

Mrs. Garrett  
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Bennington College  
June 17, 1943

A meeting of the College Council was held on Tuesday, June 15, 1943, at 1:00 p.m., in the North Dining Room. The following members were present: Janet Frey, Chairman, Miss Adams, Geraldine Babcock, Dorothea Douglas, Mrs. Garrett, Miss Grimwood, Virginia Leigh, Miss Peplau, Edith Stevens, Ann Strisby.

#### RECREATION COUNCIL

The Recreation Council wished to replace the Victrola in the Student Lounge, and purchased one from Schirmer's for \$34.50. They now feel that this sum should come from the General Student Fund. The College Council decided that if the machine purchased from Schirmer's can be disposed of, the Recreation Council should consider purchasing Mr. Cheh's radio-victrola which is for sale. In any event, the Recreation Council was advised to make more thorough investigations of such matters as where the money for purchases is to come from before making the purchases. The College Council voted to have the radio-victrola for the Student Lounge paid for by the General Student Fund.

Since the Recreation Council now has some money they may plan a party for July. Mrs. Garrett asked to be kept posted if any plans were undertaken to invite Naval Cadets up from Williams College.

#### HEALTH SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Health Committee has discussed a change in the method of its election and the kind of representation on the Committee. Janet Frey read the section of the College Constitution which dealt with this subject. Edith Stevens reported that the feeling of the community seems to be that the Health Committee should not be a self-perpetuating body, chosen by appointment, but should be elected by the community at large. The most acceptable suggestion for changing this system is that the House Council, after discussion at House meetings, should nominate a slate of six, from which the community would elect four by direct election. The Committee would then elect its own Chairman and Secretary. This Committee should be elected in May of each year, but in order to start a Committee elected under the new plan as soon as possible, this year's committee should be elected in July to serve until next May. This Committee should be responsible to the House Council and should attend House meetings whenever necessary. The College Council approved this amendment to the Constitution, directed Janet Frey to draft it for review by the Council on June 29th, so that it can be submitted to the community on that date, and voted on at a short community meeting to be held before the Student Music concert on July 6th.

#### COMMUNITY CHEST COMMITTEE

Emily Worthen presented to the Council the program for the second Community Chest Drive for this term. This is for National War Relief, and the Council approved the week of July 7-14 as the time when the Drive is to be held.

The budget which the Committee is setting for this Drive is \$600, which if it is reached, will be allocated as follows:

American Friends Service Committee	\$200.00
United Service Organization	75.00
American Red Cross War Fund	150.00
United China Relief	60.00
Russian War Relief	60.00
Contingency	55.00

#### GENERAL MEETINGS COMMITTEE

It was suggested that the names of the student representatives on the Committee - Virginia Leigh and Phyllis Carton - be published in the College Week.

#### SPECIAL STUDENTS

Mrs. Garrett reported to the Council on the Special Student program from June 27th-July 24th. Eight such students have already been accepted and a few more may be before next week. These students will be part of the community, although they will only be working in dance and music for dance. The House Council will have to take responsibility in orienting them when they arrive, and the Central Committee will be responsible for acquainting them with the Community Standards. Their registration advisers will be Miss Hill, Mr. Bales, and Miss Williams. These girls will be divided up among all the student houses, and it is hoped that the regular students will help to make them feel at home. The professional dancers of Martha Graham's company will also be here for this period and will be eating in the student dining rooms.

#### PRE-COLLEGE FARM PLAN

Mrs. Garrett reported to the Council that there are already 25 applications from pre-college girls to take part in the farm program from Aug. 2-22. These girls will be supervised by Bennington College seniors or graduates.

#### COMMENCEMENT

Miss Grimwood reported to the Council that Commencement plans now include a buffet supper for the community, plus trustees, parents and friends, on Friday evening, July 30th, to be followed by an informal orchestra and octette concert and dancing on the green before the Commencement speech by Mr. Leigh, which is to be held in the Theatre at 9 p.m. The Commencement ceremony will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 31st, and luncheon will be served at 12 noon in the Commons.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude M. Grimwood  
Secretary, pro tem