Butler, Stone Named For Regional Contest

Miss Madeline Butler and Miss Shirley Stone learned Monday that they have been chosen to attend a Northeastern regional contest of the National Discussion Contest on South American Affairs at Fordham University, March 27.

The contest is sponsored by the office of the co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs and is backed by the American Council of Education. The contest has been in operation for the past three years.

There are eight such regional contests all over the country. The winner of this one at Fordham University will join the winners from the other regions in a national contest at Washington, D.C., April 14. At that time they will participate in a radio broadcast. Each student participating in the national contest will be given a free trip to Mexico and $50 for study while there.

This region contest includes all of New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Essays were sent in anonymously and the best eight chosen.

Committee Promises Third Unique Dance

St. Patrick's Day will furnish the theme for next Saturday night's dance in Chase Hall. This dance, third in a series, sponsored under the direction of Mrs. Alice Kimball, social director and newcomer to Bates, is but one of many unique events scheduled on the social calendar for this semester. Primary requisite for admission is that all attending be "weary of the green".

Examples of Mrs. Kimball's genius for social organization were the first two dances of the semester. The first, a "get-acquainted" party, started the ball rolling with novelty numbers and original "mix-up" dances. The next event on the calendar was a Leap Year Dance in which the girls took the initiative in showing their brazen good time. Highlight of the dance was a grand march for the men during which a committee of judges selected the most original corsage. The coveted prize was awarded to Miss Jean Graham '45 for her "bird's nest" concoction. In presentation Miss Mary Lou Carlson remarked that the judges had decided "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush".

Emphasis Week Will Run March 19-26

Religious Emphasis Week, a new idea on campus, will get under way Sunday, March 19. The week's program has been planned by the Northern New England Baptist Association, our Faculty Committee on Religious Matters, and the Christian Association. This is a combined faculty-student activity with off-campus elements contributing. The purpose of Religious Emphasis Week will be "to stress spiritual values which are in danger of being lost by default at home while we are fighting to defend them abroad".

A team of capable and experienced men and women will be on campus the entire week to direct and lead the various discussion groups and chapel programs planned. Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, Dean of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel and member of the faculty of Chicago University, will lead the team. He will have helping him, Mr. Wilmar J. Kitchen, Executive Secretary of the Student Christian Movement in New England. Mr. Kitchen has been on leave of absence for three months working to set up a national program for military units on the various campuses in the country. Dr. Newton C. Fetter, Secretary for Student Work on the Baptist Board of Education, will help by leading discussion groups. We shall have, also, Mr. Prentiss Pemberdon who is minister to students in the Boston area and who has been working, lately, with Harvard students. The last (Continued on page four)
The Spirit of Reconciliation —

The spirit of reconciliation which has culminated in such widespread disruption of international order is definitely out of place on the campus. The fundamental purpose of a liberal arts education is to free the individual from prejudice and to encourage a more honest and more realistic evaluation of ideals in their relationship to facts. Therefore it is vitally necessary that we take precautions against the dangers of over-specialization and intellectual bigotry. The medieval battles between science and philosophy should be left safely buried in history texts. We must beware of the fallacy of accepting a single technique as adequate for the solution of every problem and of setting our own particular standards above those of others. We must outgrow our own particular play-pens, climb the back fence, and think in terms of the whole neighborhood of arts and sciences.

It argues extreme lack of perspective for any modern student to be so myopically chained to his specialized field that he does not investigate the intrinsic value of every area of achievement and understand the full significance of its contribution to human experience. The scientist must accept responsibility for the social, economic, and philosophical repercussions of his discoveries and become more sensitive to the aesthetic quality of his work. The artist must develop a creative social consciousness and a keener appreciation of the rich historical soils and scientific principles out of which the classics grow. He should replace sheer self-expression with a more constructive self-communication. The history student must acquire, through literature and the arts, a more comprehensive insight into the psychological mood and aesthetic and moral aspirations from which political activity emanates. The philosopher must burst the shackles of his own dogmatism and listen receptively to all ideas, no matter how contradictory or absurd they may seem, in order to maintain complete fidelity to the minute segment of truth that forms the core of every falsehood.

We can no longer afford to go blithely on our single ways without regard for nuances and interrelationships, or we shall be caught up in the scales of our own negligence and found wanting. Unless we acquire the spirit of reconciliation, which is as different from compromise as addition from division, and unless we can integrate science, philosophy, and religion into a social, aesthetic, and moral whole, we shall, sooner or later, face another era of ideological warfare and survival of the loudest shouter with its attendant authoritarianism. Ideas, like bricks, were not made for disputing factions to hurl at each other, but to build bridges over differences and walls against prejudice.

Dorothy Petrie '45.

George Colby Chase—(Continued from page one)

Plant, Coram Library, Libby Forum, Randall Hall, Carnegie Science Hall, the Chapel, and Chase Hall are eloquent tributes to his sound sense and appreciation of beauty.

Humble, kind, sympathetic, broad-minded, scholarly, consistently Christian, George Colby Chase, on this hundredth anniversary of his birth, is a precious memory to many a graduate of Bates.

FRED A. KNAPP, '06.
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BY BILL HAPP

A great many moons have come and gone since the student atappeared, and Campus Batesus become Campus Martius. About a year ago Bates was selected by the Navy Department for one of its college training programs. By the time the first trainees arrived on July 1, Parker Hall and New cottages were christened ships. The common was still the sick bay, the indoors was the chow hall, the Inn was being used as the union and were now the student dormitories. The students were the chow hall, the Inn was the chow hall, the In was officially hunting grounds. Walls were bulkheads, beds were bunks, and the smoking room was for girls in the butts room. The union and up any available bench were available.

Within a few weeks the boys were handling the thirteen buttons gracefully; formations were being reached in time; the DeWitt (first semester only) had been discovered; and the advantages of getting in on time had been learned. Incidentally, classes had started.

By the end of the semester the trainees had finished a successful baseball season and a slightly less successful football season schedule. On the first of November a few graduated, in one way or another, and the second few group came in.

The winter semester was highlighted principally by the basketball season, the Casco Bay cruises, the Win salon, the basketball season will open around time with this one. It seems the lady turnover in the Navy group, and it appears that discipline is going to be effective organizations, plans are being formulated to underwrite a complete mailing list of the student for service men and women who would welcome the campus newspaper as it is issued.

Beginning with the more recent classes, a different group will be addressed each time. As requests are received, names will be added to the permanent mailing list university available has been reached.

SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN: Two things are necessary; a request to be put on the mailing list, and a promise to keep your address up-to-date at all times.

Send your reply to:
The Bates Student Alumni Office, Chase Hall Lewiston, Maine.

Round Table Will Hear President Bixler of Colby

President Julius S. Bixler of Colby College is to be the guest speaker at the Round Table on April 1, in the chapel, to be held Friday, March 17, at the home of President and Mrs. Clifton D. Gray. Pres. Bixler’s subject is “Ivory Tower versus Watch Tower in Education.”

Coach Thompson Announces Track Season Opening

Practice for the outdoor track season will begin on or about the fifth of April, the first meet some time in May.

In spite of the loss of top scorers in all events through graduation and transfer to other colleges, Coach Ray Thompson hopes to find among those who are here at college for the first time, enough candidates to round out a winning team.
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members of the team will be Mrs. Louise Pfeutze who has been associated with the Middle Atlantic Christian Movement.

The program will start off on Sunday, March 18, with a special service at which Mr. Pemberdon will speak. On Tuesday, March 21, at 6:15 o'clock the annual Christian Association banquet will follow. Mrs. Pfeutze will be the main speaker at 8:30 o'clock on Tuesday evening there will be a Men's Smoker at Chase Hall. Along with a stimulating discussion, entertainment, singing and refreshments will be offered to the men's side of campus.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings Dr. Gilkey will lead the Chapel programs.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings will find discussion groups going on in every dorm. There will be both early and late groups. Wednesday and Thursday afternoon will be left open by each member of the team for private appointments. Appointments for these private conferences can be made

23 Seniors Graduate At Special Convocation

On February 25, twenty-three seniors received degrees in the third special convocation in the history of the college. The Reverend Percy L. Vernon, D.D. of Lewiston, gave the Invocation and the Benediction. Dr. Harrison C. Lyseth, Superintendent of Schools of Portland, presented the convocation address. His subject was concerned with the promise that the future holds for young people of today.

President Clifton D. Gray presented Bachelor of Arts degrees to the following: Phyllis Chase, Lucy Corneliuus, Mary Ann Gross, Virginia Hunt, Barbara James, Everett Linscott, Marcia Schaefer, Alice Spooner, Ruth Staffing, Perry Stone, Ruth Sullivan, Frances Walker, and Virgil Wood.

Merrin Alemibik, Betty Banforth, Peter Blackman, John Googin, Jr., Donald Harms, Robert Landick, Jr., Clifford Larrabee, Robert Schaffrath, Sidney Sherman, and Carolyn Towe received the Bachelor of Science degree.

Margaret Metz, B.S., St. Lawrence University, 1934, and Beatrice Damias, A.B. '33, received the degree of Master of Education.

Commissions Outline New Plans At Monthly Meetings

The Social Action Commission heard reports on the current events program, and plans for an intro-commission sub-committee on legislation were made. William Hennessy '34 was made leader of a committee to plan work on cooperatives.

The Campus Service Commission, under Professor Berkelman's leadership, discussed plans for a second-hand furniture store to be run on the same basis as the second-hand bookstore.

Mrs. Anders Myhrman spoke to the Community Service Commission, introducing the field of social work, enumerating its qualifications, types, possibilities, and the benefits of graduate school work. Plans for work at the hospital were completed.

“Japanese Creative Power Is Negligible”, Says Hossain

“The Secret of Japan’s Strength and Her Weakness” was the subject of Dr. Syud Hossain, University of Southern California faculty member, when he gave an address in the chapel on March 8 in the George Colby Chase lecture series.

Dr. Hossain stated that American people tend to view Oriental nations sentimentally, and that it is imperative that we make a realistic attempt to understand our allies and enemies factually. The Japanese are strong because they control vast natural resources, because they possess the solidarity typical of an insular people, and because the entire nation is subject to strict army discipline. The Japanese have been very successful in imitation, but their creative power is negligible.

Dr. Hossain expressed his belief that as soon as Japan suffers a major reverse, there will be a wave of moralization which will eventuate in the nation’s downfall. Mr. Joseph LeMaster of the department of history introduced the speaker and presided at the question period following the address.

STU-G NEWS

Bradley Dearborn ’44, president of the Women's Student Government Association, announced that All-College elections will be held on April 17. Tentative plans for a Spring Tea Dance to be sponsored by Stu-G were discussed.

It was voted that in the forthcoming Red Cross drive on campus, members of the BASC will receive one point for each twenty-cent contribution.

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