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Following a devotional directed by Dave Young, David called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. Ganus. The President then presented the Council with a great number of challenging thoughts. He mentioned that the faculty and Council should have one common goal: good academic training in a spiritual atmosphere. Dr. Ganus also pointed out that Harding is a college with a purpose, that purpose being to steer away from mediocrity, think success, and work for achievement. He described the philosophy of the school as being, "It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgment." Admitting that this would be a difficult year for developing such spiritual emphasis because of the large enrollment, Dr. Ganus challenged the Council to do the best possible anyway. He asked that each student be encouraged to live up to the slogan, "Salutes are given and returned with pride on this post." And his greatest challenge was presented when he asked the Council to help create an atmosphere of friendliness and spiritual quality on the now crowded campus.

The Council, led by David, then discussed the Cabinet appointments. Each member's duties and special projects were mentioned and explained.

The Recording Project, under the direction of Ben Huey, was discussed, and the formation of a Council committee to assist him was suggested.
The Emerald Room was the next topic of discussion. It will be opened Saturday night, September 10, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Mrs. Mason is to be approached concerning decorations for the room, and Lott Tucker is to be approached about moving the piano presently in West Dorm to the Emerald Room.

The Council concurred that the Chapel period is one of the main times that the religious tone of the campus is set. Suggestions for elimination of studying and reading newspapers which occurs during that time were mentioned. Also suggested was the idea that perhaps the balcony could be filled before the back sections of the downstairs portion.

Religious emphasis on campus was then discussed. Indoor night devotionals were mentioned as well as more effective use of hymn-sings in Chapel.

The Council then examined the list of S.A. activities which were held during the year 1965-1966. During that discussion David asked that Abilene Christian College be written concerning the stationary displays the use on campus during the week of Homecoming. When freshmen pictures were mentioned Helen Howell moved that such be discontinued. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mary Beth Parks was placed in charge of keeping the Ride Board up-to-date and as uncluttered as possible.

The Council tentatively scheduled the Leadership Conference for September 17 and the Club Officer's Workshop for September 24.
The Council decided that it might be beneficial to move the Board for Chapel announcements.

J. Ray Toland and Sherry Balthrop were instructed to place phone pads in all the dorms and keep them supplied.

Barbara Neely was placed in charge of sending sympathy and get-well cards to students in need of such.

Dave Young was instructed to check on the trophy case downstairs in the Student Center and obtain the information necessary to keep it up-to-date.

The Council then examined many of the new ideas for projects which were suggested by individual members earlier in the year. They decided to encourage the administration to make Dead Week completely dead, perhaps even giving one entire day before tests free from classes.

It was suggested that perhaps a file of old tests be compiled for use by those students desiring to obtain such for study. This idea would, of course, have to be favored by the faculty.

The Council decided to write Mr. Vines to suggest that the rest-rooms in the field house be maintained more neatly than in the past.

The problem of study room was examined at length. It was suggested that the administration be asked to allow use of the Seminar Rooms in the American Heritage Center for studying purposes.
Friendly Week was tentatively scheduled for the third week of the second semester. The Council concurred that two or three days would be better than the former five days.

Sherry Balthrop was put in charge of arranging a Chapel program to introduce the football players before the first game. The meeting was then adjourned for the noon hour.

The Council convened again at 1:00, and more new ideas were discussed. Bill Howard was instructed to find the suggestion boxes used last year in the Student Center and to place them in suitable places.

It was suggested that Mr. Curry be approached concerning honesty rules in the new cafeteria.

The meeting was then adjourned until 6:00pm, and individual assignments were carried out.

At 6:00 the Council met again to continue discussion of new ideas. It was decided that student ID cards be used for Lyceum and Athletic admission tickets if agreeable to the administration.

Many more projects were considered, David summarized the accomplishments of the conference, reviewed assignments, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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