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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STUDENT TREASURER TO THE BENNINGTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY
(Term of Office, February 1940 to February 1941)

The Student Treasurer is the administrator of the Student Fund, which comprises the finances of the Community Council, the Recreation Council, the Community Chest Committee, and the General Expenses accounts. The two sources of income of the Fund are: first, the earnings of self-supporting activities such as the formal dances, and beer parties; and second, the College Allotment, a sum of money contributed by the College to the Student Fund to support the Athletic Committee, and certain functions of the Dance and Entertainment Committees, as well as the expenses of the Community Council and the Student Treasurer.

The Student Treasurer is appointed each year by the Community Council with the approval of the College Comptroller. The office was originated four years ago, and has been functioning on a wider basis during each succeeding year.

The most important aspects of the fourth year of the Student Fund are, first, the changing financial activities; and second, the clearer delineation of the duties of the Student Treasurer.

The major financial change was the withdrawal of the Publication from the Student Fund. Also the Community Chest Committee sponsored, in addition to its regular drives, a War Relief Raffle. The most pleasant innovation was the fifty dollar profit made by the Fall formal dance. However this will probably not happen again, nor is it desirable that it should. Altogether the total income for the year was \$2,746, and the total expenditures were \$2,542, leaving a surplus of \$203. Both the income and expenses were slightly higher than last year. For further de-

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tails see a report which will be posted on the bulletin board in the near future.

No different policies concerning the Student Fund activities were initiated during the year, but some of the existing policies were formulated more clearly. The sale of activities tickets by the Recreation Council was defined as an emergency measure, possibly an undesirable one. To ratify current practice, a by-law change was recommended, first, to appoint the Student Treasurer at the end of the Fall term; and second, to make the Student Treasurer an ex officio member of the Community Chest Committee.

The problems which have emerged during the year, for the succeeding Student Treasurer to solve, are chiefly questions of administration, plus some technical points of bookkeeping. A more efficient method is needed for appointing Student Collectors, and for the administration of Community Chest drives.

In closing I wish to commend the very able work of the Student Collectors, and the competent financing of the chairman of the Dance Committee. I wish also to thank the Recreation Council, the Community Council, and the Community Chest Committee for their help and cooperation. Above all, I want to thank Miss Jones and Mrs. Ralston for their patience and their help.

Respectfully submitted,

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