

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The first meeting of the Community Council for the Fall Term, 1955, was held on September 21 at 4:30 P. M. in Barn #1.

Attendance:

47 people were present. The following members were absent: Berliant, Donavan, Cuyler, Miss Funnell, Gitlin, Grier, Hyman, Kading, Kelley, Mr. McGuire, Mintz, Moon, Mr. Pike, Selwyn, Mr. Shapiro, Shaver, Thornton, Valentine, Mr. Welter, Mr. Wilcox.

Announcements:

Since this was the first meeting of the year, Kay Crawford Announced that there would be no formal committee reports at this time. They will be due at the next meeting, and at all others thereafter. There are to be type-written copies of these reports given to Lisa Starr two days before the meeting.

Kay Crawford Announced that henceforth, Community Council would meet either Monday or Thursday evenings when no faculty concerts are scheduled. The reason for not continuing the meetings on Wednesday afternoon is that so many people have classes or other commitments at that time.

Jane Berry was announced as Recording Secretary for the year.

If students have specific questions about the school they would like to have discussed, Administrative Workshops will be planned.

Minutes from Executive Meetings will be posted on the bulletin board outside the infirmary from now on.

Public Relations and Student Admissions Committees

Joan Rosenthal reported on the Public Relations Committee, which is not functioning as yet. Mr. Stanbrough is to serve as advisor. Members of the committee will be chosen from volunteers at House Meetings by Exec. Joan reported that these committee members would act as hostesses and organizers for special events, give suggestions to Mr. Stanbrough, talk about Bennington at schools, etc. She suggested the committee might also work with the Non-Resident Term Committee.

Mary Lou Peters reported on the Student Admissions Committee, which is also not functioning yet this year. It was organized as a group of students to help Miss Stickney. The committee was finally defunct because the students on the committee were told they could no longer see the applicants' files, due to objections from secondary schools, and also because confidential information in the files had leaked out. Therefore, the duties of the Student Admissions Committee were reduced to guiding, which is a paid campus job.

Miss Stickney told the Council that last year some members of the Public Relations Committee wrote letters to girls on the West Coast who were interested in Bennington, saying more than just the routine things. She thought it was quite helpful and more of a close contact with the girls. She added that the reports on the girls and parents guided around campus as visitors

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were helpfully enlightening. Mr. H. Smith heartily agreed. Lisa Starr said that the Public Relations Committee would be needed now especially because of this year being Bennington College's 25th Anniversary. Kay Crawford suggested that the Student Admissions Committee work with the Public Relations Committee on this job. Miss Stickney added that the Student Admissions Committee was organized to help her in an advisory capacity, and that she would like to have a group of girls such as this to call upon, especially in the busier Spring Term. She thought the Student Admissions Committee should be limited to seniors and juniors because they would be interviewing prospective students without bias, and because they have had more experience with advanced work besides. Helen Allentuck suggested they have the campus guides be the Student Admissions Committee. This was objected to because more girls than the guides would probably be good candidates for the committee. Elaine Lieberstein suggested a liaison group between the two ... Student Admissions Committee and the campus guides. Carrie McLeod thought the Non-Resident Term Committee, the Public Relations Committee and the Student Admissions Committee be inter-dependent, since they are so closely related. The committees will be formed, and further discussion will be held in Exec and the next Community Council meetings.

Nominations were taken for the Student Admissions Committee. After elections, the committee will consist of three permanent members and two alternate members. Sophomores were included in the nominations:

Judith Hyman
Alyce Hastings
Lindblad, Gretchen
Miller, Debbie
Rosenthal, Joan
Wurtzbarger, Peggy
Gelles, Nina
Cremer, Suzi
Lesch, Margrabel
Sang, Marcia

Feller, Eleanor
Case, Winston
Vando, Denise
Cohen, Judith
Darrow, Mabel
Gaffill, Bourne
Flagg, Patricia
Schaffer, Anita
Carty, Louise
Ilg, Chris

The nominations were closed.

The Student Fund Budgets, submitted by the Recreational Policies, Community Chest, and National Student Association Committees, if approved at Community Meeting Monday, September 26, will be passed and the students -- resident or off-campus, male or female -- will be assessed \$4.75 each for the Student Fund. Any budget not approved at that time will mean that that committee will have to do some private soliciting for funds. Jeanne Segal asked what would happen to any excess money left over from the previous year. Kay Crawford answered that there was a small amount left from last year, and that it would be used for loans.

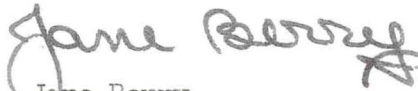
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Judicial Committee

Judy Piper reported on the Judicial Committee. A complaint about unruly men visitors on campus has been repeatedly handed to the committee. Judy explained that the problem was entirely in the girls' own hands, and that if they couldn't manage the problem themselves, the night watchmen are available for assistance at any time. Several suggestions were made: not to open the doors of the houses to unescorted gentlemen after 11 P. M; close the gates to dissuade armies of men at a time on campus. These ideas will be discussed at Exec meeting next Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Berry
Recording Secretary



Lisa Starr
Executive Secretary