

## GALLEY

We think that the administration is missing the crux of the problems on this campus. If the problems confronting us are: communication, discretion, requirements, and non-working students; then we point a finger of accusation at the administration who have made us so goddam big, thereby enlarging these problems without solving them.

Size is destroying the Bennington Experience. What is a Bennington Education? Administration dictation with student and faculty influence?

The student body is too large for the faculty to handle. Did the Bennington catalog mention that classes would be the size of 90 with limited discussion or that departments and classes would have to be limited to cope with the numbers, making this a college of specialization. The requirement proposal, regardless of its virtues and vices, won't work. With the way the situation is now, and if there are 50-150 more students coming, one will possibly be only allowed in the department of his major and be forced into departments where no one and himself want to be.

People talk of experimentation. Can you afford to try a plan consuming your education at \$4,000 some odd dollars a year?

With all due respect to a majority of the faculty who are incredibly competent -- how can it exist that we are paying \$25 a class to learn little or nothing (we know of at least two instructors who aren't teaching, if they can; and if you enter their departments you will probably suffer through them). This situation caused in one department many students refusal to work with their instructors.

If the reason why we are expanding the student body and not the faculty is monetary, where is our money going? For food? Adequate health and psychiatric services? For a small student teacher ratio? Or for buildings, to cope with larger numbers of students; the lecture halls which only have a seating capacity of 300 - 400 "the average Bennington audience." The Bennington community is approaching 600, we have even heard the figure of 700, and for what purpose so we can learn and talk around each other?

Should we have the community spirit to strike or should we abandon Bennington to the administration in its state of bankruptcy?

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