

## SCM meet success

Four Dalhousie students attended a National Student Christian Movement conference in Toronto over the Christmas holiday. The five-day conference was attended by some 300 students and faculty members from universities across Canada.

The topic of the conference was the University and the Christian. Leading speakers were Bishop Stephen Neill, editor of World Christian Books and Dr. J. Edward Dirks, Director of Graduate Studies in Religion at Yale University Divinity School.

Seminars were held on such topics as mass education, liberal education and professional training, the University's attitude to religion and the Church's attitude to the university. A report of the contributions of these sessions was to be compiled and distributed among Canadian universities.

In a summary of the report at the closing banquet, Roy DeMarsh, general secretary of National SCM, said Christians now must contribute 'a new picture of man to the university.' There were implications of the greatest moment for the university in the belief that man was a creature made in the image of God.

Mr. DeMarsh emphasized that if our scholarship was sound 'what we say about Jesus Christ will be listened to by the humanist'.

He also said the hierarchy of church, family and social environment must realize the student 'must not be hampered by authority,' by rules and regulations. Mr. DeMarsh stressed the importance of cultural freedom. He said there was a danger for outside pressures to limit this freedom.

The general secretary also said the report indicated there needed to be "a balance" between the teaching of a liberal education, scholarship and research and professional training.

Bishop Neill, in an address on Dec. 31, said the tendency of universities to avoid the fundamental question of faith 'leaves students feeling uncertain' about why they are at university and 'where they are going.'

Dr. Dirks, in his address the same day, said one of the things that fought faith was "an anxiety" about it, a desire to seize it and put it safely away in a box.

Dr. Dirks also said there were several sides to the task of the community of faith in the community of learning. He stressed trust, involvement, and commitment, and said it was important 'to communicate what the Christian tradition is within the academic world.'

He said, however, theology had the difficult task of 'working out' the language of faith in the mind of the church' as well as 'entering into dialogue' with other fields.

In addition to Bible study groups there were group discussions of Goa, Ghana, and whether the Christian should be a pacifist in a nuclear age.

One of the highlights of the conference was a presentation of Sartre's play, 'No Exit' by the Christian Drama Council of Canada.

## Bridge Tourney

MONTREAL (CUP) — Bridge, will be in the spotlight at McGill University later this term.

The Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament is to be held in March.

Invitations have been issued to universities across the country asking them to send as many teams as they want.

A registration fee of a dollar per person is being charged to cover costs for the tournament.

Two sessions of 30 boards each are involved in the team of four events. It will be sanctioned so that Master Points will be awarded.

Interested bridge buffs should write to J.P. Guertin, Room 502, Chemistry Building, McGill University.



**THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS** — In the solitude of the law library, far from the madding crowd, a Dunn Scholar meditates on the intricacies of legal terminology during the pre-exam week last term.

## WUSC DELEGATE TO POLAND SELECTED

Hal MacKay, a 21-year-old second-year Dalhousie law student, has been selected Dalhousie delegate to the WUSC summer seminar in Poland.

The seminar opens at the end of June and will continue until the middle of August.

Some 40 students from Canadian universities are expected to attend the seminar. Topics of the seminar will be "The Role of Science and Culture in the Development of Nations."

A native of Weyburn, Sask., Mr. MacKay, graduated from the Uni-

## Hebb to Appear for Dal on Montreal Show

Miss Heather Hebb, an education student and freshman representative on the Dal Students' Council, has been selected to represent the University on a CBC television student affairs review program in Montreal, Jan. 19th.

A number of universities across Canada have been invited to participate in the show, which will consist of a panel discussion on questions concerning student life and interests, with short films and photographs of the various universities being shown.

Cost for the trip will be covered by the CBC and the University.

## Gazette placed —

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British Columbia and the Varsity of the University of Toronto tied for first place in the Southam trophy competition for the best papers published more than once a week.

Le Carabin, Laval University, was awarded the Bracken trophy for the best editorials and Le Droit trophy for the best French language paper. The Gateway of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, won the N.A.M. MacKenzie award for the best features submitted.

Roger McAfee, editor-in-chief of the Ubysses, was elected national president of CUP for the year 1962-63. Denis de Belleval, editor of Le Carabin, was elected vice-president.

## Thompson 'Hopeful' for mid-term break

Student Council president Dick Thompson said this week he was "hopeful" there would be a rest break on the Saturday and Monday before Munro Day this year. He indicated there is hope for a longer break next year.

A committee from the Council met with the Committee on Studies last November, but the proposal is awaiting the approval of a faculty meeting. Mr. Thompson said he was optimistic, but was becoming "wary of waiting."

## Applications Wanted For NFCUS Grants

NFCUS urges Dalhousie students to participate in the inter-regional scholarship exchange plan.

Each year the National Federation of Canadian University Students, in cooperation with university administrations and the Canada Council, sponsors an exchange plan by which students are given an opportunity to study at a university of their choice in another part of Canada. Tuition fees are paid and a travel grant is allowed.

The purpose of the plan is to promote among Canadian students a greater knowledge of their country, and to permit them to benefit from contacts with students in other regions of Canada.

The plan requires that students have completed at least one year at university with a minimum of second class standing. Students also should have participated in university affairs.

Dalhousie has not had a participant in the plan for three years and the local NFCUS chairman, Sharon Connolly, asks interested students to ap-

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The proposed break would involve only the Arts and Science faculties. Law School already had a break, he said, and the Medical and Dental Schools had a different set-up regarding terms and exams.

Mr. Thompson said the break if approved this year would be a "rest break". In the future, however, it would "be a good idea" to have a somewhat longer period for a study break — with the emphasis placed on study.

Mr. Thompson suggested that the proposed break could be considered somewhat of a "psychological break", which would give the students a chance to relax before the final grind began. He felt that a break immediately before exams was not as useful as this was a "cram period" for most students.

He said there was nothing to do now but "wait and see."

## U OF MAN HOSTS COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS MEET

WINNIPEG (CUP) — "Africa and the Commonwealth" is the theme for this year's Conference on Commonwealth Affairs to be held at the University of Manitoba this month.

Some 35 delegates from 20 Canadian universities are expected to attend. Renowned speakers, well-acquainted with Commonwealth problems from both the diplomatic and academic point of view have been invited to address the conference and to lead seminars.

Dalhousie will not be represented.

Students should contact Sharon Connolly and attend the NFCUS meeting on Jan. 11, in room 202 at 12 p.m.

## HELP YOUR TIGERS TO ROAR

*Come on out and give YOUR team the support they want and deserve. Here are the remaining hockey games to play in the regular schedule —*

January 10: DALHOUSIE vs. STADACONA (Forum)

January 15: SHEARWATER vs. DALHOUSIE (DAL.)

**P.S. Don't forget the Commerce Ball on Monday, January 15. Tickets on sale from any member of the executive of DALCOM.**

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