

Report to the College Community

from

The Special Committee for the Recreation Building

The special committee for the Recreation Building wishes to propose to the community, the following plans. Suggestions and criticisms based on actual use of the building are requested. These may be given at any time, preferably in written form, to house chairmen or to any member of the undersigned committee. A formal consideration of these proposals will be scheduled after a trial period of ten days or two weeks, at which time necessary revisions will be undertaken.

Certain regulations necessary to the protection of the building and not open to debate have been adopted. To date, these are;

Smoking regulations

Smoking is permitted throughout the building except in the loft where it is strictly forbidden. The fire hazard in the loft is such that a fire starting here and catching the straw which is still between the floor boards would be certain to destroy the building.

Use of games room floor

Ski shoes and hobnails are prohibited on this floor. Players are requested to wear tennis shoes when playing games. Street shoes are permitted for dancing.

The following plans and policies, to prevail from the opening of the building through the initial trial period of ten days or two weeks, have been adopted by the committee and are presented to the community for approval or revision;

Regular hours of use

Mondays through Thursdays, and Sundays	9 A.M. - 10:30 P.M.
Fridays and Saturdays	9 A.M. - 1 A.M.

Extension of the closing hours to be scheduled as needed for special events such as dances.

Supervision

A plan is being worked out whereby the supervision of the building and the staffing of the Branch Store will be combined.

Branch Store hours

Under the above plan, the Branch Store will be open at all hours when the building is regularly supervised. These hours will be posted.

Furnishings

The building is not yet furnished. Temporary arrangements for the opening week-end are being made. A plan for furnishings and designs will shortly be submitted to the community.

Athletic equipment

The building is being equipped for badminton, deck tennis, pocket billiards, table tennis. Suggestions for other activities adaptable to the building should be made to the Recreation Council. The equipment is community property. Players provide their own badminton birds and table tennis balls. These may be purchased in the Branch Store.

Use of liquor

The College will not undertake to sell or otherwise supply liquor in the Recreation Building. The Committee proposes that the policy governing the use of liquor in the dining rooms, Student Lounge, and Theatre shall apply to the Recreation Building, that is: planned social events under the auspices of a College group such as the Recreation Council or a Division may include the serving of light wines or beer.

Reservations

The Committee believes that no final policy should at present be made concerning reservations for exclusive use of space in the building. It does believe that reservations by individuals or private groups should not be considered. Therefore, for a trial period, the Committee will consider each request on its merits and will make reservations for single occasions only.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Shelly - Chairman

Edwin A. Park - Faculty member, Recreation Council

Gladys Steven - Director of the Cooperative Store

Minette Hunsiker - Retiring Chairman, Recreation Council

Gertrude Streeter - Chairman, Recreation Council

Mary Berna - Chairman, Community Council

Mrs. Robert D. Leigh - Chairman, Social Committee,
representing the President's office

Martha Lavack - Secretary to the Committee

In making these proposals, the Committee has had the assistance of President Leigh, Mr. Tschorn, Mrs. Michaels, and Katrina Voorhees representing the Store Board.

TO MEMBERS OF THE BENNINGTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY:

Each year the Community Chest has a Fall and a Spring Drive. This week we are starting our Spring campaign. The money from these provides for Bennington and Vermont State charities which the Chest feels would profit the most from our contributions.

This spring we have planned our budget for five hundred dollars (\$500), distributed as follows:

American Red Cross	
Bennington County, Vermont, Chapter	\$150.00
W.P.A. Bennington Nursery School	\$150.00
Vermont Association for the Crippled	\$ 75.00
Kurn Hattin Homes	\$ 75.00
Bennington Maternal Welfare	\$ 50.00

The Bennington chapter of the Red Cross deals directly with the county, providing for it a public health nurse, dental care, glasses, and vaccines.

The W.P.A. Nursery School is partially supported by the government, but has had drastic cuts in the food budget during the last year. It provides hot lunches for the children which they would not get otherwise.

The Vermont Association for the Crippled is a state-wide organization which is preventing and treating such diseases as infantile paralysis, and other crippling illnesses, and attempting to cure deformities. They also teach the patients to earn money by various handicrafts.

The Kurn Hattin Homes, in Brattleboro, take care of homeless children, teaching and training them as future citizens. A new dormitory was added to the girls' department last year, but due to lack of funds, the organization has not been able to take care of the full number of girls which the house is able to hold.

The Bennington Maternal Welfare organization is the only clinic of its kind in the state. It provides contraceptives and medical care for those women who wish them. The hospital in Bennington provides them with anything they may need, and charges only fifty cents (\$.50), to those who can afford it.

We have based our calculations on the average contribution of a dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) from every person in the Community. Any surplus up to one hundred dollars (\$100) will be placed in the reserve fund, which is, at present, seventy-two dollars (\$72). Each spring there is the possibility of a flood, and we want to be prepared for any such emergency that may arise. Any amount above one hundred dollars (\$100), will be added to the above allotments as the Committee sees fit.

Respectfully submitted,

The Community Chest Committee

Suzanne Sigourney, Chairman

Susan Hedge, Secretary

Charlotte Watson, Student Treasurer