

Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont
November 23, 1942

Minutes of the Central Committee

A meeting of the Central Committee was held on Monday, November 23, 1942. Those present were Mrs. Garrett, Miss Sigourney, Phyllis Carton, and Jeanne Gandy.

Student Responsibility for Guests

The question of the degree of responsibility of a student for a guest and his friends arose again in reference to a situation which occurred on Tuesday, November 17. The night watchman's report for November 19th stated that the following girls came in at 4:15 and their guests behaved badly while leaving the campus: Constance Clark-Darby, Noel Gleason, Eleanor White, Kelita Boas, and Nancy Hyland. It seems that the boys had a great deal to drink while at the Merry-go-round and were difficult to manage and did not wish to come home when the girls asked them to bring them home. They called a taxi but it was too late to get one. Finally when they persuaded the driver of the car, Michael Costa of Dartmouth, to bring them home he was angry and drove badly. He is the man who came down to see Theo Strong and, with two other Dartmouth students, entered Mrs. Michael's apartment. Since the situation seemed to deal with the irresponsibility of one boy in particular we decided that Mrs. Garrett would write him personally and ask him to drop in and see her the next time he is at Bennington. We also decided to ask the Merry-go-round to try to serve liquor only as long as they are licensed to do so and to help us in controlling this situation. The experience was an unpleasant one for all involved and will undoubtedly help them in discriminating about such things in the future.

Early Leave Was granted to the following:

Nancy Hyland so that she might have appointments with her oculist and replace the glasses which she needs so badly.

Priscilla Baker so that she might be a bridesmaid in Anne Benjamins wedding.

Sonya Chassell so she might make train connections to Rochester for Thanksgiving day.

Margaret Stewart so she may have reservations on the train to California at Christmas time

Late Returns

Barbara Stark for an indefinite date in case she has to see her brother before he leaves for the Air Force. She will wire if it is neccessaryy

Emily Dimock so that she may hunt for a winter period job in Albany. It will enable her to get it done without taking further time away from her work here.

Respectfully submitted,

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