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CLUB OFFICERS MEETING

1968-1969

A meeting of the Executive Council and Club Presidents was held Sunday, Sept. 15, 1968, at 7:30 p.m., in the American Studies Auditorium for the purpose of discussing the possibility of having Pledge Week the 6th week this year. Roll Call gave evidence of representatives from every club but six: Kappa Delta, OEDA, MEA, Lambda Sigma, Sigma Tau Sigma, and Beta Phi Kappa.

The discussion was held by the method of club representatives giving pros and cons concerning the feasibility of a 6th week Pledge Week. The pros were as follows:

1. New club members will be able to participate in club athletics such as flag football, softball and volleyball.
2. New club members will feel more a part of the club if they are in earlier.
3. New club members will be able to help plan first semester banquets.
4. There would be less problem with dues collection, since dues could be collected earlier in the semester.
5. More clubs could plan banquets and/or outings in the fall.
6. Having a 6th week Pledge Week would leave 3 weeks to prepare for nine-week's tests.
7. Girls' clubs would have more time to meet girls and finish their voting before nine week's tests.
8. It seems unfair to ask the full amount of dues of a new club member coming into the club at mid-semester.
9. New club members could be more active in homecoming if there were a 6th week Pledge Week.
10. Members, new and old, could be more active in student affairs if pledge week were earlier.
11. The weather is more suitable for rough initiation or any outing that could be planned.
12. It is better to get Pledge Week over with, because many assignments are due at mid-semester.

The cons were as follows:

1. There is a lack of time for getting to know the students well enough. This effects members as well as prospective pledgers.
2. Nine week's grades can determine the desire to be active in a club or to have someone in a club.
3. Girls' Open House would fall in the 4th or 5th week.
4. Girls' Clubs need time to prepare for Open House, as many have dresses or uniforms made for the occasion.
5. The earlier week being disrupted would lower nine week's grades.

Ronnie mentioned that he had spoken to Mr. Beck concerning the
possibility of postponing club football until the 7th week if Pledge week were to be the 6th week. Mr. Beck agreed.

Ronnie also mentioned that a proposal for earlier pledge week was turned into the Student Affairs Committee last year but was turned down for two main reasons: (1) The proposal came too late, and (2) Early pledge week would hurt frosh grades.

Opinions and ideas were given concerning allowing pledges study time. No definite decision was reached.

Ronnie mentioned another proposal which was discussed but never taken before the Student Affairs Committee: a shortened pledge week. One reaction was that pledges would appreciate their club more if they had a longer pledging time. Someone suggested that Open House could be switched to Saturday afternoon.

A vote was then taken to discern the number of clubs in favor of moving pledge week to the 6th week this year. Results: for--22, against--5.

Ronnie said that regardless of the vote, which definitely would be considered, the proposal would have to pass in the SA meeting Tues. night and in the Student Affairs meeting later in the week before it could go into effect.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Rolen, SA. Secretary