

G A L L E Y

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Granted that the weekend, for most people, is for relaxation, to obscure thoughts of pi formulai and defense mechanisms, and to wear the roommate's bulky sweater.

The college seems, in fact, to discourage any type of scholastic endeavor during this period. It seems to me that one who wishes to become pie-eyed over books should have as much opportunity to do so over the weekend as one who achieves the same end over a bottle. If only two people manage to endure the mortuary atmosphere of a library on Saturday and Sunday evenings, every light in that building should be glaring just for them. This institution is supposedly intended for higher education, and students here should be able to balance their own lives--there is no need to have access to all activity but entertainment barred to them.

More likely a reason for the short weekend library hours than the college's solicitude over scholarly assiduity is the lack of funds. No exigency in this respect, however, seems evident in certain other expenditures.

Must there be two and three librarians in addition to a student assistant on certain afternoons? Certainly less librarians, more often, and additional student assistants would be more profitable, and probably not much more expensive. There is, after all, a card file.

A new library may impress visitors, but cannot solve the problem. A crowded, open library seems more desirable than a spacious book exhibition where we can peep at inaccessible reading matter through locked windows.

There cannot be many greater ignominies than that of a college which denies access to the library during such times as Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon and evening.

. . . . Is it situations like this that brought down our satellites?

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The significance of the last community meeting does not lie in the matter of whether or not the amendment was adopted, but the manner in which the ultimate decision was made. It is a sad comment upon the entire Bennington Community, who was very actively involved (either pro or con) in the proposed issue, that the whole dissension culminated in the accepted 'relief' from responsibility that a definitive figure offered. Yes, we should have remained muddled until three o'clock in the morning valuing the privileges that the principles that our Community Government necessitate. The apathetic note upon which the meeting was terminated was a total negation of these very principles. Perhaps the dissension and not the decision was the amendment's most affirmative aspect.

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