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Building History



University Club (old Arts building and Law School), c1928-1976

The University Club was designed as the eventual home for Dalhousie's law school, though initially it was to house the Arts faculty. The third building built on the Studley campus, it was a part of the original campus plan drawn up by Toronto architect Frank Darling, in collaboration with Halifax-based architect Andrew R. Cobb and Dalhousie's governors. The need for a building to house the Arts faculty and students was clear by 1919; cramped in the Forrest Building, there was only one small common room for everyone's use. The new Temporary Arts building would solve the problem until a permanent building could be built, at which time the Law school would take over the University Club.

The cornerstone of the University Club was laid on April 19, 1920 by George S. Campbell, president of the Board of Governors. Campbell was presented with a silver trowel, the same one with which Lord Dalhousie laid the original cornerstone of Dalhousie College in 1815.



University Club (Law Library classroom), n.d.

Construction began in March 1921 and came to a total cost of \$100,000. It was directed by the university's Master builder, Colonel Marshall. The building opened in January, 1922. It had a student common room, Gazette office, lecture rooms and the Great Hall, which had temporary dividers forming three lecture rooms and nine faculty offices. University Club was occupied by Arts until 1952 when the Henry Hicks Arts and Academic building was at last built. The Law School called the University Club home until it moved to its new building in 1967.

Remodeling was necessary in 1952 to refurbish the University Club for the law school; among other changes, the dividing walls in the Great hall were removed to create a large reading room for the law library. In the 1970s the building housed a succession of departments and offices, including English, Mathematics, Theatre, the Computer Centre and Public Relations. In 1972 the Faculty Club took over operations. The Earl of Dalhousie Pub was opened in the basement in January 1980. The Great Hall was refurbished again in 1985.



Today the University Club is still the base of the Faculty Club; the Earl of Dalhousie Pub is in the basement, meeting rooms are on the first floor, and the Great Hall on the second floor is used for

University Club (old Arts building and Law School) - Night, c1928-1976 university and membership special events.

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Workmen remove the two-foot thick

Ivy from the old Dalhousie Law School, February 1966



The Faculty Club, n.d.



The Old Law Building, n.d.

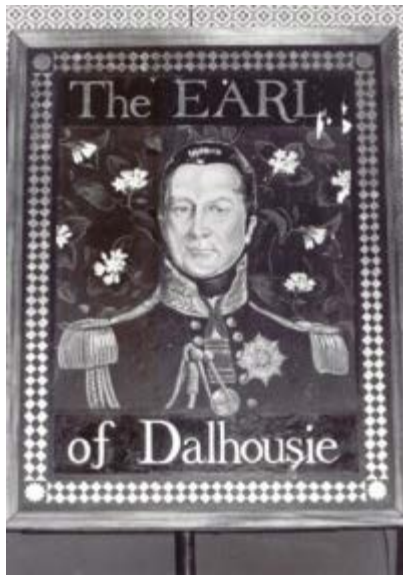


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