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This may be by way of creating a precedent, at least for the Brunswickan, but since in last week's issue there was a letter addressed to the Editor, although presumably for the benefit of the entire student body, it does not seem entirely inappropriate for the Editor to take up his pen in reply.

The letter in question was written as an appeal to the student body to support a request to the Students Representative Council for "representation by population". During the course of the letter there was mentioned the fact the 500 freshman were represented on the "so-called" Students Representative Council. It was pointed out as well that "any four" of the seniors could cancel any move on the part of the three freshman representatives.

Since there are a large number of students at U. N. B. particularly those at Alexander College, who may not be aware of the situation that exists in the S. R. C., it might be well to quote the constitution of the Council as regards membership. Besides the Honorary President, the Council is composed of:

- (1) the President, who shall be a senior for the year in which he holds office.
- (2) the Vice-President, who shall be a senior for the year in which he holds office.
- (3) the Secretary, who shall be a sophomore for the year in which he holds office.
- (4) the President of the University of New Brunswick A. A. and the President of the Ladies Society.
- (5) representatives from the Forestry Association, the Engineering Society, the Arts Society, and the Science Faculty.
- (6) three juniors and three sophomores ... and three freshmen for the year in which they hold office.
- (7) the Editor-in-Chief of the Brunswickan.

It should be noted that outside of the Executive of the Council and one other member, each individual on the Council is representative of a certain group of students. Further it should be noted that the seniors who are on the Council are representing various organizations, and are consequently controlled in their voting direction by them. Since all the classes are represented in these organizations, it would follow that the freshman, being in such a large majority, have it in their power to dictate the voting direction of these representatives. Consequently, instead of being represented on the Council by only three votes which they control, they are rather in the fortunate position of having control of at least seven votes, with that of the President of the Ladies Society being a possible eighth.

This power that is placed in the hands of the freshmen is of course only theoretical if they do not take advantage of their rights, and make the weight of their opinion felt. This can only be done by actively participating in the affairs of these organizations.

Alexander College presents a peculiar problem in its geographical position. Attendance at regular S. R. C. meetings by a representative from there, although not impossible, at least is impractical. However, since the author of this letter did not make an issue of this problem, and since a capable committee is working out a solution that has not yet been made public, further discussion of it would be of little consequence.

This reply is not being made in an attempt to deny the validity of the assertions made in the letter to the Editor, but is rather an effort to point out that a complete picture of the situation is necessary before action is taken in any direction.

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Right now we are going to insert a plug for one of the most interesting societies on the campus. The Chemical society meets every Thursday night but mostly everyone has never heard of it and those who have say, Poooh, just another lot of dry speeches. That, my friends is what you think. The society is composed of Senior and Junior Chemical students, and is doing more to forward their own branch of Science than any society on the campus, albeit small. Each night a paper (composed of chemical or other interesting scientific data) is given by one of the members or a guest speaker and is followed by a discussion period followed by a beaker of tea and cake. This way the students can meet informally with the professors and discuss scientific work. Last term the students gave papers on many different chemical topics. It is hoped that more Juniors will attend the meetings and that Sophomores intending to specialize in Chemistry will come and participate. Coeds especially are in the minority at the present, only one attending the meetings regularly. This seems odd because we have heard quite a few of our Sophomore Co-eds say they are specializing in Chemistry. To those interested we say ... turn out on Thursday at 8:30 at the Memorial Hall we are sure you will keep coming. This is THE society for Chemists.

Another society, the Pre-Medical, is planning a dance to be held next week-end. The members are being very tightlipped over what form it is to take, but from the past entertainments given by them we are looking forward to a good time. Remember ... the Barn Dances ... The Old Time Party and ... the Pre-Med Formals in years gone

by? Well, we are hoping for an evening as filled with enjoyment as those were. Drag out that skeleton in the closet, and come and be dissected by these Gory minded individuals (and we do mean individual). You may go home minus a leg or arm or appendix, but you will have enjoyed it. We agree with "A Criticism of Criticism" put in last week on the feature page and realize that we, among others have torn down worth while efforts by smug comments. Our apologies and we hope to improve.

The Beavers were very silent last week. We hope we haven't scared them away. We like to read your scribbles but please make them more legible. We were hoping to start a little feud between the columns so ... PLEASE COME BACK.

Well, Alexander College ... we are also hoping to hear from you in the sheets of yon paper. What are



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