

ATWOOD

Affable Atwood



"Unsung Campus Hero" See Editorial, Page Two).

"On the fifteenth anniversary of his association with the University, the Gazette pays editorial tribute to the unsung but deserving hero—Roy Walter Atwood, genial bossman of the Gym Store.

"Roy started dispensing to Studleyites in 1930 with headquarters established in the old gymnasium. Transferring temporarily to the Arts building basement in '32, he migrated to his present quarters the following year.

"From 9:00 to 6:00, Monday through Saturday, affable Atwood greets streams of work-weary (?) collegians trickling in from sessions in the lab and drafting room.

"...What's this...Looks like rain."
 "...Yeah, but it smells like coffee."

"Proud pater of four, Roy's fatherly instincts show forth in his behind-the-counter personality. A snack-bar counterpart of radio's 'Mr. Anthony,' he is always ready with consoling and constructive advice for conscience-ridden habitues of the Store.

"Roy and the Gym Store are Dalhousie institutions without which campus life would be pretty dull affair."

These opinions were expressed in the Dalhousie Gazette, January 19, 1945.



ROY ATWOOD, proprietor of the Gym Store and Canteen is shown above, receiving an honorary gold "D" from Dr. Kerr. Roy donated his life savings to the University to be used as they saw fit.

The following are the questions posed to Roy Atwood by Gazette reporter and subsequently printed in the Dalhousie Gazette February 12, 1959.

"You have heard about the students' complaints concerning the efficiency and sanitation of the canteen. What have you to say on the matter?"

"Well, I have been in this business for several years and it has always been my principle to give the students the best possible service. Maybe there is room for improvement but I don't think my staff and I warrant such strong criticism. I long had intentions to make some improvement, but I just didn't have the time to get around to it. I think the students

certain extent. Many of them never return the dishes and when the waitresses have to collect them, valuable time is lost.

"What about getting a coffee-dispensing machine?"

"Oh, I considered that but gave up the idea. I think it's a dirty thing. Look at the Law School. Did you ever see theirs?"

The content of a March 23, 1961 article is: The Book Store was sold to Roy Atwood in 1944 to ensure that it would survive, since the war had drained off so many young men. The Committee of Trustees were left with interest of about \$100 per annum. These profits were to be used to buy magazine subscriptions through Mr. Atwood with that gentleman de-

Dalhousie University Store - Trading And Profit and Loss Statement Year Ending April 30, 1943

TRADING			
Sales—New Books			\$5,289.70
Less—Cost of Sales, New Books:			
Inventory, April 30th, 1942	\$ 477.19		
Purchases	3,975.91		
Freight In	114.73		
War Excise Tax	219.65		
		\$4,787.48	
Deduct Inventory April 30th, 1943	517.77	\$4,269.71	
Gross profit on New Books			\$1,019.99
Sales—Second Hand Books		\$ 66.40	
Less—Cost of Sales of Second Hand Books		\$ 59.62	
Gross Profit on Second Hand Books			6.78
			\$1,026.77
PROFIT AND LOSS			
Gross Trading Profit			\$1,026.77
Deduct—Expenses:			
Salaries		\$200.00	
Insurance		19.50	
Telephone and Telegrams		11.46	
Stationery, Printing and Postage		35.85	
General Expenses		9.52	
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Advertising		10.00	
Interest and Exchange		206.63	
Depreciation—Equipment	23.16		
—Inventory	52.01	75.17	
Amortization of Bond Premium		5.63	573.76
Net Profit on Sales			\$453.01
Interest Income			41.71
Net Profit transferred to Surplus			\$494.72

This is the statement of the Dalhousie Book Store while it was in the hands of a three-man Faculty Committee and a two man Student Committee with the mark-up three per cent instead of the present mark-up of about fifteen per cent despite the huge turnover.

Your move

WHEREAS the sole franchise for supplying food and books to the students of Dalhousie University is apparently held by Mr. Roy Atwood.

AND WHEREAS the students of the university are in effect obliged to frequent the canteen and bookstore situate in the Men's Residence.

AND WHEREAS the services offered to the students by these facilities are grossly inadequate having reached the point where they have become a disgrace to the university and an insult to the dignity of the student.

AND WHEREAS both equipment and space are available for the expansion and improvement of the present facilities.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT action be immediately taken to insure that the following suggestions are put into effect:

1. That a cafeteria be substituted for the present canteen and that the space presently occupied by the horseshoe counter be fitted with suitable furniture for the consumption of meals.
2. That should that space prove inadequate, provisions be made for the consumption of meals in the East Common Room.
3. That the premises receive a sorely needed coat of paint.
4. That more adequate sanitary precautions be adopted: for example, the use of dish towels be avoided, food particles and lipstick stains be removed from the dishes, the sugar and silverware be kept in covered containers, etc.
5. That these, or any other such improvements in place of them as may prove satisfactory to the Students' Council be effected on or before the 20th day of October, A. D. 1954.
6. That henceforth the manager of the canteen make himself available from time to time to discuss with a duly constituted committee of students for that purpose any further suggestions for improvement which may be brought for-

NOT SO AFFABLE ATWOOD



ing Ham and Roast Beef Sandwiches are selling at fifteen cents a piece.

Ice Cream is now on sale; and in a few days Mr. Neville hopes to have a Milk Shake mixer on hand. Donuts will soon be selling at three for ten cents. Also for a dime students will soon be able to get iced cake and pie.

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