

PRESIDENTS REPORT

As President of the Student Council, I would like to take this opportunity to deliver both to the members of the Council and to the student body which we represent and serve a summary report as required by the constitution, outlining our past activities, our present status, and our future plans.

As this particular Council has been meeting regularly this past semester, one thing has become absolutely clear; this year's Council will not allow itself to be bridled by outdated, outworn and outmoded precedents. We have done nothing because it was done in the past. Each idea presented to the Council was considered on its own merits and either accepted or rejected on those merits alone. Because of this policy, several old traditions have been replaced by the march of progress, and at the same time several new ideas have been inaugurated.

Gone for the first time this year are basketball, which was replaced by the much more popular bowling and the sparsely attended Christmas Semi, which was changed to the Christmas Social attended by over 300 guests. Adopted for the first time this year - as traditions we hope - were the following:

1. The Council sponsored football trip
2. The Chess Tournament
3. The Dancing and Card Party
4. & 5. The already mentioned Bowling and Christmas Social
6. The extra entertainment at our dances.

All these, may I repeat, are new ideas suggested, debated, and planned by the Council. These alone constitute a record well worthy of praise. Other new ideas under discussion for the future are:

1. A roller skating party
2. Archery classes
3. Blue Band concert to aid our Student Union Building Fund.

Student Council in evaluating each decision before it, may not always acted wisely, it may have erred. Minority-or maybe even the majority-factions of the student body have from time to time criticized such policies as:

1. Financing the football trip but refusing the Opera trip
2. Giving \$440 to the Collegian but refusing \$20 to the German Club
3. Refusing to alter, upon petition, the date of the Christmas Social.

Council had a definite reason for its action in all these cases. Whether you accept or reject its motives, on these several questionable actions taken by the Council, you should not allow these minor instances to blind you to the long list of successful actions undertaken.

Its committees have acted always, at all times, in the interests of the student body. They have had almost unparalleled success. They hope to achieve even greater results in the future.

The Traffic Committee has continued to protect the rights of drivers and passengers at the parking lot, on the drive way, and at the top of the hill.

The House Rules Committee suggested the combined Dancing and Card party which combined two excellent ideas into a perfect evening, it inaugurated and supervised the Chess Tournament, and finally it made and enforced the rules under which the Student Recreational Building is managed.

The Sports Committee made all the rules, plans, and arrangements needed to establish the first Penn State, Student Council sponsored Bowling League.

The Social Committee has planned three dances; two of which were almost unparalleled success.

The Council did not act on either the traffic situation or the Student Union Building. The solution to the first problem lies beyond the power of Council; and the solution to the second one, Council decided, could