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Malcolm Smith, Law 2, and Gene Rebcook, Law 1, are shown above. They are co-chairmen of the NFCUS Committee to promote public opinion in favor of the organization's government scholarship plan.

## Smith, Rebcook Chair Group For NFCUS Scholarship Plan

In cooperation with other universities across Canada, Dalhousie will launch a vigorous campaign to arouse the interest of the public on the need for Federal Government aid to University students.

Co-chairmen of the Dalhousie NFCUS sub-committee on student financial aid are Malcolm Smith, Law 2 and Eugene Rebcook, Law 1. Malcolm Smith took his Arts at King's University and has been very active in campus activities; he is on the Phi Kappa Pi executive and has been the Dal correspondent for the Halifax Chronicle-Herald for the past two years. He served as Cabinet Minister in the Mock Parliament, was a Gazette writer and also won the Prince Cup at King's for public speaking.

## New Canteen Helps Return

If students were not in good spirits after receiving their marks at the opening of the new term, the change in the canteen was enough to put them in a good mood. When tired feet dragged from the Arts Building to the Men's Residence, their eyes were opened to an almost unbelievable sight. A spacious, bright and clean room greeted the eye. The old Book Store was removed and is now in the East Common room, and the little back room torn out to enlarge the canteen. Tables and chairs have been installed for the students' comfort.

Restful, pale green walls with drapes to match, have replaced the faded walls and dingy window blinds. A new counter at the west end of the canteen was built, and the old "horseshoe" counter removed. It's also nice to be able to see the cigarettes and chocolate bars in one place, instead of having to run around the corner of the counter and back again to see what kind they have.

This past week has proved the change to be successful. Congestion at the counter has been reduced, and students can now eat their meals in peace. Asked if they were in favor of the new canteen students have answered a definite yes.

## Tories Plan Two Meetings

Political activity on the campus is expected to get a boost this week, with the Progressive Conservatives providing the impetus. The Tories have scheduled two meetings for the next two days, with plans to be made for local Parliamentary sessions and for sending the Dalhousie delegation to the Maritime University Student Parliament in Fredericton.

The campus wide meeting will be held Thursday in 222 Arts. As there is no P.C. group outside the Law School, it is expected that a committee from the lawyer's organization will head the meeting. Pat Nowlan, Law 3, has announced that the P.C. Club of the Law School will meet at noon on Wednesday, and one of the topics of discussion will be campus-wide activities. All interested in politics and the party are invited to be present on Thursday in 222 Arts.

## First Round Debate Sked

The remainder of the first round schedule for interfaculty debates was announced last week by Art Stone, Law 3, president of Sodales. It is as follows:

- Jan. 13—Arts & Science 1 vs Law 6
- Jan. 14—Arts & Science 3 vs Law 3
- Jan. 17—Arts & Science 4 vs Law 5
- Jan. 18—Arts & Science 2 vs Law 13
- Jan. 19—Graduate Studies 1 vs Law 1
- Jan. 21—Delta Gamma 2 vs Law 7
- Jan. 24—Law 11 vs Law 12

All debates will be held in the Moot Court Room of the Law Building, unless notices are posted otherwise. Debates must begin at 1:30 in the afternoon. Participants are asked to pay strict attention to these rules.

# HEY-GIVE BLOOD!

## Red Cross Drive Starts Next Week

Next week Dalhousie and King's students will be called on to give blood — the magic fluid which helps to save the lives of others. Universities all across Canada are engaged in Third Annual Intercollegiate Blood Donor Competition. The clinic will be held at the Dalhousie Men's Residence on January 18th, 19th and 20th from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Last year Dalhousie and King's students donated 572 bottles of blood. This year the Red Cross has set a target of 600 donors from Dal and King's students. It is hoped that this target will be met and exceeded as 700 bottles of whole blood and plasma are needed weekly in Nova Scotia and 1600 bottles of blood are required per month in Halifax hospitals alone.

The Corpuscle Cup, the inter-university trophy which is given to the university making the most blood donations, is again being sought by all Canadian universities taking part in the Intercollegiate Blood Donor Competition. The Corpuscle Cup was won by Mount Allison last year. The Oland Trophy will be awarded to the faculty which has the largest percentage of blood donors. Pharmacy won last year with 95 percent donation.

A trophy donated by "Butsy" O'Brien will be awarded to the fraternity with the highest percentage of donors. Four fraternities, Alpha Gamma Delta, Phi Beta Pi, Tau Epsilon Phi and Zeta Psi won the inter-fraternity trophy last year with a percentage of 100% each.

In order to meet the needs of Canadian Hospitals and the patients they serve, the Canadian Red Cross has undertaken the task of organizing a completely free National Blood Transfusion Service. To date, the Service is operating in several provinces. In full operation, this service is able to meet the daily needs of every hospital and the requirements of any national disaster or other emergencies. The success of this undertaking depends upon the response of people all across the nation who will give their blood freely so that no life may be needlessly lost.

The normal human adult of average weight has approximately 12 to 13 pints of blood in his body. Surely every university student can donate one pint of blood to the worthy cause of helping to save human lives.

## Comm Goes For Sweaters

Richard Brookfield, president of the Dalhousie Commerce Club, has announced that the annual Sweater Dance will be held in the gym on Friday, January 14, from 9 - 1, with Pete Power's Orchestra supplying the music. Highlighting the program will be the selection of a Sweater Queen from among the crowd by the executive of the Commerce Club. Last year's Sweater Queen was Sheila Piercey.

Although it is supposed to be a secret, it has leaked out through the grapevine that a surprise fashion show will be presented at the dance, and it should be especially enjoyed by all the ladies present.

Chaperoning at the Sweater Dance will be Professor and Mrs. Stanley Cummings, Professor Wilfred Berman and Tew Irwin.

Tickets are \$1.50 a couple.

Tuesday, January 18  
Gym, 12 Noon

STUDENT FORUM  
N.F.C.U.S. Question

## Eastern SCM Meets Here

The Atlantic Provinces Regional Conference of the Student Christian Movement of Canada was sponsored by the Dalhousie unit of SCM. The conference opened December 31, 1954 and continued until January 2, 1955. Attending the conference were: four delegates from Mount Allison SCM, ten from Dalhousie, six from the Acadia unit, and two from the University of New Brunswick. Representing the National office of SCM was Miss Rhoda Palfrey, Toronto, mission secretary of the Student Christian Movement.

The theme of the conference was "Christian Responsibility and the College Community" with Rev. Earl Hawkesworth as theme speaker, assisted by Dr. George Grant.

Mr. Hawkesworth is a graduate of Acadia University in Arts and in Theology, and is at present field representative of that college. His series of three talks dealt with what the church traditionally should say, what the Church has to say, and what students in the Universities, and mature people in general are required to say if they recognize God as Creator and Father.

Dr. Grant, who is a professor of Philosophy at Dalhousie presented a paper on "A Christian Commentary on High Education." In his paper, Dr. Grant presented a clear, thought-provoking analysis of today's situations, which are quite accurately mirrored in our colleges and Churches. He said that the life of contemplation is almost entirely non-existent and scorned, and unthinking activity is dominant in our society.

On Friday and Saturday mornings worship was conducted by Bob Davis of King's, in the King's College Chapel. Following these services, and on Sunday mornings also, the delegates went to the Engineers' Common Room for an hour's Bible Study, led by Bob Davis. The study was concerned with the first three chapters of St. Paul's epistle to the Colossians. There were small groups for active discussions, and each group decided on certain points to be brought up in the general discussion which followed. During the Conference, evening worship was conducted by each of the Student Christian Movements represented: Acadia, U.N.B., Mt. Allison and Dalhousie. On Sunday morning delegates attended various city churches of their own preference.

On the evening of the first of January there was a Panel Discussion on Work Camps. On the panel were Fred Neal, Ester Harrison, and Rev. Earl Hawkesworth, all former directors of work camps. Fred Neal, Dalhousie's general secretary, gave an outline of the general purposes of these camps. Summer work camps provide an opportunity for university students to study problems of the current social, economic and industrial situations in Canada, while also earning money to finance their college courses. Ester Harrison, graduate of University of British Columbia, and present general secretary of UNB talked on Mental Health work camps, and Fred talked about Industrial work camps in particular. Mr. Hawkesworth told about Agricultural work camps, and some of the experiences he had as director of one in Dixie, Ontario

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Commerce Queen. — Helen Scammell, recently chosen Commerce Queen candidate, is shown above.

## Scammell Is Money Choice

The Dalhousie Commerce Company has recently announced its choice of Helen Scammell, Arts 4, as its candidate in the Munro Day Campus Queen contest. Helen was a junior class princess last year, and is a very popular girl on the campus.

During her four years at Dal, Helen has held several positions of importance. She is this year's president of the Arts and Science Society, and served as its vice-president last year. She has spent four years on the Gazette, as reporter, co-news editor, CUP editor, and is this year features editor. Campus Life editor of Pharos for two years, Helen was also elected to the office of 2nd vice-president of the Students' Council last year and this. She is vice-president of the Class of '55, a member of the NFCUS committee, the Philosophy Club and Pi Beta Phi, where she has served on the Executive Council, and received a scholarship award. Her majors are English and Philosophy.

## Interviewers Here Soon

Interviewing teams from the Defence Research Board and the Civil Service Commission will visit Dalhousie this month to discuss employment with interested students. The D.R.B. team will be available in Room 211, Arts and Administration Building from 9:30 onwards on January 17 and 18, and representatives of C.S.C. will be available in the rooms listed below on January 18 and 19.

A number of notices relating to particular positions have already been distributed and application forms may be obtained from the registrar.

The D.R.B. team are interested in graduate students and those of this year's graduating class. They are prepared to interview, as well, first-class students especially those within a year of graduation, who are looking for summer employment. The Defence Research Board is unable to employ students who are not Canadian citizens or British subjects.

The Civil Service Commission team's schedule is as follows: James R. Neville will discuss opportunities of interest to students in Arts and the Social Sciences in Room 151, Arts and Administration Building, on January 18 and 19.

Miss Dorothy Cadwell will discuss opportunities for women in the public service in Room 359, Arts and Administration Building, January 18 and 19.

V. M. Clarkson and Dr. James M. Harrison will discuss opportuni-

## Exam Results Claim Toll

Christmas exam results posted in the basement of the Arts Building claimed the attention of most returning students early last week. The Gazette sent two reporters to survey the results with an eye to comparative figures, and their comment on returning was that the Freshmen must have found their first exams rather rough. Figures below give an indication of what they meant. The columns show the number of students who wrote exams in most of the larger classes, the numbers that passed and failed, and the percentage of passes.

Class	W	P	F	% of Passes
English 1	137	89	48	65
English 1A	50	19	31	38
English 2	196	124	72	63
History 1	96	66	30	70
Philosophy 1	62	51	11	82
Latin 1	38	16	22	42
Latin 2	62	52	10	84
French 1	88	43	45	49
French 2	62	44	18	71
Spanish 1	43	27	16	62
German 1A	38	31	7	81
Psychology 1	84	72	12	85
Pol. Sc. 1	77	59	18	77
Economics 1	69	44	25	64
Commerce 1	47	28	19	60
Math 1	202	106	96	52
Math 2	81	62	19	76
Biology 1	153	85	68	55
Zoology 2	45	27	18	60
Chem. 1	191	110	81	57
Chem. 2	138	88	50	63
Chem. 4	58	44	14	76
Geology 1	53	23	30	43
Physics 1	185	99	86	53
Drawing 1	55	43	12	78
Surveying 1	56	40	16	71

These results are not official, but were compiled from the lists posted in the Arts Building. The unfortunate percentages may be heartened to know that marks usually seem to go up at the end of the year — if you study harder.

## Text Price Report Begun

The N.F.C.U.S. sub-committee on Textbook Investigation at Dalhousie University hopes to officially release its survey within the next three weeks. This was announced last week by committee chairman George Travis, who said that to date, four Universities have replied to Dalhousie queries. The committee hopes to receive further information within the next two weeks, but an additional period will be required to analyse data and prepare the report.

In December, queries were sent to twenty-one NFCUS Chairmen located in all the major Canadian Universities. A circular containing a listing of virtually every elementary course with the textbook and its price used at Dal comprised the query. The Dal Committee realized that textbooks vary in each University, but it was felt that by sending a large listing of books, the report would be more adequate. From the replies received thus far, the committee said it was obvious that Dal's book prices compared most favorably with those in other Canadian Universities. Additional information on textbook stores and management would probably comprise the main bulk of the report, said the committee chairman.

ties of interest to students in the Physical Science in Room 34, Science Building, on January 19 only.

Interviewers will be available daily from 9:30.

Mr. Neville will also address a meeting of the Commerce Society in Room 44, Arts and Administration Building on January 18. The meeting will be open to any interested students, regardless of Faculty.