

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The final meeting of the Community Council for the fall term, 1955, was held on December 12 at 7:45 P. M. in Barn #1.

Attendance

43 people were present. The following members were absent: Burnap, Case, Cuyler, Donovan, Earthrowl, Einstein, Fergusson, Miss Funnell, Garfield, Gitlin, Grier, Hamlin, Holt, Miss Hopkins, Kelly, Kelsey, Kornhauser, Mendelsohn, Moon, Mr. Pike, Pinchot, Roberts, Miss Schlabach, Segal, Selwyn, Mr. Shapiro, Mr. Stanbrough, Miss Stickney, Stern, Tudor, Valentine, Mr. Welter, Mr. Wilcox.

Election Results

Kay Crawford gave the results of the elections, as follows:

Executive Secretary: Janet Wells

Judicial Committee: Faculty - Mr. Hanks

Student - Barbara Israel

Non-Resident Term Committee: Judith Cohen

Recreational Policies Committee: David MacFee

Lucy Grier

Executive Committee: Franklin - France Berveiller

McCullough - Mary Lou Peters

Stokes-Sanford - Deborah Miller

Swan - Rhoda Chaprack

Welling - Joan Waltrich

Woolley - Anne Harriss

There were 291 ballots cast.

Monthly Committee Reports

Recreational Policies Committee

It was announced that Rec Council sold a total of \$219 worth of tickets for Fall Dance Weekend. The full amount from the General Fund (\$350) was received. After total expenses (\$564.63) there is a balance of \$4.47 in the treasury. The committee thanked all students who attended the affair, particularly the trio who played on Saturday night during the intermission.

Rec Council plans, on December 13, a Christmas dinner followed by a candlelight caroling up to the Carraiga Barn, where there is to be a madrigal concert and the Faculty Wives Annual Christmas Party.

Kay told the meeting that Executive Committee sent a note to Rec, congratulating them on the success of Dance Weekend.

Judicial Committee

After a discussion with Murray McGuire about various problems in connection with the night watchmen, Judicial found it obvious that the problem was due to the students themselves in their attitude and behavior. The night watchmen have been left with the burden of carrying out what should be our honor system.

A question was asked, "Where does the honor system start?" Judy Piper answered by saying, "By signing in and out, using discretion about getting men off campus when they are supposed to be off, etc."

Non-Resident Term Committee

The bulletin boards in the Barn and Commons have been supplied with current job openings.

Four girls have been chosen to spend a week of their Non-Resident Terms interviewing prospective employers for the school. They are:

Jane Berry - Philadelphia
Jeanne Segal - art jobs in New York
Carrie McLeod - social science jobs in New York
Judy Piper - jobs in Washington and/or Boston

NRT papers from previous years have been put in the library for interested students to read.

We have received word of interest in a panel discussion NRT by students of the college from the Women's Personnel Club of New York.

A pamphlet designed for employment firms, etc., is being developed. It is two-fold with a brief description of NRT. The back cover lists previous jobs and previous employers.

National Student Association:

Jane Vanderploeg, Gay Levine and Ellen Osborn attended the Conference on "Aims of Higher Education" at Skidmore, December 2 and 3.

Vijaya Gulhati made a speech before Community Meeting on the World University Service Conference on India held at the University of Massachusetts held December 5.

On December 7 in Barn #1, a travel movie was held, including a talk by Bob Morton from the New York Travel office, on the travel opportunities offered students through NSA. Helen Isaacs, who had previously traveled to Europe with NSA, spoke about her trip.

Gay Levine is now in charge of the travel department, and anyone interested in travel should talk to her.

The committee hopes to send a delegate to the Dartmouth conference which is now to be held on February 10, 11 and 12. The delegate must be nominated by the committee and then voted on by a group of people from the regional office. If the delegate is elected, partial expenses will be paid by the International Commission.

The committee desires to send a faculty delegate, an administration delegate and a student delegate to the Smith conference held March 9, 10 and 11. Arrangements must be near completion by the end of the term because the date of the conference is between NRT and the beginning of the spring term.

Student Admissions Committee

The committee continues to hold interviews with applicants, an average of five a week. Winston Case has become a permanent member of the committee rather than Alyce Hastings.

Public Relations Committee

Next term, the committee hopes to improve the appearance of the Commons lounge by giving notice to the faculty on keeping dogs out of the building; more ashtrays and wastebaskets will be supplied; posters and cards reminding students and faculty of their responsibilities; notices in College Week and reminders in House Meetings.

Addresses have been assigned to committee members for writing letters to applicants. This idea will continue throughout NRT with all the new addresses being handled by the committee.

A letter will be sent during NRT to the entire community concerning NRT. It will deal with the Public Relations of each student for Bennington.

During NRT, there will be a number of teas for new students and their families. Members of administration, faculty and public relations and admissions committees will be present to introduce themselves to the incoming students. There will be slides, tea and discussion.

Store Board Committee

The rummage sale of November 13 was a large success, except for the fact that some \$50 worth of merchandise was stolen during the sale. The stealing may be alleviated next term by placing the selling table near the exit door.

The committee plans to reenforce the established policy of collecting 10% of gross sales from all licensed exhibitors on campus next term, including students selling goods on campus.

On March 28 the board invites the members and community to an open meeting, which will explain the reenforcement of the above policy and give a short history of the store, and open a discussion.

Janet Wells added that the 10% Store Board commission is to go into effect after NRT, in the spring term. This will not effect cases such as one girl selling her books to another, and it is a possibility that a student can be refused her privilege of selling on campus. The question of voting for this bill was brought up, and Kay suggested the problem be settled after Non-Resident Term.

Educational Policies Committee

Carrie McLoed told the community that the EPC Committee is to discuss a plan to improve the yellow slip system, and also, the committee is organizing an EPC Handbook for the benefit of the community.

Social Science EPC

The committee recommends to other branches of the EPC, their policy of dividing up the EPC class representatives among four on the committee, making them directly responsible to one person.

A workshop was held in November, entitled, "Myth in Barbaric Society."

Science EPC

Two workshops were organized ... Mr. Oliver on meteorology and Mr. Boepple on astronomy. Two more were planned but could not be carried through because of lack of time in the school calendar.

Music EPC

A music major suggested to the committee that the seminar list be abolished in order to allow purely spontaneous performance during the Tuesday afternoon workshop. The music committee voted against this since it was felt that the students would not play if their instructors and fellow students did not know of their intentions. The student's nervousness would inhibit her spontaneity.

The student lounge was not completed because of the usual end-of-the term work. The committee hopes to have the lounge ready for the music students at the beginning of the spring term.

There was a lack of student performance in music seminar in the first month or so of the term; however, seminars have been so crowded shortly before the completion of the fall term that the committee has had to allow two hours instead of one for performances.

The committee chairman has been concerned over the lack of responsibility shown by the class EPC representatives. Late reports are the biggest concern, and this committee understands that this is no new development.

Because of the rotation system now in effect, two girls have been recently appointed to serve one year on the Music EPC beginning next term. They are Pamela Cook and Rosemonde Tudor. They will serve with Josephine Hamlin and Jean Campbell.

Literature EPC

Two successful workshops were held ... a panel discussion on "Rape of the Lock" by the Literature faculty, and Shirley Jackson reading some of her own stories.

Getting back to the concern over lack of responsibility on the part of the class representatives, Janet Wells suggested that more meetings with the EPC representatives would make them more aware of their responsibilities. Pam Cooke reported that the Music EPC gives a list of questions for their representatives to ask their respective classes in order to stimulate extensive discussion. Carrie McLeod said the housechairmen should also take the problem back to the individual houses for discussion. She added that the EPC welcomes any suggestions for improvement.

Drama EPC

Senior projects, senior production, advanced acting classes and stagecraft work has been advancing more than satisfactorily. Drama-Dance workshops are post-poned until next spring. Junior production has already been selected. Several senior projects for next term are already under way.

Dance EPC

Labanotation, a special course in dance, has been taught this term by special student, Paul Berenson. In November the department was host to Ruth St. Denis, after which a tea was held in her honor. The dance production was given at Bennington November 29, 30 and December 1, followed by a New York production December 4. All performances were well accepted. Dancers are now rehearsing for dance tour, scheduled for Non-Resident Term.

Art EPC

Three art shows for the benefit of the community have been sponsored this term ... an exhibit of sculpture and drawings by Lachaise, an exhibition of paintings by Contemporary American Artists and a selection of paintings by Hans Moller. Also, two displays of alumni artwork were exhibited in the Barn. Art movies were shown November 14 and December 13.

Community Chest

The committee continues to receive letters from various organizations requesting funds. The Employees' Christmas Fund will be taken care of in December.

Treasurer

Kay stated we will retain the old treasurer's report until the next Community Council meeting in March because of the absence of the treasurer.

New Business

Ellen Osborne gave a report on the NSA Conference held at Skidmore

December 2 and 3, the subject being, "Aims of Higher Education."

Kay stated that the election of Community Chest representatives is one of the responsibilities of the Community Council. She gave a short resume of the functions of the committee, and nominations were as follows:

Pat Sullivan

Mabel Darrow

Judith Jacobson

Priscilla Alexander

Patricia Flagg

Carole Glover

A vote was taken and the new members of the Community Chest Committee are Patricia Sullivan and Mabel Darrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Berry, Recording Secretary

Lisa Starr, Executive Secretary