

Bennington College
May 24, 1943

A meeting of the College Council was held on Thursday, May 20, 1943, at 5:00 p.m., in the Lounge. The following members were present: Janet Frey, Chairman, Miss Adams, Geraldine Babcock, Dorothea Douglas, Virginia Leigh, Miss Peplau, Edith Stevens, Ann Strieby. The following were absent: Mrs. Garrett, Miss Grimwood. Audrey Stern, Rhoda Goodman, and Emilie Worthen were also present.

BUDGET, STUDENT TREASURER

The College Council approved the Student Treasurer's budget for the spring term, April 7th to July 31, with the change that \$100 should go to the Vermont Blood Plasma Bank, and \$125 to the Southern Bennington County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Vermont Blood Plasma Bank is used for emergencies which may arise in the state of Vermont. More money was allotted to the Southern Bennington County Chapter of the American Red Cross because there are more demands to be met in the county this year than ever before.

COMMUNITY CHEST COMMITTEE COLLECTORS

The College Council approved the following list of student collectors for the Community Chest Committee:

Bingham	Mary Hammond
Booth	Rebecca Grafton
Canfield	Edith Hollyday
Dewey	Nancy Sturman
Franklin	Elizabeth Parrish
Jennings	Barbara Burton
Kilpatrick	Susan Lancaster
McCullough	Marianna Packard
Stokes-Sanford	Joan Skinner
Swan	Barbara Deming
Welling	Anne Laskin
Woolley	Ruth Lee
Faculty	Joan Rorimer
	Frances Merrick
Staff	Lydia Stokes
	Sylvia Swan

HEALTH

Edith Stevens said that there were two people who had stayed out of the Infirmary when they knew that they had measles, and had walked around campus until they were practically over the contagious stage. Some of the girls have been staying in bed in their rooms, although it is against the College Standards. A notice was put in the College Week asking that everyone

who felt the slightest symptom to report to the Infirmary for a check-up, and some people have been very conscientious, while others have completely disregarded the notice. One of the difficulties is the inadequacy of the Infirmary as there are not enough beds for everyone who should be isolated for observation.

Various suggestions were made to alleviate this situation:

1. Use the Guest Suite. This was thought to be impracticable because there is a lot of furniture there which would have to be cleaned after the epidemic was over, and food could not be brought up from the kitchen as easily as some other place.

2. Empty rooms in the student houses. It was thought that the empty rooms in student houses could be used for people who had to be isolated for observation. The problem of food again arose, but it was thought that students might volunteer to take food down, provided that this be approved by the Health Service. However, there might be some difficulty in enforcing the isolation.

3. Use of one of the dining rooms. Using a dining room would eliminate the food problem, as the patients would be right near the kitchen, and there would not be the problem of heavy furniture. The room might be used as the German Measles ward, while the smaller rooms in the Infirmary could be used for observation.

The Council was concerned because of the attitude of the students who stayed away from the Infirmary although they knew that they were ill. Miss Peplau said because of this, the employees and the staff were coming down with measles, which made the problem extremely serious. Edith Stevens said that if there were complaints against the Health Service, the students should come to the Health Service Committee or to their House Chairmen. It was suggested that the problem be discussed in House Council meeting. More stringent regulations pertaining to health may have to be made if things such as this continue.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Sigourney,
Secretary