Central Board Minutes
Thursday, February 12, 1953

The meeting was called to order by Danny Lambros, and minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Cameron read a recommendation from Budget and Finance Committee recommending that Debate and Oratory Association be granted $150 to help supplement funds needed to attend a national convention this spring. After an explanation by Cameron, Brennan moved that Central Board accept the recommendation, Abbott seconded, and the motion was carried.

The other motion from Budget and Finance Committee read by Cameron was as follows: "We recommend that in return for the cooperation of the MSU Choral group in helping to promote the Stan Kenton appearance on campus, ASMSU turn over all net profit, if it develops, a dollar for dollar if this amount is between $1 and $300, or if the amount of profit is between $300 and $600, that ASMSU make up the difference between the amount and $600, or if the amount of profit is more than $600, that ASMSU allow the Choral group to retain the entire amount. If a net loss is resulted from the Stan Kenton engagement, no financial obligation is held against the members of the Choral group. The money obtained thus, if any, by the Chorus group, is to be used to help finance the trip of this group to the North-West Music Educators' Conference in Bellingham, Washington, March 21 - 22."

After some explanation and discussion, Jones moved to accept the recommendation, Anderson seconded, and the motion was carried.

A recommendation from Athletic Board was presented to the effect that Central Board do as the Skyline Conference had done and waive the limit of freshmen football numerals for 1952 from twenty-two in order to allow the thirty-one requested awards to be given. Points for such action were: (1) that the freshmen had already been measured for award sweaters and were expecting them, (2) that such action would help to publicize the University to more home town high school students, (3) that it would be difficult to determine who should not receive letters as only two games were played and as rewards were given mainly for turning out to practice, etc. It was pointed out that the number thirty-one included all the freshmen football players, and it was also pointed out that it would be difficult for Beach Milburn to cut the list as he would not be in town for at least a month. Although Adams had signed the list recommending awards, he did not feel qualified to cut names, it was stated. After some heated conversation Hanne moved that the motion be tabled for a week and that we talk to Harry Adams about cutting and then write to Milburn if necessary. Shanahan seconded, and the motion was carried.

Wunderlich then reported on reason why the Student Union Executive Committee had decided against the student union field house merger — stating that their decision was based on a study as to the natural flow of traffic and a functional analysis. Shanahan moved that on the basis of information available and in view of the action taken by the Student Union Executive Committee, Central Board find it inadvisable to accept the proposal of a student union field house merger. Briggs seconded, and the motion was carried. It was suggested that letters be sent to President McFarland and the Student Union Executive Committee thanking them for their time and effort. And it was also suggested that a letter be sent to the Dramatics Department congratulating them on their recent excellent performance.

Consideration was then given to the Athletic Board decision that lettermen not be allowed a reserved center section at basketball games — a decision made because of poor sportsmanship within that section at recent games and because of some feeling that there was no justification for their having such a section. After much heated discussion, Shanahan moved that we over-ride Athletic Board and allow lettermen to sit in a lettermen's section on the condition that they follow the tradition of wearing M sweaters and that the section be reserved exclusively for lettermen. Cameron spoke out for letting the matter ride at least a week.
and having the lettermen prove themselves in sportsmanship before granting them a section again. He said he thought the passing of Shanahan's motion would lead to much criticism. Shanahan was for immediate positive action as only three home games remained -- two within the next week. Lambros did not feel it justifiable that the lettermen be granted such a reserved section as he did not feel that they were or should be any more of a privileged group than other groups. Brennan said she might be for the motion if it referred to just lettermen attending school, not graduates. The heated and confused controversy continued at a high tempo for some time and led to such strange and unusual outbursts as ("You can't build any school spirit with boys and girls together," and "How about the girls' wives?"

The motion was finally seconded and passed, five to four. And a suggestion was made that Bearpaws be asked to rope off and supervise the area.

Wunderlich moved that the Cancer Society be allowed to carry on a campaign, to be arranged by the ASMSU president, and the motion was seconded and carried.

Being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jean Tascher

Present: Keim, Nowlin, Briggs, Abbott, Jones, Iler, Dinn, Anderson, Brennan, Shanahan, Henne, Tascher, Lambros, Cameron, Wunderlich, Fraser.