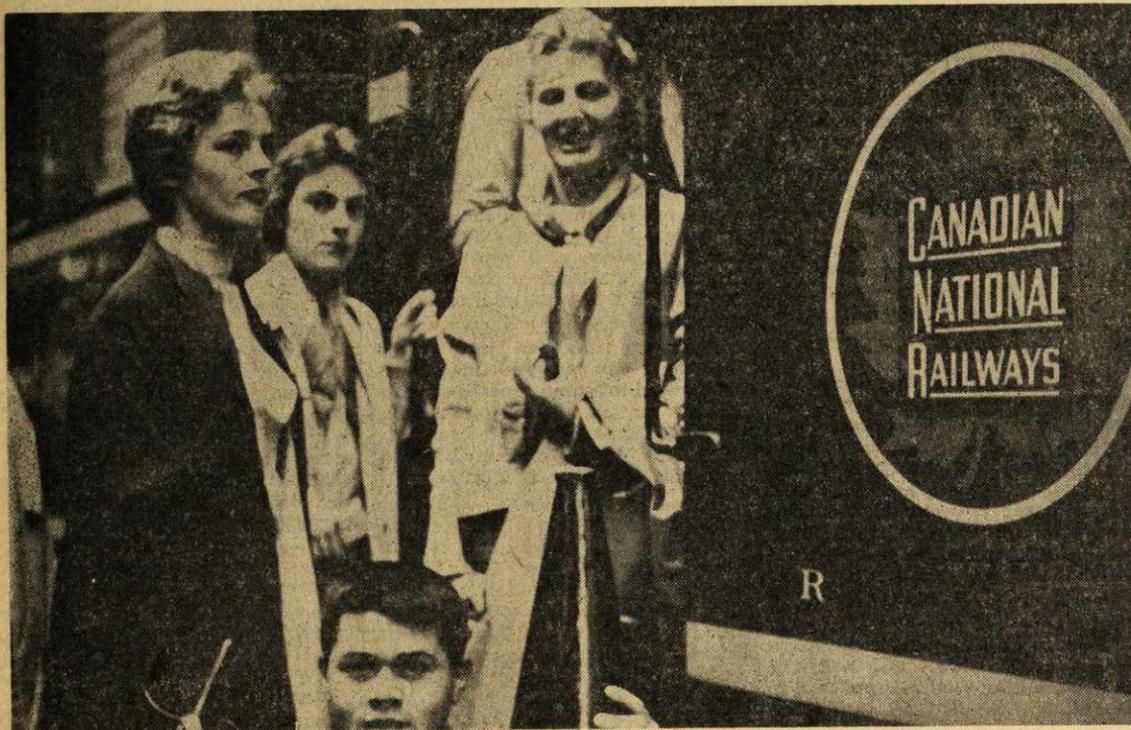


FANS HAD FUN -- and "X" won



"Midnight Train to Vienna" might be an apt title for this picture of danger and intrigue. These four Dalhousians were caught, in the cold grey of dawn, boarding the train known as "X"—shortly before our photographer's mysterious disappearance.

Future Trips Possible —Dalcom In Black

At 8:41 a.m. last Saturday, the five-car special DAR train rolled slowly out of Halifax's CNR station into the grey, fog-shrouded morning. Dalhousie's first "X" train of the year had departed, bearing some 200 gleeful, relatively care-free students to Antigonish. The point of the trip, other than the witnessing of the Dal-St. F.X. football class that afternoon, was seemingly obscure; but all those interviewed agreed that it definitely had one.

It was a trip not without incident. At Truro a person or persons unknown uncoupled the caboose, causing unscheduled delay; several persons disembarking briefly here had failed to return after train departure.

On board there was a state of happy relaxation. Hitherto unsung musicians came into their own, holding forth in every coach simultaneously. And the hours, to the spirited inmates — most of them freshmen and freshettes — passed quickly.

In St. F.X., however, celebrating and parades were cut out, the university town being in a state of mourning. Fans flooded the three small restaurants, and the town, in a fashion similar to former trips. At 7:40 p.m. the train began its long (4½ hour) journey home; its arrival in Halifax at 12:15 necessitated an extension of Shirreff Hall and other leaves.

The whole affair was well organized and handled by the Dalhousie Commerce Company, who, it is understood, did not lose money on it. Another such venture is contemplated for the future.

And for the Dalhousians involved, it was a trip to remember.

Arts & Science Lead Increase

Registration at Dalhousie for the 1958-59 term is up considerably from last year. Biggest gains by far were in Arts and Science, the two 'basic' faculties whose popularity is once again on the increase, after the post-war technical training boom.

	1957-58	1958-59
Total Registration	1579	1625
Arts & Science	990	1042
Arts, (Engineering, Engineering, Physics)	180	
1958-59 Special Students	68	
Education	37	
Commerce	135	
Arts	333	
Science (Pharmacy)	16	
Science	289	
Nursing	52	51
Law	152	131
Medicine	279	272
Dentistry	53	55
Graduate Studies	53	58

The increase was 2.9% over last year, as compared with last year's 2.5% over the previous year.

Where Does Dal Stand With King's-Pinehill?

How outdated is the Dalhousie-King's College agreement of 1953 regarding Kingsmen participating in Dal activities? This was one of the many topics to come under fire during the Dalhousie Students' Council's third meeting of the term, Tuesday night. The Council also heard an official report of the National NFCUS conference, discussed the proposed Med tri-semester system, and picked a committee to choose students for the McGill Committee to choose students for the McGill Conference on World Affairs.

Two new Council members were welcomed to the field: Barbara Hopkins (Education), and Marg Hawkins (Nursing). Then Stu MacKinnon's resignation from the Council and as NFCUS chairman was read and accepted; he received an ovation from the Council for his excellent record of service.

An ancient paper stating in effect that for \$4.00 King's students can attend all Dalhousie sports events, DGDS productions, and skating sessions, met with a mixed reception. Pine Hill-Dalhousie relations, on the same basis, also came under fire. Co-chairmen Wally Turnbull and Al Fleming will head a committee to deal with the matter.

The rink canteen, like the headless horseman, seeks a manager to undertake its lucrative operation. Deadline for applications is set at October 23rd (to the Council office) so that things may be prepared for the coming skating season. Opera-

ARTS & SCIENCE MEET; GET OUT YOUR KILT

The annual Tartan Twirl, which has been so great a success in the past two years, will be held again this year. Other highlights of last week's Arts and Science Meeting, the society's first this season, included discussion of the society's entry in the Connelly Shield Competition, and election of officers, to replace those elected last year who have not returned to Dal.

The meeting, held on October 7 at noon with about 40 people present, was conducted by Sidney Oland, president of the society. A new treasurer, Bill Dickson, was elected. "Goog" Fitzgerald was appointed sports representative, and Roger Doyle was elected to head the committee planning the Twirl. No date has yet been set for the dance, but it should be announced soon.

It was decided to enter a play in competition for the Connelly Shield and it was agreed that Ruth MacKenzie be asked to take charge of the arrangements.

There are still a great number of positions open, including those of Graduate Editor, Undergraduate Editor and "Campus Life" Editor. Experience is not necessary to work on the staff of Pharos.

A special purchase offer will be made this year to undergraduates. Undergrads who pay for their Pharos by November 27 will receive a 10% discount. Students may register for this offer by bringing their \$4.50 to the Pharos office on any Tuesday or Thursday between 12 noon and 12:30 p.m., from now until November 27.

The forthcoming Pharos promises to be one of the best yearbook editions published; but it needs your support.

tion will be upon a salary-plus-percentage basis.

Chosen on the World Affairs committee were Professors MacLean and MacKay, Judy Bennett and Jack Davison. The Council also:

—Chose Peter Outhit to head the Student Council dance committee.
—Picked the dates of the Blood Drive as November 4, 5 and 6.

"Pharos" Launched

Although the college year is still young, plans are well underway for the 1959 edition of the Dalhousie year book, Pharos. Editor Hugh Gorman is hard at work assembling a staff and making arrangements for the colorful publication.

This year, greater emphasis will be laid on the "Campus Life" section of Pharos, and students will be given a chance to contribute pictures of interest to the staff for consideration. Boxes will be placed in the Men's Residence and Shirreff Hall, and students who have interesting photos will be provided, said Editor Gorman.

MacKINNON, FRASER ON NFCUS EXECUTIVE

The twenty-second Congress of the National Federation of Canadian University Students was held from October 5th to 9th in Ottawa, with delegates from thirty universities and colleges present.

Main work of the congress dealt with commissions on National Affairs, Administration and Finance, and International Affairs. Dalhousie, having a large delegation, was represented on all commissions.

Topics discussed at three NFCUS symposiums were "International Affairs"; "Is Free Higher Education Desirable in Canada?"; and "The Rights and Obligations of a Student". People experienced in these topics, and persons having a great interest in student affairs were the panelists.

The highlight of the congress for the Atlantic Region occurred on Thursday, when two Dalhousie delegates were elected to the National Executive of the Federation. Stu

MacKinnon, Dalhousie NFCUS chairman, was elected vice-president for National Affairs, succeeding Ed Harris, a Dalhousie Law graduate presently studying at Harvard, Murray Fraser, past president of the Dalhousie Student Council, was elected Atlantic Regional President. (Murray is also an associate editor of this newspaper.)

The outgoing NFCUS President, Walter Tarnopolsky, noted that this congress had been an important point in the life of NFCUS. Membership in the Federation now includes all but two small Canadian universities. For the first time, understanding among students across the nation has reached a level where they can work together to attain common goals.

Next year the 23rd Congress of NFCUS will be held at the University of Saskatchewan. Dalhousie has asked that the Congress be held here in 1960.