

Bennington College
April 15, 1943

A meeting of the College Council was held in the North Dining Room on Tuesday, April 13, at 1:00 p.m. The following members were present; Miss Peplau Eleanor Metcalf, chairman, Mrs. Garrett, Miss Grimwood, Marjorie Handwerk, Phyllis Carton, Virginia Leigh. Also Mr. Jones, Mr. Lydenberg, Rebecca Stickney; absent: Geraldine Babcock, Edith Stevens.

Library

Mrs. Leslie reported that quite a few student had taken Library books home with them over the Winter Period. She thought that a fine of a dollar or two should be levied on those student who did not bring books back before they left College. The Council debated as to the amount of the fine and proposed that it should equal the cost of the book. Some people thought, however, that if a fine equal to the price of the book was charged, the students might keep the books. The house staff has had to go through the houses looking for Library books after College is closed, and has spent a lot of time doing this. The Council finally decided that it would be up to the House Council to exert pressure on the students to get books back to the Library.

Day Room Contributions

Lt. Ted Glass, special officer at Camp Shanks, wrote the College asking for furniture and games for the day rooms at the camp. The Council thought that the shipping problem would be too great and that the type of furniture that might be sent would be unsuitable for an army camp. It was suggested that money be contributed, and the total be sent to Ted so that he could buy something that would be appropriate and needed. Marjorie Handwerk will write to him to find out more specifically what he wants in the way of contributions.

Victory Book Campaign

Marjorie Handwerk read a letter asking the College community to contribute books to the Victory Book Campaign. Text-books on physics, chemistry, history, psychology, economics, etc., written after 1935 would be appreciated. Also the latest fiction, biography and humor.

The Council thought that the students might be approached at the next house meetings for contributions.

Work Camps

Eleanor Metcalf read a letter from the Friends Service Committee. A representative wishes to come up to the College April 21st to talk to students who might be interested in working at the camps. Some of the camps are now all year projects. Mr. Jones thought it would be very worth-while for the representative to come to the College in spite of the long summer term, for some students might be interested in working at one of the camps during the Winter Period.

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Bard College Pan-American Conference

The three delegates who are to represent the College at the Pan-American Conference at Bard College are Phyllis Carton, Mathilde Zwilling, and Elizabeth Herriott. Other students who wish to go to the conference may do so, but not as official delegates of the College. The conference is to be held April 16th, 17th, and 18th.

Farm

The farm labor squads will be made up after the students have made out their programs. A squad leader will be picked from each group by Mr. Woodworth, Mr. Lydenberg, Rebecca Stickney, and Eleanor Metcalf, or the chairman of the Student Educational Policies Committee. The Health Committee, the House Council, Mr. Lydenberg, as director of farm labor, and counselors and tutors will cooperate in seeing that each student does her full amount of work unless she is excused for a definite reason.

Student Treasurer

Elizabeth Herriott, the present Student Treasurer, gave the Council the names of those students she thought might be interested in being the Student Treasurer. The names had been approved by Miss Jones:

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| 1. Audrey Stern | 3. Audrey Carol Stern |
| 2. Margaret Larson | 4. Rachel Barker |

Rhoda Goodman and Annie Morecroft's names were also on the list, but Rhoda was elected to the Community Chest Committee, and Annie is on the Silo board.

The Council approved of Audrey Stern as Student Treasurer, with Margaret Larson as alternative in case Audrey did not feel she was able to accept the position.

Community Chest Committee

The Community Chest Committee gave to the Council their recommendations for the new Community Chest Committee. The names of the nominees were:

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| 1. Sonya Chassell | 5. Joan Korimer |
| 2. Rhoda Goodman | 6. Mary St. John |
| 3. Idolene Hegemann | 7. Lydia Stokes |
| 4. Amory Potter | 8. Emilie Worthen |

The new Community Chest Committee elected by the College Council is:

Emilie Worthen
Rhoda Goodman

In case one of these girls cannot, for some reason, accept the office, Joan Korimer was elected to be alternative.

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The Community Chest Committee asked authorization from the College Council to donate \$300 from their reserve funds to the National Red Cross. The Council granted this request.

The policy of the Community Chest Committee was changed on October 20th, to that of placing the responsibility for conducting war charities drives into the hands of individuals. Prior to this change of policy, drives for war charities were the responsibility of the Community Chest Committee.

Due to a slackening of individual interest and initiative in conducting war charities drives, the Community Chest Committee and the College Council felt that the College community might not meet their full obligations in donating to national war charities, and that the original policy should be re-instated: i.e., the Community Chest Committee should be responsible for a general war charities drive, while individuals might continue to sponsor drives for such war charities as they were particularly interested in, having first cleared these activities through the Community Chest Committee.

A suggestion was made that the Community Chest Committee sponsor three drives a year instead of two. One would be for war charities, one for local and national charities, and the third for College obligations such as the Foreign Student Fund and the Employees' Christmas Fund. The Council thought the plan an excellent one, particularly since it would be facilitated by the new academic calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Sigourney,
Secretary