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The Executive Council met at 6:00 pm on October 25, 1966. After a short devotional led by Dave Young, the Council began to discuss old business. David Smith complimented the group for the successful Homecoming activities and asked that each member send out thank you notes to those who assisted him in his projects. David also asked that reports on Homecoming activities be handed in as soon as possible, preferably before Saturday, October 29.

The group then considered the problem concerned with campus beautification and walking on the grass. A "Campus Beautification Week" was suggested, pledge week was discussed as a possible source of assistance, and signs on various paths were also considered. It was finally decided that the SA would have some type of chapel program concerning the problem of walking on the grass. The possibility of obtaining pictures of the campus from Russ Simmons showing the problem itself was brought up. Mike Moore and Malissa May were placed in charge of the program itself.

Barbara Neely asked if it would be possible for each Council member to have his own key to the office. David Smith said that he would talk to Mr. Vines about the suggestion and asked that each person bring 50¢ to the next meeting in case the keys were allowed.

David then showed the Council a picture of a large sign which has been placed at another college in Arkansas and asked the Council to think about the possibility of obtaining a similar one for the Harding campus.
The next topic of discussion was that of Christmas. The group was handed a list of the ideas obtained from the brainstorming session at the Leadership Conference for consideration. Mike Moore moved that the Christmas party be held this year at 7:30 on December 11. The motion was seconded and passed.

Considered next was the Christian College Conference. The Council decided to invite cabinet members and class officers to attend the sessions as delegates when possible. The motion for the above was made by Barbara Neely; it was seconded and passed. Helen Howell and Bill Howard were placed in charge of arranging for meals for the group and also for the reception Thursday night. Lundy Neely and Malissa May were instructed to plan the supper at Wyldewood and the 30-minute tour of campus for the delegates. Barbara Neely was placed in charge of keeping refreshments for the delegates supplied; Mary Beth Parks and Malissa May were instructed to help her. The group concurred that Jim Bill McInteer's travel expenses should be paid for by the SA. Dave Young then moved that the Harding students be allowed to attend as many of the events as advisable. The motion was seconded. Sherry Balthrop moved that the motion be amended to read that the Harding students be invited to attend Jim Bill McInteer's speech. The amendment was seconded and passed, following which the original motion was also seconded and passed.

The Council then discussed the problem of chapel etiquette and decided that a speech by Dr. Gilliam on the subject would be appreciated. Helen Howell moved that the speech on chapel
behavior and the program about walking on the grass be given
on the same day. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Council next discussed the possibility of suggesting to
the administration that the Friday after Thanksgiving be a
holiday. Dave Young moved that the SA respectfully request that
November 25 be a school holiday. The motion was seconded and
passed. The group then made a list of the following reasons for
requesting such:

(1) The Lectureship is less student-oriented now than it has
   been in the past. It would probably not be severely
   harmed by such a holiday.

(2) If parents do come to visit their children for Thanks-
   giving, they would be able to be with them on Friday as
   well as Thursday. More would probably come.

(3) Going back to classes after one day off— and for only
   one day before the weekend—is very inconvenient.

(4) Thanksgiving is a traditional holiday, and greater numbers
   of students would be able to go home to celebrate it if
   they had the whole weekend.

(5) Many parents are very upset because their children aren't
   allowed to come home.

(6) Many students who would probably cut classes Friday to
   go home would not be losing class time by trying to go home.

(7) There would be more room for visitors in the dorms if
   some students were home for the holidays. This would
   actually assist the Lectureships.

(8) The attitude of the students toward the Lectureship would
   probably be improved—it would seem less a matter of
   compulsion and more a matter of choice.

(9) The holiday for the students would also be a holiday for
   the teachers.

As this discussion was concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Balthrop, Secretary