

URQUHART AND BACCARDAX TO CONTEST VACANT SEAT

Moreira's Opinion Upheld by Majority of Students

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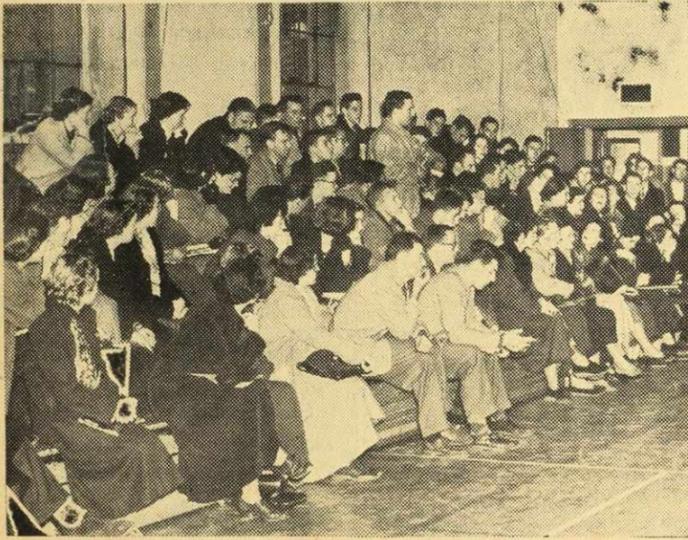
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UNIVERSITY ATTITUDE IS BLAMED FOR LACK OF COLLEGE SPIRIT

At the Student Forum . . .



. . . Windy O'Neill Standing

Art Moreira, Student Council President Gives "State of Union" Address to Crowded Student Forum in Gymnasium

NFCUS Plans Debate At Ottawa in March

Under the auspices of the Canadian University Debating Association, an organization fostered by N.F.C.U.S., the national debating finals will take place on the Friday and Saturday of the first week in March. This year, the inter-university debating on the national level will be particularly interesting because of its bi-lingual character. The debating finals will be held at the University of Ottawa, the only bi-lingual university in Canada.

Paul Demarais, Vice-President of N.F.C.U.S., is securing a trophy for the victors in the national contest. The proposed name of the award is the Macdonald-Laurier Trophy, in keeping with the bi-lingual character of the debates.

It was announced by the N.F.C.U.S. executive that Leslie Rowland has become Secretary-Treasurer of the C.U.D.A. He was chosen on the recommendation of the delegation from the University to Manitoba who attended the meeting of the N.F.C.U.S. National Council held at Ottawa in September.

NOTICE

"The Physics Journal Club will meet in the Physics Lecture Room on Tuesday, November 29 at 5 P. M. The first speaker, Mr. L. C. Johnson, will discuss "Wadlen Inversions in Sugar Alcohols". Dr. L. G. Stephens-Newsham, the second speaker, will deal with the "Double Focusing Beta-Spectrometer".

"The University, whether on purpose or not, has gone as far as it can to suppress college spirit without provoking it." Thus spoke Art Moreira, President of the Students' Council, at the Student Forum held yesterday in the Gymnasium as he lashed out against the suppressive tactics employed by the University against the Student Body. Three hundred students crowded into the Gym bleachers to greet Mr. Moreira's remarks with mixed feelings.

Opening his address, Mr. Moreira quoted an Editorial from a recent issue of the GAZETTE (Nov. 8) which read: "The growth and development of the spirit of Dalhousie has been stunted and warped by the oppressive shadow of Conservatism and obsolete university ideals." He admitted there were other factors influencing Dalhousie's lack of spirit but stated that these were mere shadows compared to the attitude of the University.

The University has contributed to these activities in such matters as a rink, a football field, a physical director and a ground hockey coach but these contributions were made through necessity rather than willingness to co-operate.

The University, from the Board of Governors down to the teaching staff, guide their actions to please the neighbours. The students are not considered and the University attitude is either restrictive or negative.

This was plainly seen in the recent curtailment of Initiation which, Mr. Moreira felt, was the seed of College Spirit. Never does a student feel that he is part of any University till he has undergone the traditional rituals of initiation which are forbidden at Dalhousie.

Mr. Moreira then reminded the students that part of his platform

Explain Delay of Year Book at Student Forum

In addition to the "State of the Union" address of Art Moreira, President of the Students Council, at the Students' Forum, a report on the progress of "Pharos", the Dalhousie Year Book, was given. It was explained that by mid-summer about half the material for the book was ready for the printers, and that further progress during the summer was prevented by a misfortune to a member of the staff.

last year was closer co-operation with the Senate. This he has not been able to achieve since he had found no similar attitude in the minds and actions of the authorities. He pointed out that many of the specific instances of lack of co-operation were unknown to the student body and could only be seen by those directly involved. Nevertheless, he claimed, there have been many such instances although on the face of it, the Dalhousie Student Council Constitution gives greater freedom to student government than that given to most Canadian Students. The Council has not been permitted to take advantage of this freedom.

Case of Urquhart v. Baccardax Arouses Interest at Law School

With the nomination Wednesday, of Al Baccardax, a third year law student, as Progressive-Conservative candidate for the constituency of Richmond in the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly, a new and greater interest in politics was aroused at the Dalhousie Law School. For the Liberal Candidate opposing Mr. Baccardax is to be Earl Urquhart, also a third year law student at Dalhousie. The forthcoming electoral contest will be followed closely by all Dalhousians.

AL BACCARDAX

On Wednesday November 23, Al Baccardax a third year Law student received the P-C nomination at St. Peters, for the forthcoming provincial by-election in Richmond County.

Al was born at Porierville, Richmond County, some twenty-seven years ago. During the War he served for five years in the R.C.A.F. He is in his sixth year at Dal, and received his B. Com. degree in 1948.

This year he is President of Sodales and President of the Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League. In past years he has been active in debating, both interfac and intercollegiate. Al is well known at both Studley and Forrest, and his fate will be watched with much interest on December 20.

EARL URQUHART

Earl Urquhart, Dal law student, received the Liberal nomination for the Richmond by-election on November 16 in St. Peters.

Earl is twenty-eight years old and was born in West Bay, Richmond County. During the war he served for four and a half years in the R.C.A.F. and previous to that taught school for two terms.

He is past President of the campus Liberal Club, and was Law representative to the Students known intercollegiate debater and Council in '48-'49. Earl is well in 1948 won the MacDonal Oratorical Award and the Viscount Bennet Shield.

This is his fourth year at Dal, and on December 20 the results of the election will be watched with much interest by Dal students.

Plans Made for COTC Rifle Club

It is anticipated that a Military Rifle Association will be formed at Dalhousie in the near future under the sponsorship of the Dal-King's Contingent C.O.T.C. Eligible for membership are all members of the Canadian Navy, Army and Air Force (Reserve and Active), members of the COTC and the UNTD, veterans of any commonwealth service and persons over-age and/or medically unfit for service in the Canadian Forces. Interested persons please phone Ed Belliveau at 2-4012.

CBC to Send Personal Wishes for Students

Through the facilities of the International Service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, students on the campus from the Caribbean area are able to send personal Christmas greetings to their friends and relatives back home. This includes students from Bermuda, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Barbados, Trinidad and British Guiana. Will those students who are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, kindly contact Ralph L. Persad, at Pine Hill Residence, before Monday 28th, inst. Phone 3-8576.

Poll Reveals Most Students Approve Moreira's Speech Though Some Believe Blame Not Entirely One-Sided

In general students on the Campus agree with the statement made yesterday by Art Moreira, President of the Students' Council, to the effect that college spirit is lacking at Dalhousie. While most agree with him also that the cause of this is the attitude taken by the university authorities, there are some who feel that the blame should be apportioned, and that the student body is not entirely blameless in the matter.

The following is a sample of student opinion on this subject selected from students at random.

Dave Parker: "I agree with Art Moreira. The university imposes many restrictions and then turns around and helps the students, but their help is not enough to make up for the restrictions."

John Smallman: "I agree with

Art Moreira. There is no spirit here and the reason seems to be that the university does not help it. It seems to me that the Senate steps on everything. The whole college is too conservative."

Carol Wood: "Active interest of the University in student activities would be a fine thing but there must be a corresponding student interest to go with it."

John Pauley: "I endorse wholeheartedly the report of Art Moreira. I would certainly welcome the preparation and presentation of a brief on the subject, for if it ever was necessary, this is the time."

Sherburne McCurdy: "By and large I would endorse the words of President Moreira, but I would be a little more selective in the application of blame."

Bob MacDougall: "I agree with

Moreira because I have seen numerous particular incidents of what he said, particularly the custom of telling new students that they can engage in extra-curricular activities and then putting the clamps on them, not that I have been clamped personally."

Harold MacFarlane: "It is not the Senate or Faculty that will promote college spirit, it must be the students. The only people I see around here showing any effort to get up spirit are the various societies, such as the Arts and Science and Commerce."

Ted Rowntree: "I agree in part, with what Moreira said. I feel that our spirit is not what it should be around here. If the University is the cause, as he seems to think, and he should know better than I, then something should be done."