Everett M. Baker... a Biography

The late Dean Baker was known throughout the country as an outstanding administrator, educator, and theologian. He had attained widespread recognition as a speaker at student conferences and institutes. In August he had taken the post of Dean of Students at Dartmouth, following the annual conference of the International Student Service Fund. He was chairman. This organization, founded in 1924 by the American World Student Service Fund, was instrumental in bringing foreign students to the United States for study. In American student circles, Dr. Baker had always maintained a keen interest in the activities of young people. This interest in outdoor activities and sports and their associations with boys' camps early in his career, and he remained active until his death. A graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and Thayer and the College class of 1924, Dean Baker undertook graduate work at the Harvard Divinity School, completing his studies there in 1929. In 1937, he was elected Vice-President of the American Christian Association, following a period of active church work throughout New England. In addition to general administrative duties, he directed the publishing business of the Unitarian denomination and its fund raising campaign.

Before coming to the Institute in 1937, Dean Baker served as editor of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine of Cleveland, Ohio. In Cleveland, he acted as Chairman of the Unitarian Service Committee under whose auspices he edited and published a book of readings for men and women in the service titled "Think on These Things." Over three million copies of the book were distributed to men and women in the armed forces. In Baker was president of the Unitarian Continental Union from 1924 to 1946, and had been a member of the board of directors of the American Unitarian Association in several years. In 1946 he was elected to a one-year term as president of the Dorchester Alumni Association.

Under Dean Baker's guidance to Office of the Dean of Students was expanded its authority and responsibility in all aspects of student welfare. Both the athletic program and the system of student government received special attention, and attained their proper place in the undergraduate program.