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Hirsch Optimistic on German Democracy

The American policy in post-war Germany is essentially successful, asserted Felix Hirsch, in the open forum held at Skidmore College on March 12 over WAMC’s “Around the World,” on March 17 at 8:30 p.m. The Marshal Plan aid and the currency reform did much towards German recovery, but has been restored to pre-war level; employment has 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. Mott were most violently opposed on the question of German democracy.

Newman Proposes “New and Better” Entertainment

What is the purpose and function of entertainment at Bard College? To what degree does our present entertainment program remain conducive to group loyalties? To what degree should Bard remain within itself when planning its fun-time? Could not freshman orientation be carried out more effectively and easily through planned, sensible group activities?

Dr. Newman put the questions to David Newman, the group, too small to be a formal social function, which met on March 14. Speaking as a student who was thoughtful and doubtful of many of the present entertainment patterns at Bard, Danny had some concrete suggestions to make in addition to raising many new and puzzling questions in the mind of the speaker.

Role of Science Discussed in 1st J. B. Lecture

The first John Bard Lecture of the year was given last Wednesday evening by Dr. Duane Roller, Professor of Biology and director of the Museum of Science, in New York, President of the American Association of Physics Teachers. He spoke on "The Role of the Natural Sciences in a Liberal Education." A full account of this vital lecture will appear in the next issue of the BARDIAN.
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The 40% quorum rate survived the referendum vote by the Bard Com-

munity. No one should be especially proud of this. For only 35% of the
entire student body voted for retention of the 40% quorum. Faculty and ad-

ministration argue that the vote was distantly low and many foreign
students did not vote because nobody would explain the issue to them. At
the last Convocation on the question of entertainments at Bard, a quorum was again
unattainable. However, the library was open, the store was open, the Administr-
ative offices were open, several conferences were scheduled and Miss Barbara
Kleeman met with her Freshman Orientation group at the hour appointed for
the Convocation meeting.

The BARDIAN challenges all CG officers who want to push again for a
25% quorum vote to prove that the community is UNO Briable
—after the entire school plant has been shut down, all academics and extra-
curricular activities have been cancelled, and after 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.

Letter 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 distortions
contained in this column point out certain facts about the Communist move-
ment and the relationship between that movement and the worldwide 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. Communists can quite easily say this because they
sincerely believe that the Soviet Union, at present, has the leading role in the
struggle for peace, would never attack an-
other country.

The real purpose of this letter is that, if the Editors to "Tides and Trends,"
continue to express his viewpoint in an unobjective way, then I think that the
Editor should permit expression of an opposing point of view.

Since you're... Richard Bush-Brown

Jebb on UN

Describing the "United Nations As A Force For Peace," Sir Gladwyn Jebb,
permanent representative of the British Government to the Security Council last week spoke be-
fore the Duchesse County Council on World Affairs. He based his lecture on
two main questions: whether the UN is an "constructive" on the right lines" as far
as circumstances permit, and whether the UN "will by itself succeed in pre-
venting a third world war.

The first question the British diplomat answered in the affirmative. He ex-
pressed the belief that, in theory, the United Nations' emphasis on arms control will lead to
the best feasible lines. The veto, usually regarded as the major block in this
construction, was said by this speaker to be a necessary device and harmful
only when used in the manner done by the Soviet delegate.

In answering the second self-posed question, Sir Gladwyn was somewhat
more doubtful. He said that the United Nations could not "set itself" prevent
the war. The organization could accom-
plish this goal, he added, only if peace is the "common will" of its members.
"There is no short cut to peace," he concluded.

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The CRUMBING SOVIET EMPIRE

There are many people who believe that every Russian is necessarily a Commu-

nist. There are others who realize that there are less than four million Communist Party members among Russia's population of over 200 million. But 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-Communist thought. It is little known that "virtually every officer" who had served under Marshall Shukov in Germany has either

exited or imprisoned. It is little known that an organized underground group,
called "NTS," is operating within the Russian army and five times its size in

America. This group has adopted the motto "Death to the Tyrants!" and many of its members are top-level Russian army and civilian functionaries. The NKVD (the Com-
munist Secret Police) has vainly sought to uncover this movement which dis-
tributes confidential Communist information to Western Germany and which dis-
tributes thousands of leaflets to Russian soldiers. Desertion of enlisted men and

officers to Western Germany is relatively high, and the morale of the Russian

military is low.

It must be remembered that the Russian soldier is a normal human being who wants 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 a basically useful army.

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 among their
number: one favorite's 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 Kefauver's Senate Crime Investigating
Committee have brought them good publicity and endeared them to such
Republican Magazines as Time. If the "independents" only would they have a
good chance of winning the decisive margin of the middle-class vote, but they
could count on the unqualified support by organized labor and such liberal
groups as the Americans for Democratic Action. (Incidentally, both are members of
the latter organization.)

House Cleaning...

The Senate Crime Investigating Committee has made great strides in bringing
the status of organized political pressure groups in Eastern Germany to the

light. The Committee has discovered that some of the so-called "leaders of

Communist organizations" were former Communists, and that a number of
these leaders were Communists who were now working for the Nationalists.

At A Glance...

Herbert Morrison was appointed as the new British Foreign Secretary, fol-

lowing the resignation of alien Ernest Bevin. Bevin will remain a member of
Cabinet in advisory capacity. Morrison's appointment is a blow to the Labor

Truman asked Congress for an additional 97 million dollars to help the
"Voice" combat Communism's "liberation and untruths.

Did You Know...

That Ernest Davies, father of not-so-long-ago graduated Bard alumnus
Bruce Davies, is the British delegate to the "Big Five Deputies' Meeting" currently held in Paris.

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A reverse draft has been suggested by Professor Samuel M. Browning (Yale University) which would prevent pres-
ent and prospective faculty from being drafted into the armed services or volunt-
arily entering war work. Browning would "freeze" teachers on all levels in their present jobs and would augment teaching staffs, with students that were especially selected for their teaching apti-
itude, by "drafting" them into the edu-
cational fields. Training under civilian auspices was advocated by Browning in outlining his plan.

How would you like to go into the coffee shop, serve yourself, and make your own change at the cash register? It sounds like heaven for petty liasonees but apparently it can be a successful method of doing business if the recently opened Serve Yourself Store at David-
son College, Davidson, North Carolina, can be any criteria. With the Student Council acting as the store's Board of
Directors, Davidson hopes to match the success of a similar store at Washington and Lee University in Virginia.

How about a modification of this at Bard through the expanding vending ma-
chines in the store? Candy, cigarettes, soda pop, crackers, ice cream, and even spaghetti and meatballs can be dispensed through slot machines.

Kefatser pleae took the other way. On a no-profit basis most of these items would cost a lot less, and on a profit basis the dividends could be turned over to a fund for student use.

It would really be like to see Bard have a new recreational-cultural center where don't we start laying the ground work and build it ourselves instead of sitting around in the store waiting for manna from heaven so that we can give it away to some contractor. It's not impossible because it's been done by students at Williamsburg College, Williamsburg, Ohio, who built a dorm housing 100 in two short years. By utilizing the ener-
gies of the College's entire community body, including faculty and students, the project served to save the college $22,000 in labor costs alone. Skilled labor was hired for the more tech-
nical jobs of plumbing and lighting but the digging of a foundation: the laying of bricks; and painting were done by student volunteer labor.

It would be gratifying to see Bardians show the kind of spirit displayed at Wil-
ley-Mingston. A combination recreation-cultural center, which would undoubtedly replace Orient, would not require the cost or technical experience needed for a dorm such as that built at Wil-
ley-Mingston. Let's take more than a pas-
sive interest in our college.

Joe Schofield! How about resurrecting those "rec" hall plans you drew up a few years back?

The BARDIAN is your paper... it needs your goodwill and cooperation if it is to please you.

Petes Says...

The gigantic problem confronting seniors this day is what to leave the school when they are gone. Some feel it should be in keeping with the spirit that gave mailboxes, signs, and works of art. Others feel that perhaps something more useful or original would be more fitting. If I may be allowed to add my two cents—this last is a common idiom and in no way indicative of the size of my contribution—I will try to clear up the confusion. And who's going to stop me? I poured $23,000 worth of back debts. You have my word! I can't guarantee my wits one hundred percent. If you don't like it, read Naed on the other page. I dare you!

To get to particulars, many valid suggestions were offered by members of the graduating class. For instance, one suggested that we leave Tom Morgan. He's certainly as functional as the granite left by Winter '89. Or the Badinron not given by '14. Or the Benno credit card forgotten by Autumn '32. Mrs. Smith inflicted by Summer '96. However, Tom remigrated at the last moment, and made a hearty effort to stay with ferocious fervor. One person decided that if we all contributed $1,675 we could buy all our alumni's contracts from Nedisk. But that was decided against because of the discovery that these citrus-squeezers were at least employed, whereas many of the - - - (Delirium by PR office).

One impractical senior suggested that perhaps a set of encyclopedia in German donated to the library might be appreciated. But it was pointed out that this was extravagant, and besides, what library needs German encyclopedias. The next suggestion from the group—someone suggested that the rec hall be completed. This was generally agreed to be the best idea, but perhaps past classes had been going at it the wrong way. A new, secure, strange building might be confusing to those seeking recreation. So it was decided that a committee be set up to examine the possibility of converting and reprogramming the squash courts. As one member put it, "the hall of time to squinch tradition.

It was then purported that contributions be made to start the necessary machinery to enable the Registrar's office to place all boys in the upper hall of chambers in all girls in the lower halves for draft purposes. This, it was agreed, would enable us to calculate the statistical ratio on campus, thereby making open house violations an even, smooth-running program. (At this point, a dissertation eminent professors were worth repeating at this time. It was a working solution to the open house problem. If everyone on campus could be processed with the rules at the same time, there would be no girls in girls' dorms, and so forth. This was called the "Vice Versa" plan.)

The next suggestion received my vote, and those of other imaginative persons as well. It was put forth that money be put aside to hire twelve Cops girls to come on campus posing as new applicants, thereby insuring the return of the live faction of the student body. As it was so beautifully put by one senior, "Zoom!"

The afternoon was wearing on, but don't you think for one moment the length of hours the call of the idea's effect. The next suggestion was a moving one. One senior proposed that students put their pin-money away for the proposed money to be given to day for holidays. This last one was voted against for the simple reason that, as any food, a well-trained instructor is a menace. (The rest of this article will be finished by Ray Rudnick.)

This senior was the one who purposed his senior year as Artistic. (New writer's note: I can't figure out what the last writer was talking about)

(Petrie's note: I understand it and as a matter of fact, I think this kid's got talent, yerin, real monole)

(Publishers note: Print, don't talk)

Getting back to the senior contribution, I would like to end this ms. with my own suggestions. I bickered awhile with myself over several possibilities.

For instance, why not a gorgeous, hand-illuminated scroll showing parking areas or the physics building or the library or some out-of-the-way corner? How about individual fever-charts for each table in commons? Or about what a bell to hang in the gymnasium saying, "Something heavier? Nu, when you get right down to it, there's only one answer. Why don't the seniors leave...that's all, why don't the seniors leave?

Workshop Plays Reviewed

"THE APPOINTMENT," an original play by Scott Pyton was the high-
light of the Drama Workshop presented last week in the theatre. A rather com-
licated 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.

Peter Stone's excellent performance as the disillusioned willier in Tennessee Williams' LADY OF LARK-
SPUR LOTION must be highly prais-
ed. It was sensitive and highly emotion-
al which could have been more times credible. His soliloquy presented a fine example of an ability to control a stage. Felice Silberberg and Joanne Fines, who supported Stone in this short play ap-
peared rather incipiently. They did little with their poor roles. The play itself was conducive mainly to the crea-
tion of a mood. This purpose was full-
tilled through Peter Stone's work. Di-
rection by Howard Hoing and settings by Peter Strader were also helpful to the maintenance of this mood.

Lady Gregory's HYACINTH HALEY provided comic relief to an extremely serious play. The cast, consisting of Bill Walker, Helene Kopp, Peter Strader, Alex Wood, Wendy Wold and Miles Kruger, was approp-
riately light-hearted and Irish, but no outstanding performances were rendered.

Direction by Ellen Kraus and set-
tings by Joe Schofield were also ade-
quate.

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