

Dear Art,

13 February '54

I managed to dig up the enclosed ~~two~~ letters; the first and second letters circulated in an initial attempt to form the College Net. You will immediately realize that many of our original goals have been achieved. The various comments on the letters ~~were~~ made by me at different times, the most recent being the blue ink. The others ~~were~~ made about the same time, probably while I was still at NYU which would date them no later than 6-52. Some important tidbits I note in #2 letter is a) W9BGX-Northwestern, in reference to western activities, and b) founders, charter members or whatever you wish to call it; W2DSC, W2S~~Z~~, W2TRN, W3AEQ, W2CXM. Others mentioned merely indicated interest in reply to our questionnaire. The former were actually involved in weekly meets as much as one year before the first letter. If anyone challenges this I suggest a log book check of challenging station; Hi! If possible I will try to get over to DSC personally and go over their old books since most of the entries ~~are~~ probably in my writing. Nevertheless, inquire directly via the Box 101 QTH. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know. You can reach me almost any evening of the week after 7 at SEdgewick 3-8925. (NYC). Leave your number if I'm not in.

73,

Sid, w2hdz

R'cvd W2AEE FEB 16 1954

NYU. initial attempt to
form a College Net.

(see enclosed letters)

— W2AEE

First letter ever sent! S.D.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY RADIO CLUB

Box 101, University Heights
New York 53, N. Y.

Winter 1950

Dear OM's:

The gang here at the NYU Radio Club have been talking over the idea of getting the College Net established on a little sounder footing by organizing an association of college radio clubs. We'd like to get your reaction to the idea.

There are a lot of things that could be accomplished by such an organization. First would be the improvement of the College Net itself by encouraging regular attendance, speeding up the business end (traffic handling), and by helping to organize other interschool activities, such as radio chess matches etc. Secondary, would be the publication of a monthly bulletin, which would serve many purposes too numerous to detail. Later on this organization could branch out to many diverse activities.

As far as the College Net is concerned, we'd like to see it reorganized on a stronger basis. Regular net control stations, snappy operating, etc. We'd like to see the College Net become an example of how a phone net should sound, as well as continue as the Thursday roundtable which it is at present. It isn't difficult at all, and in fact would occupy less time than the present system, which for traffic handling isn't anything to point to with pride.

Another thing we'd like to see happen is that 3895 kc become a calling frequency for college stations; like 3550 for emergency traffic, 3961 for Maine-New England, and ~~3710~~ for New York City. We'd like to see an occasional c. w. section for the brasspounders who "infest" our clubs (like me).

[Now 3630]

In order to get the "ole" ball rolling, how about writing us and answering the enclosed questionnaire so that we can see how you stand? Until the organization is formed the NYU club will handle the paper work. Talk over our proposal at a club meeting, and write us again, telling us the response you received. What say, OM's?

Best 73,

Stephen W. Leibholz, W2ZDE

(Steve W. at W2DSC)

later changed to Friday

P. S. Why not start calling in on the College Net this Thursday afternoon at 1645 EST on 3895 Kc or thereabouts if you haven't already done so?

2nd letter
abt. 1 Jan 1951

W2DSC
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Dear OMs:

The response to the original letter concerning the College Net was terrific. Thanks a lot! We have extensive replies from 18 schools as well as a number of on-the-air affirmations and requests. It looks like this thing is going to catch on.

From W9BCY, Northwestern, we hear that there is another College Net which meets the same time as ours on 14230 kc. In order to avoid competition, somebody has to move, and although we pre-empt in terms of seniority it appears more feasible that our C/N return to its Friday schedule, as indicated by your response to the questionnaire.

The following schools report active and interested: WLKBN, Northeastern; WLKMV, R. I. State; W1PUO, U. of Mass.; W2 CXM, Cornell; W2DSC, NYU; W2SZ, RPI; W2TRN, Rutgers; W3AEQ, Lehigh; W3ABT, U. Penna.; W3EAX, U. Md. There were some tentative indications from VE3AHE and W2KGY, as well as others. If your call is not among the first group, it implies that we may not have received your questionnaire, or that you are not on the original mailing list; drop us a line for a copy of the questionnaire.

The ballots are still being counted, and since it's strictly write-in voting, it's not easy. It seems that more stations prefer the old Friday schedule than anything else. In view of this, and what we discussed above, it would be best to go on the Friday schedule again, holding the net from 3:15 to 5:00 for latecomers. Let's switch back to the original beat on Friday, February 9, 3895 kc at 3:15 EST.

W2DSC has finally scrounged up a crystal for 3895 kc and can return to the original frequency. Thanks a lot to you fellows for your cooperation on 3880 in the interim. Let's popularize the old frequency by continual usage, off and on the net hours, as a calling frequency for the gang. Incidentally Harvey Radio here in NY has surplus 3895 kc rocks at \$1.

After some deliberation, we came up with the c.w. section of C/N that you fellows have been calling for. 80 meters is called for by skip conditions, and we will have direct coverage into the Eastern Area Traffic Net for our messages. Thursday, 8:00 P.M. EST, 3670 kc., starting February 8 is the time. What say? Speed limit 20 wpm, and keep everything brief and break-in. Observe good net procedure (including use of the QN- signals, and things will run off very smoothly. W2ZDE will represent for NYU.

Anybody want to play chess???? The NYU Chess Club wants to hold a series of on-the-air chess matches on a regular schedule. Any comers and/or requests? W2DSC will act as the clearing-house of requests for the present.

Suggestions for a name for the organization run through "Eastern College Net", "CQCN", (sorry, Connecticut Net was there first) "Ass'n. of College Radio Clubs", "College Net", "College Amateur Radio Ass'n.", "Knowledge Net". We'd plug for "College Amateur Radio Ass'n." (Rutgers) or "Ass'n of College Radio Clubs", (R. I. State), because of their versatility.

Agenda for the first meeting of the new term includes: organization name, activity suggestions, discussion of our proposed schedules, and anything else you care to bring up. The important thing is to be there Friday afternoon.

Stephen W. Leibholz, W2ZDE
for the W2DSC crowd at NYU.

Present Status

Name - College Net

activities - TFC, chess, Rag Chewing IBS info.

Plans: register net with APRC
popularize 3895 KC

NCS - rotate in alphabetical order -

TIME - Friday 1515 ~~start~~ 3895 KC

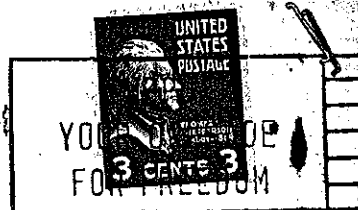
Future Plans

1. CW section
2. Association on National Scale
3. More stations
4. Area Nets & Inter Area Nets
5. { Continuity problem
Clerical work

6. ~~Season with IRE, AIEE, carrier stations~~
Also all campus groups which participate
(or might) in intercollegiate activities.

7. Solicit reports from member stations
and bind in book similar to IRE
Tech Data book.

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