

## WHAT IS NFCUS?

N.F.C.U.S. or the National Federation of Canadian University Students is the title given to those Canadian Universities who have grouped themselves into a national organization
national level.

Its object as stated by the constitution is, "To promote in every way possible better understanding among all Canadian University students, a greater degree of co-operation and correlation among all Canadian Universities for the effective promotion of student interests and to provide a mean
ionships with student groups in other countries.
Although there has been some exchange of views and ideas with the National Student Association of the United States, the international activities of N.F.C.U.S have been decidedly limited, chiefly due to the domination of the student world in Europe and Asia by the International Union of Students, whose strength is drawn chiefly from "iron curtain" countries and those who are sympathetic toward Communist ideals N.F.C.U.S. has declined to enter this latter organization feeling that more could be accomplished by working independently of it or by the possible for mation of a western union. As yet there has been no definite action. toward the mation of a western union.
formation of such a group.

Every student of each member University of N.F.C.U.S. is automatically a member of the organization. Government of the body is in the hands of the National Executive, consisting of a National president, a secretary treasurer, and four vice presidents who represent the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, and the West, together with the local committees at ea respective Students' Councils.
N.F.C.U.S. is a non political, non religious organization. Its official languages are French and English, all IConference reports and periodical bulletins being published in both languages.
N.F.C.U.S. projects have been, with the exception of the Canadian-American student exchange pin, all on a national level.

One of the most important tasks ever undertaken by the Federation has been hat of attempting to procure Federal aid for higher education. A brief was pre-解 pathetic toward the need for Federal aid as requested. Although little definite action pathetic the brief has indeed paved the way for further steps, and shows great promise for the future.

One of the most successful projects has been the Regional Student Exchange Plan, whereby, under the auspices of the Federation, students leave their own Universities and take their Junior year at another University. This scheme has certainly done a great deal to further understanding between the various members of N.F.C.U.S., in addition to a very satisfactory method for the exchange of ideas along the lines of student interest.

Considerable research has been done along the lines of the high cost of texts to students, and one University has succeeded in having the cost of texts from one publisher cut by ten per cent.

It is hoped that this year a travel agency will be established for University Students, which would enable those so desiring, to have arrangements made and simplified for them in addition to the possibility of reduced rates. Last year the University of Manitoba printed a very helpful booklet entitled "So you're going to Europe", this proved so popular that plans are underway for its re-publication.
N.F.C.U.S. itself plans on the printing of a year-book this year with material
eived from all the member universities, and compiled at a central point. Plans are also being made for a national radio program.

The federation purposes to hold a National Seminar this coming summer in the Province of Quebec, with an educational program of subjects of interest to every citizen of Canada. Through such projects as this, N.F.C.U.S. is trying to do its part to help achieve perfect harmony among all Canadians.
I.S.S. stands for the International Student Service of Canada, the only national university organization linking students, faculty, and graduates. I.S.S. Aims
(a) To provide a fruitful channel of international contact for Canadian Universities
(b) To promote international understanding at the most effective level - the university
(c) To raise funds fon student relief and university reconstruction in Europe and Asia.
I.S.S. Projects

1. Twenty-six D.P. students are now studying at Canadian universities. They were selected by and are the responsibility of I.S.S. and are supported by I.S.S. funds raised on Canadian campii. Ten such students have already passed through Canadian colleges.

Three I.S.S. Summer Seminars have been held (the first in the British zone of Germany in 1948; the second in the Netherlands in 1949; the third in France in 1950.) These were entirely the effort of I.S.S. with the cooperation and financial support of the Canadian Council for Reconstruction through UNESCO and the provincial governments of Canada. 150 Canadian students studied for the summer with students and professors of seventeen other countries. Funds raised on Canadian campii by I.S.S. committees did not finance any portion of the seminars.

University and Student Relief-over $\$ 150,000$ has been raised on Canadian campii since 1940 for books, clothing, medical supplies and food distributed abroa on the basis of need by World Student Relief. Medical supplies and books are still urgently needed if students and professoors are to remain at their studies. I T.B. and other diseases continue to increase in both Europe and Asia due to malnutrition overcrowding, lack of heat and clothing. I.S.S. considers it a vital part of its tradi tion to encourage Canadian students and professors to give to the relief of others so long as the need exists.
4. Correspondence Exchanges with students throughout the world.
5. I.S.S. operates a University Information Service and carries out in cooperation with UNESCO and other International institutes of higher education research into university problems

## I.S.S. Local Committee

Membership on I.S.S. campus committees is completely voluntary, dependent only upon the desire to further the above projects and aims of I.S.S. In many Canadian colleges, students taking post-graduate courses lare excluded from any campus af fairs, but I.S.S.makes no such restriction. The university faculty is represented in every local I.S.S. committee by at least one professor. The activities of local committees are directed mainly to publicizing I.S.S. and organizing the annual campaign for funds.
I.S.S. National Administrative Committee

This Committee is composed of 14 members. Three of these are students; the remainder are faculty members from nearby universities and interested outsiders The Committee's function is to supervise the everyday workings of the |Secretariat within the framework of policy decisions laid down by the National Conference. 1.S.S. National Conference

The conference is held early in each academic year to map out the organization's general activities. Two delegates, one student and one professor, attend from each I.S.S. university,

This is the executive branch of Canadian I.S.S., consisting at the moment of National Secretary, and International Secretary, and two stenographers. These four full-time employees carry on I.S.S.'s everyday business, subject to the super-
vision of the Administrative Council and ultimately, the national conference. anent secretary treasurer. With an innovation such as this the plans of the Feder anent secretary treasurer. With an innovation such as this the plan
ation should be carried out more quickly and with greater efficiency.

## Proposed ISS - NFCUS Amalgamation Arouses Wide Interest

## posed I.S.S.-N.F.C.U.S. amalgamation is

 biased, and I do not claim to be free from it. Therefore, I suggest that you read this article with an eye for bias; then read and evaulate as much other material as possible. cussed publicly at the I.S.S. seminar held this summer in France. Attending the seminar were Bill Turner of Toronto and Denis Lazure of Laval, who later attended the Communist I.U.S. conference in Prague. The idea of amalgamation appealed to them, and they had it in their amalgamation appealed to them, andminds during the Prague sessions.

At that conference, Turner and Lazure saw clearly the zeal with which the Communist half of the world was carrying on its program of propaganda and relief. Shocked by what they saw, Turner and Lazure felt that Canadian students should lend their support in an organized fashion to combatting the Communist objec-
tives. More than ever the idea of I.S.S.-N.F.C.U.S. affilitives. More than ever the idea of I.S.S.-N.F.C.U.S. affilition appealed to them, since it would give Canadian students the mechanism with which to carry on the combat.

They presented their findings to the national conference of N.FC.U.S., held this September in Quebec. The conference was impressed and it was suggested that
the two organizations either amalgamate or work toward the two organizatio
oser cooperation.
From there on the picture becomes confused. From there on the picture becomes confused.
N.F.C.U.S. consulted representatives of I.S.S. in Toronto, and the question of amalgamation was discussed. The national conference of N.F.C.U.S. had been held a month previously; the national conference of I.S.S. was yet to
be held. held.
The
The first meeting between N.F.C.U.S. and I.S.S. officiasl took place October 6 in Toronto, and a second was held October 16th. Nothing was settled; individual mem-
bers of the I.S.S. Administrative Committee did, however, bers of the I.S.S. Administrative Committee express their personal favour of the plan.

Between October 16th and October 21st, there was insufficient time for the national committee to inform local I.S.S. committees of the N.F.C.U.S. proposal at any length, and consequently the great majority of I.S.S. delegates arrived at the conference with only vague notions of the problems involved. Many arrived with straight biases dictated by the success of N.F.C.U.S. committees on their own campii.

Thus the national I.S.S. conference achieved little in the way of progress toward a merger. The delegates could only agree that the subject would bear consideration, and to this end they appointed a Continuing Committee to lay plans and present alternatives to a subsequent national conference. N.F.C.U.S. had drafted a
 Thus, all I.S.S. projects requiring the support of the in-
dividual university are on an entirely voluntary basis dividual university are
with respect to finances.
(2) What about those universities who are not now members of I.S.S. or N.F.C.U.S.? These are few in
number but some have no wish to adopt policies of the rganization to which they do not belong. Provision must be made for thes
a strong organization.
strong organization.
(3) How can the representative feature of N.F.C.U.S. be reconciled with the strictly voluntary
membership of some I.S.S. committees, and the quasivoluntary membership of others? One of the strongest features of N.F.C.U.S. is that it can truly claim to be representative of Canadian student opinion, and can
justly call on every Canadian student to support its justly call on every Canadian student to support its
policies. Paradoxically enough, however, the voluntary feature of many I.S.S. committees is their strongest
point. (4) Will faculty representation be maintained in the new organization? If so, to what extent? Here the proposed constitution did have something to say. The new constitution and the present I.S.S. organization compare this way:

## NEW ORGANIZATION

National Committee
Executive Committee-undergraduate President, one undergrad Vice-President and one faculty VicePresident.

International Affairs Commission-20 members, 10 undergraduate, 10 faculty, graduate, outside.
Regional Committee: none provided f
Ten members at least. One faculty member to four student members
$\qquad$
Schools over 1000 -Three delegates Schools under $1000-2$ delegates One of these to be faculty. Voting to be done by one student delegate.

## ational Committee: (Administrative)

Fourteen members; three students, eleven faculty graduate, or outside. - A representative national committee is elected on a regional basis, but is actually not used - the conference fulfills its

## Regional Committe

Constitution generally provides for two students, one graduate, and one faculty member. In practice, the committees meet only haphazardly

## Local Committees

Any number of members; usually one faculty repre
sentative. tional Conference:
One faculty and one student delegate, each voting Disparaties not strictly remedied.
At present, of course, N.F.C.U.S. has no faculty representation excepting that which may be exerted
through individual Students' Councils. The question remains, however, can I.S.S. safely sacrifice even suen this faculty guidance which has been another of its strongest features ?

These then, are the basic problems of amalgamation as I see them, and they should not be obscurred in the accomplishing internationally greater than I.S.S. is now blind the new organization to its commitments in the national student field.

## Advantages:

The proposed amalgamation does, of course, have
(1) The avoidance of duplication:
(a) In national conferences
(b) In national offices
(c) In money raising (Continued on page three)


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## A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

At its last meeting the Students' Council agreed to a proposal, generously extended by a member of the faculty, to transcribe all proceedings. It was revealed at this meeting that the Student Forum has been recorded in permanen form on a tape recorder.

It may sound at first like a good idea to record for posterity all the proceedings of the student legislative bodies, danger student privileges.

The most obvious wrong that could result would be the transcription in permanent form of ssome incautious stateof a fellow student from a mere slander to a much more serious thing, libel, for which the civil damages recoverable are greater.

The whole idea that what they are going to say is going to be recorded for all time will make students think a second students from saying anything, and the rest will not feel free to say what they really think.

Some may think this would be a good thing, but as it is the students have too little to say about how their affairs are to be run. It is better that students should say too much uneasy silence and watch things going on of which they uneasy silence and

The fact that anybody can hear what they said at a Students' Forum or Council Meeting if it were to be recorded would certainly make a student think twice before making a criticism, even if justified, about the University or Faculty. There is much hesitation as it is to voice any opinion on these important subjects. Many students who could contribute much to the general welfare of Dalhousie keep silent because they fear to express their views. How many others would hesitate to express criticism of anything to do with the faculty if they knew that everything they said would be recorded for posterity.

The meetings of the Students' Council and the Student Forum are for the students and for the students only, although faculty members are ex-officio members. The proceedings of the meetings, with the exception of the coverage given in the GAZETTE to more important items, are kept secret, and it is better that they should remain so. They are mostly uninteresting detail items that are recorded in the minutes anyway. It would be of no advantage to record these meetings and, on the other hand, it would cause great harm.

Those running the last student forum had no right to record the meeting without notifying those present beforehand. To continue the practice would be dangerous to the whole system of student government at Dalhousie.

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(2) The pooling of present strong features of each organization. (a) N.F:C.U.S.:
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ii. Its assured annual income
iii. Its power in the national picture

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gamation are obvious, if one accepts the basic premise
that national and international objectives can be reconciled within one organization. But beyond that, a hasty
cection progress toward an amalgamation for the sake of being "visionary" must be tempered with some slow, methodival planning, and if necesary, horse-trading, in order to build up a practical, stable organization.

Bruce Lockwood, Chairman, Dalhousie I.S.S. Committee

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 team are Pat Ahern, captain, Elaine Woodside, Sally Roper Gretchen Hewatt, Joan McCurdy Diane Sinclair, Joanne Murphy, Shirley Ripley, Oharlotte Nor man and Betty Merrick.
In the second game of the night the Ragmops won their first game of the year in defeating the Pan-
thers $35-20$. They are a good team thers $35-20$. They are a good team and deserve a great deal of credit for their fighting spirit, even though they were at the tail end of the game and of the night with 23. Teammates Sally Forbes and ing 12 points. For the losers Joan Baxter got 10 points Fo and Gery Grant each pot 4 and Joan Hills got 2 .

Gabby Vitalone, left, director of athletics, and Sherman Zwicker right, president of the Students' Council, two of the campus personali ties who will be taking part in Thursday's hockey game against the
girls' team. When approached by the organizers of the team Zwicker girls' team. When approached by the organizers of the team Zwicke
said, "I'll be glad to play third base", while coach Vitalone remarked,
"It should be easy, the baskets "It should be easy, the baskets are much bigger than in basketball".

> | By BILL MacCREADY |
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| Season. The Dalhousie Football |
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| with the Students' Council against |
| the Ping Pong team as of Novem- |
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| son the question foremost in the |
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Football Players Face Icy Showers

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in final year

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## Campus Characters Take on Girls; Varsity Plays Covers Thursday


 Characters, a representative selec the term loosely) from (all we use the term loosely) from all walks of ife, take on the girls hockey team. 12 oclock noon, December 2nd, Contacted late last night lawyer interested in managing the operaK. E. River of the Little Three tion of the canteen in the rink unhockey league stated: "All games der the auspices of the Students' in our loop for next Thursday Council. Tenders must be sub-

night have been postponed. We mitted in writing and be left at the night have been postponed. We mitted in writing and be left at the | have been forced to take this step | Students' Council Office |
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of hockey when they will be able canteen is twofold: first as a of hockey when they will be able canteen is twofold: first as a serDalhousie" The Characters line-up is not yet rink; secondly in order to make a complete, however it seems that profit which sum will be turned they will be using George Smith over to the Rink Committee. in goal, Gabe Vitalone and George In the way of renumeration, the Gray, of coaching fame on defence student in charge of the canteen along with Dave Jannigan, while will receive $\$ 30.00$ per month, in "Skin" Petrie, Sherman Zwicker, addition to 7\% of the net profit. Bob MacInnis, Aubrey Hanoman, This renumeration is tentative and "Fuzz" Faster and Ian Palmeter will be subject to change at the
$\qquad$ is reported to be negotiating with
several other players but no word has been received to the press as As a second feature on Thursday night the Varsity Tigers will take North West Arm hockey league North West Arm hockey league
in an exhibition game which should go a long way toward showing the representing Dal in intercollegiate

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