

Bennington College
Bennington Vermont
March 24, 1942

A meeting of the Central Committee was held on Tuesday, March 10, 1942. Those present were Mrs. Garrett, Miss Johnson, Jeanne Gaudy, Teresa Blumberg, and Marjorie Hill.

Guns and Firearms

There was discussion of the college policy regarding firearms since someone shooting in the general direction of Fairview had almost been responsible for a serious accident. A list of students who own firearms has been made and Jeanne Gaudy will speak to them. The Central Committee will also call the Bennington police to find out about registration and restricted use of firearms.

Waitress Parking Area

It has been brought to the attention of the Central Committee that the waitresses are required to park their cars behind the brick garage and that several of them have been hurt at night because of the uneven ground and the lack of light. The regulation seems to have been made in order that there would be sufficient parking area for visitors on lecture nights. This question will be referred to Mr. Tschorn.

Noise Outside of Franklin House

Evelyn White, Helen Brauns, Marion Miller, Nancy Redmond, and Virginia Wells signed in at 2:30 on Saturday night and at 3:15 disturbed people in several houses by stamping up and down the boardwalks in a "coke bottle parade". The incident was discussed and since all the girls were freshmen it was decided to ask them to come to the meeting to discuss their behavior, and to point out the reasons for the standards concerning quiet. Roberta Young asked to be included in the group since she had also been with them. Mrs. Garrett and Miss Johnson left before the girls arrived in order that the meeting should seem more informal.

Nancy Redmond, Roberta Young, and Virginia Wells were unable to come to the meeting because of classes and the situation did not seem important enough to ask them to cut the classes. Evelyn White, Helen Brauns, and Marion Miller were asked to tell them what was said at the meeting. Jeanne Gaudy discussed with them their responsibility to the community and asked whether they thought about disturbing people at 8:15 in the morning. The girls said that there had been 12 in the party, that they hadn't been thinking, and that they hadn't realized that they were making a noise. The Bemington standards were discussed and it was pointed out to them that these standards were much more lenient than boarding school standards and required more responsibility on the part of the individual.

Peggy Goodwin

Peggy signed in at 1:15 on March 2nd and her guest did not leave until 4:10. Her House Chairman will be asked to speak to her about this.

Respectfully submitted,

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