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EMERGENCY SA COUNCIL MEETING

September 24, 1963

Joel: Meeting is about the possibility of having some sort of holiday next week when President Kennedy is at the dedication of Greer's Ferry Dam at Heber Springs. It is to be Thursday. Hendrix is letting out. The faculty is meeting today and could consider any request from us.

Rob: We could have a full holiday.

Joel: Some students have asked about it. A good many on the faculty feel strongly about it. As citizens, we are pledged to support the President, regardless of how we feel about his political views.

Methel: It would be ironical for him to be so close and not have the opportunity to go.

Joel: The publicity for Harding in the state would be good. Believe we could get a half-holiday if it were to be over at noon, but it won't be over until 1:00. All we can do is suggest something and let the faculty vote on it. The roads to Heber Springs will be closed from 9:30 till 1:00.

Jimmy: Are there any more tickets for the luncheon?

Joel: Don't know. We could take our own lunches. The Chamber of Commerce at Heber Springs requests that the colleges support this event. Shall we make some kind of recommendation?

Loverd: I plan to go, whether we have a holiday or not.

Rob: That's the way a lot of students feel.

Dr. Gilliam: The faculty will want to know how many are going, modes of transportation, etc. Also, next week is for four weeks' tests. It would be all right to make a recommendation, and it also might be good to suggest an alternative. Perhaps excused cuts could be arranged.

The Council decided to recommend to the administration and faculty that arrangements be made so that students who want to go can go, excused from any classes and tests. Joel is to write the statement expressing the Council's feelings and suggesting the different possible arrangements to permit attendance. This is to be submitted to Dr. Benson before the faculty meeting this afternoon. (A copy of the statement is in the SA office files.)

Joel: Meeting Tuesday night; the ACC conference will be discussed.

Bob: Can we have the meeting later Tuesday night?

Joel: Yes, we'll have it at 8:00.

Linda: When is the new teachers' reception?

Joel: Next week. Meeting adjourned.