

Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on September 9, 1940. Those present were Ruth McCormick, Lydia Schoepperle, Mr. Truman, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines.

Applications for late return to college

Catherine Ann Tukey is ill and will be unable to return for nearly a month. Permission was of course granted her.

Ruth Lescher had a camp position until the end of the summer, at which time her Mother was coming East to visit her. Since the two had been under rather strained relations recently, it seemed best to grant Ruth permission to return late in order to see her Mother. Mrs. Garrett had suggested she return the 9th, and the Committee decided that if she did not return by the 11th, that fact would be noted on her record.

Faith Colgan was granted permission to return several days late because of an impacted wisdom tooth which needed care.

Susan Hedge had a job in Colorado which lasted until the end of August so that it was impossible for her to arrive on time. Permission was granted her to return a day or two late.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haines  
Secretary, the Central Committee

Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on Wednesday, September 18, 1940.

Those present were Joan Hyatt, Ruth McCormick, Mary Berna, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Chapman, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines.

Rooming situation in McCullough

Ruth McCormick asked if some changes could be made in the room assignments for McCullough. The chief difficulty was the number of Jewish girls in the house, whose presence tended to divided the house in two groups. Besides this, there was the individual case of Daphne Eaches, whose mother had been up to visit her and who hoped some change could be made so that Daphne could get more sleep. Joan Hyatt asked if a change was possible in her house (Jennings) and suggested one or two of the girls be exchanged. The problem was left to Mrs. Garrett's ingenuity for its solution.



Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on Tuesday, September 24, 1940.

Those present were Susan Winter, Nancy Victor, Mary Berna, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Truman, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines.

Driving permits

The Committee voted to issue permits to these girls: Joan Bayne, Clover Dulles, Virginia Fleming, Anna Frothingham, Faith Richardson, Barbara Ridder, and Susan Winter. Mrs. Garrett asked if Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines, who have been testing applicants, believed the girls, especially the freshman, really understood the regulations and were impressed with the importance of careful driving. Dorothy and Carol said the applicants had all passed the test successfully.

Marion Colt

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Susan Winter reported that Marion had been stopped for speeding, but that the policeman had not given her a ticket. Sue will speak to Marion, asking her that she drive with more care.

Driving at college

Carol Haines said that Mr. Johnson had spoken to her of the stones along the drive in front of Fairview. These rocks are in the roadway on both sides and take up considerable of the rather limited road space. Since others have complained about these same stones, Dorothy Coffin and Carol will speak to Mr. Tschorn to see if they can be either removed or at least moved onto the grass.

Katherine Kidner had complained to the Committee because the policeman would not allow her to drive to the house after 7:00 o'clock one evening when she was returning from a weekend with several pieces of luggage. This matter will also be taken up with Mr. Tschorn.

The Committee will request of Mr. Tschorn a report on the road system at college together with information about intersections and proper warning signs.

Bennington Laundry trucks

Complaints were made against the drivers of trucks for the Bennington Laundry. The men race from one house to another, with sudden starts and stops. Last March the Committee wrote this same Company a letter, but since its effects seem to have worn off, Carol Haines will write them again.

Grete Schyler

Grete had asked Dorothy Coffin if it was all right for her husband to study in her room with her at night over weekends. The Committee decided such permission would not be granted, and that the two could easily find quiet places for work.

Mary Jane Wiman and Elaine LeFevre

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The night watchmen's report for last Sunday stated that Mary Jane and Elaine were noisy when returning to the house with their escorts at 1:10AM. These two girls are both in Bingham, and Carol Haines said that she would speak to each of them to discover how the term was shaping up for them. Mary Jane gave Carol the impression that she was not very sure of what was going on and hadn't gotten herself very well organized; Elaine has spent quite a bit of time off campus and evidently considers social activities an important part of her college life. Brief reports will be sent the girls counselors, Mr. Lundberg and Mr. Dixon respectively, by this Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haines,  
Secretary

September 25, 1940

Bennington Laundry, Inc.  
Bennington,  
Vermont

Gentlemen:

Somewhat over a year ago your Company acknowledged a letter from this Committee requesting that your drivers operate more carefully on campus.

Recently there have been several complaints concerning the speed with which the trucks move between stops at the student houses. Because the girls use the driveways for walking purposes, we are naturally anxious lest an accident occur which might have been forestalled by speaking to your drivers about this situation.

Very truly yours,

Secretary,  
The Central Committee

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### Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on Tuesday, October 1, 1940. Those present were Mary Stimson, Mary Berna, Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Chapman, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines.

#### Driving permits

Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines had tested these people for driving licenses: ✓Jane Turner, ✓Judith Knapp, ✓Nancy Bulkeley, ✓Betty Haas, ✓Miriam Manning, ✓Joan Collier, Betty Plimpton, ✓Ruth Hodgson, ✓Marion Krantz, ✓Janet MacColl, ✓Lucie Morton, ✓Ruth McCormick, ✓Carolyn Hawks, ✓Ruth Keisor and ✓Margaret Goodhue. According to the new procedure adopted at the meeting of the Community Council of October 1, 1940, that body gives the final approval to applicants upon the recommendation of the Central Committee after the girls have been tested. The Central Committee will pass on the name before testing, thus reversing the former procedure. The change was made so that students can be tested sooner after handing in their application, and because it is the Council, not the Committee, which issues permits.

#### Pets on campus

Mary Stimson asked if it was all right for Sue Reutter to have her puppy on campus as long as it did not spend the night here. She said it was brought to ~~Sue~~ from Bennington in the morning and often was around until ten at night, but that it had caused no trouble so far. The Committee felt that having a dog on campus all day was hardly different from keeping one here all the time, especially since it is fed here. In view of former experiences and future occasions for which this might be a precedent, it was decided that Sue would have to part with the puppy, as soon as arrangements can be made for its welfare.

Mention was made of the fact that Mr. Perry's dog is with him continually on campus, and has often been in the way in the Barn.

#### Emergency slips - Health Service

Two emergency slips have been granted recently when the Health Service had recommended that cases be sent to the hospital for examination or treatment, and no one had been available to provide transportation. Mrs. Garrett will see if the Service can't make arrangements to use a college car in the future.

#### Renting cars

Carol Haines said that two people had spoken to her about renting, instead of borrowing, cars for a weekend. This is not allowed, as the same conditions would prevail which have created the regulation that there be no borrowing of cars.

Check on girls away for weekend

The present switchboard procedure for checking on girls who have signed out is that the operator calls, at 7:00 PM, all those who have stated they would return before that time but have not yet arrived. If she cannot locate them on campus, she is to let Dorothy Coffin, Mary Berna or Carol Haines know they have not returned. These girls will try to find out, from friends of the ones who are still away, where they are and when they will return. If no information is forthcoming, they report to the operator who calls Mrs. Garrett before going off duty at 11:00 PM. Formerly a note was put in Mrs. Garrett's box, but since she wouldn't find that until sometime the next morning, this scheme is felt to be quicker and surer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haines  
Secretary

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Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on Tuesday, October 8, 1940. Those present were Florence Booker, Susan Winter, Mary Berna, Mr. Truman.

Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Garrett, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines.

Student participation in off-campus activities

Susan Winter reported that she and Margaret Stein, after notifying their counselors, Mr. Jones and Mr. Newcomb respectively, spoke to and had dinner with a union organizer at the Cushman Furniture factory in North Bennington. On the organizer's invitation they attended a worker's meeting and entered into the discussion regarding the strike then in progress. This activity eventually reached Mr. Cushman and others outside the factory who came to understand, in some instances, that the college girls had helped organize the strike.

When accosted by Mr. Cushman, Mr. Leigh denied any connection of the college with this affair, only to discover later that Margaret and Sue had attended a meeting and that the former had contributed a sum of money to the union fund. This matter came before the Central Committee because of the possibility that these girls had violated Article IV of the Definitions of College Standards, which reads:

Any individual who wishes to engage in any activity off of the campus, such as surveys, or organizing, must first consult her counselor. Any group must notify the Community Council that it plans to engage in any such activity.

Margaret and Sue were recognized by the workers, not as individuals, but as members of the American Student Union. It was therefore a question whether they should have told the Council of their intentions. Since the girls had notified their counselors, and since there were only two of them, this matter was let pass.

The main objective became that of finding a suitable technique for letting Mr. Leigh know when students are participating in what might become controversial activities. The Committee suggests that the following interpretation be submitted to Mr. Leigh, and after approval by the Council, be incorporated into the house chairman's handbook and that a notice be included in the "College Week." The interpretation is:

Both to allow the freedom for the individual and to protect the public relations of the College, it is understood that the counselor and the Community Council, or the student (s) directly, if immediate action is necessary, will report any off campus activity that is of a controversial nature to Mr. Leigh.



#### Lending of cars

Florence Booker reported that Katrina Van Tassel had applied for permission to drive Elizabeth Kene's car back to college after a short trip home. Betty gave Katrina permission, especially since she was familiar with the car, and asked for Florence's signature on an emergency slip. Since the nature of the emergency seemed to be a matter of convenience, Florence had withheld her signature. The Committee decided that since the parents knew and approved of the plan, permission would be granted but only on the condition that the College received written consent from the parents.

? Because the regulations concerning borrowing and lending cars were originated to protect the safety of the Community, it seems inconsistent with our policy and the reasons for its formation to have off-campus people driving the cars of college members, and to have girls drive their friends cars from their homes to the college.

#### Committee jurisdiction over faculty

Mrs. Garrett said that according to the standing procedures, the Committee handled first and less serious faculty infringements of the Standards, whereas in practice, the Personnel Committee has taken over this function. It was agreed to relinquish this function of the Central Committee in favor of the current practice. All faculty parking violations will now be handled by another body.

#### Faculty sub-committee on driving

As an outgrowth of exchanging responsibility for faculty parking to the faculty, a subcommittee was formed to study the traffic problems at the college and to be the authority responsible for any future changes in the situation. Carol Haines was appointed a student representative on that committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haines  
Secretary

Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on Tuesday, October 15, 1940.

Those present were Ruth McCormick, Jean Davidson, Mary Berna, Mrs.

Garrett, Mr. Truman, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines.

Lending cars - E. Kane, K. Van Tassel

Florence Booker had reported to Mrs. Garrett that Elizabeth Kane's parents refused to give Katrina Van Tassel permission to drive Elizabeth's car. (See minutes of preceeding meeting.)

House chairmen signing out

Recently several house chairmen have been away for weekends and a few failed to name the person whom they left in charge of their house. Mrs. Garrett reminded the Committee that this information was necessary.

Grete Schuyler

Dorothy Coffin said that Grete had asked if it would be all right for her to have her husband's car here occasionally, provided she get a license, even though she is a scholarship student. Her request seemed reasonable, and she will apply for a license.

Driving applicants

The Committee approved the names of these girls who will be tested during the week: Mary Achilles, Alice Brisbane, Nancy Dodge, Marjorie Handwerk, Betty Harrington, Lydia Schoepperle and Pamela Tower.

Ann Cobb's pictures

Jean Davidson said that Ann had left some newspaper pictures of college friends in the lounge one noon while she was dancing, and that some of the students had gotten hold of them, pencilled in false faces and posted one on the bulletin board. They refused to return Ann's pictures in spite of her protests. The Committee asked Ann to tell them of the event and she came before the group. She did not know the names of all the people, but one was Antoinette Larrabee and another Margaret Klaw, who later apologized, and there were a couple of theater studio boys. Mrs. Garrett will speak to Miss Hill, Antoinette's counselor, about her conduct.

Ann said that there were fifteen girls coming out this year, and that she supposed that they had at first talked too much about their plans so that other girls began referring to them as a snobbish group.



After a few days or so, the girls realized their mistake and have made every effort to be pleasant and agreeable. The Committee regrets such childish behavior on the part of those who were hazing the debutantes.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haines  
Secretary

### Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on Tuesday, October 22, 1940. Those present were Susan Winter, Joan Hyatt, Florence Booker, Mary Berna, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Chapman, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines.

#### Stolen money

Susan Winter reported that Joan Merriss had left money for King and Co. and for the Bennington Laundry in envelopes in the hall of Stokes-Sanford, and that this money had been taken. The Committee felt it was extremely foolish of Joan to have left so much money (\$13) lying around, but recognizes the need for a better method of paying bills. It was suggested that there be a container in the store such as that used by the Overlea Inn where the students can leave their money and pay the store only a small service charge, Miss Steven will be consulted.

#### Men in faculty and living-room suites

The question has been raised by several girls living in faculty or living room suites if it would be permissible for them to entertain men in their own living rooms after 6:30 PM. Because these girls are all students, and any discrimination in their favor might lead to a feeling that there is added prestige to living in those rooms, the Committee decided it was inadvisable to allow the girls to have special privilege.

#### Joan Lewisohn's driving

Since more reports had come in regarding Joan's inexperience at the wheel, the Committee call her before the group to suggest that she take driving lessons. Joan will keep her license, but will not drive groups of girls even in to Bennington, since the responsibility in case of accident would be heavy. After a period of time, left to Joan's discretion, during which she will be gaining experience on the road and in traffic, she will notify the Committee which will give her another and more extensive road test.

#### Unlicensed drivers

Mary Berna asked if Joan Stockard had a college license, and how it happened that a girl receiving self-help had a car on campus. Joan has taken out, but not returned, an application; she will probably have the car, which is her sister's, only a short time.

Sue Blumenthal has not yet returned her application form and has never been tested for a college license, although she has had a car ever since coming to college.



In connection with Joan Lewisohn's driving, it was remarked that Teru Osato had relieved Joan on a trip to New York, and her driving was said to be as dangerous as that of Joan's. Teru has neither a state nor a college license.

Driving applications

The Committee approved the following applications for driving tests: Margery Michelson (to drive Joan Stokes' car probably once a week to Bennington, in connection with her Senior project), Grete Schuyler (see previous minutes) and Ann Whiteley.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haines  
Secretary

Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on Tuesday, October 29, 1940. Those present were Joan Hyatt, Ruth McCormick, Mary Berna, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Truman, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines.

Joan Lewisohn's driving

Joan complained of her meeting with the Committee to various of her friends and finally to Carol Haines. She said she had done little of the driving in traffic, and the only near-accident experienced occurred when Teru Osato was at the wheel. (See previous minutes). Joan said she was confused when we spoke to her and could not defend herself. In order to make the situation clear, she spoke with Carol who assumed, after their conversation, that Joan understood it was not on the basis of this one event that we had spoken to her, but in the knowledge of other reports of her driving. Although she agreed with Carol at this time, immediately after she again complained to her friends. No further action will be taken until she presents herself to the Committee for re-testing.

Application for late return after Thanksgiving

Katherine Kidner applied for permission to return on November 27th, because of work for her senior project which must be completed before Christmas. She misses three classes, but has the necessary signatures, so that the Committee granted her permission.

Sue Blumenthal - McCullough House disturbance

Ruth McCormick reported that last Friday night she was awakened at 3:00 AM by doors being banged. Investigating, she discovered several members of the house gathered in the hall also to see what had caused the disturbance. Ruth found that Sue Blumenthal, Ruth Ellis and Janet Briggs had been having a party and making excessive noise. Margaret Eades, unable to sleep next to the disturbance, asked Sue if she could be quiet, whereat Sue slammed the door in her face and Margaret, returning to her room, slammed hers. Sue only opened the door part way when Ruth knocked, and it was evident she was intoxicated. She said they were "beginning to quiet down", which they finally did. Eleanor Metcalf told Ruth that Sue had come to her a few hours earlier and asked if she had anything to drink, and Eleanor gave them a bottle of Scotch. Eleanor believes she was slightly intoxicated then.

Sue has had similar experiences in other years. Her personality gave rise early in the year to rumors that she was slightly odd and under psychopathic treatment, and while the rumors were quieted, the impression left by them has not helped Sue to fit into the house group well. The



freshmen were actually shocked by Sue's conduct and will not associate with her now. The Committee decided it imperative to speak to her, and so she came before us.

Sue told her version of the story, with a reluctance in mentioning the drinking. She apologized immediately for the noise caused by the radio, their talking, and general gaiety, while they had no thought of the hour, or any disturbance they were making. After a time she admitted they had consumed the bottle of Scotch, but since the drinking was spread over several hours, she said they were not excessively intoxicated from it. The Committee was anxious to impress upon her the effect such conduct on the part of a senior would have on the new members of the house, and ultimately, through their discussions outside of college, upon the Community. It was pointed out that she had broken a College standard, and unless some action was taken on either her or our part the incident would have a demoralizing influence on the house especially. With this in view, the Committee suggested she make an apology to the girls, a suggestion not readily accepted because Sue felt we were unnecessarily exaggerating the importance of the affair. After further discussion in which it was pointed out that such an action would put to an end the talk which was current about the incident and would at the same time be likely to reinstate her into the good graces of the house, Sue consented to make an apology. This satisfactorily concluded the meeting with her.

Janet Briggs and Ruth Ellis will not be brought before the Committee, as their offense seemed less grave, ~~and~~ taking into consideration the fact that they are sophomores. These girls presented the attached note to the Committee immediately after learning that the incident was discussed, Mary Berna having by that time spoken to Janet as we had planned. Carol Haines and Dorothy Coffin will speak to Ruth Ellis.

#### Investigation of freshmen adjustment

Dorothy Coffin proposed, at the Community Council meeting of this same date, that the Central Committee conduct a rather detailed investigation of the freshmen in order to determine the problems which most often confronted them in adjusting to the Community, with the hope that adequate preventative measures could be taken in the future. An outline for discussion was issued to each house chairman. Reports will be made by three chairmen a week at Committee meetings. ~~Dorothy Coffin~~, Joan Hyatt, Mary Berna and Ruth McCormick felt ready to report on short notice, and discussed briefly each girl (freshman) in their house. No serious problems were uncovered, but certain facts were brought out.

Apparently only one girl in the group discussed was not satisfied with her counselor (Gale Nickson - Mr. Perry), the reason being that he does not care what courses she takes outside the division and is of no help to her in that respect. Several girls seem more than capable when they are working but have not been using their time to the best advantage (Elinor Pino, Daphne Eches). One student appears especially naive and a little surprised by all that goes on; a few are very serious almost to the point of overdoing the matter; only a few were reported as not having

much fun through dates and social relations. There are some girls who still seem a bit apart from the house and its activities, though some of them have found a more congenial atmosphere in other houses and have made friends there. One student in particular (Joan Cummings) feels that her work is acceptable while actually it is not good; she still lacks complete adjustment - she is sensitive to an extreme. Another student, also sensitive, sometimes allows small things to get her down (Judith Knapp) but usually finds herself in her work. Another evidence of lack of adjustment is shown by the girl who spends long hours at personal work, while academic work is at a standstill. In one case it was felt that the sophomores in the suite were not cooperating; Mary Berna will speak to them (Nancy Dennis, Kip Humphreys, and Joan Stockard). In some instances the work or living habits of the girls are not good; their hours are irregular and frequently they miss breakfast. Carol Haines will notify Margaret Young's counselor of such habits on her part. One house (McCullough) was reported as being especially noisy, though there are sporadic outbursts in all of them. It would seem that few of the freshmen drink and have not caused any trouble in that respect. They were shocked at the conduct of upperclassmen in the Sue Blumenthal incident noted above. On the whole, the freshmen have formed their own friendship groups, but not to the extent of forming cliques.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haines  
Secretary



October 29, 1940

To the Central Committee,

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We have had it called to our attention that it has been put down in the minutes of the Central Committee that we were indulging in disorderly conduct, due to excess drinking, at McCullough House last Friday night. It is true that liquor was served that evening, but we want to clarify the issue of how much. We each had two small glasses, half scotch, half water, and a bottom-full more, which over a period of several hours, was not sufficient to make us intoxicated. We do not deny that the noise at that hour was inexcusable, and we are very sorry that the whole thing occurred in a manner most derogatory to Bennington.

Janet Briggs  
Ruth Ellis

Copy of letter sent Committee regarding McCullough House disturbance

Bennington College  
October 31, 1940

Memorandum  
To: Carol Haines  
From: Mr. Leigh

I am returning the revised traffic regulations to you by way of Dr. Chassell who wanted to take a look at them before they were mimeographed.

I would very strongly re-enforce Mr. Tschorn's point. It seems to me that there has been no such change as you suggest, that the Community Council no longer governs the community but only the students. The change was that the Community Council delegated to the Student Personnel Committee faculty violations of community standards rather than handle them through its own Central Committee. It does not mean at all that the Community Council is not the unified agency for drawing up the community regulations, rules and standards.

I would suggest, therefore, that a slight re-wording be made which would indicate that the traffic regulations bind every person in the community rather than just the students.

The revised regulations sound admirable to me. I could see nothing wrong with them.

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Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on Tuesday, November 5, 1940. Those present were Jean Davidson, Nancy Victor, Joan Strong, Mary Berna, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Truman, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines.

Joan Lewisohn's driving

Joan wanted to drive to New York and asked the Committee for its permission. Joan has not followed the suggestions given her by this group; she has not taken lessons and has on at least one occasion driven with several people in the car. Largely, she has complained about our speaking to her and told everyone that she could not drive people anywhere, making a general protest against our ruling. She has felt all along that she is a competent driver and that Teru Osato, who has been driving with her and is not a good driver, is equally competent. Altogether, she has made something big out of what were to be helpful suggestions and she had evidently missed the whole point of our concern for her and others with her. However, this matter has certainly made her conscious of her driving and of the fact that we are observing her driving. It seemed best to grant her permission to go to New York, with the recommendation that she do most of the driving and not Teru. Unless something further arises in the future, the incident is closed.

Application for early leave before Thanksgiving

Adele Bookman applied for permission to leave for Thanksgiving on the afternoon of November 19, in order to go to her cousin's wedding. Since this will be Adele's only weekend this term, the Committee granted her permission.

Driving - driving applicants

Nancy Dodge and Ann Whitely were reported as driving too fast on campus. Their house chairmen will speak to them. Jean Davidson questioned the effectiveness of the college licensing, in view of recent accidents, the Joan Lewisohn incident and the driving just noted. The college can only assume that students with state licenses are competent drivers, and then acquaint them with local regulations and check on their driving periodically.

The Committee approved these names for testing: Jane Ann Shirk and Joan Stockard.

Corrections of minutes of October 22: Sue Blumenthal has had a college license but has not renewed it this term. Teru Osato has a state (Illinois) license but no test is involved in obtaining a license there.

Wearing slacks in Bennington

Valerie Pottberg and Catherine Henry were seen at the movies in slacks. Carol Haines will write notes to these girls.



Investigation of freshman adjustment

In Woolley House, Jean Davidson said there had been quite a bit of noise after 11:00, but that the house was quieter now, and that the freshmen seemed to be working seriously. One victrola was causing a disturbance but the girl has now gotten into the habit of closing her door. The attitude towards liquor is on the conservative side, especially on the part of a certain group that overindulged one night and got ill. The roommates are content and while there are a couple of different groups, they all fit in with one another, including the freshmen with the upperclassmen. Adelaide Rubin at first had difficulty in fitting in with the people in the house, but she is now accepted.

Nancy Victor reported almost the same facts pertaining to Kilpatrick House. There it was Anne Peattie who had trouble at first in social adjustment, but she is no longer a problem, especially since her work means so much to her. There seems to be less contact between girls of different years than in the other house. In Welling there is no noise problem, according to Joan Strong, and the girls are working. Joan said that Benita Baker might find another counselor more stimulating, and a change may be made next term. Nancy Dodge was away for a couple of weeks because of the paralysis case, and when she returned, her counselor was ill, so she has had only two or three conferences. Aside from these special comments, Joan feels there are no personality problems.

Carol Haines said that except for occasional nocturnal shrieks, Bingham House is quiet and there has been no drinking problem since the night two girls drank beer and painted on their walls until 4:00 AM. The freshmen get on well and the upperclassmen are generally helpful. One girl seems extremely naive; Mary Jane Wiman and Elaine LeFevre were discussed at a previous meeting (September 24, 1940), and still seem disorganized. Carol suggested Elaine's working habits were not regular and that Mary Jane felt she didn't belong at Bennington because she couldn't work on her own. Aside from these girls, there was nothing to worry about in Bingham.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haines  
Secretary



Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee held a special meeting on Wednesday, November 6, 1940. Those present were Mary Stimson, Joan Strong, Ruth McCormick, Mary Berns, Mrs. Garrett, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines. (Absent: Mr. Chapman)

Bennington girls reported in "Banner" article on Hallowe'en

An article from the "Bennington Banner" was read at the meeting of the Community Council on November 5, and it was decided to discover who the girls were mentioned in the clipping: (Nov. 1, 1940)

Four college girls, one of them dressed in red skating tights, carried a fifteen-foot pole, the base of which was covered with tar, up Main Street and into the Paradise Restaurant. They managed to get the pole crosswise at the rear of the restaurant and resting on the backs of the booth seats, thus effectively barring easy access to the kitchen. The girls were reported to be armed with mopsticks.

Joan Strong discovered that the girls were Nancy Mirosé, Phyllis Shields, Mary Carus and Sue Blumenthal. These girls were called before the Committee and the clipping was read to them. They said that they had gone into Bennington, carrying a pole they found in the Delivery Entrance, and had carried it into the restaurant, not knowing what else to do with it. They had put it across coat hangers, about head high, so that the waitresses had been able to walk comfortably beneath them. The girls all had on sweaters and skirts except for Phyllis, who had on the red tights under her skirt. There was nothing premeditated in the excursion which was an expression of Halloween festivity. The girls were told that Miss Sanford had tried to find out who the girls were, and that everyone concerned had decided they couldn't be college students. The Committee tried to make the girls realize the ever-present necessity, even on Hallowe'en, of following the first Standard of the Community. They were reminded that relations between the town and college have always been a bit strained, and students are spotted and singled out immediately if they are doing anything out of the ordinary. The girls were surprised anyone had taken special notice of them and agreed that the account of their activities did not sound well. The girls were dismissed.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haines  
Secretary

*Handwritten notes:*  
- Mirosé  
- Shields  
- Carus  
- Blumenthal



Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on November 12, 1940. Those present were Mary Stimson, Florence Booker, Lydia Schoepperle, Susan Winter, Mary Berna, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Chapman, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines.

Applications for leave of absence at Thanksgiving

Nancy Victor applied for permission to leave college November 14, 1940 in order to work at the New York Public Library to get material for her thesis there, since she had exhausted all material in the college library. Permission was granted.

Suzanne Heller is to have two wisdom teeth extracted during the holiday and anticipates the need for medical care the following week. If able, she will return on time; otherwise, the Committee granted her permission to return as late as November 27th.

Anne Lyon wants to leave college November 19th in order to get a ride part way to Washington. The Committee questioned the advisability of her missing class in order to go home if she did not have the money. Authority was delegated to the chairman and secretary to grant or refuse permission after talking to her.

Olivia McCullough is to take her small brother home and must leave November 19th in order to reach North Carolina for Thanksgiving. Permission was granted providing this is the situation.

Mary Berna wishes to work on material for her thesis until December 1, 1940. As it would be impossible for her to do this during Winter Period, as she will not be at home then, permission was granted her.

Identification stickers for college cars.

Carol Haines read a note from Mrs. Hutton asking for information on our decision regarding stickers for college cars. Since no action had been taken on the matter after its approval by the Community Council, the Committee authorized Mary Berna to design a small device to be placed on the inside of the front windshield. Mary will see that the design is executed and the stickers will be distributed as soon as possible.

Investigation of freshman adjustment

Lili Schoepperle reported that in Dewey the house had a good community spirit in spite of numerous small cliques. The upperclassmen haven't helped the freshmen very much as a whole, although certain girls have been of assistance. One of the girls is having difficulty over her classes and is changing her major; another doesn't get on well with the faculty. Lydia expressed concern over Lucie Norton, wondering if she knew enough people. Some of the girls seem a little vague still and don't get to classes on time or appear shy. There is very little drinking among freshmen, and there was no cause for shock from the upperclassmen in this respect.



Swan House is becoming more unified, according to Florence Booker. Two roommates were somewhat isolated but lately have been mingling with the other girls more. There was some cause for surprise on the part of the freshmen by the drinking in one of the suites, although the parties never were noisy or objectionable. Margaret Cuddy and Ann Donaldson, who are roommates, don't plan their time very well and work late at night. Joan Ascher held an important school office before coming to college and now finds it difficult to be just one of the freshmen. The four girls in the faculty suite are quite apart from the rest of the house, though part of it is understandable because of their work as seniors.

In Booth House, Mary Stimson reported, there is considerable noise, to the extent that certain girls who go to bed early are disturbed by it. Mary feels there is quite a problem centering about the foreign student, Gladys Lacabe, who feels a bit out of Booth house activities. The girls have tried to draw her into their plans, but because of a heavy program and weekends away from college, they do not see much of her. The roommates are happily settled. Stephanie Leonard, a sophomore, is very noisy and pretends not to be cooperative, but Mary feels this is largely a pose. On the whole, the house has a good spirit and is quite unified.

Susan Winter spoke of the difficulties which have arisen in Stokes-Sanford because of the large number of freshmen and few senior-division students. While there are no individual problems, there are several cliques and the house is rather apathetic at meetings. There is practically no drinking in the house. One girl is not very well and is probably in the wrong division, a fact she worries over. Several of the girls are very young and others who could be of help in mingling with the girls are together so much that they aren't any help. Yvonne Roy, who presented quite a problem in adjustment last year, is getting along much better now, although she is still timid about speaking to the girls if they are making too much noise. Susan will try to impress her with the fact that she is the oldest student in the suite and should have authority. To liven house meetings, Sue may bring other people into the house or will try to create some topic of conversation of a controversial nature.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haines  
Secretary

### Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on Tuesday, November 19, 1940. Those present were Joan Hyatt, Mary Stimson, Mary Berne, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Chapman, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines.

#### Applications for leave of absence at Thanksgiving

Leslie Friedman applied for permission to return to college Monday evening, November 25th, because she wanted to take a train late Sunday from Chicago. Even if she does this, she will return in time for her 2:00 o'clock class. If complications arise, she has permission to cut this class.

Pearl Friedman wished to leave at noon on Wednesday because transportation was more convenient that way. The Committee did not grant her permission to miss her 12:00 o'clock class because they felt that if she had planned far enough ahead, other arrangements could have been made. This application was received so late that it is possible Pearl had to leave anyway.

Cassandra Bristow wanted permission to cut her last class before the holiday and her first class after it. Since these were not major classes, permission was granted.

Margaret Fiske-Jones applied for return on Tuesday November 26th, because she is travelling back by bus, which is slow, and because she can make up the tutorial and conference which she is missing. Permission was granted.

Vivian Lescher wanted to hear a concert in New York Sunday night which would delay her return to college until after her first class on Monday. Permission was not granted because some kind of a rangement could be made whereby she could be back on time.

Joan Strong had to be in New York over Sunday in order to make arrangements for her Winter period. Permission was granted her to return after her first class on Monday.

Fay Mowrey was called away on November 18th by the death of her grandmother. Permission was naturally granted her.

#### Future applications for leave

So many applications were received after the posted deadline that the Committee felt the necessity for being much more strict at Christmas. Besides the bulletin board announcement, there will be a notice in the "College Week" and the date will be announced at house meetings.

#### Applications for driving

The Committee approved these names for testing: Molly Stimson and Betty Studebaker.



Investigation of Freshman adjustment

Dorothy Coffin conclude the investigation by reporting on Canfield House. She said that house meetings were lively even though the house as a whole was rather broken up. There is little drinking and the noise is not objectionable. Mathilde Zwilling seems to be getting along all right, although she is rather childish in some respects. She has a few close friends, some of whom she knew before coming here; otherwise she is rather on her own. Arija Muray remains quite cheerful in spite of the fact that she is quite alone. Family difficulties interfere with her work, which is quite good. It was suggested that since she is an excellent fencer, she should help teach the fencing class which is to be organized. The other girls seemed quite well adjusted.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfullt submitted,

Carol Haines  
Secretary

### Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on Tuesday, December 3, 1940. Those present were Lydia Schoepperle, Jean Davison, Mary Berna, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. Truman, Dorothy Coffin and Carol Haines.

#### Applications for leave of absence

Besides the regular notice to the Community, Dorothy Coffin will tell the students at a Community meeting that the deadline for applications is December 10th, after which no applications will be considered. This announcement will also be made in house meetings and a last-minute notice will be in the College Week.

Joan Collier's mother had written Mrs. Garrett asking if Joan could leave December 18 in order to catch a boat to Haiti. Since Joan's work has been very good and the family had planned this trip, permission was granted.

Gargina Hazeltine wished to cut her last American history class in order to attend a wedding, but she planned to return for the rest of her classes. Permission was granted.

Bette Studebaker wanted traveling time. She would have missed a Friday morning class with Mr. Newcomb, but the Committee suggested that she attend the Thursday meeting of the same course. Permission was then granted.

Barbara Ridder's coming-out party is planned for the 20th, and she wishes to leave the day before in order to prepare. Since she has known this date for some time, and since she can reach New York in ample time after her last class, permission was refused.

Several girls returned late after the Thanksgiving holiday. Suzanne Heller, who had been granted permission to return November 27th in order to have her teeth out, asked for an extension of time to December 2nd. Marilene Luntz had to leave for Chicago because of her mother's illness and was gone until December 1st. Mr. Leigh granted Ann Cobb permission to return to college November 28th, since she had a chance to attend the Women's Congress as a delegate. Antoinette Larrabee wired for permission to return November 28. Miss Hill accepted her reason and gave her permission.

#### Men in living rooms late at night

Several students have been reported lately as having escorts in the living room for more than "a reasonable length of time". Their house chairmen will speak to them.

#### Identification stickers for college cars

Mary Berna had designed several stickers, one of which was accepted and will be printed and issued immediately.



Barbra Miller - Mary Jane Wiman

Mrs. Garrett read a note from the Health Service which stated that Barbra had found her house (Bingham) too noisy and had applied for admittance to the infirmary, backed by Margaret Stein. Carol Haines, her house chairman, had heard of the incident and said that apparently the house was noisy downstairs and that the sound carried. Repeated mention in house meetings did not help and the girls who were bothered did not seem to do anything themselves to stop the noise, which has somewhat abated recently. Mary Jane Wiman was mentioned as the probable source of disturbance, since she talks quite continuously and sometimes explosively. More evidence was mentioned of her immaturity and lack of organization, which Mrs. Garrett noted. Mary Jane was discussed earlier in the year (see minutes of September 24, 1940).

Switchboard procedure for signing-in

There seems to be some confusion concerning the procedure when students fail to sign in at the time they stated they would return. After a consultation with Miss Godsill, the Committee will draw up a definite outline which will be presented to the Community.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Haines  
Secretary

Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on Tuesday, December 10th, 1940.

Those present were Florence Booker, Joan Strong, Mary Berna, Mrs.

Garrett, Mr. Chapman and Dorothy Toffin and Carol Haines.

Applications for leave of absence

Lila Larsen was granted permission to leave December 12 in order to leave at the same time that her hostess is leaving. She will attend a dance class on Thursday to make up for the one she is missing on Friday.

Gale Mickson wished to leave on Thursday, December 13, for traveling time. She was granted permission.

Ruth Davis was granted permission to leave December 19th in order to find a place to live in New York.

Eloise Novels had a doctor's appointment in New York which necessitated her leaving on Thursday. Permission was granted.

Cynthia Dunn was granted permission to leave in order to be home in time for her own coming-out party.

Allison Forbes and Florence Booker were granted permission to return to college March 3, 1941 because of Winter Period jobs. Florence was also granted permission to leave college December 19 because this would save her considerable transportation expense.

Patricia Hiller has reading to do in New York before going west. She was granted permission to leave college December 17th.

Joan Hyatt wished to return home before her family left, so she was granted permission to leave December 14th.

Barbara Ridder's mother wrote Mrs. Garrett asking that Barbara be granted permission to leave college early. The Committee recognizes Mrs. Ridder's request, so that Barbara is free to leave, but at the same time the Committee's decision still stands, and Barbara leaves without our permission.

Identification stickers for college cars

The final design for the sticker was shown. Mary Berna said the printer would use his own block and print a quantity of stickers which will be ready for distribution the beginning of next term.

Room changes

Several possibilities of room changes were mentioned, although the number is being kept at the minimum because of the expenses involved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Haines  
Secretary, the Central Committee