

THE SILO

Minutes of November 17.

The board of The Silo met on November 17. Those members present- Joan Strong, Lucile Bloch, Nancy Hirose, Anne Peattie, Marjorie Hill, Carole Goldschmidt, Joan Bayne and Yvonne Roy. Absent- Catharine Heerman.

The meeting was called that the board might review with the faculty advisors the policy tentatively agreed upon at the previous meeting.

I. Divisional Interest

It had been agreed at the previous meeting that The Silo might be regarded as the work-shop of the Literature division, and, as such, remain subject to the control of that division. After discussion with the advisors, some changes were made in this policy:

As the Community re-organization tends to minimize divisional differences, it would seem that The Silo should be known as a production of students interested in writing, rather than of the Literature division. This clause clarifies the purpose of the magazine, and efficiently defines its scope, without implying the divisional limitation so open to criticism in the Community, particularly at this time.

II. Selection of Material

It was agreed by faculty and board that The Silo should continue selecting material with two purposes in mind-general interest to the Community, and good writing. The faculty

suggested that we emphasize the fact that The Silo is a product of the Community for the Community, and that the board considers this primarily in maintaining a high standard of material.

III. The Board

The board decided at the last meeting that a more efficient system should be adopted for the election of Community members to The Silo. After discussion, the advisors and the board agreed upon a new policy of election and appointment.

A. Election

Members of the Community who are interested in working on the magazine, rather than being chosen at random, should make their interest known to the board; they will be assigned routine work, such as soliciting material. This volunteer apprenticeship should prove which students would be most capable on the actual board. Final election would therefore be made on this basis.

Each board will, as before, select its own faculty advisors.

B. Division of Work

Although the members of the board are supposedly assigned year-round definite functions, there has often been difficulty in assigning general or last-minute tasks, such as copying and proof-reading. The editor, for example, has had to do a great deal of such routine work in addition to her ordinary work. This plan has not worked efficiently, and it was agreed that, in the future, the board should be organized more definitely. A tentative plan was arranged:

The editor and four other students will read and select

material. Other officers will maintain strictly limited functions. A sub-committee, probably made up of the "apprentices" will take over the routine work.

As regards notification of the Community, Mr. Belitt suggested that a brief summary of the Silo policy, inserted in the College Week, would probably be sufficient.

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