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Tuesday, April 2, 1968, the Student Association met in the SA office at 6:00 p.m., for its weekly meeting. All the Council members were present. Gailyn Van Rheenan led the group in an opening prayer.

**BUSINESS**

**General News**

Dr. Hacker reported to the SA that the chapel scripture and song correlation has already been planned as of three weeks ago.

The Emerald Room opened unsupervised has been a success the past two days in which it has been in effect.

Sam has the list of speakers for the SA INSIGHT*OUT program on campus radio. GVR is to speak this week.

Mike requested those who can go to the Prayer Breakfast at Hot Springs planned for this Saturday, April 6, to please sign the list of attendants on the bulletin board.

It was reported that thank you cards have been purchased for the Council's use.

Mike reported that Mr. Tucker plans to pave the brick sidewalk this summer.

The Beau Quartet from the Belles and Beaux are to represent Harding at the AIC Talent Contest. The music department selected the appropriate entertainment for this event.

**Lyceum Committee**

Lynn and Ron reported on the meeting of the lyceum committee for planning next year's lyceums. There five categories of talent in which two choices, first and second, were decided upon. The report was given without notes.
First Category

1. Lettermen
2. Discuss later

Second Category

1. Up With People
2. Forgotten—no notes

Third Category

1. Salsburg Marionettes
2. ?

Fourth Category

1. Singer-harpist
2. ?

Fifth Category

1. Nelson and Neal
2. ?

Red Cross Blood Drive

The SA is in charge of the Blood Drive on campus for April 4-5. Projects' chairman, David Jones, is in charge of the details. Five social clubs are to canvas Searcy for Red Cross donations on Thursday night, April 4.

Lily Pool Fountain Project

The Building and Grounds Committee has approved the student project for a fountain to be purchased for the Lily Pool, along with the specific design voted upon in the SA meeting two weeks ago. Mr. Tucker discovered, however, that the fountain had been priced from an old catalogue. The new catalogue listed the fountain for about \( \frac{1}{2} \) the estimate of the old catalogue. The fountain would cost \$1075 and take three weeks for its delivery. It may be installed anytime after the May Day Fete. With installation, the fountain would cost around \$1200. A chapel program of project introduction to the students will be week after next, in the week of April 15. Following are suggestions for promotion of this project.
Slide in chapel of the old and the proposed new fountain.

Tug of war over the old fountain.

Out of chapel early for money throw into Lily Pool.

Class competition in raising money.

Slogans—"Let's let the water rise....."

Large progress fountain poster—water rise with money.

For the records, Judy moved that the SA initiate the Lily Pool fountain project among the Harding students. Sam seconded the motion and it carried by a majority (all). Dave is to continue work with Mr. Tucker in the planning of the fountain purchase from California.

Choice '68

Chairman of Choice '68, Richard Davis, announced the initial date of the first activity to be April 22, which is to be a political rally on front of campus.

SA Elections

Mike reminded the Council of the forthcoming SA elections, April 24. SA members are to encourage those potential student leaders to run for office.

Voting Booths

Mike reported of the OCC's purchase of four alluminum folding voting booths for their student government elections. Mike was impressed because of the privacy these booths provided in voting like in actual U.S. government elections. Richard moved that similar booths be purchased, numbering four for $130. It was discussed that even though the SA budget might be able to buy such booths, they would not eliminate our main voting problems. The between-class congestion is an eminent problem. Dave pointed that the short ballots used in our elections did not call for the need of the booths, which would probably cause more
The possible solution of Harding's election problems is to provide more polls on campus, which in actual effect would be most difficult in keeping accurate record of who voted his one time. Richard's motion to purchase the booths failed due to lack of support from Council.

Election Advertisement

The Council made the following suggestions for advertising the SA election in hopes to encourage student body voting.

- Voting Tags
- Dorm-announcements
- Presidential candidates' speeches
- Campus radio announcement reminders
- Radio speeches
- Interviews-INSIGHT OUT

The Council definitely decided that a candidate's rally be held on front campus, Tuesday night, April 23, to allow the candidates to speak and formally introduce themselves to the students. A narrator is to be decided.

Library Hours

Richard reported from his investigation of keeping the library open on Sunday nights. Mrs. Burdwell favored the idea. However, there is the problem of getting workers for the Sunday hours, especially from the staff. To even the hours for the staff, Mrs. Burdwell suggested closing the library on Friday night. The Council wants to request the library not be closed any more for the new Sunday night hours. The suggested hours by the Council for recommendation are from 2:00 p.m. (if possible earlier) to 10:00 p.m., on Sunday. The library committee will be meeting in a couple of weeks and discuss this proposal.

Rules

Mike initiated a discussion on the car-dating rules here at Harding. With Mr. Lawyer's agreement, Mike favorably suggested that SA recommend that the car dating rule for getting permission for day car dating be changed to getting no permission. The girls reacted with various ideas
of what the car dating rules actually were. The rules tended to vary with
the dorm from which the SA girl members were living. Mike also proposed
that it be recommended that for night car dating in Searcy, permission
be granted directly from the dorm mother. Confusion reigned the discus-
sion as to what were actually the car dating rules. Richard suggested the
apparent need that the car dating rules be clarified before any improve-
ment can be recommended by the SA. There is also an evident need for a
more healthy look at the rules which are obviously being disobeyed with-
out any punishment. Students nor administration clearly can define the
rules.

A committee was selected to investigate the car dating rules as to
what they are by discussing the matter with the girls' dorm mothers and
Dean Lawyer. On the committee are; Lynn Rolan, Carol Markham, and
Gailyn Van Rheenan.

It was noted in this discussion to have Dorm Council reports made
to the SA Council.

Student Inn

Council discussed that there have been many complaints about the
Student Inn closing too early in the evenings. It was agreed to talk
to Mrs. Mac and write Mr. Tucker about keeping the Inn open until
9:45 p.m., with the grill closing at 9:30 p.m. Also, suggested was
recommending that the Inn be open on Saturday nights when there the
shorter movies on campus.

SA Budget

Upon Mike's suggestion and seeing the many hours he has spent in
the SA office writing letters, the SA agreed to purchase at the end of
this year a dict-a-phone for next year's president. One can be bought
cheaply from the business offices.
basted upon a discussion earlier in the school year when Council was discussing the small amount of funds provided the SA with the small 50¢ required from a student each semester, Helen moved that it be recommended to raise the SA budget to a $1.00 a semester. Sam seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. In presentation to the board of this proposal, a comparison of living expenses of today to living expenses back in the time when this amount of funds was set is to be made.

**HANDBOOK Changes**

Mike made some personal preferences for revision on the SA constitution. The Council looked at the Constitution as it was discussed.

- Allow juniors (sophomores of Spring) to run for SA Veep.
- Add class presidents to the SA Executive Council.
- Eliminate the office of treasurer for a business record keeper appointed to the Cabinet.

Council reacted negatively to the suggestions except for the sophomore of Spring being allowed to run for SA Veep. However, according to the Constitution, there is not enough time before this election of April to amend the Constitution.

The Council divided in their reaction to enlarging the Council. Most members did not disapprove of increasing the Council, but there was disagreement on how to do it. Some favored adding the class presidents, while others favored adding the Dorm Council President and Secretary. It was noted that if the class presidents or dorm council officers were added to the SA Council, there election would entitle them to two offices which are elected offices. In a way, these new members would hold more honor than SA President who is elected for his one office. **Not on equal footing with regular elected.**

Council was almost completely against eliminating the office of treasurer from the SA Executive Council. Mike's suggestion brought in the idea of the SAP appointing a business major as SA Bookkeeper, hold-
ing a Cabinet position. Carol suggested that such a position could be added to the Cabinet to aid the SA Treasurer in professionally handling the books. It was noted that even business majors handle accounting in various ways. It was decided that a set of instructions be constructed in the treasury notes to inform each new treasurer how to handle the books accurately and consistently as in previous years. This needs to be done to keep account of the money and to be able to catch any business office mistakes.

So many dissatisfactions of the SA Constitution were discussed, that it was actually considered to rewrite the constitution this year or in the next two months. However, the Council realized the depth of importance in the Constitution and the time and thought it would take to compose a truly effective, thorough, and concise Constitution. Thus, it was generally agreed by the Council that the rewriting of the Constitution should begin at the start of the fall semester and be done by section committees for an acceptable job. Such a rewriting of the Constitution will have to be made as a mere recommendation for next year's SA Executive Council, who will have the time starting in fall semester to study and cooperate with the students in writing a suitable SA Constitution for the organization.

Counseling-Personal

The Council discussed the need for more guidance counselors to be available to students with personal problems. It was decided that SA would write Dr. Ganus of this need for possible action in making available to students a counselor more on a full-time basis.

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, President O'Neal adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.