

PROPOSE DYNAMIC CAMPAIGN FOR STUDENT UNION BUILDING

Last week the Student Council unanimously agreed that this is the year FOR ACTION with regard to construction of a Student Union Building on the campus. Members talked of two possibilities either going ahead with concrete arrangements, or in the alternative completely scrapping the project.

Taking a positive attitude, the Council appointed Dave Matheson and Murray Fraser as Co-Chairmen of the committee which will have full power to finalize arrangements for financing and constructing the long-sought building as soon as possible.

The Co-Chairmen announced that they will form a committee with campus-wide representation to meet the first of next week. It is also expected that members of a permanent Faculty Advisory Committee will be selected shortly. An informal meeting will be sought with representatives of the university and the Board of Governors.

An all out attempt will be made to acquaint every student on the campus with the outstanding advantages of a SUB at Dal. It is of utmost importance that every student be made aware of the necessity of such a building at this university. Weekly reports will be made available through the Gazette and the Student Council.

Tentative plans call for the construction of the SUB to take place on University Avenue. It is expected that detailed financial arrangements will be announced shortly after Christmas. Students with a particular interest in the Student Union Building Project are asked to contact the Co-Chairmen immediately.

Le Cercle Expands SUB Problem

The increased international interest in foreign language study appears to be making itself strongly felt at Dalhousie. The presence of an unusually large number of students contributed greatly to the success of the first monthly meeting of the Cercle Francais, held on the evening of October 19 in the Arts Building.

The important business of the evening centred around the election of a new slate of officers to conduct this year's activities. The students re-elected Robert Ryan as President, and chose John Brandford as Vice-President and Mary Jane Cralk as Secretary-Treasurer. Following a break for refreshments, Professor Chauvy of the French Department taught the group several well-known French songs and then showed two French films to climax the evening.

The Cercle Francais is devoted to stimulating student interest in the French language by providing a series of activities in which members can apply their knowledge of the spoken language. Accordingly, each year an annual Soiree Theatrale is presented, consisting of French music and plays, under the direction of the French Department staff.

Last year a series of afternoon conversations groups was initiated with considerable success. However, one obstacle to the continuation of such groups this year is the difficulty of finding fluent French speakers to conduct them. It is hoped that the banquet held last year at a local French restaurant can be repeated on a larger scale next spring. The next meeting of the club will be held on November 16 and a cordial invitation to attend is extended to every interested student on the campus

SUB Problem Burning Fierce Light

When the Students' Council met on Thursday, October 22, in the Women's Common Room, most people felt that the most serious business of the evening would be to settle the question of the DGDS musical. They were wrong. By the end of the evening, there was burning the fierce light of the current problem of the Students Union Building.

Last year, Murray Fraser and Dave Matheson were elected co-chairmen of a board to study all aspects of a SUB. They submitted an excellent far-reaching report on the question. Thus, because of their wide experience in the field, they were elected co-chairmen of a board to start the actual concrete planning of a Student Union Building. The unanimous approval of the Council was given, and the various members have pledged to do all in their power to assist the board.

In spite of the length of time spent on the Students' Union Building decision, the Council also dealt with several other problems. Council accepted a donation of almost \$100 from the graduate class of '59 to be added to the Union Building Fund.

NFCUS Committee Calls Photographers, Writers

The Dalhousie NFCUS Committee held a regular meeting last Thursday with over 20 interested members present.

The meeting heard reports on the 23rd National Congress, held recently at the University of Saskatchewan, from Chairman Al Fleming and Vice-Chairman Peter Green. Al Fleming reported on the business conducted in the National Affairs Commission, which included the Photo Contest, Literary Contest, Student Discount Service and National Student Day. Green's report covered the international affairs aspect of NFCUS including a report on a symposium he attended on "The Role of NFCUS in the International Student Community."

Innes Christie, Senior Boy at King's College, attended the meeting to arrange an amicable agreement to the financial difficulties between the two universities. To preserve good relations between Dalhousie and King's, the Dalhousie Council postponed the \$1.50 hike in tribute money until next fall, at which time King's students will have to dig just a little deeper for Council dues.

Also at the meeting the Council decided to allow DGDS to budget for a musical at a cost much more than a third greater than the original estimate of \$1,916.00 when Pinafore was still tossing on the horizon.

The Council was tentatively approached concerning their feeling on an additional \$100 for the Junior Varsity football team, for a trip to St. Dunstan's, but the negative side predominated by one hand. Several members of the Council felt that it was more important to support the

The NFCUS Photography Contest will be held on a national basis again this year, and entry forms are now available from Al Fleming or Marc Foisy. Entries will be accepted in color slides and black and white sections.

The Literary Contest will be divided into three classes this year: Short Story, Essay and Poetry. Rules and entry forms will be available in the near future.

It was reported that the annual "NFCUS Night" will be held in the gym early in February.

National Student Day will be held in February this year. Sir George Willilams College in Montreal will act as the co-ordinating committee on a national level, and the Halifax area colleges will probably join forces for the local program.

NFCUS has been able to obtain a national discount at all Tip Top Tailor stores. Students showing a NFCUS card will receive a 10% discount.

NFCUS Life Insurance, a student life insurance plan underwritten by Premier Life Co., is available to students again this year. Application forms are now available from Committee members.

The NFCUS Atlantic Region Bursary will be awarded in the near future. This year the value of the bursary is \$100.

team of our football squad than to throw away money transporting a rather indifferent group of cheerleaders merely to show our adversaries that cheerleaders at Dal can do nothing that should distinguish them from the other Dalhousie supporters whose way is not paid. If our cheerleaders are incapable of any improvement, the Students' Council may witness some interesting debates in the near future.

The meeting was concluded after 11:00 o'clock, with Murray Fraser's exhortation concerning the Students' Union Building ringing in everyone's ears.

WITCHING TIME HERE

Ron Roberts, CJCH disc jockey, will spin records in between the Tinidadian Sounds of the West. Indian steel band at the WUSC Hallowe'en Ball this Friday night. The masked students attending will also experience, to quote Basil Cooper, chairman of the dance committee, "various surprises," whether pleasant or Hallowe'en style he prudently neglected to state.

STEEL BAND STEALS SHOW

Those personable ambassadors of the West Indies Federation, the members of Dalhousie's West Indian Society, started the international social season off with a bang last Friday evening with an exuberantly attended dance held in the gaily decorated confines of the East Common Room.

The Carribean theme of the affair was apparent from the moment one entered the Residence. Streamers and decorative maps adorned the walls, while merengues, limbos, and cha-chas were the order of the day. Over 200 revelers danced to records for the first and last hours of the evening and enjoyed the debut of Dal's steel band in the interlude.

The steel band, unique in Eastern Canada, was the highlight of the party. Alroy Chow, Hollis Whitehead, John Davidson, Kirtland Culmer and Basil Cooper's unusual instruments consist of oil barrels with heads made up of multi-sized steel plates welded together. One drum may have from four to 20 notes playable upon it. They produce an interesting and unusual sound, and it is hoped that they will receive much use this year.

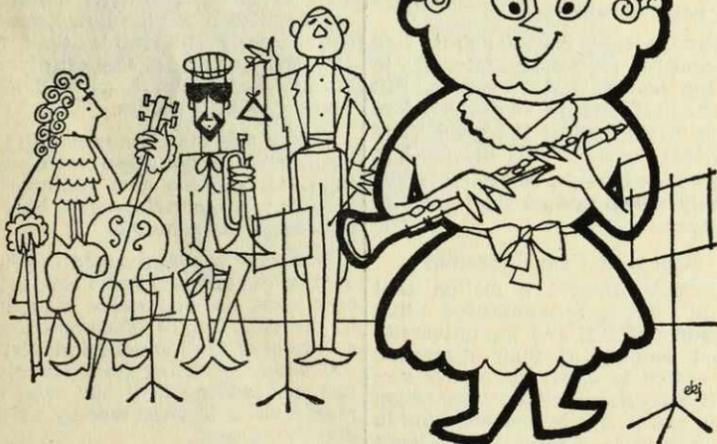
The party, a success from every aspect, was only the first of many planned by the Society, and if it was any indication of nights to come, the Society is in for its best year since its inception at Dalhousie.



Don't be misled by the contemplative expression of the steel drummers—the back page has the true low-down on the West Indian bash.

Clara Nette

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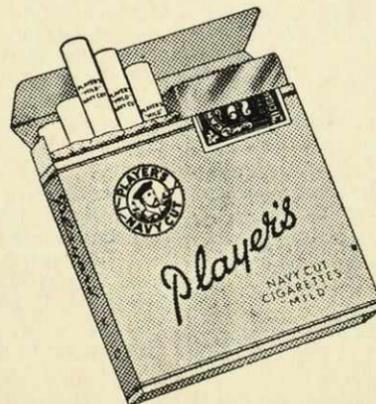
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