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STUDENT ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 20, 1968, in the SA office, the Student Association met at 5:30 p.m., for its weekly meeting. All the Council members were present except for Richard Davis. Helen Howell and Dr. Gilliam were both late due to previously delayed functions.

BUSINESS

Movie Ticket Machine

The first item of the evening’s agenda was presented to the Council by Roy Terry, movie chairman. Roy asked Council to pass his proposal that an electric ticket machine be purchased by SA at a cost of $200 or less. Such a used ticket machine would well pay for itself in a year’s time due to the savings in employment now spent in hiring ticket takers. Judy moved that the SA appropriate up to $200 to buy an electric, used ticket machine. After Mary K seconded the motion, the Council passed the proposal.

Christian College Conference

The SA representatives who went to the CCC at Abilene Christian College last week reported the great success of the conference in its admonition toward "Christian Leadership."

An interest was stirred among the Council at the conference in improving the SA communication with the students. Mike announced that a suggestion box has been placed in the Student Center along with a board to place the summary of the weekly meeting minutes. Sam moved that the summary be a more extended representation of the meeting activities than in the past. Judy seconded the motion and it carried.

The idea of beginning the radio program "SA Speaks," was suggested. The program could relay to the students administration reaction to the suggestions given in the box and possibly provide the agenda for the next
week's meeting for student response. It was agreed that the program would have to advertised a lot to get a reasonably large audience to listen in. Various Council members would speak each week. Helen moved that SA start the radio program, "SA Speaks," with Sam Hester in charge of its administration. Ron seconded the motion and it was passed by the Council.

Mike reported an important factor he learned at the CCC about student motivation. Before starting a project, it must be determined whether or not the project is worth doing. No one can make an unmeaningful activity meaningful.

Mary K volunteered to send an evaluation of the conference requested from each school in attendance. Following are some of the ideas gained from the conference that could be used at Harding.

Rivalry Day-Saturday-Tug of War
Freshman Day
Welcome Speech-President of Student Body

Thank you notes are to be sent to Dr. Gilliam's parents and Mike's parents for their kind hospitality extended to the Council while traveling to and from Abilene.

SA Helpers

Mike asked the Council to make a special effort to thank Shorty Pearson and Mr. Spurlock for the so many things they have done for the SA. Mr. Pearson constructed the suggestion box. Mike requested Gailyn to make the announcement in chapel tomorrow about the box.

Lettermen

Dean Pryor told Mike that permission for having the Lettermen on May 17, would have to obtained from the faculty since this date is the beginning date of Dead Week. Judy volunteered to mimeograph ballots to mail to the faculty members for a vote. Mike relayed to Judy that he would contact her tomorrow after checking with the talent agent as to whether or not the Lettermen have been booked for May 17.
Youth Forum

Mike requested that each Council member take responsibility for contacting five students who failed to respond to the request sent them to serve on a Youth Forum panel. A list of those students to be contacted was passed among the members for them to check the five persons each member would be responsible for contacting. The positive response from these students are to be turned into the SA office by Friday.

Student Affairs

Due to the fact that some of the boys' social clubs are becoming so large that Little Rock restaurants cannot handle their banquets, the Student Affairs Committee has considered limiting the size of the boys' social clubs. Dean Lawyer would like to know the SA's response to such an action. The boys on the Council agreed that some of the boys' clubs had indeed gotten too large, especially for full participation in club sports. Dr. Gilliam reminded the group that the real purpose of the clubs were to provide a group in which an individual can identify himself. The large club has defeated the true purpose of the club.

After extended discussion, the Council agreed that the best way to limit the boys' clubs would be gradually by approximating the number of pledges according to the number of clubs. In four years the clubs should be just about even. Such a method would be quite similar to the way in which the girls determine their membership each year.

A precise decision, it was decided, will be determined at the next SA meeting.

Leap Day

Students have been asking what would be held on campus February 29, the usual Saddie Hawkins Day. Dr. Gilliam suggested having a "Dress-Up Supper," by candlelight in each cafeteria to which the girls would ask the boys to attend. Judy Worth was placed in charge of the event. Some suggestions made were to be enthusiastic, provide dinner music, have the
"best dressed man," and "the best dressed woman," contest, have a good chapel skit for advertisement, and support the event wholeheartedly among the Council members.

Belles and Beaux

The return of the Belles & Beaux from the Far East will be March 10. It was discussed for the Harding student body to do something special for their return. A welcome sign can be made for their return. It was suggested that the girls be gotten late permission at 12:00 p.m. just to go out to the Student Center parking lot to personally welcome the group back to campus. The band could also be playing for their return. Mike will investigate the possibility of the later permission for the girls.

Foreign Study Program

Mike announced that Dr. Jerry Hudson from Pepperdine Christian College would be at our meeting next week to discuss their foreign study program. Pepperdine's program is quite expensive, but the programs at OCC are much less expensive because the students studying abroad are placed pretty much on their own with their own finances. The only supervision in the program at the latter mentioned college is a local minister in the foreign area who deals indirectly with the students.

SA girl members did not like the slack supervision program for the girls because it was so unsure and unsafe. Helen suggested that a part of the administration and faculty sit in on next week's meeting to see their reaction to such a foreign study program at Harding. Dr. Gilliam suggested that Mike ask Dr. Pryor first about the advisability of having administration-faculty men to listen to the details of the program. It is intended to see how Dr. Pryor feels about such a program, also. Mike told the Council that he would send them a memo as to the action taken on this matter.
Chapel

Mike asked the Council to think about the possibility of recommending that chapel services be primarily religiously centered each day.

Academics

Suggestions were asked to be considered by the Council for the improvements Harding's academic affairs.

Council Consideration

It was suggested that the SA members remember at some time to give a special thanks to the Harding work students who are doing a good job.

A general suggestion made about sports is that the SAP should give a welcoming speech before each sports event to officially welcome the opposing team and supporters to Harding.

Adjournment

Since tonight is the time for Harding's last home basketball game for the season, President O'Neal adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Howell, SA Secretary.