

Visit of NFCUS National President Highlights Charlottetown Conference

A motion placed before the House by Peter Green emphasizing the need for a considerable increase in student loan funds by Provincial Governments was one of the highlights of the annual NFCUS regional conference held this year at St. Dunstan's University, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Representing Dalhousie at the conference, which was held on the 29, 30 and 31 of January, were Peter Green, Lorraine Kirby, Anne Mason and Ian MacKenzie.

The Conference is held each year to deal with problems peculiar to the Atlantic Regional universities and to give those attending a clearer insight into the aims and projects of NFCUS. In this, the conference was a complete success, especially so through the attendance of Jacques Gerin, the president of NFCUS.

The first session got under way within an hour of the arrival of delegates at the University. At this session the purpose and tasks of the conference were outlined.

On Saturday morning delegates were split up into groups to discuss various topics ranging from National Students' Day to International Affairs to Campus committee organization.

During the afternoon reports were presented from the discussion groups. National Student Day is being held on February 11th.

The purpose of the day is to acquaint High School students and the public at large with the workings of a university and to try to interest more people in coming to college.

Another event of importance is the concerted drive of SCM, WUSC and NFCUS to raise money to help refugees as a student contribution to World Refugee Year. This drive is to be held on February 24th.

Reports from the member universities and one by Jacques Gerin were presented at the conference. The university reports consisted of the various projects NFCUS was undertaking on campus. The National President's report covered the many and varied activities undertaken by the National Executive. Mr. Gerin emphasized the need to expand the national executive to meet the ever increasing demands placed upon it.

Other subjects which came up for discussion included a motion condemning the Federal Government for their disregard of the pledge made by the late Sidney Smith for Federal scholarships to university students; proposal that Maritime universities should affiliate themselves with regional education organizations; and the coming National Congress and NATO seminar to be held at Dal.

The guest speaker at the conference was Walter Shaw, Premier of P.E.I.

ocracies operate on such a division of powers.

Suggested composition of the court is for fourth year law students with the Students' Society President as chairman having a vote in the case of deadlock. Law students were suggested because of their familiarity with the functioning of courts and fourth year because they would be detached enough from the issue at hand to render a completely impartial judgment.

The inclusion of the President was suggested because it was felt that the court should not be completely divorced from the Students' Executive Council. In this way he would be able to present a clear picture of the issue to the other members.

Proposed method of appointment of the law members of the court would be to allow the fourth year class to name four students, subject to a two-thirds vote of the SEC. The originators suggested that once accepted the posts be irrevocable. At

Law Students Will Compete Tonight For Smith Shield

Four final year students of the Law School will again vie for the Smith Shield this evening, February 4th, in the Supreme Moot Court of Dalhousie. The Shield is the highest extra-curricular award attainable by a law student. Students are invited to attend the session commencing at 7:30 p.m. in the Law Library.

This year Edward Flinn, Halifax, and Garrick Homer, St. John's, Newfoundland, will compete against Murray Fraser and Graham Walker, both of Halifax, in a hypothetical appeal case. The suit, John Merchant vs. Carp Ltd. involves the liability of a radio station for alleged defamatory statements made by a speaker during the course of a political broadcast.

According to tradition, the court will consist of two members of the Supreme Court and the president of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society. This year the members of the bench will be Rt. Hon. Chief Justice J. L. Hsley, the Hon. Mr. Justice F. H. Patterson and Ian M. MacKeigan, Q.C. The Shield will be awarded to the two debaters adjudged the best on the basis of their presentation.

Messrs. Homer, Walker, Fraser and Flinn were chosen to compete

in the finals of the Moot Court, as a result of their presentation of argument during the second year of studies. Each student in that year, assisted by a first year student must present an appeal case before a bench consisting of third year students. A careful record is kept of each case, and at the completion of the term, the four best students are chosen, again on the basis of presentation, to compete the following year for the honoured Smith Shield.

The Smith Shield was first offered in 1927 by the late Sidney Smith, former Dean of the Dalhousie Law School. In 1957, when the original shield became filled with the names of winners, Mr. Smith manifested his continuing interest by presenting an additional Shield. Each of the winners also receive the Harvey Todd Reid Prize first established in 1955.

Many of the former winners of the Smith Shield have gone on to become highly respected and learned members of the legal profession. Included are the late Chief Justice A. J. Walsh of Newfoundland, who won the first trophy in 1927 with M. A. Farmer, Q.C. Charlottetown, president of the Prince Edward Island Barristers' Society, F. M. Covert, Q.C., K. S. Smith, Q.C., Mr. Justice A. L. Thurlow of the Exchequer Court of Canada, J. H. Dickey, Q.C., W. H. Jost, Q.C., and J. A. Y. MacDonald, Deputy Attorney General of Nova Scotia.

Controversy Over Editor

OTTAWA (CUP) — The students' council at the University of Ottawa came close to censoring one of the student editors Sunday, for his part in the passing of the Charter of the Student Press in Canada, at the annual Canadian University Press conference held in Quebec, December 28-30.

Michael Beaubien, associate editor of La Rotonde faced a charge of censorship because he had demanded, and vigorously participated in, the creation of the charter which deals with the freedom of the student press.

Council member Pierre Joanisse, claimed M. Beaubien did not speak for the council.

M. Beaubien told delegates to the CUP conference that such a charter was essential because of "certain influences that obliged French members papers to adopt certain attitudes for fear of reprisals".

He also stressed the belief that the Canadian student press should be free from all external pressures, financial or otherwise.

Following the proposal of the motion, M. Beaubien defended his

the same time the idea was thrown out that the council for the SEC be its law representative.

If adopted, the originators declared, that court would not only produce a more effective student government but also enhance its prestige as establishing a precedent soon to be followed by other universities.

action, stating that the facts were true, and that "the main purpose of the speech was the adoption of a student press charter by which the member newspapers of the Canadian University Press would sound a collective voice against these types of interference."

Jean Carriere, editor of La Rotonde and Ontario Regional president defended his associate.

"M. Beaubien did not speak for himself at the Quebec conference," he said. He spoke for the delegates from La Rotonde. If you are going to censure anyone, it should be La Rotonde and not M. Beaubien.

"Furthermore, I would ask that if a vote is going to be taken, you change the motion of censure to one of non-confidence which, entails my resignation."

At this point, council president Andre Ouellet, pointed out to the council that it would be unwise to add to the publicity that the University of Ottawa has already gained by its past actions against "La Rotonde".

M. Joanisse withdrew his motion. Council then passed a motion stating that it considered M. Beaubien's statements as personal opinions, and did not reflect those of the council.

EDUCATION WINS SHIELD BY DEFAULT

On Monday evening of last week, in Room 21, Education presented WOMAN ALIVE, the only play entered in the Connelly Shield competition, which last year consisted of seven entries.

The play, by John Tully, concerns an absent minded detective story writer whose wife attempts to give him a plot for his new book. The story involves a faked murder, a French maid, and the local police, and inevitably leads to a laughable climax.

Lawrence Mallett and Elsie Stoddard directed the play and the well-rehearsed cast included Ron Nash, Janet Sinclair, Mina Hood, Don Angus, Carol Earle, and John Ardenne. In charge of make-up and prompting were Glenda Oxner and Nancy Aucoin.

Dr. Sprott spoke to the audience after the play, explaining that Education had won the Connelly Shield by default, and that cups for the best actor and actress would not be awarded this year because there was not enough scope. Later he gave a private criticism to the cast.

It was an anti-climax for Education not to have had any competition. Said Carol Clark, "People weren't interested in taking part in a play or didn't have enough time for one. But it only takes a week or so to prepare one-act plays, and the more entries there are, the more colourful and worthwhile is the Connelly Shield competition."

WUSC Scholarships For Graduate Studies

Opportunities for studying abroad are being offered to graduate students by WUS of Canada through three scholarships.

The first scholarship is tenable at the University College of the West Indies for the academic year beginning the first Sunday in October.

The award will cover the cost of travel from the student's residence in Canada to the University and the cost of tuition and research and board and lodging.

The deadline for applications is June 20th.

The second scholarship is to the University of Hong Kong which has the faculties of Arts, Science, Medicine, Engineering, and Architecture.

The value of the award is approximately \$1,500 which will cover tuition and lodging. An extra allowance will be given for food and miscellaneous expenses. The scholar must pay his own travelling costs.

Although all instruction is in English, the applicant must be prepared to adjust himself to Chinese food and life among English-speaking Chinese students.

The deadline for application is February 29th.

The Israel scholarship is tenable at any Israel university for the academic year beginning this November. It may be used for any field of postgraduate work which does not lead to a degree. The award pays for tuition, living expenses and a four-month course in Hebrew before the Academic year. However, the cost of travel must be borne by the student.

Applicants should have well-defined projects for research and a high academic standing. They should be willing to assist the WUS committee on their campus in Israel.

The deadline for applications is February 19th.

Students interested in applying for any of these scholarships should contact Mike Steeves, local WUSC chairman.

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Room 234, 12:00
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Friday, February 12th
N.F.C.U.S. Dance, Gym

Saturday, February 13th
Pharmacy Ball, Lord Nelson Hotel

Monday, February 15th
Nursing Society Dance, Flamingo Club

Wednesday, February 17th
Model Parliament, Room 21, 7:00
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Friday, February 19th
Referendum for SUB
A & S Tartan Twirl, Gym
Art Lecture, Room 21, 8:00