

D E M O C R A C Y

Developing itself into an efficient and cooperative group, the Student Council of Arizona State this year has advanced greatly in the effective handling of student affairs.

The new constitution was ammended at the end of its first year in order to reduce the difficulties which arose under the new system of electing student body officers. With this improvement, the constitution has proved to be a practicable document.

Duties and responsibilities of the Student Council are numerous. One of its functions is the task of apportioning and administering the student budget among the various departments of the college. The student government plan at Arizona State operates with the general student council initiating and planning all legislation, rules, regulations, and measures concerning student affairs. The Executive Council, composed of the president and the auditor of the student body, two student members chosen by the Student Council, the Dean of Men, the Dean of Women, the college financial secretary, and a faculty member appointed by the President of the College, must approve all legislation of the Council before it becomes effective.

Other special governing boards in conjunction with the Student Council are the Publications Board, which recommends editors of the student publications, to be passed on by the Council, and the Inter-sorority and Inter-fraternity Councils, which regulates rules concerning pledging, initiating, and eligibility of sorority and fraternity members. This year the groups for the first time successfully carried out a joint initiation week for the nine sororities. A spirit of fun and cooperation with no bad after-effects was achieved. Another offshoot of the Council is the Inter-hall Council, which regulates management and rules of the campus dormitories.

Under the direction of the Student Council, the Homecoming celebration, held annually in the fall,

was this year entered into whole-heartedly by the entire student body, with highly successful results.

Parents' Day, another annual event under the Council's sponsorship, had the highest attendance of parents ever recorded at Arizona State. All sections of the program were entertaining and educational.

Changing from the traditional High School Presidents' Day, which has been an event on the campus each spring for several years, the Council inaugurated a meeting to which all seniors from sixty-two Arizona high schools were invited. Subject of the conference was "Choosing a Career." Discussions and general program were under the guidance of Dr. Clay Skinner.

The program in observance of Peace was enlarged and enlivened this spring, with an assembly under the management of the Student Council.

One of the outstanding social events of the college year consists of the festivities connected with Coronation Day when the Campus king and queen, most popular man and woman, and best athletes, all chosen by student vote, are honored with a celebration and a formal dance. All arrangements for the election, festival and dance are under the direction of the Student Council.

The long sought-after Student Union plan made definite progress in the Student Council and on the campus this year. The Psychology club worked together with the council on a feasible substitute to be used until Arizona State may have an entire union building exclusively for that purpose. It is a reasonable certainty that students next year will have access to union rooms as a result of the effort which has been put forth during this year.

A decidedly wide-awake and progressive group of students compose the Student Council, a fact which accounts for its accomplishments in bettering student conditions constantly and untiringly.