

Bennington College
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REPORT OF THE E.P.C. MEETING

Educational Series

The Committee discussed ways and means of stimulating community interest in the Educational Series which is scheduled fro April 8th to 11th. Because it was felt that members of the community would enjoy this series more if they knew something more about the backgrounds onf the speakers and of the educational philosophy of Bennington, it was agreed that representatives of the panel and the E.P.C. would attend the regular house meetings on Wednesday night to tell us something about the series.

Seminars

Seminars are being planned in several of the divisions, although their purpose differs with the division. In Literature a poetry-reading has held its first meeting with beer, informal reading and discussion. The Social Studies senior division students and faculty are planning a similarly informal evening of 'shop-talk' next week. Science is planning two separate meetings; one for junior division discussion of sophomore projects, and another for senior division on senior theses or projects.

As a means of improving the faculty-student relationship, these informal seminars are excellent for they foster an exchange of ideas between faculty and students that is sometimes missed in the student- teacher relationship in class or conference.

Art Division Standards

The Committee decided that since there has been talk on campus about the lack of standards of performance in the art division, and criticism of the graduation of seniors whose projects were considered inferior to freshmen winter period work, it would ask the Art Division for a report on its standards of performance.

Respectfully submitted,

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