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MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING

The Cabinet met December 3, 1957, at 7:45 p.m. for their regular meeting. After calling the meeting to order, Bill Floyd, President introduced the guest speaker, John White, who has done considerable thinking on the problem of dating at Harding.

In his speech John White pointed out the following problems:

1. Male ego.
2. Lack of privacy.
3. Having several dates with one boy or girl seems to prevent others from dating them.
4. Lack of variety in kinds of dates.
5. Lack of places to go after dates.
6. The embarrassment of meeting someone you have recently dated while you are with another date.
7. Unpleasant dorm atmosphere.
8. System of graduated privileges.
9. Unwritten rules should be done away with or written down.

The Cabinet members brought up several other problems.

1. Time extension so that couples can have some time together after basketball games or lyceum programs.
2. Car regulations should be definite.
3. Student preachers or student workers should be allowed to take their dates with them.
4. Permission should be stable.
5. Girls are confined to the dorm during quiet hours.

The Cabinet then discussed solutions to these problems.

1. Male ego. There is nothing that can be done about this problem.
2. Privacy and cars. Car privileges would help this problem. Car privileges could be reserved for juniors and seniors with good conduct and satisfactory grades. Written permission from parents for their children to ride in cars would keep the school from being responsible. In bad weather it would be good for all students to be allowed to ride to church. At first it might be best to require double dating or have a chaperon. There are those who are breaking
the school's rules on cars and it is the ones who are keeping these rules that must suffer.

3. Correcting the dating situation would help this situation.

4. Variety in dates. See dating in cars. Several couples could be allowed to go to Bee Rock to hike. If couples were allowed to go into town more, the town might be able to build a bowling alley or skating rink.

5. Places to go after dates. See dating in cars. Couples could go to Guy's or Bill's Grill after show or church dates.

6. This is a problem of a small campus and there is nothing that can be done.

7. Dorm atmosphere. The dorm is the girls' home and they should feel free to invite their dates in especially in cold weather.

8. Graduated privileges. Giving special privileges to juniors and seniors would be an incentive to mature. There would be a problem if a senior or junior wanted to date a freshman or sophomore. A senior or junior might be allowed to date a freshman or sophomore due to their senior or junior standing. If the rule were firmly established freshmen and sophomores would not expect special privileges if they dated a junior or senior.

Since all of our requests can not be obtained, it was decided to try to get an extension of time. Then we would try to get car privileges when there is bad weather.

It was suggested that four students selected by the Council meet with Dr. Canus, Dr. Benson, Mrs. Pickens, and Mrs. Baldwin to get their opinions before any definite plans are made by the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Tucker, Cabinet Sec.