

# HUNDREDS ATTEND STUDENTS' FORUM

## Conference Delegates Speak At Open House

The Student Christian Movement of Dalhousie University held a most informative and interesting Open House in the East Common Room of the Dalhousie Men's Residence Sunday afternoon. Between 40 and 50 people attended.

The delegates who attended the Quadrennial Ecumenical Student Conference at Athena, Ohio, during the Christmas holidays gave accounts of various aspects of the Conference. The fact that 3500 students representing 80 countries and almost as many various denominations and creeds of the Christian faith were able to meet and discuss their various problems as fellow Christians, with no thought of denominational differences, bears witness to the ecumenical spirit of the conference.

That the Christian church by reconciliation to his fellow Man as brother and friend regardless of his race or cultural background gives hope that the Christian faith as a way of life is the answer to the revolutionary trouble developing in the world today.

An open discussion was held after the speeches by the panel of delegates. On Sunday, January 29, there is to be an Open House at 3:30 in the same room at the residence. The topic will be "The Student in the University", to be introduced by Dr. Wilson, Professor of History at Dalhousie. This meeting is open to the public.

## Doctors Pick Sue Farrer



SUE FARRER  
(Photo by Jollymore)

Sue Farrer, a senior Arts student from Saint John, N. B., has been chosen by the Medical Society as their candidate for Campus Queen in the Munro Day competition.

Sue came to Dal in the fall of 1952 after graduating from Saint John High School. During her first year she joined Alpha Gamma Delta fraternity, and sang in the Glee Club chorus. She also took an active part in D.G.A.C. Since then she has been very active in fraternity affairs, holding executive positions on several committees.

Last year Sue won a scholarship from the University Women's Club of Saint John. This year she is president of Alpha Gamma Delta, president of Panhellenic, art editor of Pharos, and a very active member of the Rink Rats. Sue graduates this year with a B.A., with a major in English.

## Dr. Kerr, Brown Answer Queries

### Pocketbooks, Chow, Pop Chewed

There was ample evidence of student interest on this campus when Dr. A. E. Kerr, University President and Doug Brown, President of the Students' Council, last Thursday met the student body in a Students' Forum for the first time at Dalhousie. Hailed as a "Beef Meet" or a "Gripe Session", the Forum was an over-whelming success as nearly 400 students heard Dr. A. E. Kerr and Doug Brown answer the many questions put them. Both Dr. Kerr and Doug Brown answered in a clear, straight-forward way the many inquiries which had been submitted to them.

#### CAFETERIA

Most of the questions were directed to Dr. Kerr who gave a complete and detailed answer in almost every case. Several students expressed dissatisfaction with the present operation of the canteen and bookstore. With respect to the canteen, Dr. Kerr said that many systems had been tried, including a cafeteria, and that it was the opinion of the University that the present one under Mr. Atwood's management was the most satisfactory to date. Moreover, he pointed out, it is the cheapest way of serving meals. "The bookstore," said Dr. Kerr, "has been operated well and faithfully for 25 years by Mr. Atwood". He said he was not adverse to a student-run bookstore but left the subject to Mr. Brown to deal with.

#### LIBRARIES

In reply to a questioner who wanted to know why the campus libraries were closed Saturday afternoons and Sundays, Dr. Kerr said that the University librarian had studied the calendars of 30 Canadian Universities including all the larger ones, and he could find no indication of any which opened their libraries on Sunday except two—one of them in the Maritime Provinces. He also said, "I can think of a more profitable use of Sunday than to apply it to the books on which you have laboured for six days". Most other leading Canadian Universities close their libraries on Saturday afternoons and on Sundays. The problem of keeping open on Saturday afternoons could be solved if money were available, but the salaries required to provide the present library services have increased more than four times in the last ten years.

#### FINANCES

Turning particularly to finances, Dalhousie's President said that the average student pays only 37.3% of the cost of operating the University. In the last ten years the budget has risen over one million dollars. However, figures show that Dal's fees compare favourably with other Canadian Universities. The figures given below are the amounts paid by the student per year.

	B.A.	B.Sc.
Dal	256.50	296
Mt. Allison	268	268
St. F.X.	268	268
U.N.B.	272	307
Acadia	280	280
Queen's	324	
U. of Toronto	329-340	
McGill	365	390

#### POP MACHINE

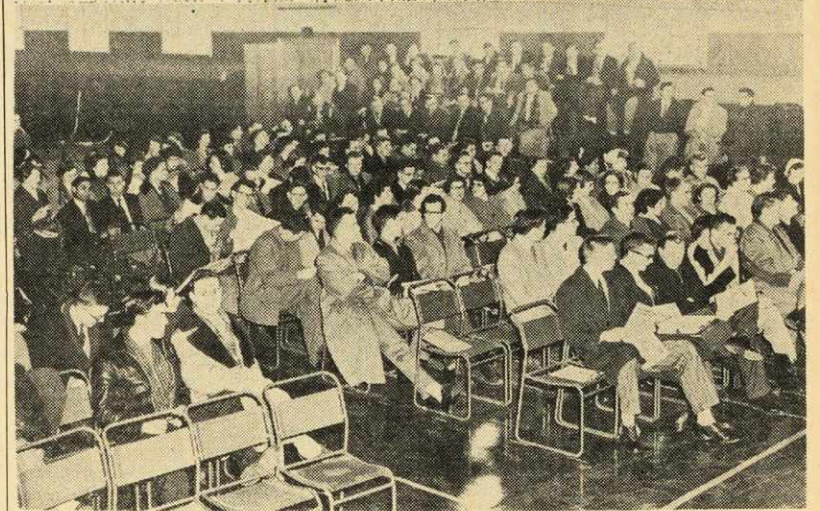
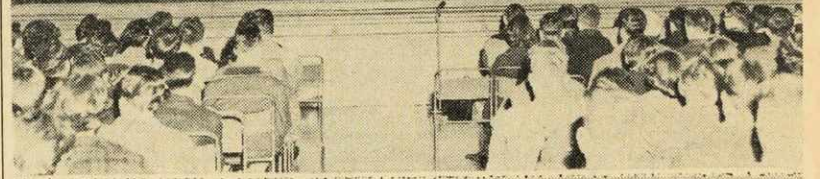
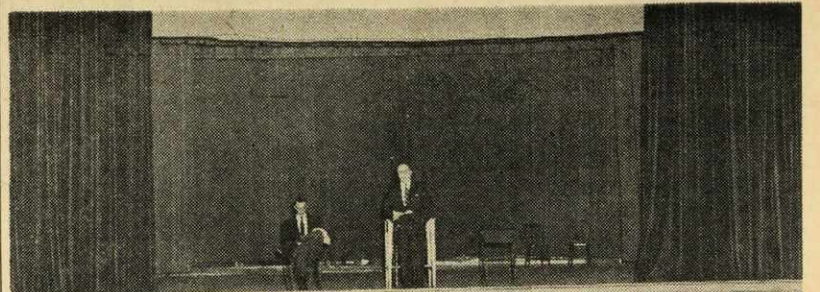
On the question of a pop-vending machine for the Law School, President Kerr stated that he concurred with the disapproving opinions of University Engineer, Prof. H. R. Theakston and Dean H. E. Read of the Law School. Dr. Kerr's answer to this question was received with noticeable dissatisfaction by the student body.

#### FEES

Council President Doug Brown was asked why all students had to pay the same high Students' Council Fee. He replied that Dalhousie's fee was the lowest in Canada and that it would be impossible to charge each student a different rate. Commenting on the bookstore Mr. Brown pointed out the difficulties in the proposed student-run bookstore, including the problem of getting people to work in it. He also felt that the present system was reasonably satisfactory.

In conclusion, Dr. Kerr pointed out that managing an endowed university was not an easy matter and that Dal must find more money if she were to maintain her high standards.

## Students Hear Some Answers



LARGELY ATTENDED—Showing a deep interest in university affairs students flocked to the Dal gym on Thursday, Jan. 19 to hear President A. E. Kerr, assisted by Student Council President Doug Brown, answer questions submitted earlier by students. Shown above are the students critically appraising the answers given by the President of the University.

(Photos by Jollymore)

## Hillel Plans To Help

Hillel held its first meeting of '56 on Tuesday, January 10th, when Mr. Edgar Miller spoke to the group and asked for their help and support at the local hockey game to be sponsored by B'nai B'rith. This benefit hockey game is to be an annual event and all proceeds are to go to the Children's Hospital.

The annual Hillel Convention is to be held in Kingston during Feb. 2nd to 6th. It is hoped that at least one representative will be sent from Dal.

It has been learned that Herman Wouk, the author of the "Caine Mutiny" and "Marjorie Morningstar" will not be able to come to Halifax and address the students, as had been anticipated.

## Student Forum To Hear National NFCUS Pres.

The second student forum of the year will be held next Tuesday, January 31st in Room 21 of the Arts Building. Peter Martin, president of the National Federation of Canadian University students, will be the principal speaker and Council President Doug Brown will be chairman.

## GODIVA IN BAD TASTE

John Jay, president of the Dalhousie Engineering Society, said today that due to intervention by university officials, the 'GODIVA' theme of their forthcoming ball had been changed. President A. E. Kerr suggested the fountain idea formerly proposed as "in bad taste".

In the few days that remain an effort will be made to duplicate in splendour the elaborate fountain that was to have adorned the ball-room at the Nova Scotian Hotel.

To further clear up the issue and to clarify an excerpt published in the Halifax Mail-Star, the money in the proposed budget is made up entirely of funds from the Engineering Students' Society and from the sale of tickets and in no way is the university administration involved.

Also up for discussion and vote will be a raise of \$3.00 in the Student Council fee, which at \$13.00, is the lowest in Canada.

Following the excellent turnout of students to the forum last week, the Council hopes for a large crowd next Tuesday. NFCUS is no longer the burning question on this campus that it was a couple of years ago, but the report of the National president will have great interest to Dalhousie students.

While in Halifax, Peter will meet the Students' Councils and NFCUS committees at Dal and King's following his address to the student forum. On next Tuesday he will appear on CBHT's program "Gazette" with two members of the Dal NFCUS committee.

The time: 12 noon.  
\* NFCUS President  
\* Fee raise

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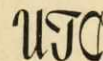
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