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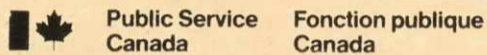
Applications must be postmarked no later than **MIDNIGHT, October 14, 1975.**

GENERAL EXAM: October 21, 1975
at 7:00 p.m.

FOREIGN SERVICE EXAM: October 22, 1975
at 7:00 p.m.

Information and application forms are available at your Campus Student Placement Office.

This competition is open to both men and women.



Consumer column

by Diane Robinson

"Buy it here, it'll probably be cheaper". That is a sentence I'm sure you'll remember hearing or having said yourself that results from reasoning and common sense. Here's for instance to clarify the meaning: you're in the Freshman-Sophomore Bookstore buying your textbooks for this year's courses and you figure you'll buy a few supplies while you're in there. So you pick up some looseleaf, a few pens, some Duo-tang folders, several exercise books and so on until you have accumulated several dollars worth of supplies.

If you're even the most frugal minded student and you have to justify every dollar that leaves you, you figure the money was well spent as the supplies were needed and you reasonably assumed the prices of the materials were most likely geared for students. The more wise, and the more cynical people at this point will be laughing at this supposed student who thinks that the money was spent in an economical way.

Most students, no matter if they're funded by the government, their parents or themselves, don't want to spend money in stores that are enjoying large profits from their pockets. And so, on to the reason behind my column, to point out specific and general price differences that exist for similar products in several different stores.

One fact I discovered is do not buy your school supplies in the bookstores operated by Dalhousie or the Campus Store in the SUB. It appears that they are taking advantage of their convenience and easy accessibility to students by having relatively high priced supplies. Another fact-small stores selling a variety of items don't always have the higher prices you would expect them to. O'Brien's Pharmacy, across from Howe Hall, has a 10% discount on school supplies that considerably lowers the price of looseleaf binders and scribbles. I found that I could get 250 pages of packaged paper for 95c while the bookstores in the Life Sciences and Chemistry Bldgs. sell the same package at \$1.89. I mentally kicked myself for not being observant enough to notice advertisement that actually would have saved me some money.

Some of the items I compared are as follows:

	Large	Medium	Small
Plastic covered 3-ring binders			
Campus Store — S.U.B.	3.25	2.90	2.09
Mahons Stationery-Spring Garden & Eaton's Branch	2.65	2.65	1.98
Maritime Campus Store - Quinpool Road	2.49	1.69	1.49
Clip Boards			
Chemistry Bldg. Bookstore	1.45		
Simpson's - Halifax	1.19		
Eaton's - Halifax	1.69		
Duo-Tang or Tung-Lok Gage Folders			
Chem. Bldg. & Campus Store	.34		
Mahon's Stationery	.34		
Faders Pharmacy - Coburg Rd.	.29		
O'Brien's Pharmacy - Coburg Road	.29 - 10%		
Maritime Campus Store	.25		
Plastic covered folder binders			
Chem. Bldg.	3.65		
Mahon's	2.50		
Maritime Campus Store	1.89		
Exercise Books - Hilroy brand	No. 993 thick	No. 996 thinner	
Chem Bldg. & Campus Store	each .66	each .44	
Mahon's	each .60	each .40	
O'Brien's	3 for \$1.97 -10%	4 for 1.74 -10%	
Simpson's	3 for \$1.49	4 for .99	
maritime Campus Store	3 for \$1.49	4 for 1.39	
Looseleaf	250 pgs.	200 pgs.	100 pgs. 50 pgs.
Chem Bldg., Life Sci & Campus Stores	1.89	-	1.00 .70
O'Briens	.97	-	1.35 -10% .70-10
Mahons	1.98	-	.90 -
Faders	-	1.79	- -
Simpsons	-	1.29	- -
Eatons	2.29	-	- .69
Maritime Campus Store	-	1.49	.69 -
Stenographer's Notebook	Hilroy 500 or equal size		thinner size
Chem. Bldg.	.80		.55
Freshman & Campus Stores	-		.53
Mahons	.73		-
O'Briens	.74		.53 -10%
Simpsons	-		.43
Eatons	.79		-
Maritime Campus Stores	-		.59

From these figures you will find that a store having relatively higher priced goods also have a comparatively low price on one item. That's what the research was done for; although the few items I compared might not be all the thing you would use. I also used prices on specific items as a basis for a general price impression. O'Briens Pharmacy with it's 10% discount proved an exception to the usual case of small variety stores having high prices for a limited variety. Fader Pharmacy proved true to the form and were more expensive with a lack of variety. Balcom-Chittick on the corner of Robie and Spring Garden can really waste your time and money. Eaton's and Simpsons' have too little variety, therefore less convenience, and higher prices. The best places to shop for your school needs seem to be Mahon's Stationery and Maritime Campus Store. Mahon's have diversity and variety for convenient selection plus a generally lower price on goods. The Maritime Campus Store has lower prices, although diversity and variety are limited. One reason for their lower prices is because of its old stock which they are selling at a price closer to last year's prices than this year's. If you are a Bic pen user then go the Maritime Campus Store as the old 19c, 25c, 49c (med, fine, deluxe fine) prices still exist while elsewhere they are 25c, 49c and 59c. After all my shopping I now would only shop at the Dal Bookstores if I'd checked Mahon's first or if I was desperate for something and couldn't go elsewhere. If you are primarily interested in convenience the extra cents (that add up to dollars) you are paying and they are gaining are worth it, otherwise their economics don't check out.

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