

Bennington College  
June 30, 1943

A meeting of the College Council was held on Tuesday, June 29, 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 Strieby.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The following amendment to the College Constitution will be posted today and voted on at a Community meeting to be held just before the Student Music Concert on Tuesday, July 6th:

#### "Proposed Amendment

#### Section VIII Health Committee

- A. as stands
- B. In May the students in each house shall recommend students to their house chairman, to serve on the Health Committee. The House Council shall nominate from among these recommendations twelve candidates to the Health Committee. The student body shall vote for four student nominees from this slate.
- C. The four student members of the Health Committee shall elect a chairman. Both new and retiring members shall vote at this election.
- D. as (C) in present Constitution."

If this amendment is adopted at the July 6th meeting, nominees can be discussed at house meetings on July 7th, and a slate chosen by the House Council at its meeting on July 20th. Dr. Hager and Dr. Chassell should be invited to this meeting of the House Council.

#### COMMUNITY CHEST COMMITTEE

Janet Frey read a notice from the Community Chest Committee concerning the Vermont War Chest, a coordinating agency which will raise money for thirteen different charitable organizations, including the U.S.O., Russian War Relief and Chinese War Relief. Funds raised by this group will be turned over to the National War Chest Drive which is to be held throughout the country this fall. The Council agreed with the Community Chest Committee that the money already allotted to the U.S.O., Russian War Relief and Chinese War Relief in the July College Drive, should be turned over to the Vermont War Chest Committee.

#### TELEGRAMS AND LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS

The Council heard a complaint that the number of telegrams and long-distance telephone calls has nearly doubled since the first warning from these companies about the possible curtailment of these services. The Council agreed that

this was a deplorable condition, but that probably nothing could be done, until the companies issued another warning or actually cut down the service.

#### WINTER PERIOD JOB ANALYSIS

The Council decided that the EPC should run the Senior Questionnaire on the value of their Winter Period work which is to be turned over to Miss Funnell for use in planning future Winter Period projects. Members of the Council felt that Seniors should be asked to rate jobs as to whether they were most appropriate for a freshman, sophomore, junior, etc., what background was needed for the job, what other opportunities for winter period work existed in the agencies where they worked, how specific the job was. They should also be asked to rate any summer jobs they held.

#### AAUW DANCE

Mrs. Garrett reported that the College had been approached to sponsor a dance under the auspices of the American Association of University Women to be held at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City for servicemen of the United Nations. No responsibility for the College is involved beyond paying a certain fee and lending its name, and, of course, it is hoped that as many of its students as can will attend. Reports from other Colleges show that these affairs have been a success. The best date for Bennington would probably be in August just before College reopens, when many of the students might be coming through New York. The Council approved of the idea and Mrs. Garrett and Polly Kirsten will find out more about it.

#### FIRE DRILL

No fire drill has been held this semester, and the Council recommended that Betty Harvey, the Fire Chief, be asked to hold one.

#### FREE WEEK END

Consensus of opinion on campus seems to be that a break during the second term is necessary, and that when a free week-end is considered next year, it should be planned for sometime in June, if possible. Otherwise it is too late to do much good.

Respectfully submitted

Gertrude M. Grimwood, Secretary pro tem