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VETS CONFER IN MONTREAL

A three day conference of Student Vets held at McGill between Christmas and New Year's got off to a hectic start with the forced resignation of the National Conference president, Leonard Starkey (McGill) continued with much intense discussion of problems facing the university vet; and ended on a note of unity and strength of purpose which bears well for the future.

The 72 delegates of the NCSV represented most of the 70,000 student veterans attending universities, colleges and vocational training schools across Canada. Dalhousie was represented by three delegates, Helen Beveridge, Bob Mitchell and Leo McIntyre. Leo McIntyre was elected to the new National Council in place of Alec Hart.

The opening session was addressed by H. W. Jamieson, superintendent of university training for D.V.A.; Major Gen. C. B. Price, Dominion President of the Canadian Legion; and Prof. A. H. S. Gillson as official welcome for McGill university officials.

Lack Of Confidence

After the second plenary session, in which Len Starkey was forced to resign due to a vote of lack of confidence, the conference rolled up its sleeves and settled down to reviewing the briefs submitted by the various universities and colleges. These briefs along with other proposals were funneled through the three working panels: finance, employment and housing.

Finance Foremost

As was expected the most contentious questions were centered in the finance panel. Several plans were suggested as a means of increasing the maintenance grants, some of which were: the granting of a general overall increase both to single and married veterans; a sliding scale increase based on a means test; and an increase based on a regional cost of living index. Other methods of financial relief that were suggested concerned: book allowance, commutation allowance and loans. Out of these discussions resolutions were drafted with the conference keeping in mind two basic points which were considered essential: (1) the need in relation to the successful completion of the veteran's training and (2) the possibility of their acceptance by the government.

Both the housing and employment panels were greatly assisted by well prepared briefs submitted by several universities, prominent among them being McGill and U. B. C.

It may be well to express here the general feeling of the conference that (i) only through a unity of action may the veteran hope to obtain a thorough hearing of his problems by the government and (ii) that the solution of these problems should be not only for the betterment of his own situation but for Canada as a whole.

A complete report of the conference will be given at the next Vets meeting. Read the notice boards, and the GAZETTE for the time and place.

WANTED

Do YOU feel frustrated? Do you want a chance to unload your suppressed journalistic tendencies? Do you think you could make a second Hemingway? A Runyon? Do you want a place to go on rainy afternoons? Hot coffee at 3.30? Pleasant companionship? Do you want to know everything that happens, even before it happens?

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INTERFAC HOCKEY ORGANIZED

On Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. the first meeting of the Dalhousie inter-Faculty Hockey League was held in the gymnasium. Dave Doig, prexy of the D.A.A.C. presided.

President Doig informed the meeting that all games this year would be played at the Arena on Friday afternoons from 12.30 to 2.30. "The equipment problem will be eased this year", said Doig "in that shin-pads will be provided by the D.A.A.C."

The schedule is arranged so that each team will play all other teams at least twice. It was felt that this arrangement will provide each team with a sufficient number of games.

The general consensus of opinion is that the Freshman class, 700 strong, will ice the most formidable contender for the title, which at present is held by Law.

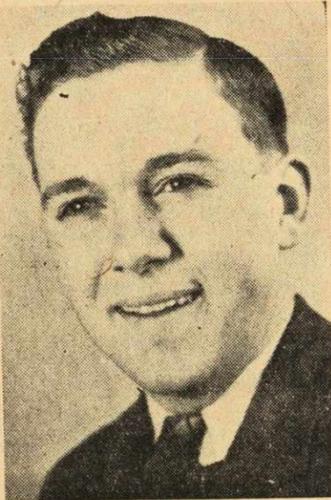
The representatives of the various faculties at Wednesday's meeting were Bob Blois, Law; Lee Currie, Commerce; Zen Graves, Engineers and Jack MacCormack, Arts and Science.

Approximately eight teams will vie for championship honors, newcomers this year being Dents and Kings.

WATCH THIS SPACE SOMEONE MAY CONTRIBUTE NEXT WEEK

'47 RHODES SCHOLAR

According to the Dalhousie calendar, students entering the Arts faculty with Grade XII certificates "are advised that they cannot expect to complete the combined courses in Arts and Law in less than six years." One Allan Emrys Blakeney of Bridgewater,



ALLAN E. BLAKENEY

N. S., Nova Scotia's successful candidate this year for a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University appears never to have been aware of this "advice", or at least, not to have taken it to heart. For Al, graduating from Bridgewater High in the spring of '42 at the modest age of 16, proceeded immediately to Dalhousie, and now, five academic years later, is in the enviable position of being destined to depart in May with the coveted sheepskins from both the aforesaid faculties,—no mean feat, at that.

Nor has his sojourn at this venerable institution of learning been one remarkable for the number of hours devoted to the books. Indeed, the contrary is true. Al is well known on the (Continued on page 8)

The first national convention of Canadian university students to found a democratic socialistic organization interested in "developing political thought and progressive social action" was held at Toronto University during the Christmas vacations.

Although the federation is to be an autonomous body with no direct affiliation to any political party, the delegates from all parts of Canada unanimously voted to retain the name they had been tentatively using, the Co-operative Commonwealth University Federation, and went on record to state that their belief is that the C.C.F. is the only vehicle for the advancement of true democracy in Canada.

PHAROS FORMS NEW COMMITTEE

The formation of a new Editorial Board for the Year Book organization has been announced by Pharos Editor Bill Pope. The Editorial Board consists of seven members, who have been chosen because of their familiarity with campus events and organizations and because of their past Pharos experience. The purpose of the Editorial Board is to select appropriate, interesting, representative and high quality material, and to suggest to the Pharos Editors that such material be included in the 1947 Year Book.

Members of the Pharos Editorial Board include Larry Sutherland, former Year Book Editor and last year's Council President, Al Lomas, present editor of the GAZETTE, Jim Bell, assistant editor of Pharos, Liz Reeves, 4th year Arts student and former vice-president of the Glee Club, Kaye MacLean, president of Delta Gamma, Bob Hatcher, graduate student in science, and Bill Pope, editor of Pharos.

The Editorial Board will concern themselves with such matters as whether color should be included in the Year Book, and, if so, on what pages it should be used; whether the graduate section should be placed near the front of the book or whether it should be included as the last section of the book; whether or not the format of the graduate pages should be revamped and that the (Continued on Page 8)

Deploring the action of some universities in Canada which permit no political clubs to function on their campuses, the federation, in a statement of aims, declared: "We believe that it is both inevitable and desirable that students should form themselves into political groups corresponding to the existing parties in the community. Such political groups assist students to understand the world around them and to translate their study of social philosophies into a concrete contribution to society."

Queen's "Ostrich-Like"

The action of Queen's University in banning all political clubs after an active campaign by the university paper supporting a plebiscite based on a referendum, reported by a Queen's delegate to be "heavily slanted" was considered to be anti-democratic and "ostrich-like" in that subversive clubs, which normally function underground, would be able to continue their programs without opposition from the Liberal, Progressive Conservative and the C. C. F. parties. The delegate from the Queen's club which has been meeting openly off the campus expressed the belief that this action was directed against the C.C.F. whose philosophies are based on "progressive thought rather than against the 'old-line' parties whose very existence depends on negative or 'laissez-faire' thinking."

It was unanimously decided by the delegates, because of the insufficiency of funds, distances involved in travelling, the lack of time of student members, and the (Continued on Page 8)

Mental Mentors Meet

On Tuesday, January 7, 1947, the curtain went up for the first time in the New Year on Dalhousie Citizens' Forum. The Forum closed the week before Christmas examinations and now we welcome back all the familiar faces, who come to exhibit their skills of oratory, in witticism and profound thought.

The evening got off to a good start with a very instructive and thought-provoking film on the desperate food situation in Europe. Following the film, the group listened with intent, as the experts debated the topic of the evening, "Is Germany Still a Menace? What can be done?" which was broadcast from London, England.

At 10 p.m. the forum itself got down to business on the questions immediately before it. The first question was whether to carry out the terms of the Potsdam Agreement in full and strip Germany of her industry, allowing her only the average subsistence level of Europe, or to allow her to rebuild and pay reparations out of current production. It was decided that neither plan was entirely acceptable, but that the principles underlying the British-U. S. talks, that of making Germany an economic self-supporting unit, should be promoted. The forum felt that the second question was poorly worded, referring to Canada's withdrawal of occupation forces and her failure to assume direct responsibility to aid Britain in feeding the British zone. It was pointed out that Canada alone had achieved her full quota of food shipped to devastated Europe.

The numbers were very low at this meeting, and although this may be excused on the grounds of the first night, nevertheless there surely must be more than twenty-five students out of seventeen hundred, interested in important current questions. Any one of the regular attendants will assure you that it is an evening well spent, with good movies—excellent food for appetite and thought—and good fellowship.

So let's see you next TUESDAY, January 14—Subject for discussion: "SHOULD CONTROLS BE CONTINUED IN CANADA?"