## SODALES HOLD SUCCESSFUL STUDENT FORUM IN GYM DALHOUSIE

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# DAL STUDENTS FAVOUR PROPOSAL

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VOTING FOR EXCHANGE .- Two students seen above are voting on the proposal to bring Russian University students over to Canada on a tour of Canadian Campi. Having his card clipped is Jack Hills; next to him is Bill Schwartz; clipping the card is Nancy Creighton. Less than half the students voted in Wednesday's referendum. The results showed that the students favour the plan, three times as many voting for as voting against. (Photo by Parker)

#### **Council President Extends** Greetings To Student Body

take this opportunity of ex tending, on behalf of the Dal-housie Council of Students, to the members of the student body, faculty and administration of Dalhousie, and to those persons who work in conjunction with or who promote its ideals, a very Merry Christmas and a most happy and prosperous New Year.

This term, which is suddenly and dramatically drawing to a close with the writing of examinations, has seen great and momentous happenings on our campi, namely, the visit of Princess Eliza-beth and Prince Phillip, the dedi-cation and opening of the new Arts and Administration Building, the annexation of the Canadian Football League Title, and many other notable achievements, all of which have blended together to create a most happy and memorable impression.

However, while momentarily re-living these past glories and memorable occasions, we should not remain oblivious to the graver issues which are being decided on

## Only Half Students Vote In **Referendum But They Say 'Yes'**

Dalhousie students have shown that they favour the idea of a Russian student visit to Canada. Nearly 500 of the 650 who voted in the referendum marked 'Yes' on their ballot. This means that Dalhousie is among the first Universities in Canada to give an official opinion on the matter. The opinion has been forwarded to the national office of NFCUS where it will help determine whether or not that organization will reverse their former stand on the question, NFCUS chairman Ron Robertson announced yesterday after the result of the referendum was know

battlefields of Korea, and of the the human sacrifices being made so that we may enjoy the warmth and comfort of Christmas at home. May it be our solemn prayer that the spirit of Christmas-Peace on Earth, Good-Will towards Men'-will emulate throughout the entire world so that the shadows of oppression which darken world peace will in their stead be replaced with Christian love and charity.

With the seasons best wishes, Eric Kinsman,

President, Council of Students

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The recorded vote is as	s foll	ows:
Forrest Building	130	62
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Library	108	31
King's	67	17
Men's Residence	151	58
Engineering Building	40	1
Total	496	169
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Voting was as heavy as could be expected except on Studley Campus.

The question of the Russian visit has been discussed on this campus for a number of weeks. It was decided a little over a week ago to hold this referendum to get an official opinion from the students to use a guidance in making the decision which has come before the National Federation of Canadian Students.

On Tuesday, a Student Forum was sponsored by Sodales, the Dal-housie Debating Society. At this Forum four speakers gave their views on the subject and the audi-ence took part in the discussion

On Wednesday, nearly half the students went to the polls. This is a very low number of voters but not surprisingly so since only about 65% of the students vote in the Students' Council elections each spring.

McGill was the first university to take a stand on this matter. They voted in favor of the idea and re-quested all the other members of NFCUS to take a definite stand on the matter. Toronto, UBC and St. F. X. voted in favor of the idea after this while the University of Saskatchewan voted it down through their students' representa-

Ron Robertson announced yesterthat the result had been forwarded to the national office of

## **Russian Student Visit Topic Of Discussion at Gym Debate**

The Student Forum sponsored by Sodales was held last Tuesday in the gymnasium. A large number of students turned out to hear four speakers give opposite views on the question of the Russian student visit to Canada. A fifth speaker, a man who fled from Red Tyranny in Czechoslovakia, said a few words on the question also. George Kerr, President of the Dalhousie Debating Society, presided at 'the debate at which the audience had a chance to participate.

### **Colleges Feeling Enrolment Drop**

HALIFAX - (CUP) - Universities across Canada are feeling the stint of decreasing enrolment and hence decreasing student funds. One Universit

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on the motion that Dalhousie ought to adopt in principle the idea of a few months ago.

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MONTREAL, December 5, 1951.—A recent survey made by The Engineering Institute of Canada has disclosed that first year registration of Engineering students at Canadian also. Universities in 1951 was up more than 10 per cent over 1950. New Building on Studley gineering students is down again this year from 8,329 last year to 7,509, the trend has been reversed

**Engineering Enrollment Up in Canadian** 

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is to be installed at Dalhousie. This seismograph will be one of the most modern on the continent. graduates is down considerably The announcement that it is to be from 1951. The prospects for emmade



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Ontario, news comes that the Gazette will only be published once a week from now on. This is the first Canadian University newspaper forced to change its publication schedule due to a drop in student fees. It is understood, however, that this publication may increase the size of each issue to 12 and maybe 18 pages. At the University of Manitoba, the Students' Union Council re-

cently voted to cut the assessment to NFCUS from 20c to 10c per student. This was done when it was learned that the student budget left the student treasurer with almost no operating surplus on which to work. If the funds per-mit at the end of the year, the full 20c grant will be made. This was considered highly improbable.

seems to be a rough trip for Cana-dian Universities. Veteran enrol-ment is almost nil now. With the exception of one, all universities by the in Canada have recorded a drop

in enrolment. The only University where an increase in enrolment has been re-corded is Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland.

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He then gave his argument and was followed by the other three speakers. Then George Haglovic, a student from Czechoslovakia. He gave his impressions of the Russians, their methods and ideas. He pointed ou that in Russia a univer-

sity is a military institution. After his address, George Kerr asked for questions and views from the floor. A number of students had questions to ask and also gave A number of students their views.

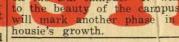
The first of them was Danny Soberman who had something to say for the resolution. followed. Others

This is the first debate of its kind to be held at Dalhousie for a long time. Usually the only type of Student Forum to be held is organ-ized by the Students' Council. There must be three of these a year.

The debate is conducted in the The Council president at Mc-Master University recently asked the students to endorse an in-the comment from the floor is crease in Union fees. The increase called for. Sodales have tried this amounted to \$1.50. At a poll held there, 248 voted against the pro-posal and 151 were in favour of it. one has been held in the gym so This is the first inkling of what that a lot of students are able to

Actually, any students may at-tend any of the debates sponsored by the Debating Society.

It will be necessary for all the Universities to adjust themselves to a smaller income. It is quite a change from post war prosperity in student treasuries to conditions



as they exist now. A lot of the innovations which various student unions have been able to make as a result of more funds will have to be dropped.

The number of prosmeantime. pective graduates in 1951 was 2,450. 1952 will be 1,717, and in 1953 will be, approximately, 1,450. When it is considered that Canada has been absorbing engineering graduates at a rate of



THE ELEVENTH HOUR.-As the spectre of exams looms near, heads are bowed and shoulders hunched over assorted texts and reference books that should have been read this fall. Shown above doing their last minute cramming for exams in ye olde Macdonald Library are from left to right: Gordie McConnel, Elinor McLanders and "Foo" Grant. (Photo by Williams) Dec. 17, however.

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NFCUS will be represented at a dents in Edinburgh this Christmas. They will announce their decision in the matter then, their decision being guided by the voice of the member universities. What actually will happen re-mains to be seen. If NFCUS do go

ahead with the idea, further ar-rangements will have to be made. The chief of these presumably is financing the trip.

more than 3000 per year for the past four years, the fact that fewer than 1500 per year are liketo be available during the next four years is bound to have an appreciable effect on the econappreciable effect on the econ-omic use of engineers by industry. That there will be a continuing shortage of engineers to meet the demand in the next few years seems practically certain.

The relative proportion of total registration in different courses shows very little change from that of the previous two years.

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

Last Gazette - This is the Christmas issue of the Gazette and the last one of the term. Publication will start again early next term.

Exams Start-Exams start next Wednesday and finish on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Most students finish on