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The following suggestions seem to be the problems most talked about by the student body. We realize there are problems involved about which we are ignorant. However, we hope there can be some basis of compromise agreeable to the administration and student body. The student body sincerely hopes that these suggestions or reasonable facsimile will be approved and submitted to the Student Advisory Council for their investigation and subsequent enactment.

I. Student Athletic Program
A. There should be well organized intramural sports such as touch football, basketball, softball, and possibly volleyball, field hockey, and soccer.
   1. We believe that if this program were set up students would have more reason to stay here on the weekends.
   2. It would be of great benefit for Physical Education Majors, both female and male, because of the training they would receive in coaching and refereeing these intramural teams.
   3. If this is done correctly, it will help school spirit, improve physical and mental faculties, and the attitude toward school in general.
B. The gymnasium should be open certain hours, for instance, from 4:00 to 8:00 in the evening so that basketball, volleyball or the like could be played. During basketball season hours would be arranged so that we would not interfere with the basketball team. The students feel as though they ought to be able to use their own gym (not College High's).
   1. Again the student body will be benefited and especially the students who need work, since this will require supervision.
   2. As was stated under the intramural sports program, having the gym available will provide opportunity for students to increase their mental and physical capabilities.
C. All tennis nets should be up as soon as possible in the spring.
D. The swimming pool should be opened in the fall for students to swim in until it becomes too cold; and it should be reopened in the spring as soon as weather permits (before summerschool).

II. Freshmen
A. Freshmen should not be allowed to bring cars to Western.
   1. This would decrease the possibility of accidents on the highways.
   2. It will help in having more students on the campus on weekends.
   3. We realize that this restriction could hurt the enrollment but we wish that it be considered, nevertheless.
B. Since the problems of freshmen are well known, the advisability of individual counseling is immediately apparent.
   1. There should be volunteer members of the faculty or student body approved by a member of the administration who would have so many students assigned to them to advise regarding their freshmen program.
   2. Also, these counselors can continue to assist the freshmen throughout the year with their various problems.
C. There ought to be a better orientation or initiation program for the freshmen.
   1. All freshmen should wear beanies their first semester.
   2. Their attendance at athletic events should be obligatory.
   3. Included in their first week of orientation there should be a session where freshmen would learn our school songs and yells.
   4. Chapel attendance should be mandatory for freshmen.
   5. Of course there are other events that freshmen would attend; those would be decided on at a later date.
III. Student Council

A. We strongly recommend that an organization similar to the Advisory Council be set up with these exceptions:

1. All officers should be duly elected by the student body.
2. There should be representatives elected by the student body in addition to the representatives from the various clubs and classes.
3. A constitution should be the Student Advisory Council and approved by President Kelly Thompson and the student body.

B. That there are many intricacies involved in effecting the above proposal we understand. But there are also students capable of and willing to work out these difficulties. We strongly suggest that this whole detail be taken up by the Student Advisory Council this year so that an election could be held in the fall of 1956.

The above is not a petition but merely a list of suggestions. We the undersigned students of Western Kentucky State College have read this very carefully and because of the deep interest we have in our fellow student and in those who are to follow in our steps do hope these suggestions will be considered very important by the administration and by the Student Advisory Council and acknowledged as soon as possible.

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