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REP BY POP?

For the past several weeks the phrase representation by population has floated along the corridors and through the buildings of the campus. On Friday, Feb. 14, a petition signed by twenty per cent of the student body was handed point blank to a very much unprepared S. R. C. After considerable confusion among the members and the spectators, the petition was unanimously rejected, and please note the "unanimously", because included three freshman representatives. After further discussion it was realized that the vote was taken on the proposed amendment, not on the actual petition. A second vote rejected the petition by a small majority. This necessitated, according to the constitution of the S. R. C., that a plebiscite be held within five days, and accordingly, the students of U. N. B. voted on Wednesday, to decide whether or not U. N. B. should have a council based on representation by population.

Let us view the facts pertaining to the problem. First a small group of interested students decided that our present form of government was not adequate for the increased enrollment on the campus. It was held that considering the fact that the Freshman class constituted 52 per cent of the total enrollment, it was hardly fair that they should be represented by the same number of votes as the Junior class, which was made up of less than one-third that number. And to make matters still more objectionable, it was pointed out, the council had in it at least seven members who were seniors, representing the four faculties, the A. A. A., Brunswickan and Ladies Society. Thus there was a very great over-balancing in favor of the upperclassmen, leading to a possible clique, or compact, running the affairs on the campus.

This state of affairs offended the democratic senses of this group, and they set about to remedy the situation. Posters were printed, calling for a set-up vaguely termed as "representation by population," which was held to be the obvious alternative to the present system. A petition was drawn up and signed by students from all classes, asking that the constitution of the S. R. C. be amended so as to allow representation by population. The petition proposed three students per hundred for the freshman, sophomore and junior classes, none for the senior class, and that the present system of having the presidents of the four faculties, the A. A. A. and Ladies Society, and the Editor of the Brunswickan, as members of the council, thus insuring the seniors of a sufficient voice in the council. The proposed three per hundred ration was only a suggestion, but the final results would be the same.

Let us look at the S. R. C. as it would be under "representation by population". Assuming approximately five hundred freshman. The council would consist of fifteen freshman representatives, six sophomores, three juniors, no seniors as such, and seven other members, representing the previously named groups. Suppose a problem of student interest came up, such as a controversial item on the budget. At the class meeting of the freshmen, which a 60 per cent quorum attended, the problem would come to a vote. It would be possible for 51 per cent of those present to make their decision. What of the freshman class. There would be around 150 students. At the ensuing S. R. C. meeting the whole fifteen freshman representatives would be required, as representatives of the freshman class, to vote as

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DOIN'S

Hello students, High-o Let's dance. Where? At the second annual Anniversary Waltz at the Gym Saturday. From all reports it may be a good do, but don't take our word for it, come and see for yourself. This makes the third dance this week. Oh, Oh, have we got headaches. Last year we thought it was decided to have only one dance per week. Oh well, grin and bear it. We haven't heard about the Residence dance, but we are sure it was as good as usual. Hi!

The Gin Brawl was the quickest yet. Surely no one took our words to heart. That's too much to expect. It is our bet that everyone was too exhausted after the game to really celebrate. WHAT A GAME. We think that if it had been a home and home series that we would have had it. The better team did not win, but put on the best show of basketball ever seen here. Our boys were really right on. Yeah Ted, Yeah Dave!

While reading nobody's friend on the back page last week (Yes, you snoop) we noticed up and to the left a picture of the campus at night. That's the stuff, keep 'em coming. We are looking forward to nice Christmas cards next year.

Did you vote? We exercised our 'Democratic Privilege' and did. This way we are sure that everyone has a fair chance. Rep by Pop is desirable, but WHAT is going to happen to the Society Representatives? Are the Seniors going to represent themselves or all classes as a society? It is our opinion that the Society Reps be thrown out. (This does not mean that aforementioned is the Brunswickan's policy) These Reps serve no earthly good, because in most cases they give forth their own views and not those of the Society and the Seniors as a class have not a vote.

Have you seen the members of the good neighbor policy? Smooth stuff we think. Will some kind soul put their telephone numbers on the Bulletin Board so we can really be good neighbors. It is to be hoped that more exchanges will be possible so that we can get to know our fellow students better. We interviewed one of the exchanges and she said "Gee, dances every week". We've heard that song before. Hope YOU don't get sick of them before you leave girls.

Thanks — to the University authorities for the coat racks.
Regrets — to Johnny Baxter for leaving his position as Treasurer of the S. R. C. You did a swell job Johnny.

Goodbye — until next week.
P. S. — This is not a copy of Golly's style.

We turn now from the historical to the literary side of the University and give a poem of an undergraduate which was printed in the University Monthly in 1904. It is entitled "The Despondent Lover's Lament"

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those 150 students directed. Their vote would inevitably decide the question, since the faculty representatives would also be controlled by the freshmen, as was pointed out in a previous editorial. Such a state of affairs would be far from a happy one.

From this it should be seen that under existing conditions such a set-up would be little more than a pint-sized form of power politics. As long as the student body is divided up into four classes, which will presumably be for a long while yet, such a system of representation is out of the question. Any analogy to a provincial or dominion legislature is automatically in valid, since in these the individual member has the power to vote independently. It would be necessary to split the students into small groups to have a government that would be constituted of representatives of the students on a population basis.

So as not to give the impression that those who have pushed 'representation by population' are by any means out of order in their proposals, it must be admitted that the present set-up of the council is far from being democratic. Since this problem has been under discussion for several weeks it seems unfortunate that the S. R. C. did not have the foresight to look into the question and to have a satisfactory alternative to set before the students when they voted in the plebiscite. Several suggestions have been made, such as an equal number of representatives for each class, and no faculty representatives. This also has its drawbacks but it would not lead to the former situation.

This question has been voted on. Now is the time for concrete action in an effort to come to a satisfactory solution. We can reach one if we work together.

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