can find compara-

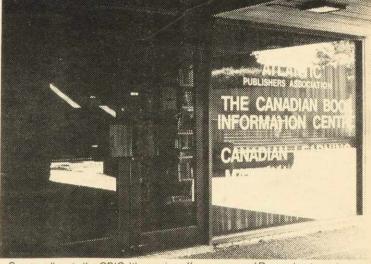
Les Haley, interim vice president of finances and administration, says it is unfortunate the book people have to be asked to leave, but it's simply a question of available space.

'Quite frankly, we've run out of space on campus. We offered them alternative space on the fifth floor of the Killam, but that wasn't acceptable to them," he

Anderson says the space in the Killam was "far too small. It's probably about one thirtieth of the space we have now.

The book centre should never have been told to move in the first place, says Malcom Ross, a Dal-

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Say goodbye to the CBIC. It's moving off campus as of December to make way for the university's development office

housie English professor. "It's one thing they shouldn't have

touched," he says. John Graham, assisistant vice president of university services, says the decision to ask the CBIC to leave can "in a sense, be seen as the university being more parochial. We have to 'do' for our own family first. There is a lot of pressure on the university to find space for students. We'd love to have them (CBIC) here, but we have to find space for our own family," says Graham.

While no one argues that the university is hard pressed to provide space for its own programs and department, many people are concerned that Dalhousie is moving back to an early stage of "ivory tower" status, with room on campus for academic matter, but community groups and public centres squeezed out. Leslie Choyce, a professor in the Transition Year Program and Dalhousie's english department, says kicking CBIC off campus closes the university off from the status it earned for Dalhousie as a centre for literary activity in the

"It is probably the single centre of book publishing in Nova Scotia, if not in the whole region. And it was good for Dalhousie. The university became a focus of Canadian literature in the Atlantic," says Choyce.

"Dalhousie is just railroading things, by first giving them very short notice, and then extending it. It is similar to how the Ecology Action Centre was asked to move.

The Ecology Action Centre, now located on Barrington Street, was based on campus a year ago, and Choyce says he sent students there to do research on a variety of

"It provides the university with a healthy environment, by having these groups on campus. Now they are leaning back to the academic side of university," he says.

CBIC offices will be replaced by the university's development department, now located on Coburg Road. The Public Relations offices will move from the Killam into the Coburg Road location, and the law school will

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