

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 22th cont'd

The Council next inquired about the mechanics of the raffle. Tickets are to be sold by the collectors, at a dollar apiece, and individuals may buy as many as they wish. Winifred Chrisman (paid advertisement) has donated one of her sweaters as a prize for the raffle, and the Chest Committee requested that further suggestions as to possible and desirable prizes be gathered by the house chairmen in house meetings.

The Community Chest went on to report some of the methods of ~~presenting~~ in soliciting contributions which had been suggested at a meeting of faculty advisers and student collectors called by Mr. Leigh on Monday night. Some of these proposed methods were: comparison of Bennington's achievement with that of Smith and other colleges where similar drives are being held; repeated canvassing of the houses by collectors, such as is done in the Community Chest campaigns, with special emphasis on the fact that the college has made no contributions to war relief up to this time and could well afford to do so.

The Council objected vehemently to the use of pressure in the sale of raffle chances. Mrs. Garretts stated that it was against the principles of the college to allow students to be ridden for donations. Mr. Chapman put the issue sharply by asking why pressure was suggested if the raffle were really being offered as a facility. After some discussion, the Council recommended to the Chest Committee that no pressure be used in the sale of tickets. Collectors might approach everyone in each house once, but should be discouraged from dunning or persistent appeals. Also no comparisons are to be made with other college standards of contribution. Generally speaking, every effort should be made to keep the raffle on a voluntary basis and to make ability to pay rather than obligation the spirit of the drive.

Respectfully submitted,

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