

Bennington College
Commencement, 1936

Seating

Sections were roped off for the following:

Seniors
Faculty (heads of divisions in front row)
Trustees
Trustee husbands and wives
Office Staff, Assistants and other members of the community, such
as husbands and wives of faculty.
Undergraduates

Those who wished to come to the Commencement exercises but had not been included in the invitation lists were told that there would be standing room, and as the ceremony was short this would not be a hardship. If there were extra seats, they would of course be given to them. It proved that there were enough seats for everyone who came. There were probably about 625 people present. 600 seats had been put up originally and more were added as they were needed. This meant that about 55 people, probably from town, came in addition to those who were specifically invited.

A small section near the library door was saved for people from town who should be given a good seat if they came. Miss Catharine Jones, Miss Vaughan, and Mrs. Leigh managed the seating in this section.

A special arrangement was made for Miss Stokes to have her chair wheeled into the Barn where she could see the ceremony. She occupied Miss Lawrence's office. Two other women who were lame had chairs in Miss Vaughan's office.

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