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Last week the students of both camps of the University of New Brunswick voted in a plebiscite to decide whether they should be governed by a Student Representative Council set up on a basis of representation by population or some other set-up presumably the present one. In this plebiscite 687 students voted, of which ten ballots were declared invalid. This represents approximately seventy-five per cent of the student body. Considering the importance of the issue this number is pitifully small.

In this connection some may point out that in civic, provincial or Dominion elections such a percentage of those eligible to vote actually casting their ballots would be a thing practically unheard of. This is true but hardly a thing to be proud of. In a recent issue of Time Magazine an article from the U. S. S. R. noted with interest that in the recent Presidential Elections in the United States, of the 60,000,000 persons qualified to vote only 48,000,000 exercised the franchise and 25,000,000 voted for the party in power. The same article pointed out as a basis for comparison that in Russia 99.7 of the people qualified to vote did so and 99.1 per cent of these voted for the party in power. These figures are not used with the purpose of eulogizing the set-up in the U. S. S. R. but rather to point out the glaring weakness in the way that we use our democratic privileges. In last week's plebiscite the same situation arose, and although quite typical, none the less regrettable.

The results of the plebiscite showed 363 in favor of representation by population, with 309 in opposition to change. It can be argued that since there were more "yes" votes than "no" votes then the change must be made. But is such a step indicated? Considerably less than fifty per cent of the student body voted for the change. To break the figures down, 230 "up the hill" out of a population of over 700 voted "yes". At Alexander College, representing one class only, 135 out of a possible 190 voted "yes". On the other side 299 "up the hill" and 10 at Alexander College voted "no". To a disinterested observer these figures would not indicate that a change in government was desired.

However by the present set-up the constitution of the S. R. C., states that over fifty percent of the student body must

DOIN'S

Pardon our error last week. There were only six dances during the six day period Feb. 16-23 instead of three as we previously mentioned. Hope you forgive us. The Beavers were so busy with their own social affairs that it seems that there was no time left to hand in the column. Or was the Scribe under the weather? At least WE take blood transfusions (according to him). Perhaps he needs some of the same.

Being not of the Residence, we got reports of the dance only through the mouth. We hear the ALGAE on the bottom of the pool was particularly attractive. Another feature (we hear) was a piggy back race on the dance floor. What they won't do for entertainment. Anyway they all had a swell time so we will just sit back green with envy.

The staff of the Brunswickan held a delightful dinner dance at the home of Aul (out of bounds for troops) last Monday evening. At the fashionable dinner hour of seven, the couples began to arrive and after much wending of ways through the now empty cabins at last arrived at the main cabin where tables had been arranged in the form of a hammer and sickle. These tables were most attractively adorned with yellow table cloths with poison ivy in platinum punchoons. When the dinner and the speeches were over (Burp!) those present retired to the game room and rolled the bones while energetic people (we haven't found out yet who could be energetic after such a sumptuous repast) dismantled the tables. A few hours later the orchestra scampered in and dancing was enjoyed until those present fell prostrate from exertion. Needless to say a good time was had by all. Now aren't you sorry that you didn't volunteer when reporters were being recruited?

We don't like the inference handed out by the printers last week. Wat's da idee a da yallow paper? The cat (speaking of cats have you seen those owned by the Biology students especially Jim Ross's "Kitty"—Hubba Hubba Hubba!) just drank the last bottle of ink so we can't write any more. The cat should be of value to the Bio. Dept.—the only cat in the world with a blue pyloric caecum.



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be in favor of an amendment to the constitution for it to become legal. The plebiscite was taken on an issue that would call for more than one amendment to the constitution of the S. R. C.

From viewing these facts it must be apparent to those who were doing the remainder of the students anything but a favor. By casting their ballots one way or the other they could have made the situation clear as to where the feelings of the students lay. As it stands there certainly is a large question mark in our minds as to which way things really did go. On such a slim majority and with only forty per cent of the students in favor of the change, the "yes" vote has no real significance. It certainly does indicate considerable student interest, and a fairly widespread feeling of dissatisfaction with the present set-up of the S. R. C., but it may not indicate the change that the now trite phrase "rep by pop" would call for.

In next week's issue of the Brunswickan, published by the Engineers, there will appear the names of the nominees for the various positions on the campus that are to be voted on in the elections of March 13. These candidates, at least those for positions of S. R. C. President, A. A. A. President and Ladies' Society President will be given the opportunity to speak before the students and to publish their platforms of action in the Brunswickan. In these elections, make sure that YOU use your "democratic privilege" and cast your ballot. You are doing far more harm than good by refraining from voting. That is not what democracy was meant for.

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