

**Queen election was corrupt**

**To the Editor—**

An election was held last month, in which the people run-ning the polling places and counting the ballots had a definite in-terest in the outcome of the election, as they were the sponsors of the referen-dum. Advance publicity of the actual time and location of the voting was sparse. The polling place was obscured by another event designed to attract only those who favored the propo-sition. Those who did manage to find the voting booth were stran-gely discouraged from voting against the proposition. The system of ballot counting devised by the operators of the voting booth gave 28 votes to each person registered to vote, and 1 vote to each person opposed. Where was the election held? Ross-sel Cahu Nort Kong? No, this election was held in Lobby 100 to choose a Homecoming Queen. Despite the claims to Dennis Gorman and others that we should be happy with the result of the vote since nothing drastic happened, there is good reason to be disturbed by the election. Having the Social Committee run an election is tantamount to them making a fair election less than likely. The vote date and closing times were just two of the factors that made the Tech on Tuesday, October 20, 20, no opening or closing times were given. The Tech on the day of the election had absolutely no mention of a voting booth.

The booth was adorned with a sign that said, “Save the Weekend” and another sign that我在 michael’s one to buy Homecoming Queen. It was to look very carefully to see that this booth was not open, though students were loudly scoffed for their “lack of school spirit.” by the booth operators. The UMOK for Homecoming Queen, likely set up, so that a person voting for all seven candidates received 28 votes, while students just for UMOK got only one vote. It’s hard to win an election with such an unfair system. But even if our friends at the Social Committee have learned how to run an election from the likes of Hitler, Mussolini, and Mao, there is some point made in the letter from Dennis Gorman et al., that there are vast distortions of the truth that cannot be overwhelmed. Their “Method 2” of preferential voting is a perversion of a legitimate system of ballot counting. The system heavily punishes those who fail to support only one candidate and want to give no other votes to other candidates. This candidate is assumed to be the last preferred when he ac-tually is first. The system distorts the intent of a voter, and the ballot maker takes vague references to uses of his system, but it is doubtful that this system was ever used in a fair election. The only other metric this method used was that it greatly diminishes the influence of those who wanted UMOK and no one else. Gorman claims that “The Social Committee had decided it was not their job to make a preferential ballot would be used” and this was never mentioned. The “Method 2” statement is not a decision that the second method would be used” is meaningless if

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- **Have 2.70 Homecoming**

To the Editor—

As I’ve come to like, propose an alter-native to Homecoming as it was recently held. Rather than Homecoming revolving around the football team, UMOK at Brownie will revolve around an event that is unique to UMOK and already has been established. I’m referring to the 2.70 contest. You can’t build school spirit from nothing, but most students in the con-text, almost every living group has a contest, as in Homecoming for the 2.70 contest packs 26-100 well beyond its legal capacity for two consecutive nights. What other event gives people their natural competitive instincts.

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**Commons Countdown**

For Wednesday, November 11, the Commons and freshmen and sophomores using upper minimum requirements is as follows:

- **300** Plan = $139
- **310** Plan = $139
- **320** Plan = $160
- **311** Plan = $106

**Student Committee on Educational Policy**

The 1983 Student Committee Educational Policy (SCIP) meeting will be held Tuesday, November 14, at 8:30pm on the fourth floor of the Student Center. The date of the meeting and all its provisions will be discussed. Also the upcoming meeting of the Student Senate will be discussed. There will be an up-coming meeting of the Student Senate. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**STOP BY**

The LIA has some projects in the works. Please call or stop by for more information. Please contact John Debbins (UMAP), David Pollock (Secretary General) or Bob Wallace (Secretary General) for more information. The Student Center is located on the 4th floor of the Student Center, Room 246-401, Telephone x3-206.