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ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT



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Student Government on the Marshall campus is the name given to a number of institutions which carry on or direct certain extra-curricular activities of the student body. The Student Government has very broad powers, including the power to make rules and regulations in all matters of student activity not strictly academic, subject, of course, to the final authority of the college administration.

Student Government was inaugurated on the Marshall campus in 1926. Since that time, there has been a constant evolution in its importance and a growing complexity in its structure and functions. There have been several revisions of its basic nature, including a number of constitutional changes. Today it carries on a number of routine activities, certain other activities of a more experimental nature, and finally, such activities as may be delegated or suggested to it by the college administration.

It exercises control over student social functions, being itself in charge of running the Student Mixes. These mixes serve two purposes: they are both a general social function in which all students may participate, and a source of revenue to the Student

Government. The Government carries forth certain projects which the student body deems to be worthwhile. It also provides for the actual governing of the students, maintaining its own court and department of prosecution. The Government appropriates funds for the carrying on of certain activities which could not otherwise be performed. A final function of the Government is the performance of its own structural functions; that is, the carrying on of elections, the making of rules for the governing of its own meetings, and the appointing of various subordinate officers and committees.

The legislative organ of the government is the Student Council which is composed of twenty members. Three members are elected by the incoming freshman class in the fall. All others regularly elected are chosen in the spring election in which the out-going freshman class elects four, one to serve for two years; the out-going sophomore class elects three, two to serve for two years; the out-going junior class elects three. The student who gets the second highest vote for student president becomes the vice-president having a seat and a vote on the Student Council. Each of the three dormitory presidents has a seat and vote on the Student Council. When vacancies occur on the Council, they are filled by the president of the class in which the vacancy occurs, subject to ratification by the Student Council by a two-thirds vote.

The executive department of the government is headed by the president of the student body. The president has numerous powers. It has the power to pass general regulations applying to the whole student body; the power to raise money and to expend that money; the power to create and fill subordinate governmental positions. It has the power to fill vacancies in the offices of class presidents. On the whole, it has a broad grant of power to engage in practically any activity not specifically forbidden to it by the college administration or by the Constitution of the student body.

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In a meeting of the Student Council, minority leader, John Sinnett, puts a motion before the chair. Officers of Student Government are: upper left, William McAboy, vice-president; bottom left, John Sinnett, treasurer; upper right, Rae Poteet, secretary; bottom right, Raymond Dean, business manager.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Top row: Nora Vee Thacker, Charles Leftwitch, Phyllis Staats, Alfred R. Neumann, Virginia Winn, Robert Drexler, Betty Parrish, William Scott.

Second row: Lewis Maddocks, Olive Reece, Robert Stone, Ruth Buck, Oren Poage, Evelyn Clark, William Nunley, Elizabeth Boone.



PROSECUTION DEPARTMENT

Top, left, Hays Webb, chief assistant; center, Rufus McLean, student attorney; right, Jack Griffith chief assistant.

Bottom: Fann Downey, Bob Kirkpatrick, Bob Coakley, Edwin Brown, J. Leo Wright, Kenneth Jones, Abe Kozer, Mavis Mann.

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presides over meetings of the Council with a vote only in case of tie. He appoints officers on committees, as provided by the Constitution, subject to the ratification of the Council. He acts as spokesman for the student body on all official occasions.

The student president, and the entire executive department, have such additional powers as the Council may see fit to delegate to them.

The part of the government known as the executive contains a number of offices related to each other in varying proportions. Over certain of the executive officers, the president has no authority, the officers in question being responsible solely to the Student Council, or in some cases, to the student body. One division of the department is known as the Department of Prosecution. This division is a combination of a legal staff, a police department, and an investigating board. It represents the Council before the Student Court; it prosecutes students guilty of acts contrary to the best college interests; it prosecutes violators of Council acts; and finally, it conducts investigations into the propriety and the legality of the acts of the other departments and divisions of the government. It is headed by a Student-Attorney who is aided by ten assistants appointed by him.

Another division of the executive department is the division of finance. The officer representing this division is the Business-Manager of the student body. He has complete authority over all financial matters of the Student Government, being subject only to the authority of the Student Council itself. Actual custody of the governmental funds rests in the hands of the Treasurer of the Council.

Another part of the executive department consists of the various class presidents with the subordinate class officers. These are elected by the classes themselves and responsible only to the students composing those classes.

The judicial department of the government is the Student Court. This Court is made up of three faculty members, appointed by the college administration, and four students, appointed by the student president and ratified by the Council. It tries cases and renders decisions concerning all matter brought before it. It also judges the constitutionality of Council acts. Cases may be brought before it by any member of the student body or by a member of the faculty. In case involving the Student Council, the government is represented by the Department of Prosecution.

An interesting department of the government is the Social Activities Committee. This committee is made up of five students appointed by the Student Council and five faculty members appointed by the college administration. This committee must give positive approval to any dance, party, or other campus social function before that function can take place.

Student Government, on the whole, has, for the past several years, achieved a rapidly increasing success. It is engaged in a wider field of activities than formerly and all signs indicate that its scope will widen as more years come and go. Many of its most important institutions are recent additions. And with the increase in the scope of its powers and duties, has come an increase in student interest.

Of course, a democratic government of almost any type presupposes certain kinds of political activity. The campus has two well-defined political groups, one representing the fraternities and sororities and the other representing the independent students. Party lines are not always strictly adhered to, but essentially the conflict is between these two factions. For the past two years the independent faction has been in possession of the majority of campus offices.



At the left, a new function of Student Government which was inaugurated this year was the Book Exchange, held in the Student Union check room, through which students could exchange text books thus reducing the cost of buying new or used texts elsewhere. A total of \$1300 worth of books were exchanged between students with an approximate accumulated saving of \$400. At the right, another feature of Student Government was this scene of the early fall College broadcast series of campus interviews with Gordon Kinney and Bob Drexler questioning the various students as they pass by on the south campus.



STUDENT COURT

Left, Cecil Rogers; middle, Virginia Van Dyke Daniel, Katherine Marie Sharitz; right, Frederick B. Young.



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Dennis Harrington, Martha Barickman, Charles Leftwich, Carolyn Jasper, James Barrett, Peggy McClure.



At the left, Miss Shirley Martin, as president of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, receives a cup from Bob Early, president of the student body, for having the outstanding float in the 1939-40 Homecoming activities. At the right, an important event in the social life of all students is the Monday night dance. Raymond Dean, assistant manager of the Student Union and business manager of the Student Council, seated at the table, sells tickets as Mr. Fred Brown, instructor in the commerce department, collects them and gives pass-out checks.

PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

"In Union There Is Strength", and to all appearances that is the principle behind the Pan-Hellenic Council, other than that of regulation. All organizations must be regulated. The United States has the Congress, England has her Parliament, Germany had the Reichstag, and Marshall sororities have the Pan-Hellenic Council.

Founded in 1927 through the efforts of its first sponsor, Miss Amanda Lee Beaumont, the council is sponsored now by Miss Lee Fairchild Bacon, dean of women, in whose office the council holds its meetings.

Its purpose is two-fold "to regulate matters pertaining to local pan-hellenic life and to encourage all chapters to take an active interest in all school and college activities for the common good of all."

Activities sponsored by the council include many of the most important events on the college calendar. Perhaps the Pan-Hellenic social activity most long awaited is the annual Christmas Ball, a gala occasion indeed with all the seasonal requisites—pine boughs, mistletoe, red ribbons in enormous festive bows, gaily decorated Christmas trees with subdued lights, and the soft glow of the mellow candles so closely connected with the holiday spirit. Another Pan-Hellenic ball that is important in an entirely different manner is the annual spring ball that is held for the purpose of raising money for the Pan-Hellenic Scholarship fund which is awarded each year to a worthy, second-semester graduating senior on the basis of need and scholastic standing. This year two senior women benefited through the fund, enabling them to complete their education.

Each year, at the beginning of the fall semester, the Pan-Hellenic Council sponsors a freshman reception in the form of a tea, given at the Student Union for all freshmen women, which serves as a sort of preliminary rush party for all the sororities. It is here that the "Young Hopefuls" for sorority membership are sized up, sorted out and the cream of the crop is selected for rush parties by the various individual sororities.

During the celebration of Marshall's One Hundredth Birthday in 1937 the Pan-Hellenic Council made the college a gift of the shaft or pedestal for the bust of John Marshall. Also a donation from the Council is the decoration in the women's lounge of the Student Union consisting of several framed flower prints, lamps, and two circular mirrors for the powder table.



Top, Mary Preston, president, Sigma Sigma Sigma; bottom, Betty Parrish, secretary, Theta Rho.



Top, Mary Price, vice-president, Delta Sigma Epsilon; bottom, Dorothy Jane Adams, treasurer, Pi Kappa Sigma.

INTER-FRATERNITY COUNCIL

Organized in 1930 under the guidance of the dean of men's office, the Inter-Fraternity Council, has sought since its inception to promote cooperation and good fellowship among the fraternal organizations on the campus.

The present dean of men, Prof. K. K. Loemker, acts as faculty advisor for the group.

To encourage participation in the intramural sports program, the Council gives recognition to winners in the various tournaments. The Council attempts to raise academic standing of the fraternities by giving to the fraternity having the highest scholastic average a Scholarship Trophy.

In the way of social work, each year the Council donates a fund to charity organizations for helping underprivileged children.

One of the outstanding events of each semester's social season in the Inter-fraternity Council formal which all members of each fraternity belonging to the Council are privileged to attend.

To assist freshman students in adjusting themselves to college life, the Council each fall holds a reception where students meet and the freshmen and upper classmen discuss how best to make that adjustment.



Top, Robert Buskirk, Kappa Alpha, president; bottom, Rudolph Thompson, Alpha Kappa Pi, secretary.



Top, Lawton Robinson, Alpha Theta Chi, vice-president; bottom, Bill Scott, Phi Kappa Nu, treasurer.



PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL

Top row: Virginia Maxwell, Theta Rho; Shirley Martin, Sigma Sigma Sigma; Betty Dean, Sigma Sigma Sigma; Doro Jo Chambers, Pi Kappa Sigma; Evelyn Clark, Delta Sigma Epsilon; Joseph Peters, Alpha Sigma Alpha; Marinda Perry, Kappa Tau Phi; Grace Seymour, Theta Rho.

Bottom row: Rose Louise Williams, Alpha Sigma Alpha; Irene Mayenschein, Delta Sigma Epsilon; Alice Butts, Kappa Tau Phi; Nellie Maude Smith, Kappa Tau Phi; Helen Camp, Pi Kappa Sigma; Esther Boyce, Alpha Sigma Alpha.



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Top row: Robert McCaskey, Phi Kappa Nu; Jack Moses, Alpha Theta Chi; Selden McCoy, Alpha Kappa Pi; Gene Henkle, Phi Kappa Nu; James Barrett, Ed Rose, Bill McAbey, Phi Tau Alpha; Walter Wilkinson, Kappa Alpha.

Second row: Robert Brooks, Alpha Kappa Pi John Santrock, Alpha Theta Chi; Edmund J. Fogg, Kappa Alpha.

INDEPENDENT PARTY CAUCUS

The Independent Progressive Party Caucus is the central committee of the Independent Progressive Political Party on the campus. The Party itself has no fixed membership, being composed theoretically of all non-fraternity and non-sorority students in the college. The Caucus directs the Party's policies and activities, both in regard to political campaigns and in regard to the Party's role in the actual functioning of the student government.

The Caucus' origin was simultaneous with that of the Party itself. The Caucus was designed as a group to lead in organizing the independent students on the campus and in establishing principles for the new party to follow. The first recorded meeting of the Caucus was March 1, 1937.

In 1939, the Independent Party nominated Robert Early for the student presidency. In this election Early was elected by a large majority of votes. The Party, at the same time, won a decisive majority in Council seats. At the present time, the Independent Progressive Party holds a 13 to 7 majority on the Council.

Party nominees for president of the student body are chosen at annual conventions in which all independent students are eligible to participate, each having one vote. The conventions are usually held in the latter part of April. They are conducted along the same plan as national political conventions.

The Caucus has been very successful in its program of organization. From 1936, at which time there were no independent students on the Council, until the present, non-fraternity and non-sorority students have gradually gained more and more power in general campus affairs. At the present time there are no less than thirty independent students hold important posts in the Student Government set-up.

At the beginning of the Party's history, the Caucus set forth a five-point general statement of policy. These general policies do not deal with specific plans, but serve as a standard for determining the Party's position on particular issues. The five points are as follows:

1. The Party seeks for the greatest possible influence for independent students in the conduct of student affairs.
2. The Party favors the selection of officers of the Student Government on the basis of capability rather than personal popularity.
3. The Party acts to achieve honesty both in the conduct of elections and in the management of the government. (Specific examples of party activity in this field are: its demand for the elimination of multiple voting, its program for the abolition of graft from the government, and its insistence upon a clear and definite system of law.)
4. The Party favors emphasis upon the administrative, as opposed to the purely legislative and political, functions of Student Government.
5. The Party favors the broadening of the scope of activity and the power of Student Government. It has constantly carried on a campaign to grant to the students a greater share in determining how their college lives are to be regulated. It has also attempted, by every possible means, to inaugurate new activities for the Student Government to engage in—to find new fields in which the Student Government may be of actual service to the entire student body.

Membership in the Independent Party is open to all independent students. Membership in the caucus is limited to about thirty or forty students who represent various groups and sections of the independent students on the campus. To become a Caucus member one must apply for membership and be approved by the Caucus. The Caucus has four officers: a chairman, assistant-chairman a secretary, and a treasurer. All Caucus members have a equal vote in the meetings, except the chairman who may vote only in case of tie. The Caucus has no constitution; its meetings are governed by established rules of parliamentary law. All questions are decided by a simple majority of those present and voting. A majority of the total membership constitutes a quorum.



A view of a heated discussion in a meeting of the Independent Progressive caucus where party policy is decided. Officers of the caucus are: upper left, Robert Coakley, chairman; bottom left, Nora Vee Thacker, secretary; upper right, Alfred Neumann, assistant chairman, bottom right, Edward Seeber, treasurer.



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Top row: Olive Reece, Oren Poage, Alex Loebig, Elmore Mossman, Ruth Buck, Charles Leftwitch, Ray Dean, Vincent Berggren.

Second row: Rufus McLean, Phyllis Staats, Robert Medley, Sam Keyser, William Nunley, Martha Barickman, Robert Stone, Richard Hobson.

Third row: Harry Price, Ellsworth Sammons, Louise Gilbert, Charles Waters, Robert Drexler, Dennis Harrington, Katherine Sharitz, James Fisher.

Bottom row: Cecil Rogers, J. Leo Wright, John Dixon, John Kellar.

Additional Member: Robert Dodridge.