

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The second meeting of the Community Council for the Fall Term, 1955 was held on October 31 at 7:45 P.M. in Barn #1.

### Attendance

44 people were present. The following members were absent: Berliant, Bleyberg, Burnap, Carbone, Case, Cuyler, Davison, Einstein, Fergusson, Gitlin, Hastings, Holt, Miss Hopkins, B. Israel, Kelly, Mr. McGuire, Mendelsohn, Mintz, Phillips, Mr. Pike, *Miss Schlabbach, Segal, Selwyn, Mr. Shapiro, Mr. H.P. Smith, Stern, Talentine, Wells, Mr. Welter, Mr. Wilcox.*

### Monthly Committee Reports

#### Treasurer's Report

The amount expected to be collected for the Student Fund was \$1,570. So far, \$1,365.63 has been collected, leaving a deficit of \$204.37. The percentage of the whole that each committee was to receive is:

4.45% to N. S. A. (\$70.00)  
44.59% to Rec. Council (\$700.00)  
50.96% to Community Chest (\$800.00)

Since the entire amount has not been collected, National Student Association will receive in ratio to its original grant, \$60.77, a deficit of \$9.73. The Recreational Policies Committee will receive \$608.94, a deficit of \$92.06. The Community Chest will receive \$695.92, a deficit of \$104.08. Two hundred eighty-eight students have paid; forty-two have not.

There is still money coming in, although there are still quite a few students who do not plan to pay. There is no way of compelling payment; the college will not enforce it. It was suggested that outside pressure be given to the non-payers, such as persuasion from house chairmen, friends, etc.

#### Judicial Committee

The East Side parking space was overcrowded this term. The parking lot is restricted to faculty and student registered cars. A sign stating the above was posted there; however, if crowding occurs again, students are asked to park by the library or West Side.

Several clarifications in the Standards and Rules were made by Judicial. In paragraph #8 of the rules states now that the number of male guests is limited to two for each student to be signed in after 11 P.M. In paragraph #6 it now says that Shingle and Jennings lodgings may not have women in their rooms after 6:30 P.M. and before 10:30 A.M. on Monday through Saturday, and after 6:30 P. M. and before 11:00 A.M. on Sundays. In paragraph #7 the hours when men must vacate the campus pertain to all buildings except the Carraige Barn, which is open to students and their guests until 3:00 A.M. all week long.

Pam Cook: Boys were asked to leave the barn by the watchmen at 11 P.M. while studying with their dates. Are they allowed there until one?

Judy Piper: Definitely yes, according to the Standards and Rules. The night watchman will be notified.

#### Recreational Policies Committee

Rec. Council is making plans for our Fall Dance Weekend,

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scheduled for November 18, 19 and 20. A square dance will be held on Friday night; the Spring Street Stompers will play at a jazz concert Saturday afternoon and Saturday night a semi-formal dance will be held, with music supplied by Bob Matthews and his orchestra. A cook-it-yourself breakfast for girls and their dates will follow.

Rec. Council sponsored a Halloween party October 31. The dining rooms were decorated and a house pumpkin contest was conducted.

General Meetings Committee

The committee is planning on many activities this year. Last week, Robert Lowell spoke to the community, and Ruth St. Denise is scheduled for the immediate future. As yet, no speaker for the John Dewey Memorial Lecture has been decided upon. Suggestions from the community for speakers are welcome.

Non-Resident Term Committee

An auxiliary committee of students has been formed to make information available to freshmen and others in their fields of interest pertaining to Non-Resident Term jobs. This committee may in the future go to house meetings to discuss their jobs, but at present they are acting as an information center.

An NRT skit was presented to the Freshmen on October 13, showing details of our work term.

Dr. Burkhardt has agreed to an appropriation of \$400 to use as support of girls to visit employers for the college's benefit over Non-Resident Term, if details can be worked out to the satisfaction of the NRT office and the committee. Three students have tentatively accepted this assignment in various fields.

An exhibit, including model letters of application and new job openings is being planned for the NRT bulletin board in the barn.

Store Board

The Store Board has raised the student wages in the store and approved the operation of a sandwich concession. Janet Wells will hear any suggestions on improving the store's operations that the community may have.

Public Relations Committee

Freshmen filled out a questionnaire to aid the Admissions Office and the Public Relations Office. The committee is now evaluating and tabulating the results; suggestions therein will be carefully considered.

There is a possibility of having a panel to tour schools and interview employers, telling of the activities of Bennington, as mentioned in the NRT report above.

Letters are being sent to past schools of present students, telling of the activities of the student at Bennington. The idea of sending out news letters consisting of events of interest at Bennington is now being considered.

On Sunday, November 21, a television program on "American Youth" will be partially broadcast in the town of Bennington. Twenty-five students will participate in the background and a narrative of the college



will be given. Twenty-five students participating will be chosen by their local church affiliation.

On November 2 the film on Bennington College is to be shown. The community is invited to give criticism.

#### Student Admissions Committee

The committee has begun interviewing prospective students, limiting their interviews to girls who have already applied to Bennington. An evaluation of the applicant is written after each interview.

#### Fire Department

Fire regulations have been posted in all houses; fire wardens have been instructed as to the uses of the fire equipment. So far, two drills have been conducted.

It was suggested that at the next house meetings the chairmen go over the fire regulations orally and to impress upon the students their importance. During drills and on the occasion of a fire, students, with the exception of wardens, are to evacuate the premises and not to bring people to the scene. Carrie McLeod drew a spiral plan helpful to identifying the sirens with their corresponding locations.

#### National Student Association

A bulletin Board in the barn has been appropriated for new material of the NSA concerning the community. The committee is trying to obtain space in the library for the Student Government Bulletins and NSA news but so far no space can be spared.

President Burkhardt has consented to participate in a panel discussion at the Skidmore Regional Conference on December 2, 3 and 4. We plan to send four delegates to that convention. It will concern "The State of American Education." The same weekend there is to be a conference at Dartmouth, the theme being centered on the role of foreign students on campus. We hope to send three delegates, including a foreign student. Vejaya Gulhati attended a conference on Relations with India at the University of Massachusetts on October 22. She plans to tell about it at the next Community Meeting.

Ambrose Short, from the World University Service, will talk to the National Student Association and Community Chest on November 1, discussing the organization.

Suggestions were made on securing space in the library as attempted before. One was to try the filing cabinet on which the Silo box is placed; the other was the table opposite the librarian's desk, which is presently used for displays. Suzi Cremer said she would look into these possibilities.

Due to the cut in the appropriations to NSA through the Student Fund, the college's participation at the Dartmouth conference may have to be forgotten.

#### Educational Policies Committee

Projects planned for this term include an EPC handbook, re-education of the community on the agreement made between student and faculty concerning Thanksgiving vacation, and an EPC budget, along with methods of evaluating counseling, recommendations regarding Freshman

and an Educational Policies Committee newsletter.

#### Dance EPC

A dance workshop is held every Thursday afternoon; relating dance to drama and pointing out similarities in the two arts, a combination workshop was held on September 29. More of these workshops are being planned.

#### Drama EPC

It was decided to have no class representatives and instead to have the committee of four to keep in touch with both students and teachers and conduct the EPC meetings on its own.

v Workshops are progressing very satisfactorily. In conjunction with the senior production of The Seagull, EPC secured for a workshop, Mr. Norris Houghton from the Phoenix Theater in New York, to discuss his production of that play. When the Seagull production is over, senior projects will begin and the juniors will begin on a class project of the play, Moor-born.

#### Art EPC

The dining hall art exhibition has been changed recently. Shows planned for the future include private collections and advanced student work, and perhaps exchange shows with other schools. Art movies will be shown to the community November 14 and 21.

Some art exhibitions have had to be cancelled because of there being no time to show them in the student lounge. It was suggested the the work could be hung in the barn halls or in the commons lounge or in the dining rooms. These suggestions will be considered.

#### Music EPC

The committee submitted a proposal to the Music Department to secure a room in Jennings Hall for the use of the music students as a lounge. The proposal was passed and it is hoped that the room will be completely decorated and open to all the music students soon. Student art work will be welcomed in this lounge.

#### Literature EPC

The committee members visited the Language and Literature classes and explain the purpose, functions, organizations, etc., of the EPC. Two Lit workshops have been held so far, one of student work, the other of faculty readings. A division meeting was held for the purpose of collecting money for posters and coffee to be served at subsequent workshops, but the response was poor.

#### Science EPC

Workshops have been held since October 17. Big plans, including a panel discussion workshop, are being laid out for the future.

#### Social Science EPC

The committee has been meeting weekly, discussing various ways to evaluate the counseling system. The EPC class representatives were divided up to make them directly responsible to one of the four members of the Social Science EPC committee, facilitating better commu-

nication within the committee, which is so large. The committee hopes to have a panel discussion with three members of the faculty before Christmas.

Community Chest Committee

Mr. Bruner, from the Near East Foundation, explained to the committee how the Foundation worked, on October 18. On November 1 the committee will meet with Mr. Short from the World University Service. The committee has been receiving and answering letters from various organizations.

The committee is now working on the Employees' Christmas Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted,

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