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TIME FOR A CHANGE?

In last week's issue, a Freshman voiced a criticism of the present S.R.C. structure, and proposed an alternative system. The main reason for dissatisfaction with the existing state of affairs seems to be the practice of having faculty cliques banding together to elect representatives. This has been one of the main problems in our elections. The usual procedure is to nominate someone at the last minute, without much thought to the person's capabilities. Fortunately, but more by good luck than good management, some very efficient and conscientious students have been elected in this manner. The main fault seems to lie, as in most democratic societies, in the fact that a large number couldn't care less about what is going on. The criticism does not lie in the fact that one faculty has the spirit to get out and vote, but in the fact that the rest of the members haven't the necessary interest to counteract such a system.

If, however, a 100 per cent turnout from each faculty was realized, (and it is merely idealism to expect that it could be achieved on this campus) the fact remains that the larger enrollment in some faculties would naturally elect the representatives it chose.

The proposed revision in the method of electing S. R. C. members would, in effect, switch the present system of a member representing a class, to a member representing a faculty, i.e., there would be five forestry reps, one from each year, five engineering reps (or ten, depending on whether or not the Electricals and Civils were split up) four arts and four science.

One of the main advantages of this system would be that the rep would have a greater opportunity to acquaint himself with those he represents, and their opinions, since they would share classes. Under the present system, a Junior Artsman rep, for example, who is supposedly representing the Junior class, has little or no opportunity to contact Junior Engineers. Class meetings on the campus are few and far between, and would be cumbersome if called to decide every question.

The new system would also facilitate the election of more competent reps, since those voting would have the chance, through class contact, to become acquainted with those who would be suitable for the positions. Under the present system, it is not uncommon to find a ballot containing names of people you have never seen nor met, and therefore know nothing about their qualifications for S.R.C. representatives.

It may be argued that the democratic principle of elections by the entire student body is being disregarded, but the result would be the same . . . each person on the campus would be represented, and would have a chance to vote.

The question of the unequal arts and science representation should not pose too great a problem. True, the Foresters and Engineers would each have one more rep, but the enrollment in these faculties is so much larger, that the end result would be the same number of reps for the same number of students.

Whether or not the S.R.C. considers such a change, the final decision should rest in the hands of the entire student body by a campus vote. The move would necessitate a complete revision of the S.R.C. constitution, and each student should be allowed to personally cast his vote for or against the existing system.

Now is the time to buy your Xmas Gifts of Records from our Vast Assortment.

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CAMPUS COORDINATOR'S CORNER

I have noticed that many Freshmen are taking an active part in student affairs. This is particularly noticeable in the Business Administration Club, Debating Society, University Investment Syndicate and Drama Society.

The U. Y. has told me that from now on their meetings will be held bi-monthly. If you are interested in service projects that is the organization to join.

On the campus we have the Forestry Assn., Bailey Geological Society, Business Admin. Club, Chemistry Society, Engineering Society and the Radio Club. I will let you guess which faculty is not represented.

The University Investment Syndicate has made plans to have a speaker on stock-market topics every other week. This should be of special interest to those people who do not have sufficient time to become active members.

It is very pleasing to see the activity of the Canterbury Club. I am sure that this extra "competition" on Sunday and other nights will act as a spur to other organizations.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

November 28	Senior Class Social	Ping-Pong Room
December 5	Residence Formal	Residence
December 4-8	Exchange with Cornell U.	Cornell "U."

REGULAR EVENTS

Thursday	Business Admin. Club	Ladies' Room
Thursday	S.R.C. All students invited.	
	Tonight's meeting may be very interesting to you all.	
Thursday	Painting Classes	Art Centre
Sunday	S.C.M.	St. Anne's
Sunday	U.Y.	Y.M.C.A.
Sunday	Newman Club	St. Dunstan's
Sunday	Musical	Art Centre
Sunday	Canterbury Club	Cathedral
Monday (alt.)	Male Chorus	Mem. Hall
Monday (alt.)	Geological Assn.	Geological Bldg.
Monday	C.O.T.C. Second Year	
Tuesday (alt.)	Chemistry Institute of Canada	Chem. Hut
Tuesday (alt.)	Chemistry Colloquia	Chem. Hut
Tuesday	C.O.T.C. Third Year	Arts Bldg.
Tuesday	Philosophy Club	Art Centre
Tuesday	U.N.T.D.	Services Hut
Wednesday	University Invest. Synd.	Arts Bldg.
Wednesday	Biology Club	Art Centre
Wednesday (alt.)	N.F.C.U.S.—I.S.S.	Forestry Bldg.

Ode to An S.R.C. Rep

I wrote to you gentlemen early in the year so please regard this as Ode No. 2. This little note will, I hope, help you in understanding what can be your contribution to the S. R. C. (student) treasury.

If a student organization presents a budget to you, quickly make a motion that its consideration be postponed or that they earn their own money, or even, that they have no right to it. This keeps money in the S. R. C. (student) treasury which can be used for the things that YOU are interested in. Make all budget presenters realize that you are not one to be kidded. Remember that most of them have been presenting budgets for years and so perhaps know more diddling than you do. Oh yes, always repeat always make students cut their budget. You do this, I understand, because of your inherent belief that all club presidents and treasurers are out only to cheat you and are not to be trusted. That you believe, is why they were elected.

If you fail to make a budgeteer withdraw or cut his budget ask for a short recess at your meeting and entice the budgeteer into the road outside the forestry building; leave the rest to an enterprising member of your outfit who owns a motorbike. Hundreds of dollars have been saved this way and it does little damage to the motor bike if the operator is efficient. It has been recorded that this method will put club presidents and treasurers out of action for days, sometimes they never come back.

You must learn how to waffle. Waffling is a politer way of saying railing and not being so commonly used (this is the first time) is apt to confuse "he who is being waffled."

You do this by getting four of five of your loudest voice—your most active members to decide that no matter what evidence is brought forward they will always talk against it. This is called student representation. Some of you did this very well two weeks ago when you waffled the University Investment Syndicate's budget for 2 1/4 hours. You will have another chance of showing your waffling powers this evening when U. I. S. re-present their budget.

Always ask students to your meetings, complain about "lack of interest" and "lethargy", this is supposed to make the student feel that he is part of the S. R. C. You know of course that he has nothing whatever to do with it. Oh yes, how many of YOU attended S. R. C. meetings before being elected to the S. R. C.?

But seriously:
You are the rock on which we stand

You rally to our bidding
Hurray for you, for all my cracks
I wish that you would read your constitution.

Letters to the EDITOR

Fredericton, N. B.,
November 17, 1952.

The Editor,
The Brunswickan,
University of New Brunswick,
Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Madame,
May I make a comparison of the article in last week's Brunswickan on, Religion Destroys Thought, and the following quoted from, Religion by Lenin.

"Religion teaches those who toil in poverty all their lives to be resigned and patient in this world, and consoles them with the hope of reward in heaven. As for those who live upon the labours of others, religion teaches them to be charitable in earthly life, thus providing a cheap justification for their whole exploiting existence and selling them at a reasonable price ticket to heavenly bliss. Religion is the opium of the people. Religion is kind of a spiritual intoxicant, in which the slaves of capital drown their humanity and their desires for some sort of decent human existence."

Sincerely,
J. C. SMITH.

375 St. John Street,
Fredericton, N.B.
November 17, 1952.

Dear Sir or Madam:

In the Brunswickan dated November 13th, 1952, I read "Religion Destroys Thought" and am deeply grieved that such ungodly articles are published. May I say that there are many religions, but the one true religion is that which holds up Christ as the Saviour of Men. Being a born-again Christian, I know that the Bible is the perfect and infallible word of a Mighty and all-powerful God. No one has ever proved anything in the Bible to be untrue, in fact the Bible has been proven to be scientifically accurate. I will quote a few infallible Scriptures for the consideration of unbelievers who may have been associated with or who condoned the printing of the above article:—

(1) For the nation and the kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. (Isa. 60:12)

(2) And if any man shall take from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (Rev. 22:19)

(3) For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. (1 Cor. 3:19)

(4) But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgement and perdition of ungodly men. (11 Pet. 3:7)

(5) And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, to cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. (Luke 16:23, 24)

(6) This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. (1 Tim. 1:15)

(7) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (John 3:36)

Yours truly,

JAMES McLEOD.

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