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Bennington College  
March 20, 1941

#### COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING? MARCH 19th 1941

The Community Council met in the Committee dining room on Tuesday, March 19th. Present were: Ann Mills, Chairman; Lucille Bloch; Teressa Blumberg; Theodora Boothby; Margaret Brush; Nancy Cole; Faith Colgan; Muriel Cummings; Nancy Hamill; Eleanor Metcalf; Priscilla Sherman; Edith Stevens; Miss. Godsill for Mrs. Garrett; Mr. Chapman; Mr. Truman.

#### Freshmen

It was stated at the Council meeting that the Freshmen did not understand the Community Government of Bennington College and therefore it seemed advisable to the Council to straighten this matter out with the Freshmen. It was suggested that the House Chairmen have meetings with their Freshmen and explain the meaning of Community Government again. It was noted that this had been explained to them during the first week of College by Mr. Leigh but that most of the Freshmen had not understood completely. It was decided that the reason that they had not understood was because they had not had experience with these committees and therefore the explanation meant very little. The Council suggested then that a meeting to explain the running of Bennington be held in December when they were more accustomed to College and when their work was well under way. The running of the Co-operative Store and the usefulness of the EPC was to be stressed too at the meeting and all the council was urged to get suggestions from the Freshmen about how they think these matters should be presented in the fall.

The question of students' restlessness was discussed and the council was asked to find out, if possible, whether this was due to the present war situation or an unsatisfied need in College activities. It was suggested that this might be due to a lack of work or to the fact that Bennington was not quite what they had expected. This was to be brought up to the EPC as well to see if they could help in solving this problem.

#### Fire Chief

The duties of the Fire Chief were listed and then Alicia Ruhl presented the names of Doree Higgins, Rosamond Reed, and Betty Uptegrove as nominees for this position. They were discussed and the Council elected Betty Uptegrove for this position for 1941.

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General Meetings Committee

Katrina Voorhees came to the Meeting to ask the Council to stress in the next house meeting the general interest and importance of the coming Philosophy series that begins this week. It was noted that even though one were missed that that would not spoil the rest of the series. A list of Speakers was given.

Health Committee

Margaret Brush submitted upon recommendation of the outgoing Health Committee the names of Polly Wood and Mary Achilles as candidates for the Health Committee. They were both elected.

Free Weekends

Faith Colgan read the dates of the Free Weekends. They are April 12 and 13 and May

Recreation Council

Faith Colgan was elected representative on the Recreation Council.

*Parking at Fairview*  
~~Central Committee~~

*Student lounge*  
Lucille Bloch announced that parking at Fairview was restricted to the parking space below the Carriage Barn and that the space beside Fairview should be reserved for resident Faculty. She also announced that the lounge would be left unlocked at night so that men waiting for any reason on campus could have a place other than house. These two announcements were to be related to the community in the next house meeting.

*Driving* Licenses

The following applications for college automobile licences were approved by the Community Council; Jane Allen, Mary Achilles, Jean Short, and Hanna Morris.

Respectfully Submitted

Edith Stevens