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The Council had the first meeting about 8:00 am on September 3, 1965. After Jim Anderson led a devotional, Dwayne Van Rheenen, President, called the meeting to order. All Council members, except Linda Spears, were present for the first meeting.

Dwayne set forth Helen Keller as an example to all Council members in his opening remarks. He emphasized that "not the senses that I have but what I do with them is my kingdom." He reminded the Council of their duties to their fellow students, to the administration, and to the officers of the Student Association. He closed by stating that great things never come easy; therefore, it depends on each Council member how successful the coming year will be!

Summer developments were discussed:
1. Student handbook prepared and published
2. Memos sent to each representative
3. Cabinet positions appointed
4. Personal letters to all freshmen
5. New office of S.A. occupied

Dwayne handed to each Council member an outline for committee chairmen and suggested that each chairman submit a typed, detailed report to the files after he completes his particular duty. He also asked that each member keep an "active folder" during the year. He suggested reading the Constitution as stated in the new handbook.
The Council members read past minutes and scrapbooks of the S.A. to look for new, good ideas, then the meeting was dismissed for a brief break.

Dwayne led a discussion of the purpose of the Student Association. Jim Anderson suggested that we act in behalf of the Student body, therefore, be versatile. Ken Starr thought it should be the Council's purpose to make a better place of Harding. Cliff Ganus stated that the Student Association Council should improve the campus in anyway possible with concrete action. Bob Rader suggested that the Council be a representative body. Linda Byrd brought up the idea of Student Government, and the Council discussed this idea briefly. David Smith felt the Council should be the student's official expression. Carolyn Medearis described the Council as a working tool of the student body. Connie Taylor felt the need for action, but not necessarily revolutionary changes. Dwayne concluded the discussion by stating that the Council should help with student programs, serve as a link between the faculty and students, and develop the link between class officers and representatives.

All agreed that there was a definite need for informing the Council of student opinion. Linda and Dwayne mentioned the idea of brainstorming sessions and dinners with certain students. Carolyn thought brainstorming sessions would be developed more effectively with average students, while dinner discussions should be reserved for campus leaders. Cliff suggested have an idea box near the S.A. bulletin board.
Connie thought that students would feel more a part of the S.A. if agendas of weekly meetings were posted. Bob wondered about the necessity of open meetings. Connie felt more individualism was needed in this matter. David felt that a general discussion in general meetings was not effective, but general voting was very effective.

On the problem of advertising S.A. sponsored events, Cliff remarked that he was tired of seeing "S.A. sponsored" written on everything. Jim warned the council of trying to compare its work with the previous council. Cliff suggested having both agendas and open meetings.

While discussion of the list of major events conducted and assisted by the Student Association was going on, the suggestion was made that the secretary send the minutes to the Bison editor. Dwayne instructed the secretary to do so.

Bob moved that "we don't have a reception for new teachers." Ken seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The Council discussed the time the S.A. movies should be shown since the schedule had been changed. It was decided that Saturday night would be the best time.

David moved that the Council adjourn until 1:00. Ken seconded the motion, and the Council was dismissed.

The Council met again at 1:00 to discuss the activities sponsored by the S.A. during the first week. The Council
discussed the events in accordance with the outline of the pre-school conference:

1. Information booth—have music coming from student center and hand out tags and information.
   (Connie and Ken) Hours: Sunday-Monday (7:30-9:30)
   Saturday (1:00-9:30)

   (Eileen Mazuran, Social Chairman)

3. Transfer Mixer—Wednesday night at 8:30

4. New Student Faculty Reception
   Bob Rader moved that we ask Cliff Ganus and quartet to entertain at the New Student Faculty Reception; David Smith seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

   The Council also felt Dr. Ganus should be the master of ceremonies at the reception.

   The suggestion of having a friendly week was discussed.

5. Lily Pool Devotionals—Monday night at 9:30, have it planned.

6. Refreshments in the registration line—It was also decided to sell receipts for school calendars and directories in the registration line.

7. "Yes Sir" volunteer papers—The Council discussed this method of obtaining volunteers for S.A. work during the year. Cliff suggested having lists of committee work posted throughout the year. Jim Anderson felt that the "Yes Sir" papers weren't necessary. Because of a lack of a better method, Ken Starr moved that we adapt this "Yes Sir, I'm Willing to Help" blank. Bob seconded the motion and all were in favor. (Bob and Linda Spears)

   Bob moved that we take a ten minute break, and Dwayne dismissed the Council.

The Council met after a short break to discuss more events sponsored by the S.A. for first week activities:

8. Entertainment for Transfers—decided that someone should be picked from each junior college that sends a large number of students to Harding to entertain at the mixer: Huddleston from NICE, Dan Smith from York, Jana Or from LCC and Peggy Flippen from Freed-Hardeman.

9. Transportation—David Smith in charge.
10. Advertising—in charge of Linda Byrd
Bulletin Board—in charge of Carolyn Medearis

11. Watermelon Party—Friday night, Academy Field, 8:30
Entertainment—pep band, testimonials of freshmen,
contest of watermelon eating, recorded music

After assignments were made, the Council dismissed for
supper, but met with their various committees about 6:30 to
work on the first week activities.