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Tuesday, January 9, 1968, the Student Association had its first meeting of the new year in the SA office at 6:00 p.m. All the Council was present. Sam Hester led the opening prayer. President O'Neal formally welcomed the Council back from the Christmas holidays.

**BUSINESS**

**Letter to Council**

Mike read a letter of resignation from Sam Vick, secretary of the sophomore class, who will be leaving Harding at semester. She recommended that Marsha Murphey, her office opponent, take over her office due to their close election for the office in September. The decision on the matter will be determined later.

**Chapel Programs**

For this semester's SA reserved chapel programs, Helen moved that the SA request one chapel period a week be reserved for the Student Association. Judy seconded the motion. Dave and Richard expressed the feeling that SA should only ask for a program every two weeks as done this semester until we become more refined in our presentations. However, it was revealed how much the students enjoyed the devotionals and variety programs SA correlated this semester. The motion for the weekly SA chapel period carried.

**Christmas Activities**

Mike reminded Christmas chairmen to turn in their reports and write thank you notes before finals. A thank you note from a boy at the Cullman Orphans' Home for his toy from Harding was read to the Council. Sam moved and Judy seconded the idea to have the letter printed in the
BISON. The Council approved. Mike reported that SA only had to mail two boxes of toys and dollies due to the cooperation of the students in taking the boxes to the homes near their residences.

An improvement idea on Christmas was to have better arrangements on the Christmas music from the Student Center.

Fire Hazards Report

Richard's extensive report on the campus' need of fire prevention has been turned into the Building and Grounds Committee. There has been no reply as of yet.

Lecture Series

All the invitations to the proposed speakers for the series have been mailed. Mike reported five responses with only one as a positive response from Gov. Rockefeller, who has agreed to come for an evening speech, April 4.

In honor of the governor, Sam moved to rent the Heritage Room for a special dinner with the SA and the administration in attendance and all financially sponsored by SA and Dr. Ganus (if he so desired to assist SA financially). Gailyn seconded the proposal; it carried. It was agreed to invite the guests' wives. As to time of the evening's events, Helen moved that the dinner be at 6:00 p.m. and the speech at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Auditorium. Ronnie seconded the motion and it passed. Upon Dr. Gillian's suggestion, Mike is to write Mr. Rockefeller to bring his wife and any personnel needed and to invite him to stay overnight in the American Heritage Building.

Emerald Room

Helen reported that the Kendall basement is occupied with 2500 pounds of food for camp at Takodah this coming summer. Mrs. Goodwin
does not favor using the room for a club room this late in the school year. Mike reported that Helen and he would investigate the use of the Kendall for a club room further for later report.

**Calendars**

Calendars are to be sold in the registration line. Mike mentioned SA printing monthly a calendar as a service which would only cost SA $15-$17 a month. Due to the time it would consume, the idea was dropped. Helen is to have the calendars ready for registration sales.

**Dorm Council Election**

The Council decided to introduce this election to the students by a chapel announcement and BISON article written both by Richard Davis. The election candidates are to be nominated by wings occupants. Bill Howard, elections chairman, is to set the date of the election.

**Coffee House Dates**

Council approved the following dates for the Coffee House this next semester.

- January 26
- February 16
- March 1
- April 19
- April 26
- May 3

**Christian College Conference**

Mike reminded the Council of the CCC in Abilene, February 16-17, which will take four days from school with the travel. It will be decided next meeting, January 23, who will be going.

**ASGA Poll**

To improve SA relations with the ASGA, we have agreed upon the organization's request to run a poll on student opinion on the following matters.
Should Arkansas repeal its law forbidding the teaching of evolution in public schools? yes no

Should the voting age be lowered from 21 to 18 years of age? yes no

Are you in favor of constitutional revision for the State of Arkansas? yes no

Should the United States unilaterally pull out of Vietnam? yes no

The ballot will be in tomorrow's BISON.

**Lyceum Committee**

The Council expressed need to press for more student representation on the lyceum committee for more versatile, appealing programs in next year's lyceum. The following observations were discussed.

The only one representative now on the committee offers limited student representation.

The SA should have veto power in this committee.

The committee should deal directly with SA for student opinion on the program choices.

Two student representatives on the committee could more fairly represent the students' tastes and influence the faculty representatives in their final vote for lyceum choice.

It was finally decided that Lynn, Carol, Ron, and Mike would personally visit Dr. Ganus to plea for another student representative on the lyceum committee.

**Administration Meetings**

Sam suggested that the SA and administration meet each semester at a dinner by SA to orally discuss conflicts among students and relay to the administration that SA action is promoted by students, a plurality. This meeting could initiate the semester's SA work with the realization of its real potential to accomplish its recommendations.

Judy moved and Sam seconded to establish this bi-annual administration-SA meeting as a precedent this forthcoming semester. The Council passed the proposal.
Youth Forum

Bro. J. L. Dykes presented his plans for this spring's Youth Forum to the Council. He received SA's favorable group opinion about using college students as supervisors over the teenage guests in the American Heritage Building. To involve the college students with the visitors, it was decided that the party given by SA for the guest be made into a mixer including the college students. Games for getting acquainted would be played.

The topics Bro. Dykes proposed to the Council for the panel discussions were about grace and stewardship.

Choice '68

Mike moved and Helen seconded that Harding students participate in the National Collegiate Presidential Primary. The motion carried.

Suggestion Box

Sam suggested and moved that a suggestion box be placed in the Student Center to hang on the wall with a copy of the minutes summary next to it. Helen seconded the motion and it carried.

Transfer Mixer

Helen moved that the transfer mixer be January 24 and Sam seconded the proposal. The Council approved. Carol and Helen are in charge of the mixer.

Daeyun Children's Home

The Daeyun Children's Home of Korea has written the SA for financial assistance. Gailyn Van Rhenan is to check into the legitimacy of the home for report to Council before it acts.

Questionnaire Results

Mike gave the Council the general SA meeting questionnaire tabulations.
The Council then spent a few minutes to read the suggestions on the questionnaires. Following are some of the suggestions individual Council members considered valuable.

    - Excuse students from classes for the lectures of lectureship.
    - Allow more study time during Pledge Week.
    - EARBOOK needs more variety and spice.
    - Stricter rules for first semester freshmen.
    - SA communication to students on problems it does solve.
    - Have more students participate in SA activities.
    - Suggestions by students now only appear on paper—action.
    - Let girls' clubs set own quotas.
    - Get food prices cheaper in the American Heritage Cafeteria, esp. meat prices.
    - Replace the many vegetables of Patti Cobb Cafeteria with a good grade of meat.
    - Harding of all schools should have Thanksgiving holidays.
    - Enforce rules equally—on athletes.
    - Morning lectures are best at lectureship, but most classes are then and make it impossible for students to attend.
    - Open library during lyceums.
    - Have a dean of women.
    - Uniform standard of unlimited cuts.
    - SA use more variety of students in their work.
    - SA is only tool in the hands of administration—action.
    - Desire questionnaires on student opinion about chapel.
    - Senior girls need more freedom as face freedom from graduation.
    - Have planned activities on Sunday night since no place to study.
    - Make post office area one way.
Have study hall on Sunday nights.
Have Lettermen for a lyceum.
Graduated privileges.
More programs in lectures for women.
Bible majors-unlimited cuts.
Let kids hear what lectureship about well in advance of the event to stimulate sincere interest.
More SA representatives.
Not allow alcohol be consumed in the American Heritage Building.
Keep lily pool clean and free from foul odor.
Improve atmosphere of the Student Inn.
Charge each student $1 library fees a semester for purchase of more microfilm.
Provide Harding Bison towels in the bookstore.
Have finals before the Christmas vacation.
More variety of departments present chapel programs.
Grade P.E. courses on rate of effort and improvement rather than skills.
Have the Disciplinary Committee explained to the students to improve student attitude toward it.

Questionnaire Results Presentation

The Council agreed upon the need to present to the students the results of the questionnaire along with the SA plans of action. Mike suggested our having two general SA meetings this semester, one of which to be an interruptive session on the questionnaire.

Stationwagon Project.

It was agreed to begin planning for the school project next meeting, January 23, Sam presented the idea to rig a challenge chapel program between the Associated Women for Harding and David Jones, special
projects chairman, when the project is to be introduced to the students. This challenge would get the students' true reaction on the spot to the project. Dave suggested talking up the project in small groups throughout the dormitories.

**Officers Meeting**

Mike announced plans for the officers to meet Saturday, January 20, at 9:00 a.m. in the SA office for a semester officers' meeting.

**Adjournment**

At 9:45 p.m., President Mike O'Neal adjourned the meeting. There is to be no meeting next week during finals.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Howell, SA Secretary