

# Computer centre revises regulations

by Bob Morrison

A revised set of regulations for computer usage are being put into effect but have not been widely circulated as of yet, according to Aiden Evans, Assistant Director (Operating Systems) at the Dalhousie Computer Centre.

"We've established usage limits by setting standards maximum times; if more time is needed you can apply through the Director of Computer Services," said Evans. The Director in turn goes to the President's Advisory Committee with the request for approval. The time limits were calculated from data collected through ongoing monitoring of computer time usage since early October.

According to Evans, every student using the computers will be allotted 2000 System Resource Unit (SRU) seconds for general use.

In undergraduate programs students will be allotted a standard limit of 200 SRU seconds per half course, or whatever has been applied for by the course professor.

The same system also applies to

graduate students, with the standard limit instead being 1000 SRU seconds per course.

Evans also pointed out that all of the course-related time ends when the course does, regardless of how much time the student may still have left.

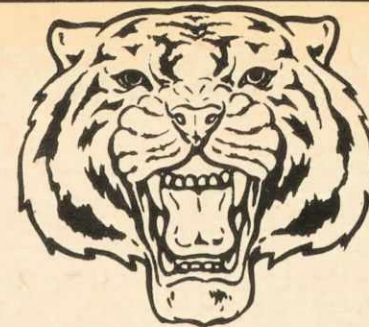
Graduate students doing their thesis will be allotted 1500 SRU seconds per year at a cost of 75 dollars, as of Sept. 4 1983.

President of DAGS (Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students) David Joliffe said revisions, which took into account an outline submitted by DAGS stating the immediate and long term needs of graduate students, were necessary.

Faculty members have been given a standard allocation of 2000 SRU seconds during peak time (8:30 am - 8:00 pm) and 10,000 SRU seconds during non-peak time for each academic year.

Evans said it is the hope of the Computer Centre that these revisions in the regulations will work towards making the Computer Centre better able to facilitate the needs of students and faculty.

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# Computer students need training

TORONTO (CUP) — Computer science students at universities are not receiving broad enough training to meet the needs of industry, according to the president of a Toronto consulting firm.

Ian Sharp of I.P. Sharp and Associates told government, industry and university representatives at a conference at the University of Toronto about the impact of high technology on universities.

Sharp said computer science departments should teach students more than simply how to operate a computer. "Students should be trained so they can go out into the business world and solve problems they know nothing about."

"Everyone should be taught to use a computer. It's not something for specialists," said Sharp.

"The university is under a great deal of pressure to miss its mark: to train skilled workers instead of to educate people...When I went to school, we didn't have a department of slide rule science."

Other speakers at the day-long conference said university research is not having enough impact on Canadian society.

David Strangway, a University of Toronto vice-president, said universities have not built an understanding with society so that it can respond to universities' research.

The U of T established the Innovations Foundation in the mid-1970's to carry out the commercial application and development of the university's research results. A foundation representative said it will take the body five years to turn a profit for the U of T.

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