

GALLEY

This is a plea for the faculty not to pass the proposed three course norm. Although more flexibility for students who wish to take only three courses (for example, those in the Art Division) is a good idea; a three course norm certainly is not. It seriously limits the educational possibilities at Bennington. We are supposed to make our own decisions about our education here, but a three course curriculum is imposing a particular educational theory on everyone. There are many of us who want a broad education and who wish to explore several fields; we know that our time at college is probably our only chance to do so. The proposed change would make this impossible for us. The choice in courses at Bennington is too limited already. Nor do I understand Mr. Bloustein's argument that we can obtain the knowledge that we would get in a fourth course by ourselves. I do not see how a student sitting in her room with a book can learn as much as she would in a science lab, a dance studio, a literature discussion, an acting class, a music lesson, or a drawing class. We need our teacher's help and critical evaluation. That is what we are here for.

If you agree with me, please sign the copy of this galley hanging by switchboard. If I get a significant number of signatures, I will give them to a faculty member to present to the faculty. Please sign, let's see if we really do have influence.

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