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STUDENT HOUSING PICTURE FOR SEPTEMBER 1969

The College is in the process of expanding its enrollment, in the process of going coeducational, and has already moved to allow a limited number of students to live off-campus each year. These three factors - in addition to the uncertainty of some students about their future plans - create a complex situation in terms of choosing living arrangements for September. The following guidelines are intended to clarify the situation as much as possible.

GENERAL

1. The choosing of living arrangements for September will start immediately, with room choosing to take place in the Houses next week according to a system of priorities set up by Exec, to be explained in writing very shortly.
2. Students are not eligible to choose among the options below until the advance deposit of \$150 on next year's fees has been paid - unless the situation has been discussed in advance with Mrs. Tate.
3. Those students (excluding seniors) who know they will not be here in September should write to Dean Scott as soon as possible if they have not already done so - either in the form of a letter of withdrawal or a request for a leave of absence.

SPECIFIC

I. On-campus housing (15 student houses)

- A. All doubles used as doubles last September will be needed for new students.
- B. Apartments (in Booth, Canfield, Dewey, Kilpatrick, and Stokes West) will house 2 students each, and will be available to returning students (not new students) according to priorities established by Exec. The College is making Bingham and Franklin apartments available to students, each to house 5 students in two doubles and one single. (The apartments will not be equipped for cooking.) Students may opt for these apartments under the priority system during the regular room-choosing period.
- C. Most current students will be choosing for available singles in each house (or for off-campus options). Six houses designated by Exec (Booth and Leigh, Fels and Noyes, Stokes and Woolley) will each reserve a suite for male students. Exec has urged that male students now in Jennings be allowed to opt for rooms in student houses, or for off-campus housing with the idea that new male students who do not wish to live in a student house may want to live in Jennings.

D. Jennings

Jennings will eventually be used for instructional space, with no student housing available in it. But next year its two doubles and four singles will be available for housing male students who wish to live there, rather than in a student house, on a full fee basis.



## II. Off-campus College-owned Housing

### A. Ludlow Complex

Ludlow houses three units of 5 students each, and will continue to do so. Each unit is equipped with a full kitchen, and students living there will pay for tuition, room, lunch, and health service fees. The College will furnish Ludlow, will provide maid service three times a week, and will expect regulations regarding the physical plant to apply to the three units.

Each unit of 5 has a double and three singles. Only one of the units will be entirely vacated in June. Any group of 5 students wishing to move to Ludlow should notify the head of Exec and the Student Personnel Office immediately; likewise any set of 2 students wishing to move into the two doubles available for next year.

### B. "Welling Town House"

The College has purchased a spacious house in North Bennington, which it proposes for student use. Located on four acres of land just north of the Post Office, it will be remodeled into six separate units tentatively planned for a total of 14 to 16 students. Each unit will have its own kitchenette and bathroom.

The Student Art and Architecture Committee has been asked to look at the house with the architect (Timothy Smith) next week, to make suggestions on the shaping of the units, several of which must accommodate a minimum of three students each, the others two students each. Students who wish to join the Art and Architecture Committee in looking at the house should contact Diana Elzey or Ruth Ann Beeby immediately.

The charges for living in this house will be identical to those for Ludlow - tuition, room, lunch, health service fees - and each student will be billed on an individual basis, as at present.

Any group of 4, 3 or 2 students wishing to move to Welling Town House should notify the Student Personnel Office as soon as possible, by filling out a form available in Barn 28.

## III. Independent Off-campus Living

Some 60 students have indicated an interest in living off campus on their own next year. Exec has suggested and the Administration agrees that we should aim at a total of not more than 10% of the enrollment living off campus in any given year. A limit of 55 has accordingly been set for this coming year. Given the fact that 20 returning students will continue to live off campus, it will be possible for 35 students currently living in student houses to opt for off-campus living, the proportion from each class to be decided and published by Exec on Monday.

Fill out the attached form if you want to live off campus next year, returning it immediately to the Student Personnel Office. Drawing for permission to live off campus will be arranged early next week if indeed the demand exceeds the 10% total limit, or the limit per class.

Students living off campus independently will be charged tuition, lunch, and health service fees. The College will insist that the following conditions be met:

1. Parental permission, in writing, to the Director of Student Personnel.
2. Living arrangements made within a reasonable reaching distance of the the College, in order that students living off-campus can readily meet their academic commitments on a full-time basis.
3. Access to a phone (numbers to be listed with Switchboard in the fall) in case of emergency. (Off-campus students are expected to notify the Health Service by phone if they are sick.)

As soon as possible the College will hire an off-campus student to serve as a source of information and a clearing-house about the problems and possibilities for off-campus living, including initiatives to locate additional off-campus housing for students if necessary.

#### TIMING

It is hoped that those students who will be living off-campus or in Ludlow or Welling Town House will be known in name and number by next Wednesday the 21st at the latest so that room-choosing on campus can proceed. Students left in uncertainty about any of the off-campus options available to them can join in room-choosing with the understanding that they must decide one way or the other by June 2nd. Until the 2nd, it may appear that there is a shortage of rooms on campus. Any student whose housing is not settled by June 2nd should see Mrs. Miller in Barn 28. Waiting lists for on-campus and off-campus options will be kept by the Student Personnel Office as necessary.

Student Personnel Office  
Bennington College  
15 May 1969



THIS FORM DOES NOT APPLY TO LUDLOW OR WELLING TOWN HOUSE

APPLICATION  
FOR  
INDEPENDENT OFF-CAMPUS LIVING FOR 1969-70

Name \_\_\_\_\_ House \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Present term at Bennington \_\_\_\_\_ Term(s) elsewhere, if transfer \_\_\_\_\_

Check as applicable:

\_\_\_\_\_ I definitely want to live off campus.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have definite living arrangements in mind.  
Please indicate location.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have yet to make arrangements for  
off-campus living and need more information  
about the possibilities.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to live alone off campus.

\_\_\_\_\_ I hope to live off campus with other students.  
Please indicate which other students by name.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have discussed my intentions with my parents.

PLEASE RETURN TO STUDENT PERSONNEL OFFICE BY MAY 19<sup>th</sup> AT THE LATEST. DRAWING  
TO BE ARRANGED IF NECESSARY.