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Solution To A Problem

The announcement of the editors of the Pharos that the year-book will be ready for distribution before the end of the term is the signal for a general review of the conditions under which the book is now published.

To anyone acquainted with the financial situation of the Year Book only the highest praise can be accorded the editors for the manner in which they have tackled the manifold difficulties in their path and if the experience of one year was not enough the impossibility of any improvement in the situation in the next few years should be sufficient proof that a change in the present financial system is urgent.

The conditions under which the Pharos now finds itself burdened are the result of the 1949-50 book when it was distributed over six months late and the University withdrew permission to continue in future years a system of compulsory levy of \$3.00 on all students, entitling them to a copy on its publication. Since then a system of a compulsory levy on all graduating students entitling them automatically to a copy, and putting the book on sale publicly for the undergraduates has been followed and it is this system which has been tried and found wanting.

With all the Student Councils across Canada facing the necessity of paring budgets it is completely unfeasible to continue a system whereby the Year Book is subsidized and every effort should be made to put it on a self-supporting basis. It is difficult to estimate under the present system, the number of books that should be printed without running into the danger of undersupply or oversupply, in which latter case the Council is called upon to make good the deficit. This was the case last year and the Council shouldered a severe loss.

Several changes in the system have been suggested. The first is a return to the old system of compulsory levy on all students. With the prospect of the Pharos being published this year well within the end of the term and with every expectation under similar good editorship in future years that a similar record will be attended there is little reason for the University to continue in its sanction against this method.

The alternative is a raise in the price of the Pharos to at least \$5.00 for all students! This is a last resort, however, for the deterrent effect such a price would have on the students buying the book might well overcome any benefits.

A third solution, and one which in appearance at least, is suitable, is for the continuation of the present system of a levy on all graduating students and giving the undergraduate students the opportunity at registration time of refusing to buy the book at all that year or buying the book then.

This seems to be the best solution, but whatever is done it must be done in the near future. It is not too late to act this year.

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Atwood to Inaugurate Second Hand Book System Next Fall

A second hand book service will be inaugurated next September on Studley campus, Roy Atwood, operator of the book store announced last weekend.

Following consultation with George Kerr and Roger Cyr, President and Vice-President of the incoming Council, he announced that starting September 1st he would accept for sale second hand books in good condition and included in the course of studies of the university.

The system, a subject of much interest at Dalhousie for the past two years will be operated as an Agency by Roy Atwood. Following present plans Roy Atwood will sell the books on a commission at 2/3 of their original cost.

Pharos to Be Completed Before Convocation

Work on the 1951-52 Pharos is progressing satisfactorily, Alan Garcelon, co-editor of the year book reported over the weekend.

If present conditions continue, the Pharos, for the first time in five years, will be ready for distribution before Convocation.

To date four sections, the Graduate, Organization, Advertising and Athletic division have been completed and it is expected that Munro Day material, an innovation will be included in the book. All sections of the book will be completed by March 10.

Dr. Beatty Speaks Commerce Group

Dr. S. A. Beatty, Director of the Fisheries Experimental Station here, addressed a meeting of Dalhousie Commerce students last week on the expansion of the Nova Scotia Fish Market since 1925. Citing the recent shipment of a load of fish for Galveston, Texas, he said that this was just one example of the success of efforts to ship fresh or frozen fish to inland markets and of the tremendous growth of the industry.

The inland market, he explained, would have been a costly one to develop but, during World War II, many people had to eat fish because of meat shortages and developed a taste for it which continues.

Dr. Beatty outlined the present and potential harvest to be reaped from deep-sea grounds and spoke of the possibilities for development in the herring fisheries as well as groundfish.

Although economists are worried about the diminishing fertility and an increasing world population, he said, where fertility has left former productive areas it has drained off into the sea. And the sea can be "cropped" in three ways: by recovering minerals, plants and animals.

He spoke of salt deposits and methods of recovery, referring particularly to salt mining at Nappan and Malagash; he told the students of industrial operations which now succeed in extracting magnesium from the salt water of the Gulf of Texas; and he told of obtaining potassium, too, from the sea.

Speaking of plant life, he outlined many commercial uses for Irish moss and similar growth, in food, cosmetic, and plastic industries, and of the use of eel grass for insulation.

French Evening

The Dalhousie French Club will hold its annual French Evening Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium of the new Arts and Administration Building. Mr. Robert Picard, French Consul, will be patron.

The program will consist of French songs, and short plays, including a farce by Molière; La Jalousie du Barbouillé. All are invited.

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SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT (15 April-30 September)
 Applications for seasonal employment are invited from graduate students and from undergraduates who are enrolled in the third year of their respective courses.

Salaries
 Approximately \$200.00 to \$300.00 per month, depending on academic qualifications.

Transportation Costs
 The Board will reimburse seasonal employees for the cost of rail transportation in excess of \$30.00 from the University to the place of employment and return, providing the employee serves for a period of three consecutive months during the university vacation period.

Places of Employment
 Halifax, N.S.; Valcartier, P.Q.; Ottawa, Kingston and Toronto, Ont.; Fort Churchill, Manitoba; Suffield, Alberta; Esquimalt, B.C.

Positions Available
 Requirements exist in the majority of the scientific and engineering fields and in medicine and psychology.

APPLICATIONS
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