

Dal-SMU deal halfway finished

by Susan Hayes

Dalhousie students are allowed to sign themselves in to St. Mary's University entertainment functions, but unfortunately, the same is not true for St. Mary's students wishing to attend events at Dalhousie.

Rob MacLellan, vice-president at SMU, said that this policy was passed at an early meeting of student council, but was not well publicized. As well as promoting harmony between the two universities, he said that it helps

Dalhousie students living in SMU residences to socialize with St. Mary's students. Also with people having friends at both universities, it helps them avoid the problems of getting signed into events and obtaining tickets.

Dalhousie was first approached by SMU in the summer, with the idea of opening up their entertainment functions to both universities. There was general agreement that it was time to bury past animosities and promote a better relationship between the two universities.

Jeff Champion, vice-president at Dalhousie, said that he sees no problem in get-

ting the same policy implemented at Dalhousie. The reason it has taken so long is because a recommendation had to be made to the SUB Operations Committee, which met on November 3rd. But to come into effect it has to be passed by council as a whole. Under the policy, he said that the student councils would be responsible for the actions of the students entering both universities.

If and when Dalhousie's policy is implemented, it will allow SMU students to purchase tickets at the door, as Dalhousie students can do at SMU now. The students will be able to sign themselves in, but will not be able to purchase

tickets in advance. Jeff Champion sees this as a way of providing a greater variety of entertainment to students at both universities as well as promoting better feelings between the two universities. Also since entertainment events at Dalhousie aren't selling out, there could be financial benefits in expanding Dalhousie's entertainment market, he said. He put no time limit on this policy as long as it doesn't interfere with Dalhousie students attending their own events, and there are benefits to both universities.

Champion said that Mount Saint Vincent University is the

only university to have an official agreement with Dalhousie. They renewed their contract with Dalhousie to pay a certain amount per student to allow themselves the same privileges in the SUB as Dalhousie students. Dalhousie students have reciprocal privileges at the Mount.

King's students are officially not allowed into the SUB after 6 p.m., unless they pay the student council fee of \$59.00 or if someone signs them in. The Nova Scotia Institute of Technology have also approached Dalhousie for a similar deal to that of SMU, but they haven't pursued the matter.

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A peek at the past Dalhousie reels under 1959 crime wave

by John Cairns

No one likes a thief, least of all a potential victim. Thus, Halifax has undoubtedly had its share of unpopular individuals over the years. The city's merchants have recently been blitzing local radio stations and the daily papers with a campaign against shoplifting. Though shoplifting is usually nonviolent, the advertising brands it a serious crime.

Sadly, merchants are not the sole targets of theft. In fact, no one is completely safe, not even in a perfectly respectable and prestigious institution of higher learning. Whether or not Dalhousie fits that description, this campus has suffered incidents of crime. A front page news story from *The Dalhousie Gazette* of January 21, 1959, provides an example.

Evidently, the university population was reeling under a prolonged crime wave. Let's look back for the details.

"Thieves have again struck at Dalhousie, with a viciousness and a single-mindedness which leaves little doubt that they are professional.

Whether the thieves are the same who have stolen student belongings in several recent instances, is difficult to judge; but circumstances point to the conclusion that they are. This time it was about \$95 stolen from a storage box in the Dal dressing room during Saturday night's game. The box was locked. The lock was picked.

Obviously the work of persons who possess a first hand knowledge of campus offices, buildings, and places in which money or valuables might be found, the theft was executed quite similarly to former thefts.

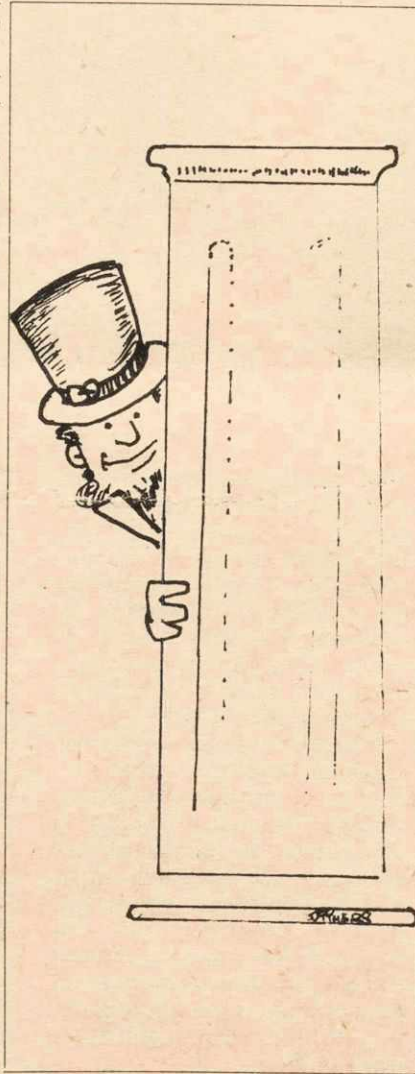
It is possible the thief, or thieves, is a teenager. An older person would be easily marked on a campus of young men. And teenage persons have been seen loitering about the campus who do not attend the university.

The door of the *Gazette* office has been jimmied upon several occasions, and an expensive portable typewriter has been stolen; ten coats have been stolen from the Men's Residence and Law School; and quantities of money have been taken from pockets.

Whoever he is, the thief is making his living off Dalhousie.

Until city detectives are able to obtain a good lead, Dalhousie students will remain subject to the whims of the thief. Great caution must be taken to ensure that valuables are not left where they may be taken. Chains have been installed for coats; students must make use of them."

Who dun it? You and I will probably never know. Perhaps we can merely conclude that it is inconvenient enough chaining parked bicycles without doing the same for coats. As for pinpointing the thieves, that is surely a case for Sherlock Holmes. What did you say? It sounded like, "Elementary, my dear man!"



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Politics: student apathy

MONTREAL (CUP)—What's this they say about politically apathetic students?

In a recent survey of 1,423 Quebec students from 20 CEGEP's it was discovered that while 95 per cent knew who Guy Lafleur was, only 14 per cent knew the names of the province's political parties and only 6 per cent managed to come up with the name of the province's Lieutenant-Governor.

The results of the survey were published in the most

recent edition of Education Quebec, the official magazine of the Quebec ministry of education.

"We knew that young Quebecers were having more and more difficulty writing in French and that they were unaware of most of their history. It now appears that they don't know why they go to vote when the time comes, either. . . ." according to the magazine.

The article quotes Jonquiere CEGEP political science professor Marcel Bou-

lais, who attempts to explain the phenomenon.

For about 50 per cent of the students, it is (political science) a subject completely exterior to their preoccupations, the other 50 per cent ends up being reasonably interested and maybe ten per cent of this last group takes it to heart.

"It seems to largely explain the general political demobilization experienced by Quebec students for the past ten years the CEGEP occupations of 1968," said Boulais.