



STUDENT COUNCIL

With the re-activation of the various student activities, there was a definite need for organized student government in the College. Accordingly, one of the most important tasks that faced the student body last September was the election of class representatives to the Student Council. As there was not sufficient time to follow the constitutional procedure in the election of a president, the Council itself selected Ed Fleming for that position.

Ed, who had been in attendance at the College prior to the war and had had the opportunity of having seen the Student Council in action, proved to be a very suitable leader especially for the innauguration of such a program. Under his guidance, the Student Council assumed the powers and privileges accorded it under the constitution, and student government soon pervaded every phase of college life. Coordination and supervision of social activities was the biggest problem that had to be undertaken. With so many student organizations and classes aspiring to compete socially with one another, conflicts in scheduled dances, smokers, etc., had to be carefully eliminated to assure equal opportunity of success for each function. Each organization was allotted adequate and equitable "advertising" space for posters around the building, and no function was allowed to be too close to any preceding one.

In December, the Student Council chose two student representatives to attend a student conference held in Chicago during the Christmas recess. These two men were Ed Farrell and John Iorio. At the first January meeting of the Council these men submitted to that body a lengthy and detailed report on the proceedings of the conference, along with the suggestion that permanent representatives to the Chicago Student Conference and the National Federation of

Catholic College Students be appointed. This suggestion was acted upon by the Student Council, and permanent representatives and alternates, from the student body, were chosen.

At the same meeting in January, plans were discussed for the first general election by the student body of the President of the Student Council. During the following week the Senior Class nominated George Gillespie and Don Metz as opposing candidates for the presidency. After a spirited two week campaign, the elections were conducted during the Annual Retreat. When the ballots were tallied, George Gillespie emerged victorious. The score: 176-171.

During the Spring Semester, the pre-war policy of conducting Friday morning general assemblies, presided at by the President of the Student Council, was re-instituted. In an effort to propagate school spirit among the students, the "Alma Mater" and the "Red & Blue Marching Song" were sung at each assembly. Invitations were extended to the various clubs to conduct one assembly apiece, at which the organization would have an opportunity of expounding its aims, purposes, and activities to the student body at large. Many interesting talks were given at these assemblies by invited speakers, and the students began to look forward to Friday morning for their weekly hour of enlightenment and entertainment.

As an over-all picture, the year 1946-1947 witnessed the re-activation and prodigious development of the Student Council to a position of authority and honor.

