Next week brings to the campus two more outstanding lecturers in the George Colby Chase series. They are Senor Erandi Montenegro, journalist, and author from Chile, and Franklin P. Adams, who will both be on campus the twenty-second, and takes as the subject for his lecture "Sense and Nonsense", needs no introduction. Universally acclaimed "the favorite son of Information Please," he is unquestionably the greatest living expert in useless information and has a large following of admirers among young and old alike.

A third speaker in this series is to be used toward the construction of a Music and Arts Building, which has been procured. Mr. Charles Sampson, instructor in Engineering Training, assumed an additional position of administrative officer of the college last Monday. In this new capacity Mr. Sampson will deal with some of the duties formerly handled by Mr. Harry Rowe, assistant to the president. Besides being excise officer for men, he will work with them on any personal or group problems.

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Students Cast Ballot At Gym On April 23

All-College Elections are slated for Monday, April 23, it has been announced by Ruthanna Stone, president of Student Government. The ballots from clubs are due April 16.

Elections are held in Alumni Gym where booths are provided for the student voters in order to secure secret balloting. At this time class officers as well as officers of Student Government, C.A., W.A.A., Outing Club, and other college organizations are elected for the coming year.
Get Out and Vote!

We have been successful in obtaining what has been desired here on campus for some time — Student Government has abolished its secret committees and has introduced democratic procedure. This year the slate of candidates will be selected at a mass meeting of the association in the chapel. The results will be posted and known to all.

In thus taking the selection out of the hands of a few and giving it to the entire association a great deal of responsibility falls upon each member. We cannot afford to take a detached interest; we must be certain that the right individuals are chosen for the positions to be filled. The only way to be positive that competent people represent you is to take great care and deliberation in offering choices for candidacy.

Votes should not go in the direction of roommate or friend merely for that reason. When we go into chapel for this purpose the balloting must be taken seriously or all that has been gained will be lost by improper or indifferent voting. If we cannot use this new privilege to its best advantage, the secret committee might as well come back in for another rule.

When the selection of candidates is finished, the task of the student body is not over. A beginning has been made in the careful voting for a capable slate. This must be followed up by actual voting. Too often many stay away from the Alumni Gym merely because it is raining or because they feel it is too far to walk. This is an absurd attitude when you think of the discontent that was rampant on campus because of secret committees. What good is it to demand the abolishing of such undemocratic groups if you refuse to participate?

If the new method of selecting candidates proves successful, then the old type closed room ballot will be gone from the college. If it doesn't then the system will probably be established again. This is a testing period and we will be judged according to the way in which we act during elections.

We want to see this new democratic procedure a permanent part of Student Government; we know it can work. So let's all get out and vote at the chapel on March 17 and in the All-College Election April 23. But remember, let's vote with careful consideration!

M. E. Holden '46.
C.A. Members Attend Student Conference At Durham, N. H.

There were representatives from ten schools (we counted them) of the Maine Area that arrived in the Durham station Saturday afternoon for a week-end of Christian fellowship, guidance and inspiration at the annual regional planning conference held this year at University of New Hampshire. Traveling conditions being what they are, Bates was allowed only eight delegates and these were: Muriel Ulrich, Marcia Dwinell, Frances Wheeler, Barbara Fineman, Marjorie Lorenz, Joyce Baldwin, Jane Blossom, and Bob Smith.

The Student Christian movement of UNH, our host, had ordered us, a sunny week end, partly for our utmost enjoyment and partly to play up their beautiful campus. Of course, the town is small—we turned our heads to admire a sparrow in the road and missed the drug-store, the theatre, and the post office; but one couldn’t miss the impressive brick dormitories, science laboratories, lecture halls and, too, the library lining both sides of the main street. The students, too—considerably over 1,000—S.C.M. members or not, made us feel right at home (at least we Bates people with a cheery “Hi!” at every step.

We were glad to see Ed Nutting again who, being chairman of the conference, had come from Andover Newton to preside. At our first get-together, he introduced us to the leaders of the conference and then got us all into the spirit of the purpose of our meeting by quoting from John 1:22, the conference theme: “Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own souls.”

The program revolved around three central interest groups: Christian Faith, Christian Community Responsibility, and World Relations. At different sessions we were presented an introduction to each of these important topics so that each delegate had opportunity to get a broad view of the problems with which each C.A. or S.C.M. on campus is concerned.

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Dr. Hyslop Discusses Campus Responsibility

Visiting campus as a representative of the New England Student Christian Association, Dr. Ralph Hyslop spoke last Wednesday evening to the Christian Association Cabinet and others who were interested. Dr. Hyslop reminded his listeners that they had a responsibility to bring to campus a feeling for religious and social awareness.

In an extended question and discussion period after Dr. Hyslop’s talk, the main questions brought up centered around pacifism in Christianity. Dr. Hyslop’s view was that each person is to think out his answer to that problem. If he is honest with himself and truly believes that his religion calls for pacifism or non-pacifism, then his decision is to be respected by the fellow members whom Bates has met many a time.

Betty Johns, secretary of S.C.M. in New England, started the evening session with an introduction of the Christian Community Responsibility Commission, and she discussed the “much talked about, but far too little done about”, race prejudice problem.

Our workshops met again and after wondering how we could further our commissions on campus we broke up for an evening’s entertainment of dancing and singing.

It was an early arising Sunday morning for Devotions led by Barbara Arnold, of S.C.M. in New England and Episcopal secretary; and after breakfast our third speaker, Dr. Gibson H. Johnson, gave us an introduction to the World Relatedness Commission, and his text was “And other sheep and bane, which must bring, and they shall hear my voice.” (John 10:16), carried us beyond our own personal feelings in the faith or even our immediate community responsibility to a realization that Christianity does reach into every walk of life and has a vital place in binding the different peoples of the world.

It had been a packed but much enjoyed and profitable week end, and to sum it all up, we heard those all-important reports of the

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Starting anew in another semester, I’ve oiled my typewriter, got a new ribbon, fresh copies of the “Squall” and Sun-Journal sport columns, and a fresh ream of paper. Often when I see what comes of all this preparation, I, much as my intermittent scanners, wonder if it’s worth the effort.

Baseball has already started, with a vengeance. Bratish well-padded, vengeful baseball candidates, held in bay all winter, infest the Gym’s only cage armed with rock-like pellatal missiles, to drive away any track man ambitions enough to anticipate the forthcoming season by the three or so weeks that still await the proclamation of starting practice. (“Wise”) Guy Sandulli requested that something be put in concerning his intention to try out for both baseball and track, and since people would accuse me of being hypocritical if I wished him good luck, I shall merely tap my fingers impatiently while waiting. (Goops, if I have time, I’ll have to write these first two paragraphs over since WE forgot to use the editorial plural, a thing which our editor does from time to time, inestigated upon.) (Sorry boss, and put that whip down!)

It was a welcome sight indeed to note the return to campus of two individuals who have done a great deal for Bates sports, as the campus again glows to the presence of David Wolynski, whose ability in cross-country was for a long while a source of astounded acclamation. From track field events we have a weight thrower returning in the form of Anthony J. Porter, and in view of the approaching season, it seems a shame that one should be prevented from participation by a lack of time, and the other by a lack of energy.

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num, we could be tri be and mention that recent visitors to campus included Bert Knight of the class of ’46 and Steve Thiras, former V-12 student. There might have been more but we don’t know them from Adam.

Some of the older students can recall the days when we had men enough to have them helping out in the College Book Store. Some report that the system came into disrepute, sometime three years ago when a Freshman drifted into the store and asked, “Do you have any Lifeboat?” and the male clerk responded with vigor, “Set the pace, kid, set the pace.”

Freshman rules are on, with an addition of teething rings for the male verandah. The rules reflect a post-war trend in their increasing severity, their inclusiveness. The rules require hard-to-get matches, no hard-to-get cigarettes to use them on. Oh, yes, the A. & P. Supermarket has a large supply of Kools, Raleighs, etc. (If you’re interested, you’re desperate). If this column should survive and our authorship become an unpleasant institution for this semester, we can promise that, while we may not always be accurate (truthful), for my interest, we shall always be full...

But now I’ve gotta pick up my knife (weapons) and continue my pursuit of Culbertson (Jo) to the knife (weapons) and continue my pursuit of Culbertson (Jo) to the pace, kid, set the pace.”

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Social Notes
President and Mrs. Charles Phillips entertained the girls of Hacker House at a tea at their home last Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ingles and Dr. Mary L. Carlson were faculty members attending.

Twenty-five members of Lambda Alpha gathered in the Women’s Union last Thursday for their monthly supper meeting. After finishing a Leuten supper they held their business meeting and then sang around the piano. The members of the committee for the supper were Joyce Hawkins, Beverly Buck, and Letti Fogel.

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Of course, this is fundamentally the conflict of two schools of thought: one follows the course of war-born civilian chauvinism, the other Stem’s from a much more personal contact with the issue and results in a realistic concept of it. Is a bonfire and dance too much reward for practical and unpleasant contributions to the war effort? Natal? Many prayers were mutter by the Navy when Lewiston skiers were free of war-clouds and Mars had not cast even one grain of sand into Bates’ well-oiled machinery.

Les Smith,
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