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Students watchdog scientists

OTTAWA (CUP) — Creation of a new national student organization dedicated to examining the responsibilities of scientists in society is the goal of one Ottawa student.

Fraser Homer-Dixson hopes to create an organization of young sociai and natural scientists who would look at the ethical issues and moral responsibilities relevant to their work.

Homer-Dixson says he got the idea last June when he was the only Canadian delegate to the first ever Student Pugwash Conference on Science and Ethical Responsibility, held in San Diego. The Pugwash Movement, from which the conference stemmed, was begun after Albert Einstein and Bertrand Russell issued a manifesto in 1955 calling upon scientists of the world to meet at a conference and discuss the threat of nuclear weapons. The first conference was held in Pugwash, Nova Scotia in 1957.

Since then the informal movement has grown considerably and examines the sources of international conflict and scientific responsibilities.

The organization is necessary because, "scientists have a monopoly of knowledge and are respected by society for that monopoly," says Homer-Dixson, and therefore they must ensure that the power is not misued.

Homer-Dixson, a political science student at Carleton University, is aiming his appeal for help in starting the organization at both students and professors. He says faculty interest is necessary in order to ensure some continuity and stability in the organization and to recruit new students each year.

Students interested in Canadian Student Pugwash can contact Homer-Dixson at 806-474 Wilbrod St., Ottawa or through the Carleton political science department.

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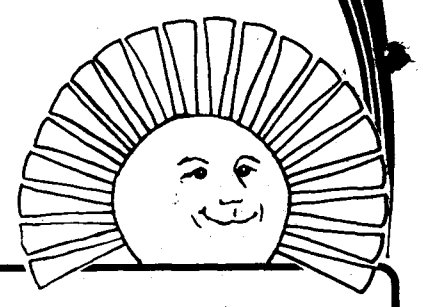

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