Community Meeting

A meeting of the college community was held in the theatre at 7:30 p.m. on November 15, 1932. Miss Molly Gregory, President of the Student Council, presided.

VOTED that the minutes of the last meeting be omitted.

President Leigh, upon request from the student council, gave a brief explanation of Parliamentary forms. "Parliamentary rules are the same for practically all large groups. It would be wise for us to come to the adoption of these rules of procedure...

"The first thing to be kept in mind is that the business should be rather thoroughly prepared, and in written form so that motions can be introduced. The second thing is the arrangement or organization of discussion. The beginning of a discussion comes after someone has made a motion that such and such a thing should be adopted. The motion should be seconded before discussion is permitted by the chairman. Once a motion is made and seconded it must be disposed of. If a motion has been made and seconded and some want it adopted whereas others do not, the proper way is to vote the motion down or it must be amended. Once the amendment has been made and seconded it is to be discussed and voted upon. If it fails, the motion remains as originally made. The three attitudes toward a motion must be either favoring it, moving to change it, or seeing that it is voted down so that some other motion can be made in its place.

"There are one or two things about discussion that might be made plain. It is the chairman's responsibility to make clear just what the motion is that is being discussed, and again at the end of the discussion the motion should be repeated clearly so that everyone will know what is being voted upon.

"The chairman's task is to try to get as fair a decision as possible on a question; to find out whether everyone wants the question or whether there should be more discussion before the discussion is closed. The chairman should see that one person speaks at a time and that person is the one who has been recognized. The chairman may recognize the person who is first on her feet, or the person who has not spoken before. The motion to adjourn should be made and seconded so that the chairman in recognizing or not recognizing the motion can determine whether the meeting's business is or is not concluded."

The chairman asked President Leigh to explain the aims of the College. He replied as follows:

"We are unique in creating a community in which faculty and students live together so that this living will be considered as part of our education. The government we propose will never be wiped away although it may be changed and modified. The thing for us to do is the thing that is sound according to our belief. Inevitably the stories about our plans will be distorted. The kind of thing we are creating is to establish the treatment of all the members of the community as rapidly as possible as grown up, to make every individual a part of the community. The object of our scheme should be to educate persons to become members of this community responsible in themselves
without the domination of leaders. What we are setting up in the form of "standards" is an educational system. Everyone hereafter will be subject to this education.

The report of the Committee on Social Policies was presented by Helen Stewart.

VOTED to unanimously accept the rules and standards and to incorporate them as part of the community government, as well as the report of the Committee on Social Policies as presented.