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As for living facilities, there are very few. You may either live in the Men's Residence, or in a private home. I lived in the Residence last year and found it very interesting indeed. However, the rooms are small and not exactly attractive. If you want the comforts of home and wish to do a little studying, I'd advise you to find a room in a private household. I'd probably be able to help you out here, for, with a little luck, I could probably find you a room quite close to the Campus.

Of course, this would be impossible to do until the end of term since most of the rooms are now



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Dear Charles,

I must admit that I was quite surprised to hear from you this morning, and I'm very pleased to see that you intend to enter Dal next year (if, of course, you pass your School Cert.).

As for my self, I like the University very much, and I'm sure that its Scholastic standards are as high as you'll find anywhere in Canada.

I don't know which course you're intending to follow, but Dal is particularly noted for its Law and Medicine. If you are planning to take Law, you have ~~three~~ two

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University. You can also receive this information from the Registrar, and I'm sure you will find it very helpful. If you do decide to take these Grade XII exams, it entails a great deal of hard work, so I would advise you not to waste your time in the summer. You'll find the work there very helpful when you get to University. I made the big mistake of wasting my time there, and I found it quite hard to settle down again.

I don't want to sound like a father giving advice to his son, but I happened to have that particular experience and I wouldn't like it to happen to one of my friends.

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Alternatives: one is to take a pre-law course which consists of two years Arts. The other is a full Arts course, which consists of three years. This means you will have to take six subjects a year for three years. You may obtain three "credits" from first year law which will entitle you to a B.A. degree. However, the Registrar will be glad to explain all this to you.

I'll try to give you a little advice so you won't make the same mistake that I did. You will be allowed to enter Dal. with your school cert., but you won't be given any credits. However, you can take Grade XII examinations at the University in September. If you do this, you'll probably be able to get credit for first year

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to Dal - I'm not - it's just that
I don't want you to have the
difficulties that I had to over-
come. I highly recommend the
place to you, but, like most
universities, I think you'll find
that it has its good points
and its faults. In the long run
I think you'll find that its
good points are more than
enough to compensate for its
faults.

You mentioned something
about Athletics at the University.
I'm afraid you'll find that you
won't be able to devote too much
time to them for fear of neglecting
your studies. You'll also find



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Occupied by University Students.
You'll find the cost of living
in Halifax quite low compared
with the prices in the island. I
have what I think is the ideal
situation - I am living in a
fraternity house where the rates
are perhaps a little lower than
at other places. Perhaps if I
give you the rates of the frat house,
you can get a rough estimate
of what you'll have to spend. By
the way these figures more or
less correspond to the prices you
would have to pay at the mens

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various functions at the University,
belong to a fraternity, and still
have enough left over to buy
a round trip ticket from Montreal
to Bermuda. So you see \$1,000
per year is more than enough
to get by on. I hope you'll
find this pretty clear.

Now for a little more advice.
For God's sake don't get any
false ideas about University.
Don't, as I did, expect too much
of a University, for you'll find
that you won't receive an education
overnight. That only comes with
age and study, as I have dis-
covered during the last year.
Don't think that I'm trying
to discourage you from coming

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Residence. The Rates are as follows:
Room and Board \$55.00 per Month.
Laundry \$4.50 (roughly.)
Incidentals
(Necessities & Entertainment) \$20.00 (approx.)
which amounts to \$79.50 per Month.

I think that you should be able
to live very comfortably on \$80.00
a month. Of course, this would de-
pend on the set of people you fall in
with. However, I find that the figure
quoted is sufficient to get by on.

Perhaps if I give you a personal
example, you'll better be able to
get a clearer picture of the above.

My Scholarship Allowance for the
University year amounts to a little
over \$1,100.00. Out of this, I am able
to pay my University fees, buy
books, pay Room and Board, attend

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you my impressions of the
University as well as possible.
I hope this letter meets with
your approval, and if I have
omitted anything which might
be dubious to you, don't fail
to write, and I'll try to clear
the matter up for you. Once again,
I can't emphasize enough the
importance for work in school.

You might give my best to the
Staff and friends at S. G. S. (if
I still have any friends there!),
especially Mr. Hallett and Stanley.

As. Ever,

Donnie

P.S. Best of luck in the School Cst.
Results.



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that Athletics in the Maritimes
is not of a very high standard,
but I'm sure you'll enjoy them
as much as I have. You have
a variety of fields to choose from,
actually, but you'll find it
very hard to take part in more
than two in the course of the
year. To begin with, there are
English and Canadian football
in the fall. I played English
the first year and Canadian
this, and I'm sure you'll enjoy
them equally as well. Of course,

I've perhaps omitted the most important factor of all about a University and that is the people you'll meet. They come in all shapes and sizes, creeds and colours, but I can assure you that you'll find them very, very interesting. I think you'll probably be inclined towards Maritimers once you get to know them, but that's a very difficult thing to do at first. You'll find that they become warmer towards you with time, though. As a matter of fact, some of my very best friends are from Nova Scotia and not Upper Canada.

Well, Charles, old man, I think or, at least, I've tried to give

There is an inter~~college~~ (excuse the mistake!) collegiate Tennis Competition in the early fall, and I'm sure you'll have no difficulty in making the team.

At the end of football, basketball begins, and that goes on till exams in the spring. Dal also has a swimming team, but no pool, so you'll probably be able to shine in this field.

You have a wide choice of indoor sports such as Squash, badminton and boxing which, if you can find time for, you'll enjoy very much. I failed to mention hockey because I don't think you'll be playing much of that.

London.

Monday 29th Aug 55.

Dear Charles, Loudest congratulations
on your very well deserved 2nd.
You can be justly proud of leading
the Corpus lawyers after all the
other things you fitted in from
time to time. The viva must
have been a bit frightening, but
even that didn't stand in your
way. Well done! Hardie might
rich some more Rhodes Scholars
now! Had a card from Julian
Jacottet and he asked me to pass
on his congratulations. He is
staying with Nicole & parents.

Thank you very much for
your two most informative letters.
I can just imagine Plummer's
self-satisfied remarks after hearing
of his 2nd & Liams' 3rd - what a paradox.
However, Lyne deserves congrats
just the same - though it was a
very scared Lyne in the 1st form!

I guess you will need no
encouragement to return to London
judging from your remarks
about Ellen. Three months in
Bermuda should be as good a test
of your feelings for her as you will
get!

From all you say about Ireland
I must certainly go there some ~~at~~ time.
As you suggest, the Irish are in some
ways a strange people, due partly
to their religion I'm sure, and " "
to their poor country. The scenery
however must be interesting.

Before I write a few words on my
doings, I will get a few formalities
down. I handed in your note to

John the Bookseller & the books are on the way. The postage was 3/- & I think but they wouldn't charge you or allow me to pay - I suppose they hope you'll be a steady customer. The "United Empire" came & I sent it on in case you would like to read it. If you it keeps coming do you want it sent on? Doesn't cost anything. Also a pool's envelope which I threw away. I enclose the Times cutting on Law Schools, and also a letter you may know something about.

My colour slides of my travels so far this summer are absolutely marvellous - 180 already. Could I possibly have a couple more slide boxes please? I enclose 30/- in postal notes & will refund the postage when I know it.

After Yugoslavia & Italy I went to Vienna as you probably know and after two very pleasant weeks my seaman became quite fluent and almost grammatically correct. It was great fun learning again and one had every afternoon & evening to explore a wonderful old city & environs. Then I came back from Salzburg (saw the famous Marionettes), Innsbruck (took some lovely church interiors without a light meter), Zurich (where I stayed with David Brink's Swiss girl friend Verena whom you probably met last summer - yet you drove her home the night the Morris' handle was broken). Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Rhine to Cologne, then across Belgium & home.

Chris Hampton came with me to Cornwall in the car which performed very creditably. Robin has spent weeks & weeks doing it up - painted it all over, put

carpets inside, new roof over the
sun top. Tremendous clean up,
painted the whole engine silver etc.
It was however eat oil and had
3 flats, but it climbed 1 in 6
hills too! Shoi's still tells
sadly of how the soccer club missed
you in your first year. Cornwall
is a lovely district. At last I too
have been to Obvelly which you
visited last summer.

Incidentally, I'd put England
with Bermuda as regards summer
weather these days & that's really
saying something. No rain in months.

I am now at Liverpool St
station on my way to Holland &
Denmark, hitchhiking, alone. I
I'll remember you to Fleur if I
see her. Please give my best
wishes to Carole whom I believe
is with you now - tell her I
expect to see her in London by
book or by crook soon. It would
be the ideal combination.

My regards to your people too.

All the best,

Bruce

P.S. What happened to your bike ~~was~~
I can't believe my result even
now. Some people are born
lucky!

Corpus Christi College.

Oxford.

29. Oct. '56

..... and henceforth
ye shall be pointed out
as the Barrister with
the Pelican tie.....

Compliments and
Congratulations from

Bruce