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## DAL STUDENTS FAVOUR PROPOSAL



**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)

### 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 sting of decreasing enrolment and hence decreasing student funds. One University has had to cut their student publication from two issues a week to one. Another University has had to reduce the annual allotment for NFCUS. And a third University recently defeated a proposal to have their council fees raised.

From the University of Western 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 recently 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 permit at the end of the year, the full 20c grant will be made. This was considered highly improbable.

The Council president at McMaster University recently asked the students to endorse an increase in Union fees. The increase amounted to \$1.50. At a poll held there, 248 voted against the proposal and 151 were in favour of it.

This is the first inkling of what seems to be a rough trip for Canadian Universities. Veteran enrolment is almost nil now. With the exception of one, all universities in Canada have recorded a drop in enrolment.

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

### Council President Extends Greetings To Student Body

I take this opportunity of extending, on behalf of the Dalhousie 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 Elizabeth and Prince Phillip, the dedication 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 reliving 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 known.

The recorded vote is as follows:

Forrest Building	130	62
MacDonald Memorial Library	108	31
King's	67	17
Men's Residence	151	58
Engineering Building	40	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>169</b>

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 Dalhousie Debating Society. At this Forum four speakers gave their views on the subject and the audience took part in the discussion also.

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 requested 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' representative group.

Ron Robertson announced yesterday that the result had been forwarded to the national office of NFCUS.

NFCUS will be represented at a meeting of western university students 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 remains to be seen. If NFCUS do go ahead with the idea, further arrangements 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 likely to be available during the next four years is bound to have an appreciable effect on the economic 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.

### Engineering Enrollment Up in Canadian Universities; 3000 Jobs Yearly Offered

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 Universities in 1951 was up more than 10 per cent over 1950.

### New Building on Studley To House Seismograph

The new building being erected on the east side of the campus on the field that slopes up to Coburg Road is the building which will house the new seismograph that is to be installed at Dalhousie.

This seismograph will be one of the most modern on the continent. The announcement that it is to be installed at Dalhousie was made a few months ago.

The new one will be built along the lines of the other buildings on the Dal campus. It will add to the beauty of the campus and will mark another phase in Dalhousie's growth.

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 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 McConnell, Elinor McLanders and "Foo" Grant. (Photo by Williams)

### 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 Dec. 17, however.