

April 17, 1935

Miss Virginia Pope
Fashion Editor
New York Times
New York, New York

Dear Miss Pope:

We have heard about you from your many friends here at the College who are most enthusiastic at the idea of your coming to Bennington to talk to a group of our students on modern dress design. This talk would be one that would fit in directly with what some of our students are now studying and we feel that it would be profitable for them to be given a realistic picture of the modern dress design field in New York City.

The only difficulty is that our budget for meetings of this sort is very small and very much depleted at this time. We have been given to hope that you might be willing to come to Bennington at your own expense, and if this is so, we should be extremely grateful and should, of course, wish you to stay at the College as our guest. But if you could not come without a fee I am afraid we shall have to wait until another time to hear your talk. I am going ahead in making plans for your coming here on the basis that no fee is necessary, but if this is not so, please tell me quite frankly.

I think an afternoon meeting at about five o'clock would be the most convenient for us, and as far as date is concerned I think we could meet your convenience any time after April 28th. Would an afternoon during the week of April 29th be satisfactory? There is a train which leaves the Grand Central station at 8:30 a.m. which would get you to North Bennington at one o'clock. We would meet you there and bring you to the College for lunch. Polly Childs says that she would be very glad to arrange for you to mingle with the students so that you would, I am sure, have a pleasant and interesting time.

Will you let me know whether I am mistaken in suggesting this to you, and if you do care to come, will you suggest a date?

Sincerely yours,

Catharine Jones
Secretary to the President



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April 18, 1935

Miss Catherine Jones
Secretary to the President
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont

My dear Miss Jones:

I am very much pleased to think you want me to come to Bennington to speak and will gladly do it if we can arrange dates to suit us both.

It will be quite impossible for me to come up the week of April 29th. I might be able to arrange it the week of May 6th, combining a visit to Bennington with one to Skidmore. This last named college has asked me to speak there on Thursday the 9th. I am just waiting for a final confirmation of this date. If all is well, I could motor from Skidmore to Bennington on the morning of the 10th, speaking at Bennington that afternoon. I will let you know just as soon as I hear from Skidmore. How would this arrangement suit you?

Aside from the pleasure of speaking to the girls at Bennington, it would be particularly interesting to me because of my connection with Polly Chiles and one or two of the other nice girls that I have met through her.

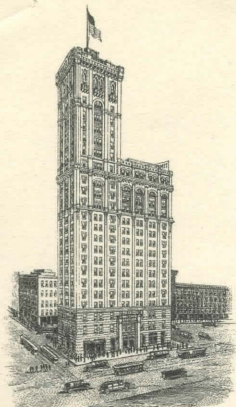
Very sincerely,

Virginia Pope
FASHION EDITOR

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May 1, 1935

Miss Catharine Jones
Secretary to the President
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont

My dear Miss Jones:

The plans relating to Skidmore have changed, so I will go direct to Bennington, leaving here on the 8:30 train and arriving at 12:55.

I think a good title for the lecture is, "How Fashions are Made and Put Over."

I cannot tell you how I am looking forward to my visit to Bennington, I have been planning so long to do it.

Sincerely,

Angeline Pope

FASHION EDITOR



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