

### Community Meeting

A meeting of all members of the community met in the theatre at 7:45 on Wednesday evening, November 9. The purpose of the meeting was to unite the opinion of the entire college on policies and standards and to hear the reports of all College committees. The following students reported on the purposes and functions of the committees:

Athletic Board	Elizabeth Johnson
Garden Committee	Helen Watkins
College Store	Mary Kent
Educational Policy Committee	Gretchen Hutchins
Heat and Ventilation	Louise Friedberg
College Publication Committee	Jean Conner

The Architecture Committee, which dealt with improvements in the new houses, gave no report as its work was completed.

The week-end problem was represented by Elizabeth Shurcliff. The three alternative proposals were:

1. To abolish Saturday classes
2. To have two official Saturday holidays a semester
3. To leave it as it then stood with unlimited cuts.

The result of the vote showed student preference to the second alternative. The matter was then turned over to the faculty Committee on Educational Policy.

As a basis for the formation of rules and standards the Community Council submitted to the house meetings of November 8 the following suggestions:

1. Students should meet their obligations in regard to attending all classes. It is advisable for students to inform their counselors when absence from several classes is necessary.
- ✓ 2. Students should respect the quiet of the library
3. It is the obligation of the girls to observe and obey the rules and standards of other colleges.
4. There will be a general understanding against drinking in public places as speakeasies, dance halls, fraternities, and hotels as well as in the college dwellings.
5. It will be understood that girls who do have dates on week nights will return to their houses and leave their guests at one o'clock.
- ✓ 6. Girls coming in after the houses are locked are expected to make no noise.



7. Automobiles should not be driven below the lower circle after ten o'clock.
8. When a student goes out at night to stay later than eleven o'clock she shall inform the house chairman where she is going and how late she expects to be out.

This report was read at the Community meeting by Frances McElwain. A group of students drew up and submitted the following proposals as an alternative to the report:

We propose as an alternative to the three particularized regulations, 1, 3, 4, and 5, listed in the Standards drawn up by the Community Council, which do not seem to us sufficiently comprehensive or flexible that the following statement of policy be adopted which will be a standard of judgment for the Community Council and that it have the power to act accordingly.

Constructive cooperation will be required of every member of the community and for this it is necessary that the highest standard of good citizenship, which comprises orderly and considerate behavior at all times and in all places, be maintained. Any failure to live up to this policy will be injurious to the community as a whole, and any violation of it will be subject to investigation and action by the Community Council.

And we propose that Articles 2, 6, 7, and 8 be adopted as campus rules.

It was then moved and seconded that Articles 3, 4, and 5, which the proposed plan suggested be incorporated into one statement of policy, and Articles 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8, which were suggested as campus rules, be discussed separately.

The following were drawn up as campus rules:

In regard to Article 2, which reads--Students shall respect the quiet of the library, the following motion was passed:

Students and faculty shall respect the quiet of the library and shall be quiet in the hall leading to the library.

The wording of Article 6 was changed from--Girls coming in after the houses are locked are expected to make no noise--to:

Girls coming in after the houses are locked are required to make no noise.

In regard to Article 7, which reads--Automobiles should not be driven below the lower circle after ten o'clock--it was suggested, put in the form of a motion, and passed that:

Automobiles shall not be driven below the lower circle after ten o'clock except those which will be driven down and stopped for the night.

It was moved and seconded that Article 8, which dealt with checking in at night, be turned over to the Community Council to study and submit to the next meeting more possible and efficient methods than those already suggested.

The definition of a rule and standard was read at the meeting in an attempt to classify Article 1, which read: Students should meet their obligations in regard to attending all classes. It is advisable for students to inform their counselors when absence from several classes is necessary. The suggestion was made and accepted that this be omitted from the list of rules and standards as any girl becoming a student of Bennington College should have accepted this as a responsibility.

A motion was made and seconded, as the time for the meeting closed, that a committee be chosen by the Community Council to work on the rules as they stood, to put them in a concise form, and to submit them to a second Community meeting on Tuesday night, November 15.

Respectfully submitted,

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