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FEDERAL AID TO INCREASE?



Shown above are members of the WUSC and NFCUS delegation to the Annual National Conferences being held this week in Montreal. The familiar faces belong to (l. to r.) Al O'Brien, Elizabeth Dustan, David Peel, Pat Fownes, Dennis Madden and Lou Matheson. Missing from the picture is Council President, Ken Mounce.

Montreal Site of Meets; NFCUS Discusses Strike

During this week two very important meetings are being held in Montreal. The NFCUS and WUSC conferences should be of interest to all college students, and particularly to those at Dalhousie since we are a member of both organizations.

The twentieth annual conference of NFCUS is being held at Sir George Williams College from October 8 - 13. This session was preceded by an executive conference from October 5 - 8, which Dave Peel attended as the Atlantic Region President.

The annual conference will be concerned mainly with problems of student government and of the National Student Organization of NFCUS. Plans are being discussed for strengthening the union and including colleges which are no longer members of NFCUS to join. Interational Student Relations and the National Project of the Federation are also coming up for debate. However, latest developments show that NFCUS is also discussing a student strike to emphasize the strong and positive stand the organization is taking regarding more government grants for Universities.

FLASH! Wire received at press time reads in part: WUSC Annual Assembly held October 5 to 7 at University of Montreal. Twenty-two Universities attended. It was resolved that Canada will be host of International Assembly of WUSC in 1958. Funds will be set aside for this purpose. This year's Assembly is being held in India, next year in Europe, probably Holland. It was resolved to investigate possibility of tour of Canadian Universities Soviet students and faculty members in 1957-58.

Dalhousie delegates have taken with them to Montreal the Georgian Trophy which was won last year by Dalhousie's NFCUS Committee for outstanding contributions to the Federation. Our delegates are Ken Mounce, Al O'Brien, Dennis Madden, Pat Fownes, Elizabeth Dustan and Lou Matheson. Dave Peel will also be attending the Conference in the capacity of Atlantic Regional President and not as an official Dal delegate.

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Campus Societies Busy Scheduling Activities

At recent meetings various campus societies have been busy making preliminary plans for their forthcoming activities.

The Dalhousie Engineers, the boys from the 'shack', have started off in high gear, and all indications point to a banner year. The Society is headed by Peter Fillmore, ably assisted by Ernie MacAulay and secretary-treasurer, David MacKinnon. At the first Society meeting, a committee was set up under David Bewley to take charge of the Hayloft Jamboree. This dance, a campus favorite, will be held in the middle of November.

Already in the swing of things, the Commerce Society has held a Reception for Freshmen and Freshettes at which a Wall Street Journal Award, given yearly for student achievement, was presented to Bob Winters and Frank Gorham. Foremost among new ideas

are a Commerce Ball and the formation of Commerce and Engineering band to play at football games. Commerce Week, including the Sweater Dance, and "Operation High School" are again on the agenda.

Also in the news is the Arts and Science Society which is planning a square dance as well as its annual Ice Carnival for D-Day, the day before Munro Day. This Carnival, always a high spot on campus activities promises to be better than ever.

At a poorly attended meeting on Tuesday noon, Tony Nichols was elected by acclamation to represent Arts and Science on the Students' Council as Junior Boy. A dance committee, representing all four classes was then appointed.

Forrest Soil to Aid Medical Research

Participating in the world-wide search for a great medical discovery, Dr. C. B. Stewart, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, dug a sample of Dalhousie soil and presented it to Mr. Douglas A. MacInnis, local representative of Pfizer Canada. The ceremony which took place on the Forrest Building lawn, Friday, October 5, was also held at points all across Canada.

In 1949 a similar project, in which more than 100,000 samples from all over the world were tested resulted in the discovery of the mold Streptomycin, which when cultivated, gave off an antibiotic called terramycin. Terramycin, now one of the best known antibiotics, is effective against 100 disease organisms, whereas penicillin, also well-known, is able to combat only twenty-five.

In the present search, the various soil samples, gathered from all Canadian provinces, will be shipped to Arnprior, Ontario, where the first Canadian Pfizer plant is to officially open this fall. Following the opening ceremonies, medical men, veterinarians, and pharmacists will conduct extensive experimentation on the soil samples in the hope that a healer as valuable as terramycin may be developed. Since the common belief that the soils of the earth contain many molds with as great a potential as terramycin, the present experiment should prove to be successful.

Injured



Professor J. E. Cooke

Pharmacy Dean In Collision

Dean J. E. Cooke, Dean of Pharmacy since 1951, was injured last Friday night at 8 p.m. in a collision which totally wrecked both his car and that of the other driver. Dean Cooke is now in St. Martha's Hospital in Antigonish, where he has undergone an operation on his kneecap. It is expected that he will be in the hospital for about two weeks.

We extend our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery.

Dr. Kerr Issues Statement Urges Uniform Rates

The Federal Government is at present working on a new method of distribution of federal grants to Canadian Universities. Speaking at the University of Sherbrooke last Sunday, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent said that he personally would like to see the contributions increased. The problem is to find a method which would not seem to encroach on provincial rights and would thus be accepted by Quebec.

Since 1953, the government has assigned annually about fifty cents per capita based on the entire population of Canada. Provinces receive amounts in proportion to their respective populations. Within the province the amount is distributed to the various universities on a basis of enrollment.

The following is the text of a statement issued by Dr. A. E. Kerr, President of Dalhousie at press time.

"I was pleased to read the press report that Prime Minister St. Laurent stated in his Sherbrooke address that he would like to see an increase in federal grants to universities and also that his government is considering new ways of distributing the grants. A subsequent press release contains the good news that the total amount of the grant will be doubled.

All the universities in the country will be glad to know that there is a possibility of obtaining more money from the Federal Treasury, and will be grateful to the Prime Minister for his generous interest in their welfare. The universities have an indispensable place in society, and they cannot do their work properly without adequate revenue. The prospect of increased public grants will be particularly pleasing to endowed universities like Dalhousie whose general expenses are not underwritten by provincial governments.

The Prime Minister's remark that news ways of distributing federal grants to universities are also under consideration was made against the background of Quebec's refusal

to allow Ottawa to contribute directly to universities within that Province, on the ground that this would contravene provincial rights in education. Premier Duplessis has, however, according to rumor, made grants to universities in his Province which more than compensate, in some outstanding cases at least, for their loss of federal monies. Dalhousie's reiterated complaint about the method of distributing the federal grants has to do with the fact that there are ten different rates of federal support for the universities of the ten provinces, with Nova Scotia, which has no provincial university, far below all the rest. Dalhousie's grant—covering Dalhousie, King's, and the Maritime College of Pharmacy—is \$110,000.00 at present. If Dalhousie were located in Ontario, with the same registration and the same courses of study, it would not only participate in that province's liberal support of its universities, but its grant from the Federal Government would be over \$188,000.00, and if it were in Alberta its federal grant would be over \$200,000.00. No revision of the present system of distributing the grants can be satisfactory which does not provide universities with the same rate of support for similar work, irrespective of their provincial location."

It is hoped that further satisfactory developments will occur in the near future. Perhaps the students can feel more confident of action since next year brings a federal election.

In the same speech, Mr. St. Laurent stated that a governmental department was now engaged in making a study of prospects for employment in the future as well as a study of professional and skilled manpower.

Blood Drive In November

The week of November 20 will see the opening of the Annual Blood Drive at Dalhousie University for this session. Since last time the drive has been controlled by NFCUS. Vice-President Patty MacLeod will be in charge of the campaign this year.

Tentative dates for the Drive this session are Tuesday, Nov. 20, Wednesday, Nov. 21 and Thursday, Nov. 22. Later, representatives from all faculties will be chosen to serve on a committee for the drive.

At the last Blood Drive 49.9% of Dal's student body came to the temporary Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic set up in the East Common Room of the Men's Residence. It was understood that the 49.9% figure was one of the highest in recent years.

Pharmacy, in the interfac competition, led all with a 100% record. In the inter-fraternity rivalry for the Butsy Trophy three groups took a 100% record—Alpha Gamma Delta, Pi Beta Phi and Tau Epsilon Phi.

It is hoped that this year's drive will see a bigger "Drive" on the part of the student body, so let's see a 100% record for all faculties and frats!

Former Dal Lecturer Dies

Dalhousie mourns the passing of a former lecturer in Fine Arts, Dr. James W. Falconer, who died earlier this week. He was Professor Emeritus of Testament and Practical Theology at Pine Hill and was Pastor Emeritus at Fort Massey Church in Halifax. He had been an ordained minister for over sixty-four years. He had also written many religious books. Dr. Falconer lectured at Dalhousie for ten years during his career.

Notice

Any organizations wishing to submit Fall Budgets to the Student Council are required to do so by 1:30 on October 15. Bob Inglis, secretary-treasurer, will be in the Council Office at 1:30 on October 10, 11, 12 and 15, to receive the budgets.