

Book Store ...

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This infers that the bookstore runs no risk in ordering the number of books requested in each case, and perhaps overordering where it is likely that more students will register in a course than anticipated. The only objection the bookstore can raise would be the effort required to repack and ship back books.

HIGHER PRICES ON RE-ORDERED BOOKS

In the past there has often been the suspicion that a higher price prevails on textbooks which are out of stock than on original orders of textbooks. The publisher's spokesman indicated that this would happen only rarely, where a difference in freight rates occurred. There is no tariff on textbooks coming from the United States, and warehousing costs do not enter into the final price of the book to make it different from the original price.

POST-CHRISTMAS TEXTBOOK SHORTAGE

In years past, texts assigned after Christmas soon ran out of stock after demand for them arose. It seems to indicate inefficiency in the bookstore operation during the year, for publishers must have

two or three weeks notice on shipment, and experience indicates that books are usually not ordered until students begin to clamor for them.

PUBLISHERS INDICATE 30 PER CENT MARK-UP

Careful investigation shows that in the bookselling trade, a 30 per cent mark-up over publisher's list prices is reasonable. However, the actual markup is left entirely to the retailer. Owing to the difficulty of procuring publisher's lists, it is hard to say how much bookstore mark-up amounts to, but prices correspond pretty well with others quoted by booksellers in Halifax.

PRESENT CONDITIONS RAW DEAL FOR MANY

Members of the Dalhousie faculty have commented almost unanimously that below-average students (roughly half the student population, logically) must be using their texts from the word "go" in the new term. Frequently professors are obliged to change the order of presentation in their courses owing to the lack of material, which tends to waste time.

The situation is particularly serious in the sciences, where assigned problems are unworkable without adequate reference material. As Dalhousie has one of the shortest winter sessions in Canada, the necessity of being able to work from the start is accentuated.

Dances ...

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Gymnasium rentals are nil at present. Depending on the discrimination shown by students in their use of the gym, free use of

the facilities will continue to be offered. However, if after a month's trial the floor still has to be cleaned completely after every dance, then charges will likely be imposed. It is proposed that \$100 will be charged for every shoe dance.

King's College —

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with Dalhousie upon the instruction in which the staff on the King's Foundation were to be appointed. King's was to be represented on the Board of Governors and the Senate of the University. King's could leave the affiliation only by sacrificing all the assets provided by the fund.

Along with these ideas a final document was drawn up. Some additional terms of association between Dalhousie and King's were added. King's transferred its library collection and all scientific apparatus to Dalhousie University. The same scale of salaries at Dalhousie University were to be adopted by King's for all appointees, except in divinity. All classes in the Faculty of Arts and Science given by the staff of Dalhousie University and all the classes given by the staff on the foundation of King's, except in Divinity, were to be open or on equal terms to the students of Dalhousie and King's, with the exception that the staff of King's could only instruct first year students in Latin, French, English, Mathematics, and History.

The curriculum and academic regulations of the Faculty of Arts and Science of Dalhousie was to govern the work given by the staff of King's, except in Divinity. All students, except Divinity students registered at Dalhousie University and paid their registration fees there. The two universities affiliated on September 1st, 1923.

STUDENT ATTITUDE

The main criticism harbored by King's students against the hordes at Dalhousie is what they term lack of spirit. Although King's men and women attend our clas-

ses and receive a Dalhousie degree they insist on dependence from Dalhousie, a sentiment emphasized by D. Jones, King's Student Union President. He said that King's students want to exist on their own". He felt, however, that competition between the two schools is fine so long as no bad feelings are created.

Students at Kings indicate that through the spirit instilled by a small, tightly bound school "brotherhood" and deep friendships can be created. The King's men seem to see Dal as a colorless, spiritless school where one can easily go unrecognized as an individual.

Greater participation in student activities is almost forced upon the resident at King's. Indeed, it is felt that because of the high calibre and number of activities that do take place, many people prefer King's merely for the functions.

King's students naturally appreciate the benefits to be derived from obtaining instruction at a "name" university such as Dal. However, except for the academic ties, many Kingsmen would sooner see a total break from Dalhousie socially speaking. Already King's has ceased to contribute to the Gazette and will not enter an inter-fac team this year.

Because the student agreement between Dalhousie and King's expired in May, a new one must be drawn up this year. "The two schools may move closer, or may drift further apart", said Jones. But whatever happens we can be sure that the Kings student is proud of his school, and would not want to see it swallowed into the Dalhousie system entirely."

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

by Ed Schwartzberg

A movement is presently underway in a majority of universities and colleges throughout North America to establish an honor code. An academic integrity statement implies that all examination supervision would be abolished.

Students would be permitted to leave the exam for a coffee or cigarette break and would be let back into the testing area. Anyone caught in the act of cheating would be suspended indefinitely by the university.

I think most Canadian universities would find it hard to apply an honor code, because only two exams, a Christmas and Spring final are given. Consequently the need is not that great, however the problem of dishonesty—copying an answer or the use of crib sheets, and other devious devices are still in great popularity.

Cheating is wrong: a student that is fraudulently advancing his academic status does not belong in university. Most of us, however, do accept the fact that cheating is not really that bad.

All of us have surely joked about methods of deception that we have used. We talk about it with excitement, as if it was daring or colourful—probably realizing that it is wrong, but still quite happy. After all, do not the movies, novels, magazines and advertisements tell us that we have to push to get ahead—to get a degree.

I feel that an honor code should be established or at least considered at Dalhousie University. An honor code so designed so that each freshman be asked to sign an academic integrity statement as a first step in abolishing examination supervision. The statement should provide that it is a violation of the code to "fraudulently advance one's academic status or knowingly be a party to another student's failure to maintain academic integrity." In other words all students are responsible for anyone seen cheating.

An honor code of this type would permit a more relaxed

atmosphere. Students could leave the examination whenever they wanted for a short period of time. Students would realize that they are being granted a moral responsibility and would honor the trust they had been given and not cheat no matter how strong the temptation.

By this method, we would develop, in students, a personal or moral integrity with which they would be equipped to meet the problems of every day life. They would depend upon the attitudes they developed in a moral academic community, instead of those inculcated by a dogmatic arbitrary one.

A student graduating from university would come out into a receptive society which is confident of his personal integrity. This atmosphere, once created could serve as the basis for a morality created on a rational basis. No longer will our moral code be an arbitrary system based on the capricious whims of a religious system.



The new No-Name (as yet) DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY MEN'S RESIDENCE.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

Representing both the Residence Council and the men in the residence, I would like to point out the proper name of our building. It is the Dalhousie University Men's Residence, or the Men's Residence, but NOT the NEW Men's Residence. It may be distinguished from the former residence by the name 'Arts & Administration Annex' for that building, as indicated in the 1963-64 Student's Handbook.

I hope this suggestion is agreeable to you and until a new name is given to the Men's Residence. I would ask you to co-operate. Thank you.

William R. Bezanson
Residence Council

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King's College — Is it Justified to stand by itself ?

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