

GALLEY  
COMMUNITY WORK

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After living in the community of Bennington for two months and being involved in some of the problems in town, we have realized that there are numerous possibilities for Bennington students to become involved in the community.

High school teachers would like some of their students to receive more special attention than time allows them to give. Some teachers have special projects with which they would like extra assistance. Some projects which have been suggested by the English Department are:

- making literature relevant to C students
- tutoring slow students
- helping students in independent study
- music in conjunction with modern poetry
- helping students select novels
- helping a small group make a movie like Laugh In based on mythology
- discussing mythology, other than Greek and Roman
- individual help in self-expression
- lecture on contemporary poetry
- mythology and folk heroes
- discussion of Old Testament characters
- a program concerning contemporary music

Other teachers have asked for our ideas on special projects.

Also, the Social Studies Department is open to new ideas and extra assistance. Most teachers in other departments would welcome any students who would like to help out.

Previously other Bennington students have worked with the Physical Education Department, mathematics, science, home economics, and art. This past NRT Meg Honeywell taught art at the junior high school where more students could work during the semester. Also, there are possibilities for after-school art classes at the high school.

The principal of Catamount Elementary, the 5th and 6th grade school, has asked if more students from the college could help tutor students. Further information about teaching possibilities will be discussed at the meeting on Tuesday night.

The "Big Sister" program needs more girls to be companions to children in town. A Big Sister visits her child at least once a week and plays with him (her) or takes him out of the home. There will be some planned events such as parties and picnics for all Big Sisters two or three times during the semester. All of these children come from deprived homes, live in crowded conditions and need someone often just to talk to. More details will also be given at the meeting.

Another possibility for helping in the community is working with the Vista Volunteers. Babysitters are needed. Often these jobs are sporadic and on the spur of the moment, and we would like a list of those willing to be on call.

Last semester Betsey Ayer and Sally Reeves began an art class on Saturday afternoon for some children in Beech Court. The program has expanded to about 30 children five years and older and about 30 pre-school children (handled by Pauline Adoue). The art class needs assistance, money for supplies, and transportation. The Vista Volunteers will be at the meeting to present more ideas and would like to hear yours.

We would like all those interested in working in any of these facets of community work to come to the meeting TUESDAY, MARCH 11th at 7:30 in CANFIELD LIVING ROOM. Also, those people who have previously worked in any of these areas are welcome to come and discuss their experiences and further possibilities that they see. Transportation can be arranged for those without cars.

Those who cannot attend, please leave a note in Box 387.

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