Hirsch Optimistic on German Democracy

The American policy in post-war Germany is essentially successful, as stated by Dr. Felix Hirsch, in the open forum held at Skidmore College on March 12 over station WGY in Schenectady. Dr. Hirsch was introduced in a debate on the American occupation of Germany, and Roddye Mort, chairman of the Government Department at Colgate University, presented the negative argument.

Perhaps the most noteworthy accomplishments of the past five and a half years of American occupation, Dr. Hirsch states, are in the economic field. Marshall Plan aid and the currency reform did much towards German recovery. Labor productivity and average hours per week of employment have risen from 99 to 134 per cent and the output per man hour from 59 to 98 per cent of the 1936 average.

The opinions of Dr. Hirsch and Dr. Mort were most violently opposed on the question of German democracy. Dr. Mort felt that Western Germany does not approach true democracy because its people are not in support of the government. Citing that 78 per cent of all voters went to the polls in the last election, he said that a greater number than usually vote in the United States, Dr. Hirsch replied that definite steps are being taken to institute democracy.

In the general discussion which followed, both speakers agreed, however, that the student and teacher exchange program, sponsored by the State Department, has been very helpful in presenting the American way of life to Germany.

During the field period, Dr. Hirsch spoke about Germany in eight cities of eastern Canada under the sponsorship of the American Institute of International Affairs.

Dr. Newman Proposes "New and Better" Entertainment

What is the purpose and function of entertainment at Bard College?

When speaking of dancing, Danny suggested increased variety. He present ed ideas meant to entice people to remain at Bard for the weekends. There included square dances, costume balls, and carnivals of many lands, which might be cultural as well as entertaining, in addition to the regular bring-dance concerts.

Spreading out into new areas of fun at Bard, Danny suggested more field trips, which might link class activities with picnics in the country in the springtime, and make greater use of the surrounding countryside, parks and places of interest.

Also of vital concern is the part Bard plays in its community. Bard College, Danny thinks, should be a center for cultural activity for the whole area; its plans, speakers and WBCX should be channels of entertainment for our neighbors as well as ourselves.

Work projects too, aimed at improving our campus and surrounding areas, would bring us close to each other, (the true function of a college entertainment plan), and yet provide useful, satisfying work.

An exciting idea, Danny suggested, might be a grand finale, all-school festival at the end of the year, at which all the divisions could put forward their best work of the year.

An observant student committee, elected through council, should be formed to consider this problem more fully and perhaps come out with some vital, long-awaited decisions.

Newman and Ulmann to Speak at Bard

A front page item in the New York HERALD TRIBUNE of March 18 reported an expected White House announcement concerning the draft which, as yet, has not been released.

The "Trib" headline was: DRAFT MAY DEPLETE 75% OF ALL COLLEGE STUDENT TOTAL. In brief, the news was that this order will exempt 75% of all college students from the draft until they complete their courses . . . the upper half of the freshman class would be deferred for another year of study, as would be two-thirds of the sophomore class and the upper three-fourths of the junior class.

The draft status of college men has been kicked around so much between the White House, the Pentagon, and Capitol Hill that whatever we print here may well be obsolete by the time it is published. Below, however, are four important phases of the government's present mobilization goals:

1—Universal Military Service and Drafting of 18-year-olds is heavily weighed upon the side of large-scale college training. Youths would get four-months basic training, then be selected for college training.

2—Youths now in college will stand more of a chance of deferment for further education. They would serve in the armed services after college.

3—Reserve Officers Training Corps are being built up, with increases in both size and in the size of the staffs. Many new ROTC units are being installed at campuses which have not had them previously.

4—The Army, Navy, and Air Force are formulating plans for college training programs under which their freshmen would be assigned each year to special campus training programs.

Lit. Club Renders Mood of the 19-20s

On March 17, the Literature Club returned to the Twenties. The readings ranged from the flapper spirit to the beginnings of the social awareness that was to follow in the Thirties. King Learner's 'Dinner,' excerpts from the Broadway play 'Handy with the Shovel,' a short description of Steinmetz from John Dos Passos's 'The 42nd Parallel,' and F. Scott Fitzgerald's 'Babylon Revisited' were read. The presentation, planned and achieved through Pam Lerner's Charles Cross' photos was, according to the Stone's obvious Bing Crosby records.

News and Notes

President James Case has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of the North Dutchess Health Center (the Rhinebeck Hospital).

Edward Fiess has just received his Doctorate in Literature from Yale University.

The fourth International Student Conference will be held here on April 12, 13 and 14, 1951.

Lasswell to Speak at Bard

Hoopsters Lacking On Defense

On March 15, Bard dropped a hard-fought game to Dover Plains with a score of 71-68. The first half was tight scoring duel with Bard keeping ahead by a slim margin. Bard lost its grip in the third quarter, however, losing Dover Plains to pull ahead sufficiently to stave off a late fourth period rally by Bard.

The team as a whole was sadly lacking on defense, allowing their opponents to take shots freely. Bernhardt and Fles were the driving force behind the team, each playing a nice floor game. Bernhardt led the scoring with 27 points. Bard lost to New Pal in March 18 with 5 points and work record to date, with one game more to be played Saturday, March 24.

Lecture Planned

On Modern Dance; Martha Graham to Speak

On April 18th, Martha Graham, prima donna exponent of the modern dance, will lecture at Bard. Miss Graham who is widely acclaimed and is of international repute will appear in Bard Hall at 8:30 p.m. the exact topic of Miss Graham's lecture is not yet known. A 15-year-old composer-pianist, Genevieve Chinn, will present a recital in Bard Hall, 8:30 p.m. on April 2nd. Her selections will include an original composition.

The Bard Madrigal Group will sing at the International weekend dance on the 14th and then will present a complete program in Bard Hall on Tuesday the 17th at 8:30 p.m. The Madrigal Group is now making plans to give concerts at several colleges in New York, Poughkeepsie, and New Haven being some of the prospective places.

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Editorial
The 40% quorum rule survived the referendum vote by the Bard Community—no one should be especially proud of this fact. For only 25% of the entire student body voted for retention of the 40% quorum. Faculty and administration participation in the vote was disturbingly low and many forlorn students did not vote because nobody would explain the issue to them. At the last Convocation on the question of entertainment at Bard, a quorum was again unobtainable. However, the library was open, the store was open, the administrative offices were open, several conferences were scheduled and Miss Barbara Kierman met with her Freshman Orientation group at the hour appointed for the Convocation meeting.

The BARDIAN challenges all CG officers who want to push ahead for a 25% check to prove to the community that a quorum is UNOBTAINABLE—after the entire school plant has been shut down, all academic and extra-curricular activities have been cancelled, and no adequate and imaginative publicity has been provided. The BARDIAN, offering its staff to do the necessary leg work, is eager to prove all pessimists wrong.

To the Editor
To the Editor of "The Bardian"!
The Column "Tides and Trends," which appeared in the last edition of "The Bardian," reads like a "Daily News" Editorial. At a time when the over-riding issue in the world is Peace, it is shocking to see any comments on the international situation so completely supporting the point of view of one side. It is time that those of us at Bard who are aware of some of the distinctions contained in this column point out certain facts which suggest that Communist movement and the relationship between that movement and the world-wide struggle for peace.

One point that might be mentioned, in passing, is that at no time has any Communist leader stated that he would fight for a foreign power against his own country. Communists can quite easily say this because they sincerely believe that the Soviet Union, at present the leading nation in the struggle for peace, would never attack another country.

The real purpose of this letter is that, if there is going to be a column commenting on the world situation, it should be presented more objectively. If Mr. Naed, the writer of "Tides and Trends," continues to express his viewpoint in an unobjectionable way, then I think that the Editor should permit expression of an opposing point of view.

Sincerely yours,
Richard Bush-Brown

Letter to the Editor
The Cliling Soviet Empire
There are many people who believe that every Russian is necessarily a Communist. There are others who realize that there are less than four million Communist Party members among Russia's billion population, yet they still believe that all Russians are strictly subservient to the Kremlin.

The whole world is trembling before the mighty Red Army. I believe that the Red Army might actually prove to be an asset to the Free World, because it is most exposed to anti-Stalinist thought. It is little known that "virtually every officer" who had served under Marshall Shukov in Germany has been either exiled or imprisoned. It is little known that an organized underground group, called "NTS," is operating within the Russian army in Eastern Germany. This group has adopted the motto "Death to the Tyrants!" and many of its members are top-level Russian army and civilian functionaries. Colonel NVD (the Communist Secret Police) has vainly sought to uncover this movement which transmits confidential Communist information to Western Germany and which distributes thousands of leaflets to Russian soldiers. Denunciation of enlisted men and officers to Western Germany is relatively high, and the morale of the Russian troops is low.

It must be remembered that the Russian soldier is a normal human being who yearns for home and is fed up with the constant Communist propaganda which often contradicts what he sees with his own eyes in Europe. It becomes more and more apparent that the Russian armies in Eastern Europe are more of a liability to the Kremlin than is commonly assumed.

1952 Bandwagon

Not only Republicans are eying Eisenhower as their Presidential candidate. Allegedly, Truman is thinking of Ike or Chief Justice Vinson as the possible Democratic successor to the White House. Both have some support among Democratic Party leaders.

But a United Press poll of Democratic leaders indicates that Sen. Paul H. Douglas (Dem. Ill.) and Sen. Estes Kefauver (Dem. Ky.) are their number one favorites for the Presidential and Vice-Presidential nomination, respectively, provided that Truman is willing to step down (which is practically assured). Both Senators are experienced vote-getters and self-styled "independents." Douglas' stand on Foreign Policy and FCC and Kefauver's Senate Crime Investigating Committee have brought them good publicity and endeared them even to such staunch Republican columnists as flat McManus and John Kenneth Galbraith. Kefauver is known to be a large figure in organized crime, but he has been extremely shrewd in "beating the law." It is believed, however, that he is liable for deportation on the basis of having lied to government authorities in denying that he ever went under another name.

House Cleaning

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At A Glance...

Herbert Morrison was appointed as the new British Foreign Secretary, following the resignation of ailing Ernest Bevin. Bevin will remain a member of the Cabinet in advisory capacity. Morrison's appointment is a blow to the Labor Party's United Nations aspirations. Morrison is regarded as the major loop-hole in the British delegation.

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Pete Says ... 

The gigantic problem confronting seniors these days is what to leave the school when they are gone. Some feel it should be in keeping with the spirit that prompted other classes to give marble stones, young saplings, and works of art. Others feel it should perhaps be something more useful or original with which to indicate appreciati.

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Workshop Plays Reviewed

"THE APPOINTMENT," an original play by Scott Pepton was the high-
light of the Drama Workshop presented last week in the theatre. A rather com-
plicated work embodying many worthy ideas in a rather confused framework of character and plot, this play will be fully critiqued in a separate article to appear in the next issue of THE BARDIAN.

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Lady Gregory's HYACINTH HALÉY provided comic relief to an extremely serious program. The cast, consisting of Bill Walker, Helenne Kopp, Peter Strader, Alice Wood, Wendy Wolff and Miles Krugier, was appropriately light-hearted and Irish. With no outstanding performances were realized. Direction by Ellen Kraus and settings by Joe Schofield were also adequate.

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SURVEYORS

PREPARING FOR LAST PUSH

As you read this article, the Bard Surveyors are preparing for the final push.

Someday, somewhere, on time no one knew existed, the frantic five plus their coach and mentor, Miss Ruth Gillard, were holding that last-minute caucus.

"I'm in favor of extending the survey period another half hour," said Miss Gillard in a general study separated from the literature department.

"Why did you choose the topic?" asked the nosy reporter. The five and their mentor, Miss Ruth Gillard, were preparing for the last push. Not now, however, for the sociologists were dealing with social change.

"I'm in favor of extending the survey period another half hour," said Miss Gillard. "The ideal of democracy is the basic social reform for which many sociologists fight. It is a noble cause, but it should be applied to social systems and social change."

"Sociology was born just about a hundred years ago, when Alfred Corne came to give it its present name," Dr. De Gré declared at the first Social Studies Colloquium of this spring term. This was the time when the industrial revolution was causing major disorders in the social structure and made man aware of social change. He wondered why there was social change and whether he could detect any laws governing it. Prior to the 19th century, that style was reduced to its logical laws should be formalized and dependently from specific random situations. He stressed that social facts exist in particular instances, and should be applied to concrete social situations. He asserted that sociology can be developed independently from specific random individuals and that they cannot be explained in terms of the social facts. Max Weber, one of the foremost German sociologists, put Sociology on a relativistic level by introducing the "probability concept."

Outlining the subject matter of Sociology, Dr. De Gré said that it deals with "group phenomena, institutions, social structure and social change."

Sociology was born just about a hundred years ago, when Alfred Corne gave it its present name. Sociology is a generalizing science operating within a specific frame of reference. Sociology, defined by its relationships. He emphasized that many problems can be solved only by cooperation between the various Social Studies disciplines.

Miss Gillard acquainted the audience with various methods of contemporary social research. She said that sociology attempts to describe and analyze different groups, their membership and their organizations. If the sociologist wants to formulate laws governing group behavior, he must keep in mind that groups operate always within the larger framework of a culture. In order to determine the function of a particular group in a given society, he must distinguish its goals, the means by which it attempts to reach these goals and the rules by which it abides. If a group deviates in one or more functions from the existing cultural pattern, it will create a social problem and prepare the way for social change.

Mrs. Bourne prefaced her talk by pointing out the strategic position which sociology occupies among the social sciences. She stated that sociology intersects all disciplines and serves as catalyst and coordinator. She stressed the need for interdependence between different disciplines. If the sociologist wants to formulate laws governing group behavior, he must keep in mind that groups operate always within the larger framework of a culture. In order to determine the function of a particular group in a given society, he must distinguish its goals, the means by which it attempts to reach these goals and the rules by which it abides. If a group deviates in one or more functions from the existing cultural pattern, it will create a social problem and prepare the way for social change.