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HAZING BANNED

Reactions Mixed

Dalhousie University last week joined the current college "hazing" ban movement with an order from the Student Council executive that halted traditional initiation procedures in mid-stream. Student Council president Dick Thompson ordered Initiation Committee chairman Henry Muggah to enforce a 1953 university Senate ruling prohibiting "hazing as a part of initiation proceedings."

SURPRISE

The move came as a surprise to most sophomores, grown accustomed to non-enforcement of the order which banned wearing of placards "except those bearing the names and addresses of students for purposes of identification," and "any actions that inflict personal indignity."

Implementation of the order was immediate. Pant legs were rolled down, placards disappeared from city streets, shoe polishing and push-ups became a feature of past initiations.

Earlier, Mr. Muggah announced that the 1961 initiation "would not be 'hazing' in the normal sense. 'Instead,' he said, 'our purpose is to make the new students feel at home, meet people, and get an idea of college life. Nobody is to be forced to do anything they don't care to.'"

But in a statement released Wednesday afternoon by his public relations officer, Dr. Kerr said:

"I understand that today, in certain instances, placards have been worn off campus and that an attempt was made to revive practices that contravene the Senate's declared policy. Execu-

"I am confident," the statement added, "that the competent student executive has the situation well in hand, and do not expect that the Senate will have to take cognizance of it."

Fresh reaction to the ban was mixed. One Halifax freshman remarked: "I didn't know just what to expect . . . I really didn't"; while a freshman from Dartmouth said he expected it to be a lot of fun — "I liked to wear the beanie and cards; I couldn't see why it had to stop."

However, one Halifax freshman felt the whole thing was "a childish waste of time."

ation— says he is optimistic about the chances for the Student NFCUS. He explained that his optimism was based on a sharp rise in enrollment at the university.

Card - Players Beware!

Gambling at Dalhousie has been banned "in all university buildings."

The regulation was passed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Student Relations committee. The action was taken after a letter was received by the committee from the president of the Students' Council with respect to card playing in the old Men's Residence.

The original motion passed by the Students' Council last spring called for the banning of card playing in the Men's Residence. This was later stricken from the records and a motion passed to stop all gambling in university buildings.

Student Council president Dick Thompson said he was "in complete agreement with the Senate". He said the Council was having signs made warning gamblers of the ban, but enforcement of the ruling would be up to the Administration.

The move came as a result of reports last year that students were losing large sums of money playing cards in the Men's Residence.

KINGS TO GET NEW RESIDENCE

A start will be made this fall on a new women's residence, gymnasium and dining hall for King's College, university president Canon H. L. Puxley has announced.

The women's residence will be partly financed by a Canada Council grant of \$67,256, and will provide accommodation for 100 students. Alexandra Hall, which is now the home for 36 women students, will be occupied by men.

Ground-breaking for the structure is expected sometime next month. The new residence will be on Coburg Road between King's College and the Dunn Science

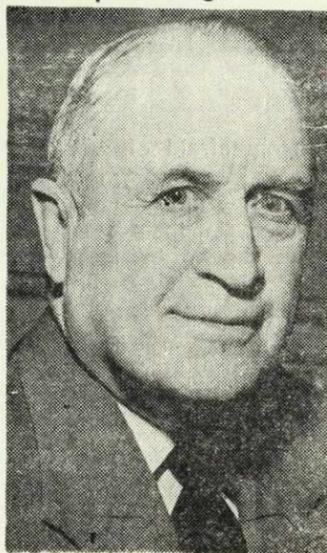
Building. Architects are J. Philip Dumaresq and Associates.

St. Mary's University also received a Canada Council grant of \$20,850. SMU will add a fifth floor to its men's residence, providing room for 31 more students and a student lounge.

A grant of \$2,000 to improve library facilities in Asiatic and Slavonic studies was made to Dalhousie.

St. Francis Xavier University received the top Maritime figure of \$79,058 for a building to house the expanding Coady Institute.

In all, nine Canadian Universities will share in the \$1,300,225 in grants from the Canada Council Capital Grants Funds announced earlier this month.



DR. KERR

NFCUS MEET SAID SUCCESS

Hamilton (CUP) — The fourth annual seminar of the National Federation of Canadian University Students concluded here Sept. 7 with most of the 150 delegates agreeing it was a most successful venture.

For seven days, delegates from almost every Canadian university heard 21 speakers—and many of the students did their share of talking back.

Theme of the seminar was "the Individual and Society". Delegates attempted to apply their findings to a comparison between the western world and the Soviet Union.

Key-note speaker, Prof. John R. Seeley of Toronto's York University, told the students to listen with scepticism to what they would hear in the following 100 days.

He asserted that the seminar was actually a political convention and a legislative assembly. "The social philosophers who address you are, wittingly or unwittingly, making pleas, and hence, in effect, are recruiting party members", he said. He told the delegates they were not simply finding out about phenomena, "but finding—for or against this or that."

COUNCIL CONTROL DISCUSSED

KINGSTON (CUP) — Students' Council presidents today discussed the relationship between students' councils and their campus papers. Most presidents were agreed that there should be no interference with the freedom of the press. It was pointed out, however, that the councils can effect some control through their control of the paper's budgets.

Approximately 18 presidents said that their councils have the authority to remove an editor should the need arise.

Canadian University Press president, Ted Johnston, drew to the attention of the presidents the Charter of the Student Press and the Code of Ethics, which have been approved and accepted by CUP member papers. He explained that the presidents might make themselves familiar with these documents so that in the event of a dispute between the council and the paper, they could be referred to by both parties.

Sir George leaves NFCUS; U. of Ottawa making no commitments

Montreal (CUP) — Sir George Williams University has announced its decision to withdraw from the National Federation of University Students. In its announcement, the University charged NFCUS was "a luxury for a few."

The move was a surprise to NFCUS officials — despite the fact that the Students' Undergraduate Society said it had had its membership under study for several months.

Bruce Rawson, NFCUS president, said in Edmonton he considered the withdrawal "an extremely disappointing decision."

Rawson said: "I deeply regret that NFCUS officers were not given an opportunity to make a representation to the committee. We were not even consulted."

And Rawson called on Sir George officials to reconsider attending the Congress—held last week in Kingston.

In their report, Sir George members said:

Too few students benefit from our association with NFCUS. NFCUS does not compare with

most National Unions of Students; it is not a cohesive and unified body with one voice.

The organization is bureaucratic. Rules are created without proper notification.

Mandates are forgotten by the National Executive, even though this appears to be their primary function.

As long as education is not considered a federal matter, little can be done nationally.

For an institution our size we cannot afford to benefit even though we are contributing to its costs.

"Therefore", concludes the report, "NFCUS costs too much for the services it renders. It is a luxury for a few."

A federation official said over the past ten years, Sir George Williams had paid an average fee of \$459. Last year's day enrollment was about 1,700.

The Georgian, the campus paper, said the main reason for leaving is believed to be cost. This year, the paper said, the student governments — day and

night divisions — are pressed for money and are planning to cut down on expenses for extra-curricular activities. Increases in the student fees, now believed to be the lowest in the country—are hoped for next year.

Rawson said the decision was "inopportune and coming at a moment when students are facing grave, complex problems in education and national and international affairs."

Meanwhile, another campus is having its financial difficulties with NFCUS.

The University of Ottawa has ordered its delegates to the NFCUS Congress in Kingston not make any financial commitments.

The directive emerged out of a council meeting of the university. The actual problem arose out of a shortage of money brought on by the refusal of the University of Ottawa administration to grant a \$6 increase in fees for this year. The university allowed a \$3 hike.

But Giles Grenier—president of the university's Student Feder-



WHERE THE BOYS WERE — Dal went under in the recent encounter with SMU, but certain Dal sympathizers provided interesting diversions to help deaden the blow.

There will be no
classes on Thanksgiving
Day, Monday, October