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NFCUS Appoints Acting Chairman

Gary Homer was nominated for the post of Dal NFCUS chairman at a meeting held last Wednesday, due to the resignation of former chairman, Stu MacKinnon, who was elected vice-president of National Affairs, at the recent NFCUS national congress held in Ottawa.

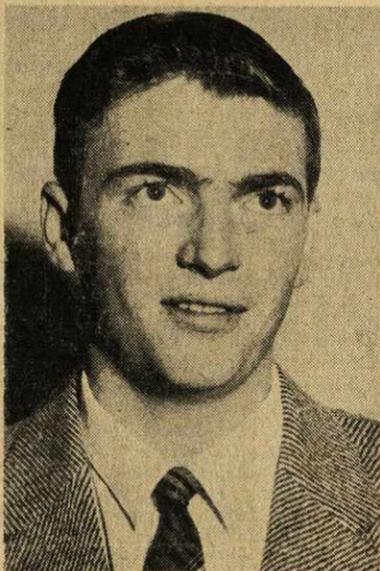
Nominations will close October 28, when Stu's resignation becomes effective. So far Gary Homer is the only student to be nominated.

Gary attended Memorial University, Newfoundland, where he was chairman of the first NFCUS organization on that campus. Since entering Dal Law School last fall he has been active in NFCUS functions and was a member of the Dal delegation to the 22nd National Conference in the nation's capital.

At the meeting held Wednesday in the West Common Room it was announced that there is a strong possibility that the 1960 National Conference would be held at Dalhousie. A committee, headed by Peter Green, was set up to make preliminary plans for this conference. Other committee members include, George Murray, Lorraine Kirby, Lew Matheson, Murray Fraser, Dave Matheson and Stu MacKinnon. The new chairman, along with Norm Rebin, will act in an ex-officio capacity.

A report on the National Conference was given by the chairman and one on the International Affairs Commission by Peter Green. A mandate was given Dalhousie to set up and maintain correspondence with international student publications, which will involve contracting other Canadian universities and writing an article on Canadian student life based on the findings. It is hoped that this article will be published in 'The Student', a magazine put out by the International Student Conference. In charge will be Doug Smith, assisted by Alan Fleming and Mark Foisey.

Students are reminded that the NFCUS Photo Contest will close on November 30, and anyone interested



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in entering is asked to get in touch with Henry Roper. In last year's contest there were few Dal entries, so it is hoped that a better showing will be made this year.

NFCUS is composed of more than 65,000 students in some 31 universities. Its purpose is to encourage better understanding among students and to promote student needs and interests to other groups. Some of its achievements include, inter-racial scholarships, reduced railway fares, organization of C.U. Press, the C.U. Debating Association, the national Art and Short Story contests, Income Tax plan, and the Life Insurance scheme.

Lady Dunn, Beaverbrook To Visit Dal Next Week

Historians will record Wednesday, October 29th, 1958, as a famous day for Dalhousie. The historic occasion: the official laying of the cornerstone for this university's new Sir James Dunn Science building. The impressive ceremony will be hallowed by the granting of a half-holiday to all Dalhousie students.

Lady Dunn will preside and lay the cornerstone on the day which coincides with the birthday of the late Sir James Dunn, Dalhousie's greatest benefactor. Prior to the ceremony, a special Convocation will take place in the gymnasium. Lord Beaverbrook, famed owner of a newspaper syndicate and himself a university benefactor, will be an honoured guest at the Convocation. He will head the program as guest

speaker. Other guests for the occasion include Dalhousie Chancellor, the Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe and Mrs. Howe, and leading men of education in Dalhousie, and the province of Nova Scotia.

Dalhousie students are, of course, urged to attend this memorable event. It is surely worthwhile for Dalhousians to spend a few minutes of their time in acknowledgment of a building which will contain untold benefits for advanced science in years to come. Indeed, the ceremony is for students.

A new, special party is scheduled for 9 p.m. Wednesday night, when the graduating classes in Arts and Science, Law, and Engineering—the faculties who will use the building—will be hosted at a formal dance given by C. D. Howe in honour of the Dunn birthday. The dance and buffet is by invitation. Preceding it will be a dinner for members of the staff and friends.

The dual celebration will be the first of its kind in Dal history, and promises to be a highlight academically and socially.

Commerce Student Receives Honour

John Young, 4th year Commerce student at Dalhousie, was given the honour of being elected the youngest honorary member of The Royal Philatelic Society of London. His achievement was due to his discovery of old Post Office papers for Nova Scotia at the Nova Scotia Archives, while doing research work on Nova Scotia stamps.

The postal papers where he obtained his information had been locked away for 19 years. Material from the papers will be published in the magazine of the British North American Philatelic Society.

The Royal Philatelic Society is a club which was formed in the 19th century, for advanced stamp collectors and researchers. King George was a patron, and the Queen is now a member—the Hon. Henry Hicks is the only Halifax member.

John has been asked to collaborate in writing a book — "Post Office Postal History of Stamps of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick". Two Toronto experts and one from London are working with him on the book, which is slated for completion in 1960.

John's announcement of this honorary membership came just two weeks ago. He is 21 years of age, has been a fervent collector for 12 years, and is a member of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club. He is deserving of credit for the interest which led him to his success.

Fault of Failure Lies With Whom?

Students are not responsible for the "shocking" rate of high school and university failures, it was stated at a professors versus students debate held here last Thursday afternoon.

The topic, "Resolved that the high failure rate at Dalhousie is due to the fault of the professors", brought many heated and varied comments from the opposing teams, and the more than 300 students present. Representing the students were Wendell Fulton and Norman Rebin, exchange student from the University of Saskatchewan, while the faculty was represented by Dr. Kaplan, of medicine, and Professor Kinghorn, or arts and science.

There is a definite lack of communication between the professor and student, stated Mr. Fulton, due mainly to the "ivory tower" outlook of the professor, whose methods are the same as the ones used 30 years ago. Claims that professors have too many outside

activities, give too many assignments, and teach classes that are too crowded, were also brought forward.

Although the failure rate at most universities is high, it does not mean that the requirements should be lowered, Dr. Kaplan said, and at all costs the set level must be held. It is not the duty of the professor to insure the student to study; but to outline the subject and to point out the main phases, leaving the rest up to the student.

Norm Rebin felt that the professor should assume responsibility for making the rapid transition of the student from high school to university an easier task. Due to the lack of individual attention to the average student, and the ramblings in class of the professor, this transition is made more difficult.

Professor Kinghorn agreed that the difference between high school and university was great—but the blame shouldn't be put on the professor, as the blame for the failure rate can not be placed on anyone. And, he pointed out, more students pass than fail.

Following the talks by the four debaters the discussion was opened to any of the students present. In the opinion of one third year law student, the fault was in the system of education in this country, and that society was to blame for that system.

Another student put types of lectures into three categories: revolting, dull, and inspired, the last being very infrequent. He said a possible solution to failures would be the raising of professor's standards.

West Indian Party Smash

A capacity crowd limboed and cha-cha-ed Friday night in the East Common Room as the Dalhousie West Indian Party staged one of the liveliest parties ever attempted on the campus, which to everyone's regret finally terminated at 1 p.m.

The guests participated in the delighted West Indian dance known as "limbo"! The performance of John Wright and George Bridgewater brought down the house, as did the tropical rhythm of Barrie Cooper on bongos.

In the course of the evening, thanks were extended by Alroy Chow and Toulis Narine to all attending, and to any who helped make the party the success it undoubtedly was. Special guests included Dr. Chute, Dr. Moyer, Dr. Blake, Oscar Hernandez, President of the Foreign Students' Association of Nova Scotia, Dave Matheson, President of the Students' Council, Murray Fraser, Norm Rebin and Judy Bell.

The success of the party was in a large measure due to the very hard working executive and the loyal support from all members of the Society. This year's executive comprises Alroy Chow, president; Fitzgerald Francis, vice-president; Munraz Ali, secretary; Cyril Romanly, assistant secretary; George Bridgewater, treasurer and Toulis Narine, chairman of the social committee.

Plans for the coming year include talks by various professors and eminent personages of Halifax, record sessions and a variety show to be held in conjunction with the Foreign Students' Association. The society hopes to stage a big carnival dance sometime in February; the first of its kind to be held in Halifax.

(Editor's Note: Everyone is eligible to membership in the society.)

Dance Joyeux— Merci Seniors

The purely social function of the class system was pleasantly prevalent last Friday evening as the senior class, under president Judith Bennett, held an exceptionally enjoyable dance in the gymnasium.

Held at the spur of the moment, without benefit of decorations, and with the oft-mentioned merits of Roy Eastman's Orchestra, the dance was extremely well attended and in most respects a rousing success.

CAN U MANAGE?

Tenders for manager of the Rink Canteen are now being accepted by the Students' Council. The job consists of running the rink canteen for the full ice season. The canteen must be open for all functions carried on in the rink. The organization of the rink canteen in the past consisted of a ring manager, who ordered the stock and obtained others to help him. Arrangements for assistants should be reported on the application. The manager of the ring manager shall receive 20% of the net profits and the organization that assists him, preferably organized groups on the society, receive 10% of the net profits. Applications must be in by noon on Saturday, October 25.