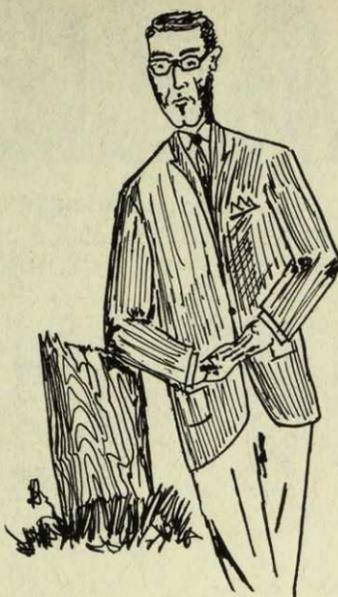


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FRESHMAN, COME HERE! WE WANTA MAKE A MAN? OUTA YOUSE.

Why Did the Professors Go?

This summer Dalhousie's administration has been faced with the task of filling academic positions left vacant last spring with the resignation of an unprecedented number of highly qualified professors. Widely known and greatly respected, these men have retired from this university to occupy posts in colleges and industries elsewhere in Canada and the United States.

In the meantime, rumours have been circulating about the campus to the effect that the resignations were the result of unnecessary friction between the academic staff and the administration, and that the professors left because they felt that the atmosphere at Dalhousie was not one in which they would like to pursue their careers in teaching and research.

We have been led to believe that the scholars submitted statements to the Board of Governors outlining the reasons for their respective resignations. These have not, however, been published. It is our opinion that they should have been. Certainly in view of the suspicions being voiced on campus, they should be published now, for it is essential that the rumours be either verified or disproved.

If, as we sincerely hope, such evidence disproved the accusations, its publication would perform the invaluable service of exonerating the administration of all blame and restoring to it the confidence it formerly inspired on campus.

If, on the other hand, the rumours were shown to be true, immediate steps might be taken to investigate more fully the current relations between the faculty and the administration in order that positive corrective measures could be launched.

For it is essential to the academic reputation and general well-being of any university that its teaching staff be provided with the best possible atmosphere and freedom in which to work. Only in this way can the sum total of men's knowledge be increased, and only in this way can the academic standards of the university be maintained at a high level.

If there is any truth in the current allegations against the administration, it is vital for both students and professors that it be revealed so that immediate action may be executed.

Frosh Welcome, but Have Role to Play

More than 20 university papers right across Canada are distributing their first issues about this time, and it is relatively safe to say that in each of them is an editorial welcoming Frosh to their respective campi. These commentaries, ranging in tone from the fatherly to the caustic, discuss all the usual problems: extra-curricular activities,

Christmas examinations, professors, study habits, fraternities, initiations, etc., most of which are fit subjects for consideration by new students.

Nevertheless, we would rather say only that we are glad to have the class of '64 on campus. We wish you the best of luck in all your endeavors here at Dalhousie.

With respect to this newspaper, we would like to point out that the *Gazette* claims all the freedoms of the professional press (within the bounds of libel and obscenity) and that it accordingly upholds its privilege of commenting upon all aspects of the university society. Employing this right to the best of its ability, it take issue with those flaws which seem to threaten Dalhousie's better traditions. Part of the *Gazette's* role is that of critic; it hopes to play that role constructively.

We invite you, therefore to comment upon the opinions expressed in our editorial columns and to inform us of your personal views. We hope that your observations will be more astute and more effectively acted upon than those of our own class.

Football Fans Need to Grow Up

This autumn the sporting scene has a new look. The football moguls of the NSFL and the New Brunswick Intercollegiate League have finally taken the step which establishes football as a major sport in the Maritimes.

We look forward to the visits of UNB and Mount A with much enthusiasm. Sparked by the keen rivalry which has always marked intercollegiate sport here and in New Brunswick, these games should provide not only the excitement of a bigger league, but also better football for the fans. For the players, who have long yearned to find out which of the former leagues was the stronger, this season should hold an answer.

Now that football in the Maritimes has grown up, however, it is time for the fans to follow suit. In past year, they have shown the worst possible kind of sportsmanship. Everytime the Tigers played St. Francis Xavier and were beaten, there were cries in the Dalhousie stands of "Yankee, go home!"

It is our present view that whether or not St. F. X. or any other university actually employs financial inducements to attract better quality players from New England is outside the point. All that should concern us is that in recent years the Xaverians have produced a better team than Dalhousie, at least from the standpoint of pure physical conditioning. This problem can have only one solution: a more efficient Dalhousie squad.

We are in the new conference win, lose, or draw, and must accept the member teams as they are. Dalhousie's football fans will better occupy their time by supporting their players than by finding an alibi for them.

Basic Economic Problems of the Maritimes

by PROFESSOR JOHN GRAHAM



Professor Graham, one of Nova Scotia's leading economists and head of Dalhousie's Economics Department, has abundant qualifications to speak on the subject of Maritime economy. It forms a large part of his recent doctorate thesis at Columbia University, which is soon to be published in a series of Atlantic provinces studies on the economic, political and social problems of this area. As well as being editor of this series, Professor Graham has contributed a number of articles on the economics of the Maritimes.

Probably the most striking thing about the economy of the Atlantic provinces is that their personal income per head (average income) is only two-thirds of that of the nation as a whole and only about 55% of that of Ontario, the richest province. There are two possible reasons for this:

(1) If the natural resources and location of a region are such that it has a large proportion of its people in low-income occupations compared with some other province, of course its average income will be lower, even though the labor and capital employed in the low-income region are earning as much as if they were employed in the other, high-income province. To put this in another way, the average level of income in a region will depend upon how well it is endowed with economically exploitable natural resources, upon the size, skill, and age distribution of its population, and on its location in relation to markets. Since regions are never identical in these respects, average incomes are never identical. Such differences account to a considerable extent for the lower average income of the Atlantic Provinces compared with other provinces—just as they account for the lower average income of a fishing village than in a city like Halifax.

(2) The resources of this region may not be used as productively as they are capable of being used. There is no doubt that this is in fact the case. Although the resources here may not be capable of sustaining as high an average income as in other provinces, they could sustain a much higher average income than they do at present. There is considerable chronic unemployment and underemployment of labour, especially in the primary industries—agriculture, fishing and forestry. In spite of the large outward movement of population from the region for many years, these industries have failed to adjust to changing economic conditions, with the result that many people presently employed in them are ilving at subsistence or near subsistence levels. Another source of unemployment in Nova Scotia has been the inevitable reduction in employment in its high-cost coal industry as a result of mechanization and of the loss of markets to other, cheaper fuels.

It would be possible, with better use of the natural resources and of labour and capital in the primary industries to expand production with a smaller labor force and in (Continued on page 5)

LETTERS

...Mr. Atwood Again...

Sir:

For the last few years it has been the custom for remarks to appear in the *Gazette* concerning that masterpiece of efficiency, the Book Store. I call it efficient because nothing could be more efficient in holding students from their work than is the Book Store. The long lines in which one waits for hours is bad enough, but the final stages of frustration can be found in those who still cannot obtain the books they desire. I can remember waiting for a book until the last week of November last year. It was nice to get it before Christmas.

It seems that some system could be devised; possibly the professors could order their texts earlier, and Mr. Atwood could order sufficient quantities. Then the store could be opened a couple of weeks earlier and the rush to some extent avoided.

Dave Jones,
Arts.

...To Camp Leaders...

Sir:

I would like to bring to the attention of the various organizations on the campus the procedure for obtaining rooms for meetings during the forthcoming year. The Campus Co-ordinating Committee will again be handling the matter, and all room bookings should be made through Wilf Harrison, who can be located at 66 Seymour Street, telephone 2-5375.

To avoid the possibility of double-booking rooms, 72 hours' notice will be required of the time, date and place of the meeting. If publicity is required, seven days' notice of meetings should be given.

In order that the Committee may operate efficiently, it can be seen that co-operation will be needed from all organizations, and I trust that this will be obtained.

Wilf Harrison, Chairman,
Campus Co-ordinating
Committee.