

Bennington College
March 12, 1942

A meeting of the College Council was held in the Committee Dining Room on Tuesday, March 10, at 1:00 p.m. The following members were present: Eloise Bishop, Janet Frey, Mrs. Garrett, Jeanne Gaudy, Marjorie Handwerk, Lila Larson, Mr. Luening, Eleanor Metcalf, Chairman, Miss Peplau, Miss Shelley.

College Treasurer:

Margaret Goodhue was appointed Student Treasurer for the year, 1942-1943. This appointment was made with the approval of Miss Jones, the Comptroller; Elizabeth Walsh, Chairman of the Community Chest Committee; Ann Wickes, Secretary of the Community Chest Committee; and Audrey Schwenck, Student Treasurer for 1941-1942.

Community Chest Committee:

Ann Hamill and Elizabeth Herriott were appointed as the Community Chest Committee to serve for 1942-1943. The College Council appointed this Committee with the approval of the previous Community Chest Committee, previous Student Treasurer and the College Comptroller.

Conservation Series:

Follow-up for the Conservation Lecture of March 9 was delegated to Marjorie Handwerk and Anne Franke. Marjorie Handwerk will see that House Chairmen collect suggestions for saving at the Wednesday house meetings. A sub-committee of the EPC under Anne Franke will report on the feasibility of such suggestions including: articles having value, the existence of such articles in the Bennington College Community, what is to be done with them when collected (with the advice and assistance of Mr. Tschorn's department), the investigation of and coordination with similar activity of the town people. The list of articles will be posted on Monday. The implementing of the plan will be the responsibility of the House Council under Marjorie Handwerk.

The second conservation lecture was discussed: The next lecture will be on Food. It was suggested that Mr. Meyers lecture or show a film, which he may be able to get from Washington, for twenty minutes. After which there will be a panel discussion lead by Mr. Myers including some or all of the following people: Miss Foresman, Dr. Hager, Miss Hardman, Edith Stevens, and Mr. Woodworth. The subjects which should be discussed include: food and health, food and waste, relative food values, the attitude of the Bennington College Consumer toward food. This discussion will continue for about thirty minutes, and the meeting will close at about five.

The Chairman reported that a number of students had expressed an interest in the possibility of the subject of the final conservation meeting being Money. Mrs. Jones might be asked to talk, followed by a panel discussion by Elizabeth Walsh, Audrey Schwenk, Miss Jones and Mr. Mendershausen. Questions raised should include money relative to a war, appeal vs. taxation in connection with contributions. Such a meeting might allow for a sampling of opinion and serve as a spring-board for the spring drive.

Community Forum, Part II:

Miss Shelley reported that the second part of the Community Forum, to be held after spring vacation will be four meetings on American War Policy, for which outside speakers will be used. This part of the series will be further discussed at a later meeting.

Scheduling of activities:

The Chairman called to the attention of the Council the necessity of clearing all dates of activities of their respective committees through the College Council and Miss Grimwood, Secretary to the General Meetings Committee.

Solicitors:

Relative to some previous embarrassing experiences resulting from student handling of solicitors, the Council recommends that any solicitor or promoter be handled through Miss Shelley's office by means of the College machinery already established for this purpose. The College Council will judge the merits of the activity in question.

Bridge Tournament:

The Community Bridge Tournament suggested by the Recreation Council was recognized as conflicting with the Spring Lecture Series and, thus, will not be held.

Meetings with member committees:

The advisability of the College Council meeting with member committees to discuss policy was recognized. The first meeting of this nature will be with the Recreation Council, and it will take place at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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College Council