

December 14, 1933

Roll Call: Robert Porter and Joe Stevens were absent (excused).

Minutes were read and approved as corrected-- Charles Hornbostel and Prof Robinson were present at meeting on November 23. Lloyd Keisler was also included on the committee appointed by the President to draw up plans on whom should compose an all campus governing body.

The president welcomed the new member, Roland Clyde Huestis, and stated that he hoped Mr. Huestis would be able in the future to give the same amount of cooperation that he has given to the board in the past while not a member thereof.

Weekly bills and receipts were read. Moved and seconded that bills be accepted as read with the exception of the bills of the Western Union. Byron and Ralston were appointed to see if an adjustment could be had on the bill for the Grid-Graph for the Indiana-North-Western game.

Mr. Biddle in reading the total report of operation for the year, stated that the Union is over \$500.00 ahead of the budget of last year.

After a short discussion, concerning the submission of a plan for a governing body of the student body- Byron moved and it was seconded that a proposal be sent to the Board of Aeons of having no group appointed at all. Carried. It was then decided that in case such a group should be appointed, that the following members should compose it:

President of Union Board- Chairman
 President of A. W. S. -
 President of Pan Hellenic
 President of Inter Fraternity Council
 An Unorganized Man from South Hall
 An Unorganized Girl from Memorial Hall
 President of Aeons
 Dean of Men
 Dean of Women

Fineberg reported a total of 1233 paid admissions for the Pow-wow.

George Heighway, the Alumni representative of the Board, complimented the Board on one of the finest Pow-wows in history.

The President stated that plans were being made for a Union- A.W. S Christmas party and requested that as many members of the Board as could possibly do so, would attend on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. Moved and seconded that Union Board contribute \$5.00 to the Dally Student Cheer Fund.

Fletchall stated that many difficulties had been encountered in preparations for the free dance to be held on December 15th but that everything seemed satisfactory at the present time.

The President called upon Mr. Byron to report on the convention of Association of College Unions. His report is as follows:--

"The meetings this year were in the nature of indignation gatherings. The students revolted in the matter of convention management, it being entirely in the hands of managers. They proposed resolutions guaranteeing to them student participation and representation on the executive committee and subordinate committees. The resolutions were passed and the managers were eager to cooperate. As a consequence, of this, one member of the executive committee is to be a student.

At the first meeting, the government of the different Unions was discussed, each representative giving a detailed plan of his organization and its personnel. Most Unions are similar in the nature of government to the Indiana Union with the exception that several elect their board members from the different colleges and schools in the Universities. Most Unions have vice-presidents which act as chairmen of different board committees. Others have sophomore representatives which work on committees under the merit system- so many merits being required for election to different offices of the board. Typical committees of the different Unions are as follows: Information desk; library; housing; employment; concerts and exhibits; games and service; bands and sings; dining service and public forums and business auditing.

At the second meeting, activities of the different Unions were discussed, each representative reporting on the different projects sponsored by his respective Union. Most Unions sponsor Forums. Michigan and Wisconsin seemed to have the most efficient system. Forty-six members of the University faculty are invited to participate in a discussion of convention topics. The chairman of the Forum committee starts and terminates discussion and introduces the leader or public speaker, if there be one. Two examples of subjects discussed at such Forums are "Advantages and Disadvantages of Soviet Regulation" and "Liquor Control." Michigan holds their Forums in the Men's Lounge. Vanderbilt and Michigan State, although they do not hold Forums sponsor free lectures.

Several Unions exercise quite extensive control over campus publications. The Michigan Union is confronted with opposition and adverse criticism of the daily paper

"Vanderbilt has purchased a school paper and guarantees one issue to each regular enrolled student of the University.

Many Unions have experienced the same difficulty with the activities of the Y. M. C. A. as does the Indiana Union, it sponsoring activities that rightfully belong to the Union. Ohio State Union took over the employment office of the Y. M. C. A. Wisconsin has the management of an orchestra booking service and obtained an agreement with all organizations that they hire through the Union service. Ohio unsuccessfully sponsored a similar service for two years; consequently discontinued it. The Purdue Union sponsored a Men 's Style Show which was made possible by the cooperation of Finchley's Clothing Store of Chicago. This firm announced at the convention that they would be willing to render a similar service to any Union. The Iowa Union has a radio station. Wisconsin broadcasts its Forums over the radio and Purdue is contemplating taking over a radio station. Iowa and Michigan Unions have an annual "Open-House" in their respective buildings which gives an opportunity to students, parents, alumni, friends and potential University students to inspect the building while it is in operation.

The Michigan State Union enforces freshman cap wearing. They also sponsor a "Kresge Ball" with an admission of 10 cents and dancing from 6:30 to 7:30 every Tuesday. North Carolina Union has charge of Intramural Athletics and Tournaments. The Wisconsin Union has a department called the "High School Relations Division" with a graduate manager and representatives in most towns throughout the state. They maintain a clipping service, whose purpose it is to encourage high school students to attend the University.

Vanderbilt sponsors frequent free dances in their Union Building. It was announced in the student meeting that Wisconsin, Bowdoin, Princeton and Dartmouth serve beer in their respective Union Buildings. The representative from Wisconsin gave a report on the sale of beer and on the Rathskeller of the Wisconsin Union. He explained that the service had met with nothing but success and that the management had experienced no difficulty with any patrons. It was proposed that a resolution be prepared and introduced that at the next business meeting of the convention the resolution committee meet and report back to the student group, which accepted the resolutions and voted to have it presented. The resolution was defeated, however, in the convention by "hedge " motion. "

Mr. Biddle then gave a condensed report of the 14th Annual Convention of the Association of College Unions, held December 7-9, 1933. His report is as follows:

"It will not be necessary for me to make a detailed report because you will have the opportunity to read the detailed

business of this convention in the annual report, with the exception of the meetings of the student delegates which Mr. Phil Byron has ably reported on.

I wish first to say to the Union Board that your student representatives accepted their responsibilities in every way possible and represented you with credit at this national convention.

The following schools were represented: Brown University; Case School of Applied Science; Cornell University; Dartmouth College; Detroit City Colleges; Illinois State Normal; Indiana University; Iowa University; Kansas University; Kenyon College; Michigan State College; Michigan State Normal College; Michigan University; Minnesota University; North Carolina; Ohio State University; Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania State; Purdue University; Rochester; Tennessee; Vanderbilt; Toronto University; Wisconsin University and University of Buffalo.

I have attended a great many conventions, but I have never attended one that was so well planned and one where the speakers had prepared their papers with as much care. I will give you a brief summary of the program.

At the Thursday noon luncheon, we were welcomed by Mr. H. S. Atkinson, President of the Board of Trustees of Ohio State University. Mr. Atkinson is also president of the Association of Governing Boards which met here in convention with us in November. Mr. J. L. Morrill, Vice-President of the University, spoke on "The Student and His College of a New Day". I was happy to note that these two Ohio State men paid such high tribute to their Manager of the Union and to the work of the Union as a vital part in the University life.

The afternoon session was a joint meeting of the managers and student delegates, the speaker being Dr. W. H. Cowley, of the Bureau of Educational Research of Ohio State University, who spoke on "We Guarantee Satisfaction". It was a very exceptional paper excerpts of which were multi-graphed for the use of the delegates at once.

Friday morning's session was for the managers of the Unions only, and we were addressed by Mr. Raymond Riggs, Manager Michigan State College Union on "The Place of a Union Director in College Administration." Mr. Edwin Stahl, Manager Michigan State Normal College Union spoke on "Union Operating Problems."

At the noon luncheon, Mr. Joseph A. Park, Dean of Men at Ohio State University, delivered his belief in the fine work that the Union was doing in his subject, "The College Union from the Viewpoint of the Dean of Men."

"The afternoon session was devoted to a very profitable program when we had the good fortune to have as our speaker, Professor Howard B. Meek of Cornell University, who spoke on "Hotel Management as Applied to the Operation of Student Unions."

At the formal dinner on Friday night, we had the good pleasure of hearing Dr. George W. Rightmire, President of Ohio State University. He is confident that the Union is a vital necessity to the modern college. He was followed by one of our Indiana men, Dr. Stanley Coulter, former Dean of Men at Purdue University, who in his own delightful way spoke on the wonderful ideals that he held out for managers of Unions in their work other than providing for the material things in their buildings.

On Saturday morning, the final session was a business session. The resolution of the under-graduate delegates, that they have a more important part in the meetings was accepted whole-heartedly by the managers. Hereafter, they will have a member on the executive committee and a member on each committee appointed at every convention. Their member of the executive committee will also act as assistant editor of the bulletin getting news items of the prominent activities of the various student organizations throughout the United States and incorporating them into the bulletin.

Mr. Nelson Jones of Brown University was elected President and Paul B. Hartenstein of Pennsylvania University was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Four invitations were received for the 1934 convention--Toronto University, Toronto, Canada; Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island; Pennsylvania University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Indiana University. I am of the opinion that we have a very good chance to entertain this group next year. I am very anxious to have them come because of the opportunity that it will give our Union members for meeting these leaders, and it will also encourage us to do even bigger and better things for our Union this coming year.

I might say in closing that this Union movement is a comparatively new movement. Houston Hall in Pennsylvania has the first and Ohio State University has the first Union Building to be paid for by a State appropriation in 1912. Today there are more than 100 Unions operating in the United States. Since it is a comparatively new movement, the managers have largely worked out their own salvation in

taking care of this work. Both the Rockefeller and Carnegie Foundations have become interested in this special type of student service, and at this time it looks like one of them will sponsor a course in some University summer school for Union Managers.

At Willard Straight Hall, the Union at Cornell University, a woman hostess has been employed and she has done a very representative piece of work. This lady is now at Columbia University working on her graduate work and is doing her thesis on the "Management of the University Unions." I feel that her work will be of much value to the Unions throughout the country.

I wish to say, finally, that I believe that the Indiana Union is making rapid progress, but we have only touched the surface in the many lines of service that we can give the campus. "

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.



Robert Ralston,

Secretary.