



Cheerleaders: At the Acadia game



A FEW AT WORK — Engineers held Survey Camp from Sept. 4 to 25 this year, a switch from the customary post-vernal-exam meeting of the transits. Several as-yet unidentified engineers are shown above pacing off the well-worn wilds of the Studley pasture. (Munro Photo)

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THE NEW MEN AT THE TOP

New Dean of Arts and Science is Dr. H. B. S. Cooke, who moves to his new position from Dal's Geology Department. He will continue some of his teaching.

A native of South Africa, he came to Dalhousie in 1961, from the University of the Witwatersrand.

Doctor Cooke reports innovations in the faculty which include establishment of a course leading to the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, in conjunction with the Nova Scotia College of Art which provides practical instruction. A start has also been made towards a degree course in music with the appointment of D. F. Wilson as full-time lecturer.

Asked to give his views on some of the problems facing Arts and Science, Dr. Cooke traces the traditionally high failure rates in such courses as Math 1 and Physics 1 in part to inadequate training of students before they arrive at Dal. He feels the solution must be found through consultation with High School authorities in order to assist them in improving school curricula. He feels this need, not because of a lack of good intentions on the part of the authorities, but rather the lack of adequate teaching available to students. He states: "It is our feeling that improvements in high school education depend on greater effort to produce good teachers from the university."

The new Dean feels concern over the need of attracting top-flight scholars to the faculty. The main problem involved would appear to be the low salary scale, although this is improving steadily. Doctor Cooke hopes eventually it will be normal procedure for students in Arts and Science to follow an hon-

ours course pattern. He says, "we are attracting scholars with high reputations so Dalhousie is definitely on the upward trend."

EARLY EDUCATION

Doctor Cooke received his early education in South Africa, and then attended Cambridge University. In 1940, he received an M.A. from Cambridge, followed with an M. Sc. from the University of Witwatersrand. He received his D. Sc. after completing four monographic studies on fossil mammals. He was elected to the Royal Society of South Africa. He resigned from the University in 1947, to direct the University of California African Expedition in their geological work.

After spending five years as a consulting geologist Doctor Cooke returned to a senior post at Witwatersrand. In 1956, he spent six months in England on an award from the Royal Society and the Nuffield Foundation. He then joined the staff of the University of California. Before arriving at Dalhousie in 1961, he was chairman of the Bernard Price Institute for Paleontological Research, and reader in stratigraphic geology at the University of Witwatersrand. He has published a geology textbook, a history of Science in South Africa, and over fifty scientific papers and monographs.

DISLIKED POLITICS

Doctor Cooke left South Africa because of a dislike of the political developments there, particularly in education of the African. He was offered attractive positions in the U. S. A. but came to Canada in order to remain in the Commonwealth, which his native land renounced. He states that he and his family are very happy here.

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