

INTERVIEWS: JM

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 Rosemary Park  
 President, Connecticut College

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Miss P reported that rather unexpectedly Jane Dudley feels that she cannot participate in the Connecticut College Summer School of the Dance because of fatigue from her winter's work; that William Bales is unable to participate because of a back injury and that the college probably will not ask Sophie Maslow to participate, simply because these three have always participated as a group. Negotiations are now proceeding to replace these three by Valerie Bettis, who would bring her dance company to the school. This means that, as in previous years, Martha Graham will come for the opening week and that the permanent faculty of the school will be headed by Miss Bettis, Ruth Murray and Jose Limon.

This is not a matter of regret to Miss P, because of the modern dancers who have taken part, the work of Jane Dudley, Bales and Sophie Maslow has always seemed the least interesting. It has been hoped for some time that they might be replaced. Indeed, it was the intention a year or more ago to replace them by Mary Wigman, who unfortunately proved not to be eligible for an American visa.

JM jokingly but honestly admitted his lack of taste for modern dance and pinned it particularly to the work of these three that he had seen. Miss P countered by saying that in the dance family they were rather tolerated than admired. They had ~~not~~ stood by the modern dance in troublous periods and consequently were always included but somewhat reluctantly by others such as Jose Limon particularly. His work Miss P believes to be extremely promising and she urged JM sometime to treat his prejudice by going to see Limon, as JM certainly will.

In general, plans for this summer are going well. The college offered to match with \$50 any \$50 raised for a scholarship, with the result that 15 \$100 scholarships are now available. There is a larger number of applications, together with application fees, than ever before; in fact, at this date double the number of previous years.

Miss P said that she would let JM know definitely within a week or ten days whether or not Valerie Bettis could join the faculty as is hoped. JM said that if there were any possibility that an application from the college for the school could be considered, Miss P would be informed.

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