

# Dalhousie to Prepare Brief On Federal Aid to Students

NFCUS (National Federation of Canadian University Students) has announced the program of activities to be carried out this year by its members in sixteen Canadian Universities. The program for the year is based upon the proposition that several activities well done are of more advantage to the students than a long program of ambitious projects that cannot be carried out in the manner that they deserve.

## Carl Webber To Sorbonne

A French Government scholarship for one year's study at the Sorbonne in Paris has been awarded to Carl Webber of Halifax. Mr. Webber left Halifax for New York September 22, and sailed for LeHavre aboard the liner Ile de France, September 24. He has taken up residence in Paris at the Canadian House for university students, where he will remain for the next ten months. Mr. Webber intends to do advanced studies in French history of the reigns of Louis XIV to XVI in preparation for a Ph.D.

In 1948 Mr. Webber received his B.A. from Dalhousie, and he completed his thesis for a Master's degree in history this past summer. For the past three years he has been chess champion of Nova Scotia, and represented the province in the Dominion championships. He has also been an ardent amateur radio fan, operating his own "ham" station. As a member of the Glee Club Mr. Webber participated in several production and has been a well known figure on the campus.

The matter of Federal Aid to Universities stands high on the list of activities planned for this year. Aid directly to the universities and help for needy students are both included under this heading. Students of the NFCUS organizations of the Universities of British Columbia, Toronto and Dalhousie will prepare a brief on this subject to be presented to the Royal Commission on Arts, Letters and Science. This Commission began sitting at Halifax in January, under the chairmanship of the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey. The part of this report referring to scholarships will be presented to the National Scholarship Committee, headed by Norman McKenzie, President of U.B.C. who is also on the Royal Commission.

The Quebec Seminar will also receive attention from NFCUS members. This seminar is under the sponsorship of the University of Montreal and is intended to promote Canadian unity.

Other projects will be an investigation into the high cost of University text books, lower air travel rates for students and publicity for the NFCUS organization and its activities.

### CHAPEL NOTICE

Chapel services are held every morning at 8:40 a.m. in King's College Chapel, at the request of Dalhousie Professors and students. There is sufficient time to attend these brief services before the first class, and it is a good idea to start the day with a prayer.

### NOTICE

Intra-mural basketball for girls will commence on Oct. 19, at 1:30, and will continue every Wednesday and Friday at the same time. Beginners should meet at Miss Evans' office, for instruction.

## A Bare Question: Cheerleaders To Have New Look?

The question now raging about the campus is whether our cheerleaders are to come out in the "New Look" or whether their skirts will be short, short. The consensus appears to be (among the male students anyway) that short short skirts would be suitable. They go on to explain that for financial reasons the short short skirts would have the edge. The Students' Council budget has many demands on it, and longer skirts in the "New Look" would be definitely more expensive. When the student body sees that the cheerleaders, by wearing short skirts, are trying to spend as little as possible of the Council's meagre funds, they will be more disposed to cheer than if the girls spent more than necessary and came out in the new look.

## Sam Peeps --

(Continued from Page Two) the ball away, but one caught it and ran and there was much shouting. A great, hulking fellow named Lessgain took little runs wherein he hit many men and the scholars moved down the field. One Willsdaughter took the ball, and looked around and a youth came from outside the group and the ball was thrown to him and he ran to the other end of the field, and then there was great running and shouting and finally a great multitude around the field shouted very loud, and went away. I was then alone in the field.

Later that evening there was the sound of noise in the town, but being at the apothecary's I did stay there and pass away the evening with him for he was a man of much quality and skill.

Tuesday, October 18 — Lord, Lord, what iniquity there is in this world!

Today to Little Oxford for early service, being devout of late, and I did see a cleric, gowned and very fat, instructing the novices in their duties. "You shall not," said this fat man, "play at sports for the college on the hill, nor shall you joust in their lists, for it is written that no Oxfordman shall do so." And he further told them of the evil habits of these scholars at the college on the hill.

I did not go to service, being much incensed at this, for I have seen their indenture and it states that they shall indeed play at sports for the college on the hill, being members thereof, if they so wish. In a great rage to the Lady Hamilton, where I did sit long to cool myself, talking great matters of state with Will Hen, the politician.

That afternoon to a joust of the scholars against those of Arcadia, held at the field of the Meanders. These Arcadians, who are also called Appleknockers, are a most ardent collections of yokels, and did defeat the scholars most badly. Some talk later of an expedition to quell them, but I have studied the question and the foremost authority, (Pockle on Jungle Warfare) states (At pp 9370 et seq.) that these expeditions are most difficult and costly, since the natives are most elusive.

Later to the Gym Inn in company with Lightert of the Spectator (early edition), where I did tell him of my escape from those from Marmalade Hovel, which is a most thrilling tale. Did there hear also another amazing tale. It appears that in Pine Hell Monastery there dwell the students at divinity, who are a most gentle lot. But one of these, whose name I did not catch, is a most unusual divine. He, it seems, did descend into the domestics' wing and proceed to tear their beds, at which they were most alarmed and fell upon him in great numbers and cast him into the showers. Much amazed at these theologues, home and to bed.

## I. S. S. Seminar Stresses Theme of "The Individual and Society"

Canadian customs, immigration officials, Holland America Line passenger agents and many more important looking gentlemen were the first indications that the time had actually approached to embark upon our voyage to "far away places". Quebec's Wolfe Cove was the scene of all this commotion, all this hustle and bustle.

After much patient queuing we finally crossed the gangplank and set foot upon the SS Volendam which was to house us for the next ten days. Our group of fifty Canadians soon found itself lost amidst the one thousand five hundred American students who made up almost the entire ship's passenger list.

We found that our ISS seminar was only one among many other projects taking place in various parts of Europe this summer. For instance . . . we found many students going to work camps to France, Belgium, England and Switzerland to rebuild destroyed universities, training schools and housing facilities, many were on organized study tours, Trination tours sponsored by the NSA, university summer schools and youth festivals. Others were merely on their own or in small groups for the purpose of sight seeing.

Upon our arrival in Rotterdam we proceeded at once to Castle Bouvigne just outside of Breda which is in the Province of North Brabant in the southern part of Holland.

The formal theme of the Seminar was "The Individual and Society" which was indeed the central point but from which many divergent topics grew up. This was particularly so because of the large number of students participating many representing different fields of specialization. Therefore the lectures which were held in the mornings dealt only broadly with the topics intended, merely to furnish basic material to be developed in the afternoon seminars and in our own "bull sessions".

Our professorial staff included Dr. Marcus Long and Dr. L. Lynch from the Department of Philosophy of the University of Toronto; Dr. A. R. M. Lower from the Department of History at Queens; Prof. Bladen and Professor A. Brady from the Department of Political Economy of the University of Toronto, Professor J. S. Corry from Queens, Dean Carles de Koninck from Laval University, Prof. Shea from Columbia and Turvey from the London School of Economics and Professor J. W. G. Macdonald from the Ontario College of Art, and Professor R. Beaudoin from the McGill Law School.

The afternoon seminars, of which we were allowed to choose two, were held on a very informal basis. They were usually composed of about twenty students and were headed by one of the staff members whose task it was to encourage debate among the group, to summarize what had already been said and in general to keep the discussion progressing. In some groups, one student each day was responsible for presenting a paper as a short introduction to the discussion which was to follow. The Seminars included the following groups: art, philosophy, economics, political science, mass communication, history and various other fields.

Besides regular lectures we were also given the opportunity of hearing several outstanding speakers, among them Andre Siegfried, Dr. Brogan from Cambridge, Dr. Brugmans from Utrecht and Dean Douglas from Queens. Furthermore, to round out our program we were honored with a brilliant performance by the Hague String Quartet, as well as several other well known musicians. A Dutch Student Amateur Dramatic Club from the Technical High School at Delft brought us four charming plays done in excellent English. Wednesdays were usually set aside for trips which the entire group undertook, while the week ends were our own and gave the Canadians particularly a chance to do a little sight seeing.

Five weeks spent at a seminar of this type, in such ideal surroundings, with people from so many different lands, with such varied backgrounds and experiences, coming together with the idea of trying to analyze and understand one another's problems, to reason and not to argue on prejudice makes it not impossible to consider that perhaps a happier and brighter future lies ahead.

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