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COUNCIL BACKS NUSAS

Forwards Resolution To South African Government

The Student Council, meeting last Wednesday night, passed a resolution to be forwarded to the government of the Union of South Africa. It is a protest against that government's announced intention of establishing racial segregation at the non-segregated South African universities.

The resolution, proposed by NFCUS chairman Lew Matheson, was debated heatedly but passed by a very large majority. Although all council members favoured the principal of the resolution, a few did not feel it was within the council's power to express an opinion on the university situation in another country.

The text of the resolution follows:

"We, the elected representatives of the student body of Dalhousie University, strongly protest to the government of the Union of South Africa against its announced intention of establishing apartheid in the non-segregated universities in its country.

"The policy of racial segregation in higher education is a violation

of the rights of all university students; and the enforcement of such segregation by any government is a violation of the rights of the universities.

"Since we believe in freedom of opportunity for higher education and in the right of every university to accept students as it sees fit, we strongly support the National Union of South African Students in its stand against the South African government's proposed legislation to force racial segregation upon the universities in that country, and we urge the government of the Union of South Africa to reconsider this proposed law and to refrain from passing it."

The Council's resolution will be forwarded to the Prime Minister and Minister of Education in South Africa, and to the President of the National Union of South African Students.

The presentation of the resolution to Council grew out of a request for action of this nature by Trevor Coombe, a vice-president of NUSAS. Bill Marshall and Geoff Steele of the NFCUS committee had been in communication with him in their work redrafting the NFCUS constitution.

Coombe told them that his government did not like criticism from other countries, and that any stand our students could take on the legislation proposed would be of assistance to NUSAS in its campaign against it.

Background material on the university situation in South Africa, prepared by NFCUS, was presented to the Council. Members felt that their stand might be of little importance, but they had a strong opinion on the matter and decided that, if they could be of any help to NUSAS, their voice should be heard.

Nero's Farewell

Fellow Students:

I wish at this time to express to you the Student Body a sincere "thank you" for your cooperation during my term of office. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve you as President. The Council can only function properly if it has the support of all the students. I am confident that you will give that support to the newly elected Council.

Again my thanks and good luck to all of you.

KEN MOUNCE,
Council President
1956-57.

Near Completion Of Revision for NFCUS

Three second year law students, members of the NFCUS committee, are nearing the completion of their revision of the constitution and by-laws of the National Federation of Canadian University Students.

Bill Marshall, Geoff Steele and Pat Walsh, carrying out a mandate taken by Dalhousie at the last national conference of NFCUS, are doing the job as their assignment in their Legislation course with the permission of Dean Read of the Law School.

The mandate, which was requested by Dalhousie, was taken on because the NFCUS by-laws are drawn in out-dated style and language and lead to confusion and misconceptions. The modern legislative approach taught in Dalhousie's Law School will give a simplified, clear and concise touch to the constitution, making it easily read and readily understood.

In doing their redrafting, Bill, Geoff and Pat have written for constitutions of the national unions of students in Scotland, Australia, South Africa, England and New Zealand, and used them for comparisons with the Canadian system. It is expected that the new Canadian model will top them all.

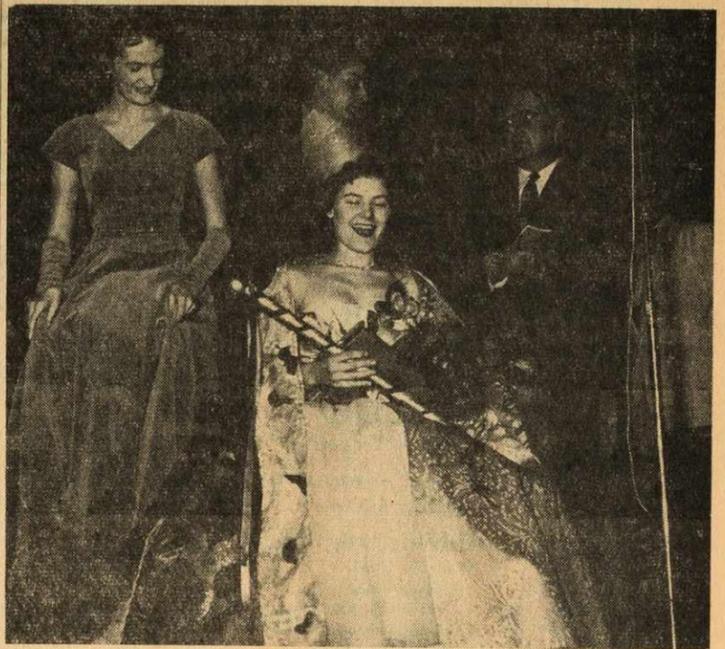
When completed, the redrafting will be scrutinized by third year law students on the NFCUS committee and the NFCUS executive before presentation to the 21st national conference at Laval University in October.

Dalcom Engineers Elect New Officers

Both Dalcom and the Engineers' Society met recently to elect officers for the coming year.

Al Riggs was elected President of Dalcom with Pete Crosbie as Managing Director. Comptroller is Bob MacKenzie. Publicity will be handled by Alan Ross while John Wood is Social Director. The new Secretary is Joanne Diachock.

"Mac" Sinclair was elected President of the Engineers' Society. Serving with him will be Vice President Don Tufts and Secretary-Treasurer Ron Franklin. Bob Marsh was elected as Engineers' Representative on the Council of the Students. Dalcom had previously elected David Fox to serve as their representative on the Council.



Queen Nancy

(Photo by Thomas.)

Council Names New Sec'y-Treas., Editors

The Council of Students has filled several major positions on the campus within two weeks of taking office.

Miss Bernice Robb has been named as the new Secretary-Treasurer replacing Bob Inglis who has resigned after two years in the post. Miss Robb will assume her duties on July 31. Council expressed a vote of thanks to Bob Inglis for the job he has done in the time he has held the position.

Hilroy Nathanson, a second year law student from Glace Bay, has been appointed as the Editor of the "Gazette" for next year. Active in various phases of campus activity in his years at Dalhousie he was News Editor of the Gazette last year and is a member of the Council next year, representing Law School.

Jim Goring, a Junior Arts student was named as the Editor of Pharos for next year. A member of the Gazette staff for the past few years he has also been active in Arts and Science and DGDS activities.

Mitch Levine, a first year Dent student from Saint John will edit the Student Directory. He, too, has appeared in several DGDS productions on the campus. It is expected that the Directory will appear by November 1, next fall.

Liz Dustan was elected to the position of Second Vice President of the Council and the other members of the Executive elected were Hilroy Nathanson, Al Hebb and George Travis.

Chairman of the Gates Receipts Committee for a second year will be Dave Fox, the Comm representative. The Alumni Relations committee will be chaired by Dave Matheson.

Among other business the Council approved a report of George Travis with regard to changes in the student ice time at the rink. It was agreed to send the recommendations to the University for approval.

A committee of Al Hebb and Kempton Hayes was set up to discuss the problem of Library hours with the Medical Society and to decide whether Council should take any action.

It was agreed that the Council President should continue negotiations with the Librarian of the MacDonald Library with regard to better and extended hours for students next fall. It is expected that the Library will be open all year on Saturday afternoon.

The New Council appointed lawyer Jack Davison as the member at large for the coming year. Janet Sinclair was named by the outgoing Council as the Freshman representative on the 1957-58 Council.

The Spring Budget meeting will be held this Saturday afternoon. This is expected to be the final meeting of the Council till the fall.

Libby Mayall, first year Medical student was appointed Campus Coordinator.

Cygnets May Not Appear

The university's first student literary publication, *Cygnets*, may be forced to fold before it even nears the publishing stage, its editors learned this week.

Cygnets, which was to contain works of some literary merit by students of Dalhousie, was promised half its costs by last year's council when it approved of the attempt to publish the book last term. But no way has yet been found to finance the other half.

The editors appointed, John Nichols and Dave Peel, understood from President Kerr that the university was interested in backing *Cygnets* to some extent, or that it would try to find backing outside the university. But this appears not to be the case, and Dr. Kerr has said that the publication cannot count on assistance through the university.

Work had begun on collecting material, and publication was expected sometime in May. But *Cygnets* has turned into somewhat of an ugly duckling, and may have to go down itself to escape its defeat.

The new Council will be approached for financial help, and the editors and staff hope for new life for what should be an annual and worthwhile contribution to student life.



Dave Bryson Receives Highest Award

(Photo by Thomas.)



Joan Herman — Pan Hellenic Winner

(Photo by Thomas.)