

Bennington College
June 3rd, 1941

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 20th, 1941

The Community Council met in the Committee dining room Tuesday, May 20th. Present were Ann Mills, Chairman, Lucille Bloch; Teressa Blumberg; Virginia Finlay for Theodora Boothby; Nancy Cole; Faith Colgan; Muriel Cummings; Nancy Hamill; Eleanor Metcalf; Helen Maserheimer for Priscilla Sherman; Lila Larson for Margaret Brush; Edith Stevens; Mrs. Garrett; Mr. Truman.

COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION WEEK

The following people volunteered to act on a committee for Registration week: Lucille Bloch, Muriel Cummings, Nancy Hamill, Eleanor Metcalf, Ann Mills, and Edith Stevens.

ANALYSIS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Ann Mills asked the Council members to think of just what part they played in the Community as house chairmen and it was summed up in the following manner. The Council's main function as House Chairmen is to act as a vital tie between the Community and the government; That is, the Community Council and the Central Committee and therefore it is the duty of every member of the Council to report everything that comes to her attention whether it seems important or not. This is not classed as tattling as it might be thought, but rather as an aid to the better function of these executive bodies and if this duty is not carried out in every case the present form of government will never be efficient in handling cases. Drestic action will of course not be taken ev every case of infringement of the Standards but the committee handling the case will endeavor to determine the cause or reason for the action and through that channel try to aid the student in a better understanding of the Standards and their history. Such an isolated group as the Central Committee cannot function at all unless all problems are brought to some member of the Council and therefore all the Council was urged to get the confidence of every member of her house so that all infringements will be reported immediately. If the house chairmen have successfully carried out their duties of acting as ties between the governing bodies and the Community at large there should be no such feeling of imposed ruling as has been reported. It was felt that perhaps a Standard was violated becaust a student felt that it was unnecessarily imposed but every Standard has a history and some valid reason for its presence in the Standards and so this feeling was thought to be false or else the student did not fully understand the real function of the Standards.

FACULTY ADVISORS

The faculty advisors have put in a request that they be asked to every house meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Edith Stevens