

Bennington College  
November 6, 1935

## Minutes of Community Meeting

The Community met in the theatre the evening of Wednesday, November 6, 1935. Jane Hutchins presided.

### Interpre- tation of Standard

The Chairman read a statement clarifying the interpretation of Community Standard II, concerning the question of men in the student houses after midnight. (Copy attached) Discussion was as follows: The question was raised several times as to what might be considered an adequate reason for staying in the living rooms for any length of time after midnight. The Council felt that reasons could not be rigidly defined beforehand as the purpose of the use of a standard rather than a rule in this case was because of its flexibility, and to define cases where the standard might not be observed would change its whole nature. If a girl has an adequate reason and knows beforehand that she intends to stay late, she may go to her house chairman beforehand state her reasons and gain her chairman's opinion on the advisability of remaining late in the living room. The point was made that boys having to wait around for rides home for any length of time, could wait in the student lounge in the Commons.

### Meetings on pro- blems re- lating to Community Life

Mr. Leigh announced that there would be one or more evening meetings in December to discuss problems relating to Community Life. Any suggestions for topics for discussion should be placed in the ballot box in the store. A similar meeting pertaining to problems particularly related to the freshman class will be held. Suggestions for this meeting should be marked "Freshman meeting" and also placed in the ballot box.

### Exhibition by Literary Board

Helen Webster announced that the Literary Board has placed in the library and the store an exhibit of work of members of the Community published since 1932. As most of the publications are privately owned single copies, difficult to replace, the Community was asked to be careful in handling them, and not to remove them.

### Fire Rules

Mr. Jones asked the Community to be very careful to keep all smoking in the Commons on the first and second floors, as the third floor is open construction in many places and a fire could be very easily started; also the insurance regulations state that there shall be no smoking on the third floor.

Respectfully Submitted

Constance Anderson, Secretary