

GALLEY

We are submitting this galley to the Bennington community so that all may become aware of the Bennington-Williams Committee. Certain members of both the Bennington and Williams communities have felt for some time that the intellectual exchanges between Bennington and Williams could be greatly improved. Earlier this term a galley on the community meeting again raised the point of more intellectual exchange between Williams and Bennington. It is generally felt that an opportunity for discussion with interesting and intelligent men would be enriching for all. What has been lacking is an affective group to promote in concrete ways such an interchange. With the help of both communities the Bennington-Williams Committee plans to work toward that aim.

Rebecca Cook made the initial efforts toward the formation of a Bennington group. The Bennington group then sent a letter to the Williams student body suggesting the idea of a mutual committee. That letter was subsequently published in the "Williams Record". The editorial accompanying called the idea "long-awaited and long over-due." A Williams half of the committee has now been formed. Bob Snyder is chairman of that group.

Last week a joint meeting was held. It was agreed that the Williams Calendar should be posted on bulletin boards in the individual Bennington houses and that the College Week should be sent to Williams houses. Arrangements for this exchange have now been made. The committee also agreed to sponsor a workshop for students to read from their own work. We are at present trying to find a convenient date for that workshop.

The committee hopes to sponsor workshop discussions of a book for next fall. This workshop would be arranged in cooperation with orientation committees of the two schools, with the aim of helping the two freshman classes meet each other in a more constructive atmosphere than is usual now. We also intend to set up a more feasible bus schedule than the one which existed during 1965-66. With more publicity and more cooperation the bus could become a genuine asset for both communities.

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Since scheduling of other events for the remainder of spring term presents difficulties, the committee is concentrating on setting up workshops for next year. Suggested topics have included African affairs, Buddhism, Latin America, revolutions, Existentialism, folk music, as well as creative writing and music workshops. It is hoped that there will be faculty cooperation for some of these workshops.

The editorial in the "Williams Record" aptly expresses the possibilities of Bennington Williams cooperation: "What such a cooperation committee might do to bring both colleges closer together—and thus, to enrich the cultural and intellectual environment of each—is almost boundless."

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE BENNINGTON HALF OF THE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 2 AT 7:15 IN SWAN LIVING ROOM. PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR SUGGESTIONS.