What's your credit rating at Dalhousie

by Margaret Rumsey

One of my first experiences with Dalhousie administration when transferring to this University was their refusal to accept courses which I had taken at other institutions.

In the first few weeks of classes, I have listened to numerous and varied stories from students who have come across the same stumbling block, or who know of someone who has. As a result, I decided to look more closely into the credit transfer system at Dalhousie University.

The regulations seem stringent enough. A quick look at the general rules listed in the university calendar is an indication of the kind of scrutiny a transfer credit comes under. Most of us would not argue with these rules, however, which concern marks (no credit with a mark of less than "C"), Honours Programs (at least two years must be taken full-time at Dalhousie), etc.

However, the transfer student usually loses out because of a technicality or a

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while in fact they continue to operate single-store units."

On June 20, the NLRB in Washington upheld the regional director's decision and once again sided with McDonald's.

Six weeks later, Sorriano, Cunningham, and almost all of their organizing committee had left Lyon Weber's employ. The Hotel and Restaurant Workers declined to try to organize the other ten stores in Lyon Weber's system. Clark said that it could be done, given a lot of money and a lot of time, but in the next breath confesses that she fears the suburban stores may house a different breed of worker, middle-class white kids working for pin money, living in their parents' house, and eating the food their parents Department's decision.

The most common problems involve students who have taken courses that are found not equivalent to classes offered at Dalhousie. These decisions are made by the appropriate department, for example, the English Department would evaluate a request to transfer an English credit and the School of Pharmacy would look at the courses of students wishing to enter Pharmacy.

You are also out of luck if you choose a course which does not have a program at Dalhousie (as one student who had a splendid mark in a geography course found out). Neither should you take it for granted that a class taken at an institution affiliated with Dalhousie, such as Mount St. Vincent, will be accepted, as the same stipulations apply there also.

A final note of warning: your enthusiasm to obtain that degree by taking summer courses may end on a sour note. One credit per summer

Mc Donald's

put on the table. Some of the Wabash workers, like Cunningham and Sorriano, were trying to live on the pittance they make as full- and parttime McDonald's employees.

Ray Kroc and the corporation, meanwhile, roll right on. With the exception of a hard-fought but losing battle to keep the company from digging in in San Francisco in 1973, McDonald's has not been seriously challenged by a union, though different outlets have been organized for short periods of time. The Hotel and Restaurant Workers seem content to denounce Kroc for depressing wages throughout the restaurant industry, while taking no solid action against a company that has revolutionized American eating habits and employment is the limit, a decision made by the Faculty Committee (which has a student representative) five years ago. The Committee felt that two courses could not be sufficiently absorbed in six weeks to do them justice, so if there are ambitious scholars on campus who spent their summer accumulating a credit and a half or two credits, you may be in for an unpleasant surprise.

Most transfer students, however, seem passive about the situation because they have chosen to come to Dalhousie and feel they have no alternative but to abide by the rules. Take, for instance, the pharmacy student who received her Bachelor in Chemistry from Mount St. Vincent. She was required to take Organic Chemistry again at Dalhousie, and if she wants to enter Pharmacy School, she feels she must accept the ruling. But why should Dalhousie's academic standards be so much higher than Mount St. Vincent's?

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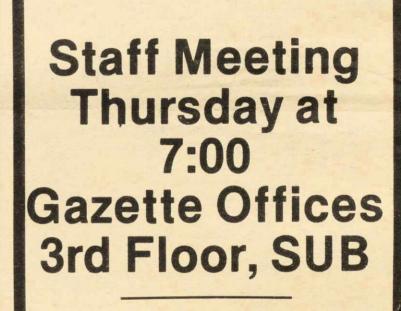
There is a last recourse, though—an appeal to the Committee of Study. The Committee of Study is a body made up of faculty members, student members, as well as some ex-officio members. The Committee meets every three weeks and deals with numerous and varied cases, mostly to do with interpretation, program approvals, or situations that fall into "grey" areas.

The Committee does not receive many appeals regarding transfer credits, no doubt because it is difficult to take a stand against university rules or departmental decisions.

If a student does feel he has a case, though, the procedure to appeal is simple enough: The first step is to seek advice from the Registrar's Office and then submit a petition in writing to the Committee.

This is also a matter of dollars and cents. With the cost of education today, what student can afford to pay twice for his courses? As long as Dalhousie continues to monitor transfer credits by their present Harvardian standards, the student will have to bear this added expense.









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