

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The second meeting of the Bennington College Community Council for the Spring Term, 1956 was held on May 7 at 7:45 P. M. in Barn #1.

### Attendance

32 people were present. The following members were absent: Burnap, Mr. Brockway, Cohen, Campbell, Cuyler, Chaprack, Donovan, Davison, Einstein, Flagg, Fergusson, Fain, Gitlan, Hamlin, Harriss, Nyman, Mr. Hanks, Kornhauser, Lindblad, Liberstein, Lister, Wallin, Moon, McFee, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Nowak, Nowak, Perkins, Mr. Pike, Rosenthal, Mr. Stanbrough, Miss Stickney, Mr. Sherman, Snyder, Valentine, Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Welter.

### Announcements

Vijaya Gulhati gave a short report of the National Student Association Conference held at Pembroke College on the topic of Foreign Students, which she attended on April 20-22.

### Monthly Committee Reports

#### Judicial Committee

A Traffic Court will meet from now on, once a week, due to increasing traffic offenses on campus. A memo concerning the Commons parking space was issued as it was last term.

Since Barbara Nowak will not return to school next year, it is essential that a new member be elected immediately, so that there will be an experienced member of Judicial next fall. The remainder of the committee's terms expire this term. Lisa Starr announced that Executive Committee will discuss the possibility of having nominations in House Meetings instead of the usual Community Meeting nomination procedure, because there would be only this one subject for the agenda of a Community Meeting.

#### Educational Policies Committee

The counselling study is under way, under the direction of members of the literature and science divisions. A workshop about EPC is also being planned.

#### Art EPC

Three movie programs and two art exhibits have been presented to the community. Student art work has been exhibited in the Springfield Museum.

A questionnaire has been circulated to Art EPC Representatives for determining definite class attitudes.

#### Dance EPC

A similar questionnaire for Dance EPC Representatives has been used this term.

Miss Lynn, Miss Anthony and Mr. Sherman are considering applicant for scholarships presented by the Dance Tour Group to Connecticut College Summer Dance Sessions on basis of financial need and educational benefit.

#### Drama EPC:

One master project and junior production are in process of rehearsals; a master project has been presented. Three one-act plays

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have been chosen and cast for drama tour.

Music EPC

Suggestions concerning the functions of Music Seminar and some lecture courses are being discussed; conclusions will be presented shortly.

Literature EPC

One workshop of students' works was presented. More are planned.

Science EPC

Two workshops have been presented, and one was cancelled but will be presented in the future.

Social Science EPC

One workshop was presented, featuring a former instructor at Bennington.

Non-Resident Term Committee

One workshop will be presented, but another is to be postponed because of calendar complications. Plans for introducing next year's freshmen to the NRT program are being formulated.

Recreational Policies Committee

Dance Weekend and Campus Day are being planned.

General Meetings Committee

Two General Meetings have been presented and one will be deleted because of heavy schedules of the dance and drama departments. David Reisman will be the John Dewey Memorial Lecture speaker on June 7.

Community Chest

Organizations appealing for aid have been reviewed and will be presented to the Community for final selections within two weeks.

National Student Association

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Com.  
Miss Stickney approved the Community Council's suggestions to have the committee consist of five permanent member, two to be elected each spring, three to be elected each fall. The committee has been interviewing prospective students.

Lisa announced that at Community Meeting the community will vote to admit the Admissions and Public Relations Committees as permanent members of the Community Council.

Treasurer

Present status of Student Fund: \$634.98

Fire Chief

There was a surprise alarm to judge the alertness of the wardens on campus; three wardens manned their posts.

Miss Schlabach asked if there was any provision for fire protection for the summer sessions of the college. Pam Cook complained that the siren does not sound near Jennings. Lisa will inquire to Mr. McGuire about these two problems.

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Store Board

Suggestions from the box have been answered and posted on the bulletin board.

A 3% dividend will be paid in June on purchases by members. Nominations for next year's board will take place shortly.

Public Relations Committee

The publicity dinner for the 25th Anniversary Fund held on April 20 and the Board of Trustees dinner on April 27 was sponsored by this committee.

Letters will be released to schools from which present students have graduated, concerning present activities of that graduate.

The committee is working on the possibility of having a column every second week in the Bennington Banner.

The committee is working on Clean-Up Day.

New Business

Elsa complained of the laxity in attendance that has been noticed in Community Council meetings of the past few months. Tonight, 7 committee chairmen are absent, and out of 70 members of Community Council, only 32 are present. It was suggested that reprimands be issued at House Meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

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