

Bennington College  
May 13, 1942

A meeting of the College Council was held on Tuesday, May 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the Committee Dining Room.

Present: Eloise Bishop, Janet Frey, Jeanne Gaudy, Mrs. Garrett, Marjorie Handwerk, Lila Larsen, Marilyn Luntz, Eleanor Metcalf, Hildegard Peplau, Miss Shelly, Mr. Tschorn.

Absent: Mr. Luening

#### Health Service

Janet Frey reported that the Seniors are meeting with Dr. Hager for the discussion of practical problems concerning medical care with which they may be confronted after college.

#### Recreation Council

Miss Hill has suggested a square dance on the lawn in front of the Commons after dinner some day next week. The square dance records will be used, and Miss Hill will call the dances. It will be announced at lunch the day it will occur.

The Parents Weekend which has been suggested will not take place, because of the gas rationing.

The status of the tennis pro was questioned: The Recreation Council asked if it may request him to do other things beside teach tennis. It was suggested that Lila Larsen ask Mr. Jones about this, as Mr. Jones made the present arrangements with him.

A Year-End Party similar to the one held last year has been suggested. A variety of programs rather than skits were suggested for such an evening: a square dance, another Faculty-Student baseball game or the last Drama Workshop. The Recreation Council will find out what dates are free and make further arrangements.

#### Bennington Community Council

Miss Shelly reported that the village of Bennington has formed a Community Council for the purpose of coordinating all agencies interested in community service. The College Council approved the suggestion of Elizabeth Herriott, Secretary of the Community Chest Committee, as a student delegate to this organization.

#### Report of Fire Chief

Marilynn Luntz reported that three heavy equipment drills have been held this term and twenty-four house fire drills (two fire drills in each house).

She requested that all fires, no matter how small be reported to the Fire Chief.

#### Reorganization of Fire Protection Procedures

Marilynn Luntz suggested that the existing Fire Protection Procedures which place the entire responsibility of the heavy equipment and all fire drills upon the Fire Chief be changed as follows: The Fire Chief will appoint two sub-chiefs, one in charge of the East Side houses and another in charge of the West Side houses. This will allow

the Fire Chief to give more attention to the heavy equipment. The East and West Chiefs will notify the Fire Chief of the time of all drills and report on them afterward. The East and West Chiefs will not be House Secretaries, who have charge of fire protection within their houses. This plan was approved by the College Council, and Marilyn Luntz was instructed to work out the plan in detail, appoint the East and West Chiefs and post their names on the bulletin board.

#### Dog Rule

The result of the vote concerning the present and proposed rule concerning dogs was presented. The College Council decided that the plurality was insufficient to change the present rule and agreed on the following plan for the rest of the term:

1. Dogs now on campus may remain for the rest of the term under the terms of the proposed rule.
2. The College Council will act as Dog Registrar in that it will receive complaints and, if necessary, will request the removal of an animal from the campus.
3. No animals will be brought to Bennington College in September.

#### Picnic Lunches

Students will be requested not to ask for picnic lunches during the week unless for purposes related to study, i.e. classes at Fairview before and after lunch, etc. Mrs. Garrett will speak with Miss Foresman about reducing the quantity of food in the lunches.

Respectfully submitted

Antoinette Johnson, Secretary