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## FENCE FOR FOOTBALL FIELD

### Decide To Join Nifcus This Season

The Dalhousie University Students' Council voted in favour of joining the National Federation of Canadian University Students at a special session of the Council held last Thursday night, it was announced jointly by Ross Hamilton, council president, and Al Lomas, newly-appointed chairman of the Dalhousie Committee of the N. F. C. U. S., last evening.

The decision was made following the visit of Hamilton and Lomas to Mount Allison University, November 2, to inquire into the nature of Nifcus.

During the council session, funds were voted to Al Lomas to cover his expenses to the maritime regional conference held at Mount Allison last Sunday, and to the annual national conference to be held at the University of Manitoba, at Winnipeg, this Christmas. The possibility of an additional Dalhousie delegate attending the Winnipeg conference is now under consideration.

With the announcement at Mt. Allison last weekend that Dalhousie, St. Francis Xavier and St. Dunstan's have signified their intention of joining Nifcus, the organization is now 100 per cent representative of Canadian University students.

One major point of discussion — the proposed affiliation of the N. F. C. U. S. with I. U. S. — was deferred until a later date until representatives could better express the opinions of the students of their universities. This mooted union with the communist-dominated International Union of Students will occupy a considerable part of the Christmas conference.

The agenda of the Winnipeg conference will be devoted to discussion of such subjects as, Affiliation with student groups, establishment of a live Nifcus magazine, arrangements for a film on student conditions, status, etc., by National Film Board, transportation to Europe by American ships, group insurance, abolishing of payment of unemployment insurance by students publicity, National student day, national intercollegiate athletic union, establishment of \$1,000 scholarships and a long list of other matters of importance to students all across the Dominion.

In addition, the delegates will discuss Student free loan funds, reduced railway fare and Government assistance to students.



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### STUDENTS TO HEAR CIVIL SERVICE MAN

### To Conduct Aptitude Tests Here

Professional aptitude tests will be available for second and third year pre-medical and pre-dental students, on February 2, 1948. These are not required for admission to Medicine and Dentistry at Dalhousie, but are strongly recommended by the Faculties.

The test is given simultaneously to several thousands of students in hundreds of colleges in the United States and Canada, and is uniform and completely objective. Answers are given by checking one of several possible answers to the questions set, and marking is recorded by electrical machines, which indicate the student's comparative position in each subject.

Tests cover Verbal Ability (Vocabulary and Comprehension), Premedical Science and Social Studies.

No special study is required, and students who apply for the tests will be given further information well in advance of the examination. It will be appreciated if those intending to apply will put their names immediately on a list outside the Veteran Adviser's Office (Room 6, Men's Residence).

This year's graduate will have an opportunity in the next few days to hear and discuss employment in the Dominion Civil Service. Representatives of the Civil Service Commission are starting out this week to visit all universities and colleges across Canada, currently poster announcements of Civil Service examinations for administrative, professional and technical classes of positions are on display on all public notice boards.

Undergraduates considering plans for employment during the summer vacation in 1948 will be interested to learn that there are more than a thousand positions open in laboratory and field work across the country.

The Dominion Civil Service as Canada's greatest single employer, offers career opportunities in a wide range of fields. As the recruiting agency for personnel, the Civil Service Commission is eager to bring its message to all university students and to secure applications in large numbers for the various categories of positions now open.

Civil Service Commission officials visiting universities will address graduating classes and other student groups and will be available for individual interviews. Further details will be announced shortly.

### \$25,000 To Be Spent Repairing Football Field

By Jack Lusher

An estimated \$25,000 will be spent within the next two years in repairs to the playing surface of the Studley football field, construction of a high, strong board fence and repairs to existing seating accommodation together with the erection of additional stands around the end of the field, according to a statement issued Tuesday evening by Ross Hamilton, president of the Students Council.

It is understood that the repairs to the playing surface of the field will necessitate closing down of the field for two to three years. Either a covering of earth and sod will be applied to the gridiron, or a covering of earth which will be seeded. In either case students will not be able to use the field for some time. In the meantime, university authorities are casting about for an alternate field which can be used for Dalhousie teams until such time as the "Studley Desert" once more resembles a football field.

The text of Mr. Hamilton's statement follows:

### Big Weekend For Tigers In Athletics

Last weekend was a big one for Dalhousie students — the athletes especially. In a weekend that involved competition by Dalhousie in 5 sports, the Gold and Black took five victories.

At Mount Allison, the high-flying intermediate Tigers took the measure of the Tantramar squad 6-3 and found themselves at the top of the heap — they had won the Maritime Intermediate Intercollegiate Rugby Championship.

The soccer team added insult to injury as they downed the much chagrined Acadia team 2-1 at Wolfville in a soccer contest.

The badminton team went down to Liverpool where they kept up the regularity with which Dalhousie has been winning athletic events this season.

In basketball, the powerful, smooth-as-the-silk-in-their-shorts junior hoopsters downed the Dartmouth Boys Club at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night 56-31, while their younger cousins, the juvenile Tigers were defeated 31-21.

To round out the weekend, in the only contest played on the campus, the girls ground hockey team got into the win column as they defeated Edgemoor.

This, it appears, had been the greatest single weekend in the sporting world for Dalhousie in many, many years. It is to be sincerely hoped that the university's athletes will keep up the good work. The way things look from here, the hockey team will be hard to beat.

"The condition of the field was discussed by the council early this fall — before classes began. From information gathered at that time it was readily seen that the expenses involved, as well as the time element, was considerable. Through the engineer in charge of the grounds, the University knew of the condition of the field. As the fall wore on the field became in worse shape and the whole matter became more serious in nature. The teams felt the field dangerous, consequently we were forced to use Wanderers field with a considerable resulting expense to the council. I saw both Professor Theakston and Doctor Kerr and requested that action be taken with a view to reconditioning Studley field, and finding another field for use in the meantime.

Action has been taken. We have information regarding estimated cost and time for putting our playing field in shape. It is felt (despite some alumni objection) that a fence around the field is a necessity and it is recommended that this be a board one. The field itself must be re-surfaced, either with earth and sod, or earth and new grass. This done the field must be idle for two to three years. New stands are also a necessity.

The whole estimated (merely an estimate) cost is approximately \$25,000. I understand that tenders for the above operations are now being solicited. As yet another field has not been decided upon.

The field at Dalhousie is set on rock bottom, and we have ample evidence of that. It has been used for about 20 years. This last summer and fall were exceptionally dry. From the field account money was spent for

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