



DOUG BURNS, NFCUS president, visited the campus last week.

## Forrest Building Common Room To Be Remodelled

Conditions in the Men's Common Room of the Forrest Building will be vastly improved at the opening of the next term, according to word received by Sally Roper, vice-president of the Council of Students. The state of the Common Room has long been a sore point, but the Alumni Association has promised to remedy matters.

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for the support of the Nova Scotia legislature.

The work of the committee will be concluded with the results of the brief to the premier, and all the information gathered will be forwarded to scholarship campaign headquarters in Toronto for compilation with the results from every other Canadian university. The national committee will use the nation wide findings to persuade the Dominion government of the need for student aid.

The questionnaire came up with some interesting results. The committee had great co-operation from most students approached, and only 18 failed to complete their questionnaires. Last year, it was revealed, 23 of the students approached, or 15.6 per cent, made more than \$1000 in the summer. Against this the same number — 23 — made less than \$100. These were the highest percentages. A percentage of 13.6 made between \$700 and \$800, 12.3 per cent made between \$800 and \$900 and 11.6 made between \$600 and \$700. For the rest 7.5 per cent made between \$800-\$900, and the remaining 39.4 per cent made less than \$600. These figures indicate that out of every 100 students at Dal, 85 require outside assistance of some sort or other.

On a faculty basis the highest earners last summer were third year engineering students with an average of \$883.33, followed by first and second year pharmacy \$800, fourth year science \$782.40; first year medicine \$766.66, first year law \$761.47, second year law \$732.22, and second year engineering \$721.80. Lowest figures for the last summer were in fourth year dentistry with an average of \$383.33.

The NFCUS proposal, which will be made to the federal government, roughly follows the outline of the recommendations of the Massey Commission. These are for 100 Canada scholarships, worth \$1000 per year and tenable for four years; 250 national scholarships worth \$500 per year and tenable for four years; 2000 bursaries of \$500 per year tenable for four years and awarded partly on a basis of financial need. The basic purpose of the proposals is not merely to assist top-ranking students through college—the means are available to most in this class, anyway—but to assist the high school student of average intelligence to obtain higher training. Canada lags behind other countries—in particular Great Britain—in providing means to higher education. Implementation of the NFCUS proposals would be advantage not only to the individual student obtaining aid, but to the country as a whole by providing a greater abundance of trained minds at home, and reducing the necessity of importing brains from the United States and Europe.

Chiang Kai-shek on Formosa in order to contain Communism in the Pacific. The argued that Formosa was an important Pacific post and must be kept from the hands of Communism.

Secondly, the U. S. had made an agreement in 1945 to help Formosa and other western countries. If she broke her treaty with Formosa the other countries would probably lose faith in their treaties with her. This breach would leave the western camp open to the advances of Communism. From the points of defence and economic psychology they felt it impossible for the U. S. to withdraw their military support of Chiang Kai-shek on Formosa.

A split decision was given in favor of Mount Allison.

The Dalhousie Debating team was well received by Bob Adams, the president of the parliamentary society at Mount Allison University, and it is thought that much was gained from the debate.

Sally approached the Alumni with regard to the Common Room and the letter that she received is printed here:

Miss Sally Roper  
Students' Council Rep.,  
Alumni Relations Comm.

Dear Miss Roper:  
At a meeting of the Executive of the Dalhousie Alumni Association held on January 26, Mr. Harvey and Miss Wall reported that in their capacity as Alumni Relations Committee members they had been asked by the Students' Council to bring to the attention of the Association the neglected condition of the Men's Common Room in the Forrest Building, in the hope that it might be improved at the Association's expense.

The Executive that night organized a committee consisting of Dr. Murray Fraser, Mr. Havey and Miss Florence Wall to look into the matter. At the most recent executive meeting, held on February 15, it was agreed on motion that the project would be undertaken in May or June, the renovated room to be in readiness for the fall term.

Yours sincerely,  
(Signed) Dorothy P. Rhind,  
Secretary.

## NEWS BRIEFS

The Light Opera Society of Acadia University is presenting the Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera "Patience" in University Hall, Wolfville, this Friday and Saturday, March 4th and 5th. Several cast members from "Yeomen of the Guard" are planning to attend, and Russ Graves, the Society's president, has extended an open invitation.

Several apartments, mostly two-room, are available at Staff House No. 4, Mulgrave Park, for lease by married students at the University, for the College year 1955-56. Those interested are requested to contact the Office of Professor Theakston (3-7618) without delay. Preference will be given to ex-service students, should any apply.

Professor Boase, president of Magdalen College, Oxford University, who has been brought to Canada by the National Gallery, Ottawa, gave an illustrated lecture on the English artist Turner last Friday in 21 Arts. The lecture was well attended, and very interesting.

The University has posted lists of people to whom it owes money. If you have taken a science course in recent years and not collected the remainder of your lab deposit, check the lists to see if your name is there. Most of them are amounts of \$10 or more.

Information on NFCUS tours to Europe has been posted around the campus, and anyone interested in further details may contact Dennis Madden at 2-4510.

A pair of brown leather lined gloves were lost last Monday morning in room 21 or 23 of the Arts building. They are badly missed, and John Armstrong would appreciate their return to the Gazette office.

One of the most cleverly directed plays in the Connolly Shield competition was last evening's "Lucretia Borgia's Little Party," in which the cast was led by Dave Murray. Dave invented most of the business that made the one-acter so hilarious.

Information on summer courses at one of the most interesting schools in the country can be obtained by writing the Director of the Banff School of Fine Arts, Banff, Alberta. The school, operated during the summer by the University of Alberta, offers courses in many forms of art, theatre and dancing.

It has been announced that skating sessions for students will continue on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, after Munro Day.

A notable stage debut was made in Law's play, "Second Overture," in the Connolly Shield competition. Pat Fownes, who has participated in every part of the Glee Club's activities for several years except being seen on stage, finally made it as a 15-year-old princess in the Maxwell Anderson one-acter.



"Strange Adventure" was one of the musical highlights of last week's production of "Yeomen of the Guard." Singing the quartette are Carolyn Wiles (Kate), John Philips (Fairfax), Carmel Romo (Dame Carruthers), and Stuart MacKinnon (Sergeant Meryll).

## SCM Open House To End, IVCF Sees Chinese Film

The weekly Open Houses sponsored by the SCM will terminate for the year on Monday, March 14. Rev. N. Slaughter will be the speaker and he will continue with the subject being discussed—The Need for Christ. Former topics were: Psychological Religion, by N. Peal; Escape from God by Tillich, and the Beatitudes by Ditchburn. These meetings on Sunday afternoon have proved extremely thought provoking and enlightening.

Kyaw Than, the Assistant General Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation spoke at Kings on Monday, Feb. 28. His theme for this meeting was The Asian Viewpoint on the Ecumenical Church. Mr. Than was in the province for the weekend as guest speaker at the Acadia Spring Conference. Theme of the weekend was Federation in the universities of the world. He gave particular reference to these activities in South East Asia.

In Halifax on Monday, Feb. 28, Kyaw Than spoke at the morning Chapel Service, and at Kings. He also met with the executive of the local SCM.

Students are reminded of the dead line for applications for summer employment. Further information can be obtained at the SCM office.

### IVCF

The Inter-Variety Christian Fellowship held a very successful meeting last Tuesday evening. "Power on Earth," one of the last films to be produced by the China Inland Missions before the Communist regime, was presented. This film showed the great work done by the missionaries and devoted Chinese in that country. Their efforts have resulted in large portions of the Bible being translated and distributed to the people.

The Rev. Frank Lawson was the guest speaker. The main theme of his talk was "What are you going to do with your life?" He stressed the great need today for more devoted Christians in the ministry, as well as in every walk of life.

## Munro Day To Be Eventful

Preliminary plans for the Munro Day program were announced last weekend by Anne Thompson, chairman of the Council Committee. The day, named in honor of Dalhousie's first benefactor. All classes will be cancelled on this day that climaxes, and officially ends, student activities. Following is the schedule of events for Tuesday, March 8th:

- 9:30 a.m.—Basketball game Phi Delta Theta vs. Sigma Chi
  - 10:30 a.m.—Skating session
  - 12:30 p.m.—Hockey game Inter-Faculty Championships
  - 1:45 p.m.—Basketball game Inter-Faculty Championships
  - 3:00 p.m.—Campus Queen show Judges: Professor C. Bennet Professor J. Graham Coach A. Thomas
  - 4:00 p.m.—Quartet Contest
  - 7:00 p.m.—Munro Day Variety Show
  - 8:30 p.m.—Presentation of New Student Council
  - 8:45 p.m.—Presentation of Awards Alumni Speaker, Mr. A. G. Archibald
  - 10:00 p.m.—Crowning of Campus Queen
  - 10:30 p.m.—Dance
- Admission by Student Council Card

## Seven Plays For Shield

Monday and Tuesday of this week there were presented in the gym seven plays in competition for the Connolly Shield. Instituted by Captain Joseph Connolly, a Dalhousie Law graduate, the Connolly Shield Competitions, open to any campus organization, and aids in finding talent for major Glee and Dramatic Club presentations.

On Monday, three plays were presented. The first, offered by Phi Kappa Pi fraternity was "Fatal Wings," an original play written and directed by Malcolm Smith, who also played a lead role. A group from Education was next on the program. Their play was "Wurtzel-Flummery," directed by Nita Sedaris. The evening's entertainment was rounded out with the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity's production of "Ophelia," based on the Ophelia of Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Miss Carol Vincent was the director.

Getting the evening off to a fine start Tuesday, was "The Dabblers," presented by Delta Gamma, and directed by Iris Cappell. Next on the program was the Philosophy Club's production of "Lucretia Borgia's Little Party." This was ably directed by David Murray. The Law School's contribution was Maxwell's Anderson's "Second Overture," directed by David Peel. The last play of the competition was the melodrama "Inconstant Moon," by Philip Johnston, directed by Tony Crawford, and presented by King's.

This year's competition continued the success established by the competition last year, when seven plays were entered after several seasons with two or three. The competition was adjudicated by Prof. C. L. Bennet, and the winners of the awards will be announced on Munro Day.

## Ice Carnival, Dance Coming

The last opportunity to attend a function in the Dalhousie gym before Munro Day will be this Friday night, March 4, when you will have a chance to hear and to dance to the music of Wally Bergman's orchestra. The Arts and Science Society has had the great fortune of being able to obtain the services of this highly talented group of Dalhousie musicians to help to make their dance a success.

Again, the A and S Society are going all out to make this a complete weekend, with a first, a first in the history of Dalhousie—a Munro Day Ice Carnival. This colorful event will take place on the eve of Munro Day, Monday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The Society has drawn on the best Dalhousie skating talent to make this event a very successful one. For any event of this kind, only one type of music is suitable and that is the music of the HMCS Stadacona Band.

A chorus line from Shirreff Hall will perform on skates. At present, it is planned that there will be inter-fraternity racing and various kinds of speed races for all those who are interested in participating. We are fortunate in having on our campus some very talented figure skaters and these people will display their graces in a variety of singles and duos. In addition to this, the Shirreff Hall Tigresses will play hockey against the professors. To round out this grand evening of entertainment, clowns will provide fun, and a Fancy Dress Contest will be staged for which a prize is offered. All interested Dalhousians are urged to participate or at least attend.

ral ability for their parts. Mr. Day as Jack Point and Jester has found his medium. In past performances playing such parts as the Grand Inquisitor he was too much restricted whereas he had a free rein for his talent for comedy as Jack Point. I cannot remember ever seeing a player who frolicked through a performance with more natural enjoyment than Graham Day. His opposite, Wilfred Shadbolt, played by David Peel was the highlight of the evening. Mr. Peel is a veteran of the Dalhousie stage who usually plays straight parts in the role of David Peel. As Shadbolt he played his best role.

In the overall picture the production was a good evening's entertainment. The Glee Club are to be commended for their efforts in producing Yeomen of the Guard for those who appreciate Gilbert and Sullivan. I do not appreciate Gilbert and Sullivan,

## Burns Praises Dal NFCUS

Last week Dalhousie was honored by a visit from Doug Burns, the national president of NFCUS. Doug was very enthusiastic about the work done by the Dal NFCUS committee this year. At the student forum held on Tuesday, he presented the President of the Student Council Vic Bursall, with a scroll of membership and thanked both the council and the Gazette for their support of the NFCUS campaign this year. He did not have time to speak to the Council, but he did address the committee and told them that Dalhousie was looked on as a leader of NFCUS in the Maritimes. During his visit, Doug also spoke to student groups at King's, St. Mary's and Mount St. Vincent.

His praise was well deserved. Never before has Dal taken such an interest in NFCUS. After some colleges had dropped out of the federation a referendum here decided in favor of remaining in it. At Christmas, employment was arranged for many students and discounts at some local stores were obtained. Also, the committee here has played a very active part in the campaign for a national scholarship from the Canadian government.

## Final Radio Show Aired

Last Saturday night brought to a close for the year "Music From Dalhousie," which was heard every Saturday night at 7:45 over CJCH. Last week's program featured Nell Chisholm as its soloist. She sang "Out of my Dreams," from "Oklahoma." The chorus sang two songs from "TV or NOT TV," "Tiptoe Through the Tulips," and "September Song" with Stuart MacKinnon. Pianist Eleanor Ritcey was heard in a solo of "Lady be Good."

The program, which started last October, was the result of the hard work of Graham Day, President of DGDS, who directed the chorus, David Peel, the announcer, and script writer Eleanor Ritcey, the accompanist, the chorus and the soloists. Bridgewater, Yarmouth, Truro, Windsor, Kentville, Sydney, New Glasgow, Moncton and Halifax carried the program over their stations.

The soloists throughout the year were Nell Chisholm, Carmel Romo, Stuart MacKinnon, Eleanor Ritcey, Bill Smith and Don Carr. The "Fourflushers" also made an appearance several times on the program. The four boys in this quartet are Stuart MacKinnon, Graham Day, Gordon McMurtry, and John Campbell. Credit also goes to Joan Nickerson, who was accompanist for one program.

## Debaters Lose To Mount A.

Dalhousie debaters travelled to Mount Allison University recently where they suffered a defeat at the hands of the Mount A debating team, on the question resolved that the United States withdraw immediate military support of Chiang Kai-shek on Formosa.

Dick Vogel and Barry Speton argued the negative for Dalhousie while Len St. Hill and Lauren Johnson debated the affirmative.

Mount A based their argument on the fact that the Chinese had a former claim on Formosa. Even though China is now mainly Communist, this fact does not erase their former claim. Therefore, the Chinese should still control Formosa and U. S. military aid be withdrawn.

Dalhousie presented the fact that the U. S. must continue to help

## MED BALL

Thursday, March 3rd  
LORD NELSON (HOTEL)  
Don Warner's Orchestra  
\$3.00 per couple