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New Rep. System . . .

The Student's Representative Council is presently engaged with the momentous task of revising its Constitution. Such an effort has been long overdue and should tax the capacities of the various members. An attempt is underway to gain aid from outside sources particularly with respect to the parts of the Constitution dealing with the various groups. Ten days ago a meeting of the presidents of all campus societies and organizations was called to consider the present S.R.C. regulations governing such bodies. Discussion soon was diverted to the overall picture of the Council and the meeting began to revolve around the make-up of the S.R.C. The suggestion was advanced that representation of the Student's Council should be by ex officio rather than by class election, i.e. the various heads of the campus organizations should govern the overall policy of the students rather than a collection of students who have little direct contact with the organizations they control. That this idea warrants consideration is borne out by the fact that most Canadian Universities now have such a system in effect.

The main objections lie in the fact that the people who would make up the new Council would have their time well-filled with the matters concerning their own organization, and the possibility that the interests of such an organization might prejudice them in their S.R.C. duties. A certain validity must be awarded these views but experience and administrative ease which would be gained from the change seem to favor some sort of revolution.

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Probably the greatest difficulty in instituting such a reform would be in deciding who the new members would be. There are strong indications that the size of the present Council, twenty-eight members, is too large. Hence, the best possible solution might lie in awarding seats only to the larger faculty associations and more prominent groups. In almost every case, more consideration is given to the capacities and suitability of candidates for society presidents than to those seeking office on the present S.R.C. Such a situation could be overcome by this proposed remedy.

Whether any change results from this proposal, the fact that the S.R.C. is attempting to bring about some sort of improvement is encouraging. There is evidence that many more changes are necessary. The financial structure of the group needs revision. Election procedure is outdated. Duties of managers and even of the S.R.C. Executive need defining. No general revision of the Constitution has been attempted since 1947. The present legislation was intended for a University twice the size of the present one and its designs are now out of style. At last, the Students' Council has decided to face this.

Friendly, yet Dignified

During the past week, the citizens of New Brunswick joined with the millions of other Canadians who have warmly welcomed their Royal Highnesses Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip. The visit of the queen-to-be and her husband has aroused much interest and has strengthened the kinship feeling that exists between Great Britain and Canada.

Probably the most significant fact about the whole visit has been the personal touch that has been injected into the normally ceremonious and formal atmosphere of a Royal Visit. The students of the University of New Brunswick were particularly fortunate in this respect because the Royal pair took time to walk and chat with many of the gathered students. No better vantage point for seeing them could have been secured than the paths of our own campus. A friendly yet dignified atmosphere prevailed.

The genuine spirit of friendship that was evident won the hearts of this ordinarily immovable student body and created enthusiasm seldom exceeded on this campus. Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip will long be remembered at the University of New Brunswick and the students wish them a continued and happy prosperity both as future reigning couple and as friends.

THE INQUIRING REPORTER

What was your impression of the Duke of Edinburgh?

(This question was asked of several of the students to whom the Duke spoke.)

Sandy Valentine — Senior Civil One cannot gain an impression of anyone in the matter of talking to an individual for thirty seconds more or less. However the impression I did get are as follows:

Watching him closely as he walked among the students he seemed very much at home, free and easy. His eyes caught everything in sight. He asked some students their faculties and year, while others, like myself, what their crests were. The Duke's questions were frank and to the point, and questions that could be answered in a few words. Thus he seemed to carry the conversation, which has a tendency to show that he was making it easy for us to answer so we might not get flustered. His manner and smile when he spoke his first words made me right at ease. He makes one feel as though they would like to serve under him in the Navy (because he is what a man might call a "regular guy").

Noreen Donahue — Junior Civil I was very pleased to be one of the few spoken to by the Duke. The friendly attitude of both Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip was very contagious, judging by the reaction of the crowd. They are a royal asset to any country.

Bob Coke — Senior Forester When the Duke stopped to speak to me I was standing just outside the Library. He stopped and asked me who the Canadian Football team played against in this province. I told him we played St. Thomas, and two other teams in Moncton.

"Do you ever play outside teams — McGill or any teams in Ontario?" he then asked. I replied that we didn't, we were not in the same league as those in Ontario or Quebec.

Then he asked me how we were doing in the league, and I told him we were on top and stood a good chance of capturing the title. My impression of the Duke was that he was interested in people and was genuinely friendly. After the first few words he had put me so at ease that I felt that I was talking to just another fellow who was interested in hearing how our team was doing. To my mind he was every inch a Prince and worthy of it.

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by Anne Sansom

There are times when words are required to express an emotion and none can be found which fully give the impression desired. There are times also when actions are required by a situation and they too are either lacking or insufficient. This was the case in the event of the Royal Visit to the U. N. B. campus.

It is to be fervently hoped that the Royal couple did not leave us with the impression that we were disinterested, or merely gaping, curiosity hunters who peered with hostile eyes. They who are greeted everywhere by cheering crowds wherever they go, it is hoped, will not misconstrue our long periods of silence which were not caused by hostility or disinterest, but by a profound breath capturing admiration.

Standing there in the cold waiting for them, I believe, we all expected to cheer and cheer loudly as they passed by us. When however, we saw the future Queen of this country and her consort in reality, no longer as inanimate pictures on paper, but in person, the fact of their reality, their nearness and all of what they represent and are, struck home so forcefully that our voices froze in

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AN OMISSION

Dear Editor,

With all due congratulations to the staff who edited the Forestry Brunswickan for an otherwise creditable job, I should like to take opportunity to point out a very grave omission. I say omitted because after numerous perusals, I can find no comment about it.

It, for the benefit of the students of the university who didn't make the trip to the swamps,— was the great victory of the English Rugby team over the Mounties.

When a champion is beaten most papers usually carry the report in headlines, yet when the

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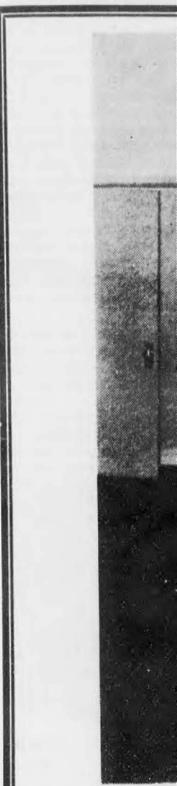
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