

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The first meeting of the Community Council for the Spring Term, 1956 was held on April 2nd at 7:45 P. M. in Barn #1.

Attendance

30 People were present. The following members were absent: Berensohn, Berveiller, Blunt, Mr. Brockway, Campbell, Cohen, Cuyler, Einstein, Fain, Falk, Flagg, Fergusson, Gitlin, Grier, Gulhati, Hamlin, Hirsch, Hyman, Kelsey, Kornhauser, Lister, Mallin MacFee, Perkins, Peters, Pinchot, Roberts, Miss Schlabach, Schneiderman, Mr. Shapiro, Snyder, Mr. Stanborough, Miss Stickney, Valentine, Mr. Wilcox.

Announcements

Lisa Starr announced that the new Executive Secretary is Helen Allentuck, who will fill the gap left by Janet Wells' resignation. Helen will assume her duties immediately. Lisa thanked Gretchen Lindblad on behalf of the Community Government for her acting as temporary Executive Secretary until elections could be held.

Monthly Committee Reports

Vandalism committed by men without dates on campus is becoming a problem. The committee suggests early locking of house doors on weekends and that unescorted men be discouraged from remaining in the house.

Students having cars on campus must register their cars in the Student Personnel Office. If a student has a car on campus temporarily it should be parked in the lot by the watchmen's booth; east and west parking lots are used exclusively for registered cars.

House Chairmen are invited to sit in on Judicial meetings and anyone else that is interested in doing so should contact any member of the committee.

Educational Policies Committee

Carrie McLeod asked for suggestions as to how Bennington can work out new educational ventures. If anyone has ideas, contact either EPC or President Burkhardt. Gretchen Lindblad suggested for an awareness of what has already been done here at Bennington in connection with educational benefits could be developed into a program for a sort of "administrative workshop."

This division's projected handbook will become a section of Mrs. Haskell's handbook. This term, a study of the counselling system, college policy of honor and cuts and other educational ventures the school might try will be made.

The Student EPC met early this term with the Faculty EPC and devised a new blue cut slip and proposed it at Community Meeting last week, where it received a vote of confidence. The blue Special Vacation Slip was passed and will be first put into use Long Weekend.

EPC Newsletter will appear again on the Community Government bulletin board next week.

Representatives for each department are being elected now.

Art EPC

Six exhibits are scheduled for the student lounge this spring; also, three speakers are being arranged for and there will be three art films shown this spring.

Art EPC has taken the responsibility of obtaining models for all drawing classes, hoping to eliminate confusion by centralizing the system.

Drama EPC

Spring Production, a master's project and advanced acting class project are all in the process of rehearsals. Senior projects will begin soon and progress on plans for a drama tour for next NRT is being made.

Literature EPC

Communications between Student EPC Representatives and the committee is limited because the representatives seem hesitant to inform the committee of any action.

Workshops are scheduled for alternate Tuesdays throughout the term and will be held as often as there is material to be presented.

Suggestions for reminding the student representatives of their responsibilities were that an announcement could be put in the College Week and that the House Chairmen could give a brief talk in house meeting of this important duty.

Music EPC

The committee is attempting to promote student responsibility in the problem of the overdue records and scores in the Music Library. Reminders are being sent to students the day prior to the return or renewal date and the succeeding two days.

Work is continuing on the preparations of the Student Lounge in Jennings. Music seminars are being held every Tuesday and Faculty Concerts are being presented every two weeks on Thursday nights.

Science EPC

The committee is planning workshops and electing representatives at the present.

Social Science EPC

The committee is planning a workshop to be presented next week and there will be more to follow.

Non-Resident Term Committee

The committee is working to impress upon the students that the school is responsible for the students over Non-Resident Term and that NRT is a ten, and not an eight or nine, week work program.

NRT papers were requested immediately upon the return to college this term to gather information while it was fresh in the students' minds. This winter was the best Non-Resident Term ever -- the jobs were more varied and on a higher level than they have been in the past.

The committee is planning two workshops in the near future, one of which will be on graduate schools ... scholarships, fellowships and general information.

General Meetings Committee

Suggestions will be welcomed for people to speak in forthcoming programs. The committee is presently planning for the John Dewey Memorial Lecture.

National Student Association Committee

The Spring Regional Assembly of the New England Region will be held at Pembroke on April 20-22. Bennington should have a delegate at this conference. The NSA Committee will try to promote interest among the students in the travel program of USNSA Educational Travel, Inc. The committee also

discussed plans for an NSA conference to be held at Bennington next year.

It was affirmed that Bennington is a member of the USNSA and that we have been invited to their conventions before but have never attended.

Gay Levine asked for suggestions as to how NSA could be more prominent in the students' eyes at Bennington. Bourne Gafill suggested that a similar program of orientation to NSA for the Freshmen two years ago be presented. Other suggestions were posters and a workshop.

Lisa Starr stated that the council should vote upon whether to send a delegate to the regional assembly the third week of April and that the same girl should attend the summer conference if Bennington should send a delegate. That is not to be decided now, however, because of the funds involved not yet being appropriated. On the topic of having an NSA convention at Bennington next year, Lisa added that there would have to be an 85% NSA booster majority in the school to have a convention there. Therefore, we need some publicity for the NSA. A vote was taken and the motion passed to send a delegate April 20-22 to Fembroke, but the delegate will be obliged to pay her own transportation and registration fees; room and board will be supplied free of charge there.

Admissions Committee

New additions to the Freshmen Orientation Program are being discussed with the Public Relations and Recreational Policies Committees.

The committee has lost three of its five members and wishes nominations tonight for one permanent and one alternate members. Nominations are to be made later in the meeting tonight.

Public Relations Committee

The "Clean Up Commons" campaign is going full swing; the committee has arranged for placards on each table reminding the students not to litter, posters on the doors for keeping dogs out of Commons and a reminder on the problem of hanging up coats. New ashtrays and more wastebaskets have been supplied.

After the college sends out letters of acceptance to this year's applicants, our committee, in conjunction with the Student Admissions Committee, will write to the girls who ordinarily would not know students who are already here or who will not be able to visit the college.

Treasurer's Report

A return of \$235 from The Bugler made it possible to allot to each organization using the Student Fund the amounts which they had requested last fall.

National Student Association	received	\$70.00
Recreational Policies	received	700.00
Community Chest	received	800.00

The anticipated total of \$1,570.00 was reached. As the individual budgets now stand, NSA has spent \$57.70, reducing its allocation to \$12.30; Recreational Policies Committee has spent \$365.82, reducing its allocation to \$334.18 and Community Chest has spent \$490.00, and with a donation of \$6.00, has reduced its allocation to \$316.00. An item of \$30.64 was left after allocations made from The Bugler; this will go to next year's Student Fund.

Store Board

The board decided not to charge the proposed 10% commission of

profit derived from students selling commodities on campus but is now requiring all students selling goods to contact Mrs. Harmon, to prevent duplications.

A suggestion box is being placed in the store, welcoming ideas from the community.

Any store member interested in attending Store Board meetings should contact Janet Wells or Rowie Tudor.

Recreational Policies Committee

An Easter Bonnet Contest was held in replacement of the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Spring Dance Weekend will be voted on by the community this week. By this procedure, a better turnout can be expected. Tennis tournaments might be scheduled and lessons be taken from a tennis instructor the latter part of the spring.

Other Business

Admissions Committee Nominations

As was first stated, nominations for one permanent and one alternate members for this committee was requested. The Community Council would nominate and the list of nominations would be sent to Miss Stickney who would cut the list down to a few, from which Executive Committee would vote upon the two openings. The highest amount of votes would mean the permanent member; the second highest, the alternate member.

Mary Lou Peters moved that the Admissions Committee consist of five permanent members; two of the five are to be selected to begin in the fall term and three are to be selected to begin in the spring term, each appointment to last one year. The motion was carried, 23-0.

Nominations for Admissions Committee openings are as follows:

Terry Connelly	Barbara Nowak	Carole Glover
Mary Marcia Morgan	Ana Berliant	Peggy Wurtzburger
Patricia Flagg	Louise Carty	Joyce Lister
Judith Cohen	Muffin Moon	Bourne Gafill
Nancy Poling	Jane Berry	Honora Fergusson

This list will be sent to Miss Stickney.

Elections for Community Chest

There is to be elected one new member to serve until next spring and one new member to serve until next fall. The person with the most votes will serve for one year; the person with the second highest amount of votes will serve for one term. Lisa gave a short explanation of the duties of Community Chest and nominations were as follows:

Elizabeth Kornhauser	Evelyn Stein	Terry Connelly
Peggy Wurtzburger	Pamela Hill	Harriet Turtletaub
Marjorie Rickard	Patricia Heatty	Alice Marie Nelson

The Community Council voted on the nominations. Terry Connelly will serve Community Chest for one year and Harriet Turtletaub will serve for one term.

New Business

Trustees of the college are coming to Bennington for the first time in two years on Friday, April 27. Lisa suggested that members of the Community Council should dine with them at that time.

Community Council Meeting
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Carrie McLeod represented EPC in saying that the committee had lots of information on debating teams and would there be a committee in Community Council that would be interested in sponsoring a debating team. Jane Berry suggested that since the General Meetings committee were eager for ideas for new things to do, they would probably be interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Ann Berry

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Recording Secretary

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