

**New Vice-President and Governor**

**Bennet, Muir Receive Appointments**

As a result of the increasing burden of administrative work that has fallen on the President of Dalhousie University by reason of the rapid expansion of the University, the Board of Governors has created the new post of Vice-President, commencing July 1, 1958. The first appointment to this, according to a statement made today by President A. E. Kerr, has been assigned to Dean C. L. Bennet, who has held the chair of George Munro, Professor of English Literature since 1931.

Dean Bennet was born in New Zealand, and studied Arts and Law at Otago University which he entered with a Junior University and Senior National Scholarship. His course was interrupted by the First World War, when he served in France and Belgium. After the war, he received an N.Z.E.F. Scholarship awarded to ex-service men for study in British universities.

In 1922 Mr. Bennet accepted a position at Dalhousie as lecturer in English, and became the first permanent full-time colleague of the late Dr. Archibald MacMechan.

In 1923, when King's College moved from Windsor to Halifax, he was transferred to King's Foundation, on which he remained until 1931 when he was appointed Head of the Department of English and transferred again to Dalhousie. From 1928 until 1930 he was in the Graduate School of English at Harvard, first on a fellowship and then as a tutor. He obtained his Master's degree in 1929, but was recalled to

Dalhousie before completing his doctorate by the approaching retirement of Dr. MacMechan.

For several years he was Secretary of the Faculty of Arts and Science. In 1947 he was appointed Secretary of the University Senate, and in 1955 he became Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, a position that the Board of Governors has asked him to retain. In each case he succeeded Dr. J. H. L. Johnstone with whom he has been closely associated for many years. He was one of the original members of the Canadian National Library Committee.

Over the weekend, Dr. Kerr announced the appointment of James Muir, Chairman and President of The Royal Bank of Canada, to the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University has been approved by the Governor-in-Council.

Mr. Muir's appointment for a six-year period follows a long association with Dalhousie University highlighted in recent years with Mr.



C. L. Bennet

Muir being the recipient of an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws during 1956 in the Special Convocation held at the opening of the O. E. Smith Wing of the Macdonald Memorial Library.

**Council Debates Football Issue**

by Peter Outhit

That Dalhousie may find it necessary—however reluctantly—to drop out of the Nova Scotia Football League seemed to be the consensus of opinion expressed at the first meeting of the Council of Students in the new year. Director of Athletics, Al Thomas, and Athletic Club President, Murray Dewis, reported to the Council that Dal lost \$400 on this year's football operations, a decrease of \$900 from last year's income.

At the 1957 annual meeting of the league, Dal's representatives objected to changing the rule which allowed each club to keep its own gate receipts after expenses. Ignoring objections, the league voted to pool all gate receipts and divided the total equally among all clubs. This change is claimed to be primarily responsible for the \$400 loss this year but partial blame is also attributed to the flu epidemic, poor weather and lack of playoffs.

The Council authorized its representatives to present its case to the 1958 annual league meeting on January 20, especially its desire to break even on future football operations. In this regard, the Council approved alternative proposals which have as their objective a more

equitable division of income; their bases lie in two propositions: Dal is not particularly interested in making a profit but does not want to go into the red; Dal feels that since its home games draw over one-third of the league's total attendance it is only fair that they receive in return more than "less than one-fifth of the league's total income".

Further details will be carried in next week's Gazette.

**FEELING OF COUNCIL**

The feeling of the Council appeared to be that Dal ought not secede from the league, but if the present financial arrangements continued, they would feel forced to act in self-defence. Thomas and Dewis were requested to report to the Council regarding the outcome of the meeting and its discussions. The Council does not intend to act further until this report is received and thoroughly considered.

Varsity Coach Al Thomas applied for and received funds to cover Dal's hockey exhibition trip to U.N.B. and Aroostock, Maine.

**MALCOLM HONOR AWARD**

It was also stated that DAAC has taken curling, now a recognized MIAU sport, under its jurisdiction with the paying of half the curling ice for this year. Choosing of curling teams, long an item of questionable fairness, will remain with the DAAC executive.

Jack Davidson was appointed Chairman of the Malcolm Honor Awards Committee, with Nick Sinclair and Judy Bennett elected to act under him. Two professors will also be added to the Committee.

Among the lesser business conducted with dispatch under Council President Murray Fraser was the granting of \$60 to Sodales for transportation to the St. F.X. Model Parliament; the announcement of a Student Forum for Thursday, January 16; and the hearing of a Med representative that next year Meds would play interclass basketball and hockey but remain in interfaculty football.

**Students Learn Exam Results**

Dalhousians are just getting back on their feet after the grim results of the Christmas exams that faced them the first day of classes in the New Year.

Freshmen are usually the hardest hit by these exams. General results of the main first and second year courses show that the percentage of passes is more or less on a par with last year's percentage.

The following statistics indicate these results.

CLASS	% OF PASSES	
	1956	1957
Physics 1	50	48
Chem. 1	50	48
Biology 1	46	52
Math 1	52	49
Math 2	77	63
English 1	48	51
English 2	58	50
French 2	61	59
Economics 1	50	54
Drawing 1	80	86
History 1	76	77
Psych. 1	57	60

**NFCUS President Visits Dalhousie This Week**

Wally Tarnopolsky, National President of NFCUS, will be in Halifax from January 14 to 18. During his visit, he will meet both the Dal NFCUS Committee and the Council of Students. This announcement was made by Lew Matheson, Chairman of NFCUS at a recent meeting.

A Student Forum will be held tomorrow, Thursday at 12 noon in the Gym. The main purpose of this Forum will be to enable all Dal students to hear and question Mr. Tarnopolsky.

Other matters discussed by the NFCUS meeting included the annual NFCUS dance, scheduled to be held in the Gym on February 28. June Nudelman will chair a committee of four consisting of Liz Aitchison, Lew Smith, Judy MacLennan and a representative from King's who will be named in the future.

A \$5,000 grant from the Canada Council will help defray the costs of the NFCUS Seminar to be held at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario from September 8-12. A selection committee will choose one representative from Dalhousie to attend the seminar.

The NFCUS Travel Service has been set up again this year and two regular tours are planned, as well as one special tour to Russia. These tours are well planned and anyone interested should contact Vivian Thompson, who has been named Travel Agent for Dal.

A Scholarship Committee has been organized to advance the aims of Canadian Education. With this intention in mind, a NFCUS committee will make a concerted effort to make high school students, Home & School Associations and Social Service Clubs aware of the many advantages of a university education. Working on this committee will be Lew Matheson, Murray Fraser, Innis Christie and Patty Henderson.

A brief discussion of the Atlantic Regional Conference ended the meeting.

**Big Week For Commerce Now Underway**

by Martin Farnsworth

Commerce Week, one of the gayest social occasions on our campus, began Monday night as the Commerce students held their banquet and ball in the Lord Nelson Hotel starting the week of parties and tours with great success.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Commerce Queen, Miss Carrie Ann Matheson, who will represent Commerce in the Campus Queen contest.

Prior to the dance a banquet was held in the ballroom. The invited speaker, Mr. Nelson Mann, gave an interesting address.

President Kerr also spoke to the students.

**ROYAL BANK TOUR**

On Tuesday afternoon the first year Commerce students made a tour of the main branch of the Royal Bank and as always it proved very interesting and informative.

The Commerce students will hear an address this afternoon by the president of the Montreal Stock Exchange, Mr. Norman, on the operation of a stock exchange.

Tonight the President of the Commerce Company, Al Riggs, will be "at home" at Zeta Psi fraternity house.

A local business house is playing host to the Commerce students on Thursday afternoon and a very interesting tour has been arranged. Friday afternoon the Commerce students will be the guests of CBHT and will witness a live show in production from the local studio.

**SWEATER DANCE**

The Sweater Dance on Friday night will climax the busy week. At this event the 1958 Sweater Queen will be crowned.

**Blood Drive Slated For This Month**

The annual Blood Drive at Dalhousie is scheduled for January 28, 29 and 30. Dave Matheson is Chairman of a Council committee which is looking after the details.

As in past years, several trophies will be up for competition between faculties and fraternities but certain changes in regard to these may be announced.

Your blood is needed. It costs only a few minutes of your time to become a donor, but it costs you nothing if you should ever need a transfusion.

The Clinic will be open during the following hours: Jan. 28, 11:00—2:30 and 4:00—5:30; Jan. 29, 11:00—2:30, 4:00—5:30 and 7:00—8:00; Jan. 30, 11:30—2:30.

**Student Forum**

This year's second Student Forum will be held tomorrow, Thursday at 12 noon in the Gym. National President of NFCUS, Walter Tarnopolsky, will address the meeting. All students are urged to attend.

**Eleven Students Attend Liberal Conventions**

Eleven delegates from Dal joined 200 university delegates this weekend in Ottawa for the annual convention of the Canadian University Liberal Federation which convened in the Chateau Laurier on Monday. Chairman of the convention was the national president of CULF, George LeVatte, third year Law student.

Both the university and Law School Liberal clubs were represented; the former by Heidi Reibling, Jacqueline Munro, and the latter by Bill Lewis, Don Hall, Lionel "Web" MacIssac, Eugene Westhaver and Dan McLean. Another Law student, who attended was Tom MacQuarrie, secretary of the Nova Scotia Young Liberals.

All eleven are also delegates to the national leadership convention of the Liberal Party being held at the Colliseum in the capital.

At the opening session of the leadership convention, yesterday morning, George LeVatte was elected assistant-secretary of the proceedings.

George LeVatte

