

THE SILO

Minutes of April 7, 1941

The board of the Silo met on April 7th. Those members present were: Joan Strong, Lucile Bloch, Nancy Hirose, Joan Bayne, Marjorie Hill, Carol Goldschmidt, Anne Peattie, and Yvonne Roy.

Those members absent were : Frances Berna.

Past Issue: The magazine was discussed, with special reference to the effect of the first issue on the Community.

Criticism : It was generally agreed that most criticism of the Silo is in reference to the fact that the magazine contains largely the work of Literature majors. The question of enlarging the magazine's field was not discussed in detail, though the limitation was recognized, and a need for change recommended.

In reference to specific material, there has been criticism of the lack of photographs. Due to the decreased budget, however, the board feels that the inclusion of more photographs will be impossible.

Policy in Relation to Faculty: The question of faculty-student influence in regard to the Silo was brought up by the editor. Old members of the board mentioned past confusion in relation to last minute faculty suggestions or vetoes-choice of material, layout, et cetera. It was agreed in this meeting that as the Silo is a student enterprise, the student board should have

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precedence in all decisions.

In relation to the faculty advisors of the Silo, the board agreed that it has been most practical to narrow down to two Literature faculty. They are, at present:

Mr. Bradford Smith
Mr Belitt

When the board has had more experience, it may be possible to continue with only one advisor.

Publicity The board feels that there is a definite need to make the Community more conscious of the Silo, of its relation to the college, and, most important, its need for material.

The Recreation Council is presenting a square dance sometime in the Spring. It was suggested that the Silo share in sponsoring the dance. The individual board members would contribute whatever is necessary. The idea was tentatively accepted.

Magazine (Layout):

The board discussed possible changes in the magazine's cover, paper, spacing, et cetera, in relation to the reduced budget. It was decided that there might be changes in spacing and printing this year, but that more decisive changes should be postponed.

International Student Service :

The editor read a letter which she had received from the International Student Service, a new organization, the main purpose of which is the co-ordination of student thought

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in America. The magazine which the service is publishing is to contain student material of many kinds, representative of all parts of the country. The International Student Service has asked Bennington not only to exchange magazines, but to contribute material to their publication. Such an exchange has not been the policy of the college, but the editor feels that this new organization is peculiarly important, particularly at this time. The board agrees, and the editor has accepted the Service's offer. (The letters are on file.)

General

The members of the board are to collect material before the deadline, which will be sometime during the first week in May.

The meeting was adjourned.

Yvonne Roy

Secretary.