

Conference On India Scheduled Sept. 25, 26, 27

Classes Cancelled Sept. 26 And 27

Bennington College is going to hold a Conference on India here on September 25, 26 and 27, the format of which will be very similar to the American Values Week held two years ago. There will be house discussions in the morning, seminars in the afternoon and lectures in the evening.

The Chairman for the conference is Lawrence Rosinger, who now holds a Social Science Research Council fellowship and is author of the recent book, "The State of Asia".

The first speaker will be W. Norman Brown, chairman of the South Asia Regional Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. He will speak on cultural, political and economic background of independent India.

Albert Mayer, an American architect, who has worked in India on post-independence rural planning, will be the second speaker. He will discuss the economic problems confronting India now, Point 4, and Indian self-help.

Mr. Rosinger will be the third speaker whose topic is India's significance in world affairs today placing emphasis on moral and philosophical aspects of her contribution.

The college is inviting Indian students from other schools to attend the conference. They will take part in the morning discussions and afternoon seminars.

By a most enthusiastic vote of the faculty, classes will be cancelled for the second and third day of the Conference.

41 Of 90 Freshmen Are From New York

The 93 Freshmen you see frantically scurrying around campus with schedule cards, etc., represent 17 states:

- 41—New York
- 13—Massachusetts
- 7—California
- 8—New Jersey
- 2—Minnesota
- 2—Oregon
- 2—District of Columbia
- 4—Connecticut
- 2—Maryland
- 3—Michigan
- 1—Maine
- 2—Florida
- 1—Arizona
- 1—Ohio
- 1—Illinois
- 2—Vermont
- 2—Pennsylvania
- 1—Rhode Island.

There are also 21 transfer students from:

- Mary Washington College N. Y. U.
- Pasadena City College
- U. of Wisconsin
- Carnegie Tech.
- Marlboro College.
- Brooklyn College
- U. of Arizona
- Vassar College
- Carleton College
- Wells College
- Oberlin College
- William Smith College
- San Diego State College
- U. of Wisconsin
- La Salle Jr. College
- U. San Marcos, Peru.
- U. of Athens
- U. of Minnesota
- Salter Secretarial School.

Malcolm Cowley To Lecture On Flaming Youth

Malcolm Cowley will discuss the Lost Generation, the members of the flaming youth of the '20's, for the first lecture of this year's American Values Series. This lecture is scheduled for October 11 at 7:40.

This is not Mr. Cowley's first visit to Bennington College. He has lectured here many times in the past.

Mr. Cowley was graduated from Harvard University. In 1921 he received an American Field Service Fellowship and entered the University of Montpelier. From 1929 to 1944 Mr. Cowley was associate editor of the *New Republic* magazine.

Mr. Cowley's principle works are *Blue Juniata* (poems); *The Lost Generation*; *Exile's Return*; *After the Genteel Tradition* (editor and co-author); *Books That Changed Our Minds* (editor and co-author); and *Dry Season* (poem).

Faculty Artists Play For Large Audience

by Elizabeth Lester

Substantial and representative works for chamber groups, solo piano and voice were offered Thursday evening in Carriage Barn by our music faculty. Miss Pernel, George Finckel and Paul Boepple opened the program with an early French trio, "Neuvieme Concert", by Francois Couperin. This piece ran the gamut of classic styles; in turn, bright, smooth, 'maestoso', even sweetly berceuse—like in one section. Mr. Chabay, with Claude Frank at the piano, sang six songs by that zenith of romanticism, Robert Schumann. There is an elusive quality to these songs; indeed, there is to all of the finer examples of so-called "literary", or program music, that provokes a sudden realization of its existence as a musical expression while conventionally dependent on the poetry, yet in the immediate experience of the music, beyond, out of reach of any "program".

The modern idiom was very significantly represented by a happy performance of Lionel Nowack's new work, a trio for clarinet, played by Gunnar Schonbeck; violin, Miss Pernel, and 'cello, Mr. Finckel. This charming work was enhanced by a well-assimilated kind of logic, a logic unself-conscious, intuitive. The work "shaped" to perfectly self-contained and essential structure. Probably it was because of its high transparency of form that this latest Nowack opus was so immediately satisfying to this reviewer.

Mr. De Gray, who has returned to Bennington after a year's sabbatical, gave a powerful and truthful reading of one of the latest Beethoven piano sonatas, opus 101.

Bennington Blessed With Horses

A riding school has been established on campus with stables near the Carriage Barn, operated by Mr. Warren Baker, president of the Vermont Horse Association. Mr. Baker's horses are winners and will be used for trail and pleasure riding. A complete course in horsemanship will be offered, including jumping and elementary dressage. Also included will be at least two horse shows, which will have the hounds of the Blackthorn Jump pack at their disposal, and optional breakfast and moonlight rides. A course in stable management will be available.

The rates for the course are as follows: One hour or more riding periods, three times a week—half year, \$65.00; full school year, \$120.00. There will be a cup fee of \$1.00 for transportation of the pack on the hunts.

Mr. Baker will assist in placing girls that qualify in summer camps and resorts.

Mrs. DeGray, Miss Stickney Receive New Posts

Mrs. Margaret Patterson DeGray has been appointed the new Director of Student Personnel replacing Miss Mary Jo Shelly, recently appointed Director of the WAF's with the rank of colonel. Miss Rebecca B. Stickney is the new Director of Admissions.

Mrs. DeGray received her A. B. at Huntington College in 1924, and her A. M. at Columbia University. She was employed by the Board of Education to participate at the Alabama Conference at the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. DeGray taught at the Riverside Church School in New York City, and was assistant in Philosophy of Education at Columbia University and Teachers College, where she received a graduate scholarship. Mrs. DeGray has been at Bennington College since 1936, when she was appointed professor of philosophy.

Miss Stickney was graduated from Bennington in the class of '43. During the war she worked with the Harvard Medical School. Miss Stickney returned to Bennington in 1948 to become Alumni Secretary, which position she held until her recent appointment.

Thoughts And Anxieties Entertained By The Bennington Freshman-To-Be

by Lenore Janis

The Bennington freshman-to-be is confronted with many conflicting opinions and rumors concerning her new school.

Facts, such as late hours, entertaining male friends in college dorms and the unusual freedom enjoyed by the Bennington students conjure up reproving thoughts in the minds of many people.

Take, for example, the knowing leers seen on the countenances of worldly college men and the lifted eyebrows of prominent matrons when Bennington is mentioned.

At first this lack of restriction is anticipated gleefully by the prospective freshman, who later realizes that this is her first step in being treated as an adult and wishes that more people would see it this way.

The wearing apparel at school

Pres. Burkhardt Remains In Germany 'Til Dec. 31

Rec. Council Hike Great Success



SOLVEIG PETERSON
Chairman of Rec. Council

The first recreational event of the year was a tremendous success. Mr. Woodworth guided thirty-one students on a climb up Bald Mountain. The trip up took two hours due to the fact that the "Daniel Boones" were lost in the wilderness because of the ever fading blue trail marks. However, the climb down was completed in only one hour, possibly because one can tumble faster on a downward slope. Cars were waiting at the foot of the mountain to transport the weary travelers home. The mountain climb was extremely pleasant because the upper and lower classmen met and thoroughly enjoyed themselves singing between puffs. Vermont has the ideal location and affords grand opportunities for many more mountain climbs.

In order to organize future events for the College's enjoyment, Rec. Council has taken a poll throughout the community to find out what the students want. The results show a strong interest in softball, hockey games, bridge tournaments, square dances, sings and hikes. The more student participation there is in these activities, the fuller will be the program.

Discusses Problems Of German Occupation

Acting President Thomas Brockway announced at last Friday's Community Meeting that President Frederick Burkhardt will not resume his presidential duties until December 31. Mr. Burkhardt will continue in his position as Deputy Director of the Office of Public Affairs in the American Sector of Germany until that time.

Mr. Burkhardt told the Community about conditions in Germany as it would be related at the meeting of the Foreign Ministers September 10 through September 12 in Washington. He described a very tense situation between the Germans and the Occupation Forces.

In trying to obviate the threat of a third Nazi regime and at the same time in trying to democratize Germany, complete with freedom, the Occupation Forces have run into conflict. Recently, in Saxony, a neo-Nazi party had arisen. In the last election 15% of the votes were for that party. Fortunately, the movement was suffocated by the Germans themselves and a potential threat was eliminated.

However, this same situation could occur again and the other part of Germany might not want to or be able to interfere as effectively. If not put down by the Occupation Forces, a third Nazi party may quite possibly develop.

The question confronting the Foreign Minister's conference, said Mr. Burkhardt in an interview after his lecture, is, in effect, whether to act against the ideals of the Occupation, and our nation, and interfere with the development of the Nazi party, or to hold true to these ideals and allow the development to take place.

Mr. Burkhardt stated in his speech that he felt the Occupation in Germany could be terminated in six and one-half years. This would of course necessitate giving Germany the benefit of the doubt as far as their enthusiasm for democracy is concerned.

Coffee Goes On Sale In Commons Next Month

Along with the changes in the Cooperative Store that have been instituted this year, notably its improved location and new head, Mrs. Shapiro, will be the dispensing of coffee in the near future.

Mrs. Shapiro sets the time as about a month before the Store will undertake this service, and states that it is still uncertain what hours it will be served. Contrary to expectation, it was impossible to secure a coffee machine, so coffee hours will depend on when the Store attendants can handle the added duty of making and serving it.

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EDITORIAL

Now that the new students have settled the furniture in their rooms, or at least decided how it will be settled when it arrives, have planned their schedules, they are ready to do just what the teachers and returning students have been doing to them for the past few days: look them over. We hope they like what they see.

The reduced enrollment this year should work to the advantage of both students and faculty, the Administration reports. Counselors will have more time to devote to their advisees, the library won't be so crowded, and the kitchen won't be under a strain as it was last year. Most important though, is that there won't be as many courses with large enrollments, and that students correspondingly will have freer access to classes of their choice. The drop in enrollment, which is half of the national average, is beneficial from every standpoint, in fact, except the financial one, and it is expected that more intensive fund-raising will take care of the difference in income between last year and this year.

Where To Dine, Dance And Dissipate In And Around Bennington

by Mary Lynn Hart

There comes a time when everyone needs a change of environment; exotic dishes, smooth dance bands, glamorous night spots. Bennington offers a wide variety of exciting places-to-go. Listed below are some of the more popular establishments:

The State Line—You'll find yourself dropping in here often. Soft lights and Old English decor add to its unusual charm. The State Line has been providing succor to the weary traveler for over 200 years. Today its popularity is partially due to a fortunate geographical factor. Straddling the New York-Vermont state line this meeting spot was wise enough to place its bar on the more liberal New York State side. Thus all those over 18 may partake of their hospitality. One mile from North Bennington on Route 67.

The Merry-Go-Round—If you like obscure jazz trios, amateur nights and roadhouses, try this one. There is a large dance floor, always plenty of tables and a generally relaxed atmosphere. New York State, opposite Hathaway's Drive-in Theatre, Route 67.

The Top Hat—An entirely new experience for those whose tastes have been jaded by more cosmopolitan night spots. It combines a truly rustic atmosphere with an excellent Italian cuisine. New York State, Route 22.

The Arlington Inn—Best on cold days, especially after skiing. Roaring fire, hearty meals, African Veld records and exhibitions of Vermont Art. A rather inconfruous note is struck by the presence of a Spook Bar. Over good cocktails one is often illuminated by somewhat ghastly glow of phosphorescent lighting. About twenty miles up toward Manchester, Route 7.

The College Entrance Dinette—Within walking distance for those sufficiently hungry, there are always hot coffee and good breakfasts. Added attractions; a pin-

ball machine and an occasional State Policeman.

The Knotty Pine—Highly recommended for odd-hour eating. Their menu is varied but sandwiches are the best bet. The Knotty Pine atmosphere is Bennington's one attempt at the "almost collegiate". Especially noted for bright lights, good service and frozen custard.

Raleigh's—Pervaded with a subtle tinge of the Prohibition Era Raleigh's is one of the better restaurants in Bennington. Suggested especially for entertaining parents and as a substitute for the College's famous fish dinners. Background music provided by Ernie of late State Line fame. The cocktails are good but if you are not 21, don't bother.

The Paradise—Despite its rather suggestive name, the Paradise is a restaurant which specializes in serving good food fast. You'll find it the unpompous haven of the hungry and discriminating person.

Places to insist upon when out with well heeled young gentlemen:

The 1896 House—Excellent grill . . . Wonderful bar and cocktail lounge . . . Dancing . . . Duncan Hines slept there.

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Freshmen, Beware Of The Williamsman

After your first week at Bennington you may hear such choice phrases circulating through campus as "Williams is back... how divine", or "Now that Williams is back we can have some serious intellectual discussions."

Your first encounter with a Williams man will be a rather quiet and restrained affair. No cars or motorcycles will be seen or heard on campus; instead, you will receive a phone call from Commons requesting permission to "come aboard." Permission granted. In a few minutes you will hear a soft knock on the front door. George, the house boy, will open the door and find before him a thick-haired, pinstriped young man with handkerchief in pocket and flower in lapel. The young man will give his card to George who will pussyfoot it upstairs and give it to you.

On the way to the concert, (you

suggested the State Line because you realize that Bennington girls rarely get a chance to go there) you will hear anything from Aristotle to... oh... Neitzche. After delighting to the music for flute of the twelfth century your date, the hour being ten, will suggest that you head back to the college, (Bennington, that is) since he has a ten o'clock class the next morning which he wants to be fresh for.

After shaking hands, he may ask you for a date for two weeks from Saturday or so. (It is customary for the Williams men to get dates long in advance.) You will then go back to your room thinking of the pleasant and instructive evening you had just spent with the man from Williams.

Freshmen, hold this article up to the nearest mirror and you will have a more probable account of your first date with the man from Williams.

GENERAL STARK THEATRE

MONDAY, SEPT. 10
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Gregory Peck

TUES., WED., THURS., SEPT. 11, 12, 13
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Jose Ferrer

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