

Bennington College  
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Annual Report of the Community Chest Committee 1935-1936

The activities of the Community Chest Committee for the year have been those of receiving and evaluating all appeals made to the college community for money, managing the Employees' Christmas Fund, drawing up a budget to cover the appeals and supervising the raising and disbursement of funds accordingly.

Specifically this has meant: considering appeals from the local Red Cross, The Vermont Children's Aid Society and the Pownal Civic League; constructing a budget with provisions for contributions to the local Red Cross (\$250.00), the Children's Aid Society (\$150.00), the Employee's Christmas Fund (\$264.00), and for a reserve fund of \$75.00; collecting the Chest Fund which totaled \$784.25, (exceeding the goal of \$743.00) and paying the original budget provisions plus a contribution to the flood relief work in Vermont, (\$40.00).

The Chest ends the year with a balance of \$80.25 which is on deposit in account for the Bennington College Community Chest at the County National Bank in Bennington. The balance will automatically become a part of the 1936-37 Community Chest Fund at the beginning of the next college year.

Recommendations for the coming year:

The Committee recommends that, in order to make possible hereafter the collection of Chest funds earlier in the college year, the amendment to the organization of the Bennington College Community, (Article G, subdivision 2c) which now reads, as one of the functions of the Committee, "to draw up in November a budget to cover the appeals..." be changed to read, "to draw up a budget in the early part of the first semester..."

To the incoming Committee:

The Committee recommends to the incoming Committee that before beginning the consideration of appeals, the latter reconsider the question: Shall the college as an institution raise a fund to be disbursed for charity, which fund would then be distributed according to the subsequent appeals, or shall it continue to raise funds to meet the specific appeals of the surrounding communities as they are made known to it? Also that the new Committee redefine or re-adopt the policy of limiting Chest assistance to local or state organizations.

Respectfully Submitted  
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