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Student Government Helps Us Let Us Back It In All Ways

We are engaged today in a war to protect the rights which we believe are the sacred possessions of every individual. We are giving our country's blood to uphold our democratic government. Every American believes in government "by the people, of the people, and for the people." We believe in electing from ourselves those whom we think capable of planning and executing the policies of that government. But it is the interest, the co-operation, and the zeal of each individual which makes democracy successful. So it is in any form of self-government, not only of nations and states, but of any organized group.

Queens was granted Student Government in 1924, and it has been successful, because the students have realized the value of their student organization and have felt the responsibility that it entails. Our Student Government is not just a group of girls elected to set up and enforce a list of rules. It is an educator in itself; it trains us to be far-sighted leaders and responsible followers. It trains us to take our

rightful places in that greater democracy for which we are fighting today.

We have just passed another election; we have chosen the girls that we want for our leaders. We know these girls; we nominated and elected them; we have faith in their ability to hold their offices well. But now that we have elected and installed them, it is up to us to support them, to help them in every way we can to uphold the high ideals of Student Government at Queens. Anne Hatcher put it well at installation:

"To those who follow we say, 'Expect no more than you yourselves could do, trust and have faith, be slow to criticize, be quick to lend a helping hand, and each consider herself personally responsible for the growth of Queens, our home and our college.'"

Elections and installation are over. It is time for every girl, officer or follower, to begin her work as a responsible individual member of the Student Government organization.

Constitution of Student Government

(Continued from Page 1) vested in the Boarding Student Council and in the Day Student Council

a. Officers and Members

The officers of the Boarding Student Council shall be: a President elected from the Senior Class; one Vice-President for each dormitory, also from the Senior Class; a Secretary from the Junior Class; and a Treasurer from the Sophomore Class. The above officers with one additional member from each of the four classes shall compose the Boarding Student Council.

b. Duties

(1) The duties of the President shall be:

- (a) To call and preside over all meetings of the Boarding Student Council and the Boarding Student Body. In the case of the absence of this officer, such authority shall devolve upon the officers in the order named.
- (b) To report all proposed changes of Boarding Student regulations to the Legislature.
- (c) To assist the Vice-President of the Student Body in the planning and directing of Orientation Week.
- (d) To appoint standing and special committees.

(e) To meet once a month with the Dean of Students and more often if deemed necessary by either.

(2) The duties of the Vice-President shall be:

- (a) To keep order in their dormitories.
- (b) To hold and preside over all necessary meetings of their dormitories.
- (3) The duties of the Secretary shall be:
 - (a) To keep the minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the Boarding Student Body.
 - (b) To keep a roll of the Council and of the members of the Boarding Student Body.
 - (c) To post all necessary notices of the Council.
 - (d) To attend to all correspondence of the Boarding Student Body.
 - (e) To keep a record of the major system.
- (4) The duties of the Treasurer shall be to have charge of the finances of the Boarding Student Body and to keep a permanent record of all receipts and expenditures.
- (5) It shall be the duty of the President, the first Vice-President, and the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior class representatives to serve as members of Leg-

Honor Council Changes Set-Up For Next Year

The setup for Honor Council for next year has been changed. Previously the heads of the five big organizations have served on this body along with the three class presidents. The President of Student Christian Association served as secretary. Under the new system the body will be composed of the President of the Student Body, President of Boarding Students, and the President of the Day Students plus four representatives from the Student body at large, two of whom shall serve for a period of two years. At the first meeting of the new council the secretary will be elected to serve for the year.

islatore as long as they shall hold office on the Boarding Student Council.

c. Powers

- (1) The Boarding Student Council shall have power to enforce such rules and regulations as set up by the Legislature for the governing of the Boarding Student Body.
- (2) The Boarding Student Council shall have power to summon before it and question any member of the Boarding Student Body.

d. Meetings

- (1) The Boarding Student Council shall meet each Monday night at 6:30 P. M.
- (2) A meeting of the entire Boarding Student Body shall be held the first Thursday night of each month.
- (3) A meeting of the Boarding Student Council or of the Boarding Student Body may be called by the President at her discretion or upon request by the members of the Council.
- (4) There shall be no absences from these meetings except in case of absolute necessity, at which times the individual must be excused by the President.
- (5) Those members present at any meeting of the Boarding Student Council or of the Boarding Student Body shall constitute a quorum.
- (6) At least a two-thirds vote of the Council shall be required in the case of a recommendation for expulsion or suspension. In such instances there shall be a joint meeting of the Council and the Advisory Committee before final action is taken.

e. Oath

The following oath shall be administered to all members of the Boarding Student Council:

"I, (name), do solemnly promise to fulfill to the best of my ability the office of (office) of Boarding Student Council. If I violate or have knowledge that another has violated any of the regulations of the Boarding Student Government, I will report myself or that person to the Council.

f. Officers and Members

The officers of the Day Student Council shall be a President, elected from the Senior Class; a Vice-President, also from the Senior Class; a Secretary from the Junior Class; and a Treasurer from the Sophomore Class. The above officers with one additional member from each of the four classes shall compose the Day Student Council.

b. Duties

- (1) The duties of the President shall be:
 - (a) To call and preside over

Dr. Mowat G. Fraser Speaks At Installation Of Officers

Wednesday, March 29, marked the beginning of a new tradition here on Queens' campus. It was the installation of the new Student Government officers. In previous years, this was a joint faculty and student affair and did not occupy a too important day in our week. However, this year the students themselves managed installation entirely, with no participation by the faculty. This arrangement proved to be very successful and was received most enthusiastically by the student body.

There was a processional of the outgoing and the incoming presidents of the big five campus organizations and of the old student body officers. The old and the new presidents were seated on the stage.

Anne Hatcher, retiring student body president, gave a welcoming address. Following this was the exchange of robes. Anne then introduced the guest speaker for the

occasion, Dr. Mowat G. Fraser, Dean and acting president of Winthrop College, who briefly, but challengingly, to both student body officers and the student body. To the students he said to be cooperative with their leaders and not to expect too much from them. The new leaders, Dr. Fraser said, would never succeed unless they had the interest of every student at heart and unless they were sympathetic with each and every one. The three main ideas brought out in Dr. Fraser's address were that the new leaders should always strive for constructive action, that they should always be honest and straight-forward in their work, and that courage should always hold a high place in their activities.

It is the hope of every leader at Queens that the success of this "student day" proved valuable in making ours a real student government and that it may be continued in the future.

The Crisis of Our Age

By Piritim A. Sorokin

Reviewed By: Gilbert L. Lycan

Why has every civilization prior to our own crumbled and disappeared? Why has no nation of ancient times been able to maintain an independent existence down to our time?

The death of civilizations is the most amazing fact to be found in the historical records of the world. The casual thinker is prone to assume that all earlier nations fell because of military conquest or some other simple cause. But a careful study reveals that many great nations decayed and lost their vitality even though no foreign invader appeared. Many historians are convinced that there is a central, underlying factor that makes it impossible for any nation or civilization to endure indefinitely.

The Crisis of Our Age, by Piritim A. Sorokin of Harvard University attempts to place this entire subject under the scrutiny of historical research. Sorokin believes he has discovered at last the root cause of both the rise and fall of civilizations. His book is a good example of an able historian with a great mind trying to analyze the amassed records of the history of men in order to discover the germ of life in all civilizations past and present.

The essence of Sorokin's conclusions are comprised in three words: ideational, idealistic, and sensate.

The first characterizes the culture of a nation or a group of nations with a rising civilization. The people in that phase of historical development act on the idea that true reality and value are supersensory—that is, truth, value, and happiness are not to be measured by the senses and are not made up of material things.

A declining civilization such as our own, says Sorokin, finds the people motivated by the sensate idea—that true reality and value are sensory and therefore material. The author presents much weighty evidence in trying to prove that our fine arts, philosophy, law, government and other social relationships are in a state of advanced decay due to this spirit of materialism.

The middle stage in the course of a civilization is represented by the idealistic. Then people's minds incline to the belief that true reality and value are partly supersensory and partly sensory. Money and material goods are then regarded as important but not of supreme value to an individual. Sorokin believes our nation can yet save itself by abandoning the sensate, materialistic idea and returning to the idealistic or ideational. Otherwise he foresees certain collapse before many more centuries shall have passed.

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- (b) To vote in case of a tie.
- (c) To see that all laws and regulations of the Day Student Body are enforced.
- (d) To assist the Vice-President of the Student Body in the planning and direction of Orientation Week.
- (e) To appoint standing and special committees.
- (f) To meet once a month with the Dean of Students and more often if deemed necessary by either.

(2) The duties of the Vice-President shall be:

- (a) To assume the duties of the President during the absence of that officer.
- (b) To act as President until a new officer can be elected in the event of the removal or resignation of the Presi-

dent.

(3) The duties of the Secretary shall be:

- (a) To keep the minutes of all meetings of the Day Student Council and of the Day Student Body.
- (b) To attend to all official correspondence of the Day Student Body.
- (c) To take charge of all petitions and other communications to the Council.
- (4) The duties of the Treasurer shall be to have charge of the expenditures of the organization and to keep an accurate account of the same.
- (5) It is the duty of the President, the Vice-President, and the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior class representatives to serve as members of the Legislature as long as they shall have office on the council.

c. Powers

- (1) The Day Student Council

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