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Lecture Planned On Modern Dance; Martha Graham to Speak

On April 18th, Martha Graham, primary exponent of the modern dance, will lecture at Bard. Miss Graham who is widely acclaimed and is of international reputation will speak in Bard Hall at 8:30 p. m. The exact topic of Miss Graham's address 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 outside of the college, New York, Poughkeepsie, and New Haven being some of the prospective places.

HIRSCH OPTOMISTIC 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 station WGY in Schenectady. Dr. Hirsch took the affirmative position in a debate on the American occupation of Germany, and Rodney Mott, 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 stated, are in the economic field. Marshall Plan aid and the currency reform did much towards German recovery. Industry 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. Dr.

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 a tight scoring duel with Bard keeping ahead by a slim margin. Bard lost its pep in the third quarter, however, allowing 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 Flax were the driving force behind the team, each playing a nice floor game. Bernhardt led the scoring with 27 points and Besen contributed 17 points.

Bard lost to New Paltz on March 18 to give them a 5 lost and 1 won record to date, with one game more to be played Saturday, March 24.

Mott felt that Western Germany doesn't 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, 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 Germans.

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

L. G.

LASSWELL TO SPEAK AT BARD

Dr. Harold Dwight Lasswell, famous scholar at the Yale Law School, will deliver the second *John Bard Lecture* on April 10. His topic will be "Personality, Power and Crisis." Professor Lasswell is uniquely qualified to talk on this subject, for he is considered the "inventor" of the study of dynamic interactions between power and personality that govern the behavior of men

and nations. "Psychopathology and Politics," "World Politics and Personal Insecurity," "National Security and Individual Freedom," "Power and Personality," are among the best known of his numerous books. Professor Lasswell has taught at the University of Chicago, Syracuse University, Yenching University, the University of California and the New School of Social Research.

70% of College Students May Be Deferred

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 DEFER 70% OF ALL COLLEGE STUDENT TOTAL.** In brief, the news story said: "One report was that the order will exempt 70% 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."

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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 weighted on 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 due in quotas and in the size of staffs. Many new ROTC units are being installed at colleges which have not had them previously.

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

News and Notes

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

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

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

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See the next issue of *THE BARDIAN* for full coverage of these events.

Lit. Club Renders Mood of the 19 - Twenties

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. Ring Lardner's "Dinner," excerpts from the *Socco-Vanzetti Case*; "Hands" by Sherwood Anderson; a short description of Steinmetz from John Dos Passos's "The 42nd Parallel"; and F. Scott Fitzgerald's "Babylon Revisited," were read.

The proper musical background was achieved through Pam Lerner's Charles-toning and Pete Stone's obscene Bing Crosby records.

N. D.

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 loneliness? 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?

These were some of the questions put by Daniel Newman to the group, too small to be a formal convocation, 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 minds of all Bardians.

The question first became important when at this term's budget meeting money was withdrawn from the allotment to the Entertainment Committee and money added to the budget of the Literature Club, which was planning an extensive program for a literary weekend. Students concerned with this decision and what it meant requested a special meeting on the specific nature of entertainment at Bard.

When speaking of dances, Danny suggested increased variety. He presented 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-a-date dances.

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 spring-time, 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 plays, speakers and WXBC, should all 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 before the entire college a summary of their year's work.

It was decided that a new committee, elected through council, should be formed to consider this problem more fully and perhaps come out with some vital, long-awaited decisions.

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 Physics at Wabash College and 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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Editorial

The 40% quorum rule survived the referendum vote by the Bard Community. No-one should be especially proud of this fact. For only 35% of the entire student body voted for retention of the 40% quorum. Faculty and administration participation in the vote was disturbingly low and many foreign 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 Kiernan 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 rule to prove to the community that a 40% quorum is UNOBTAINABLE —after the entire school plant has been shut down, all academic 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 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. Naef, the writer of "Tides and Trends," continues to express his viewpoint in an unobjective way, then I think that the Editor should permit expression of an opposing point of view.

Sincerely yours,
Richard Bush-Brown

Jebb on UN

Describing the "United Nations As a Power For Peace," Sir Gladwyn Jebb, permanent British representative to the Security Council last week spoke before the Dutchess County Council on World Affairs. He based his lecture on two main questions: whether the UN is "constructed on the right lines" as far as circumstances permit, and whether the UN will "by itself succeed" in preventing a third world war.

The first question the British diplomat answered in the affirmative. He expressed the belief that, in theory, the United Nations is constructed along the best feasible lines. The veto, usually regarded as the major loop-hole in this construction, was said by this speaker to be a necessary device and harmful only when abused 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 "of itself" prevent war. The organization could accomplish this goal, he added, only if peace is the "common will" of its members. "There is no short cut to peace" concluded Sir Gladwyn Jebb.

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Tides and Trends

by CHARLES NAEF

The Crumbling 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 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-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. The NKVD (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. Desertion 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 eyeing 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 RFC and Kefauver's Senate Crime Investigating Committee have brought them good publicity and endeared them even to such staunch Republican Magazines as *Time* and *Life*. Not 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 crime to public attention. Ambassador O'Dwyer admitted that he put gangsters' friends in City jobs while he was Mayor of New York City. It was revealed that O'Dwyer had a number of underworld friends and acquaintances. Frank Costello admitted that he had an interest in several clubs which are known to be primarily gambling casinos. Costello 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.

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 Cabinet in advisory capacity. Morrison's appointment is a blow to the Labor Party's anti-American left wing headed by Aneurin Bevan and the *New Statesman & Nation*.

Truman asked Congress for an additional 97 million dollars to help the "Voice" combat Communist "distortions 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 Four Deputies' Meeting" currently held in Paris?

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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 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 into this lousy sheet to guarantee my wedge into popular opinion. If you don't like it, read Naef 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 '09. Or the Badminton net given by Spring '14. Or the Esso credit card forgotten by Autumn '32. Or Mrs. Smith inflicted by Summer '96. However, Tom reneged at the last moment, and managed to beat his way to safety with ferocious fervor. One girl decided that if we all contributed \$1,675 we could buy all our alumni's contracts from Nedicks. But that was decided against because of the discovery that those citrus-squeezers were at least employed, whereas many of the ----- (Deletion by PR office)

One impractical senior suggested that perhaps a set of encyclopediae in German donated to the library might be appreciated. But it was pointed out that this was extravagant, and besides, what library needs German encyclopoediae. The next suggestion received a whopping cheer 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, separate, 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 redecorating the squash courts. After all, as one member put it, this is a hell of time to squelch 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 half of classes, and all girls in the lower halves for draft purposes. This, it was agreed, would certainly maintain the statistical ratio on campus, thereby making open house violations an even, smooth-running program. (At this point, a dissertation ensued completely off the point, but certainly worth repeating at this time. It was a working solution to the open house problem. If everyone on campus could be persuaded to violate 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 Copa girls to come up 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 lengthy hours were affecting the caliber of the ideas. The next suggestion was a moving one. One senior proposed that students put their pin-money away for the purpose of supplying a third meal every day for instructors. This however was voted against for the simple reason that, as any fool knows, a well-fed instructor is a menace. (The rest of this article will be finished by Ray Rudnick. The former scrivener was persuaded to finish his senior year at Antioch.

(New writer's note: I can't figure out what the last writer was talking about)

(Printer's note: I understand it and as a matter of fact, I think this kid's got talent, yessir, real moxie)

(Publisher's 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 on campus? Or, just as thrilling, why not blast-resistant statues? How about individual fever-charts for each table in commons? Or what about a bell to hang around the proctor's neck? . . . Something heavier? No, 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?

Pete

Workshop Plays Reviewed

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

Peter Stone's excellent performance as the disillusioned writer in Tennessee Williams' THE LADY OF LARK-SPUR LOTION must be highly praised. It was sensitive and highly emotional while remaining at all times credible. His soliloquy presented a fine example of an actor's ability to command a stage. Felice Silberberg and Joanne Pines, who supported Stone in this short play ap-

peared rather inexperienced. They did little with their poor roles. The play itself was conducive mainly to the creation of a mood. This purpose was fulfilled through Peter Stone's work. Direction by Howard Honig and settings by Peter Strader were also helpful to the maintenance of this mood.

Lady Gregory's HYACHINTH HALEY provided comic relief to an extremely heavy program. The cast, consisting of Bill Walker, Helene Kopp, Peter Strader, Alec Wood, Wendy Wolff and Miles Kruger, was appropriately light hearted and Irish, but no outstanding performances were rendered. Direction by Ellen Kraus and settings by Joe Schofield were also adequate.

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Intercollegiate Press Roundup

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

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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 larcenists but apparently it can be a successful method of doing business if the recently opened Serve Yourself Store at Davidson 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 use of vending machines in the store? Candy, cigarettes, soda pop, crackers, ice cream, and even coffee, and hamburgers and hot dogs can be dispensed through slot machines. (Kefauver please look 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.

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If we'd really like to see Bard have a new recreational-cultural center why 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 its been done by students at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio, who built a dorm housing 100 in two short years. By utilizing the energies of the College's entire community body, including faculty and students, the project served to save the college \$122,000 in labor costs alone. Skilled labor had to be hired for the more technical 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 Wilmington. A combination recreational-cultural center, which would undoubtedly replace Orient, would not require the cost or technical experience needed for a dorm such as that built at Wilmington. Let's take more than a passive interest in our college.

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

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SURVEYORS
PREPARING FOR
LAST PUSH

As you read this article, the Bard Survey group is meeting.

Somewhere, somehow, on time no one knew existed, the frantic five plus their coach and mentor, Miss Ruth Gillard, are holding that last-minute caucus. Things have certainly changed since the field period days of itinerant investigation; hour after hour finds the surveyors, fed on naught but Articles, Sections and Parts, preparing The Child for its formal debut.

Since the reports were offered to the Community in Convocation and the Bardian, certain major events have transpired. First, Bard Survey meetings have jumped from two to eight and more hours weekly. Second, the group went to Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont, which trip deserves a paragraph to itself. The following is that very paragraph.

Goddard, a community of less than one hundred students, was built up from an old farm. Their community government structure is not too unlike ours at present, but the spirit that pervades it is young and vigorous. The "convocation," which meets every other week, is heavily attended despite the lack of any quorum law, and it not infrequently lasts over three hours at a stretch. Minutes the sureyors perused read like this: "The Community meeting was called to order at 8:00 p. m. . . it was adjourned at 1:08 a. m." Enough said?

Goddard's educational system was familiar to the Bard-bred surveyors, but the "happy family" social orientation, brought about by Goddard's isolation, was new and judged most effective. For further information, ask any of the Sociological Six; you'll hear paeans of praise about the friendly and intelligent reception they got. Conclusions: Bard and Goddard should get together far, far more often.

Shortly after their return from Goddard, the surveyors presented to Council for advice and suggestions the outline of the community structure they envisioned. The two hours that followed the initial presentation showed more than good thinking and close cooperation; they showed the kind of action that makes good community government a thing within our grasp, not an idea drifting in limbo.

With the additional materials gained at Goddard, at Bard's Community Council and at informal discussions all over campus, the surveyors are preparing for the last push. Not now, however, nor anytime in the near future, is the job close to completion. The attention and aid of the community at large is sorely needed if a valid document is to ensue. Everyone (you too, alumni!) is urged to bring his ideas to the group. Campus mail stands ready; the surveyors themselves, when not in conclave, are stationed strategically about campus; and the conclaves, whose times and locations are posted on the Council bulletin board, are open to one and all. There are still many meetings to go before the new Constitution is offered to the Community.

Whitney Bolton

Ph.D Is Interviewed

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X Y Z !

Have you re-read your dissertation, Dr. Fiess?

(No answer)

If you had to do it all over again, would you?

(No answer)

Would you criticise the training given in American graduate schools?

(No answer)

Why did you choose the topic?

The topic spans two literatures and made a comparative study possible. Also, there is a tendency in American literature to become isolated and nationalistic. Some schools are considering American literature as a field of study separate from the literature department.

Uh . . . What was the topic of the dissertation?

Byron and Byronism in America in the Mind and Art of Herman Melville.

Briefly, what did this include?

The influence of Byronism and Byron's writings as they show themselves in Melville's work supported by Herman's readings in his 16 volume set of Byron.

Tell me sir, if you had to do it over again would you?

(No answer)

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SOCIAL STUDIES COLLOQUIUM:

Sociology Discussed at 1st Meeting

"Systematic Sociology was born just about a hundred years ago, when Alfred Comte gave 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 dislocations 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, philosophic rationalism insisted on the construction of artificial social systems on an "a priori" basis. There was a wide-spread superstition that society could be changed overnight if rational man would only translate his insights into practice. Sociology worked with the concept of evolution long before Darwin published his *Origin of Species*. "Darwin made evolution precise."

Herbert Spencer was the protagonist of those advocating the principle of direct evolution in Sociology, continued Dr. De Gré. His main thesis was that man should not interfere with society but let the social laws unfold themselves. Spencer's line of approach deteriorated particularly in Germany where several sociologists drew absurd analogies to biology.

William G. Sumner, following in the footsteps of Spencer, did much to make Sociology acceptable in the United States. According to Dr. De Gré, this was due mainly to his "laissez faire" approach which was in harmony with the existing social-economic and political philosophy. Another American sociologist, Lester Ward, provided the logical antithesis to Spencer. A "sociological optimist," he insisted that Sociology can and should be applied to concrete social situations. He asked that the sociological laws should be formalized and that concrete social goals be set up.

The next sociologist discussed by Dr. De Gré was Emile Durkheim, the founder of the French school of Sociology. He stressed that social facts exist independently from specific random individuals and that they cannot be explained in terms of individual 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 is a generalizing science operating within a specific frame of reference and dealing with social relationships. Closing, 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 analyse different groups, their membership and their operation. 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 inter-dependence between different fields of knowledge and warned of "water-tight compartments" which manifest themselves in such concepts as "the economic man, the political man, etc."

By insisting that sociologists are not only responsible for detecting symptoms of social change, but should also participate in social action, Mrs. Bourne started a major discussion on the role of the social scientist in our society. "Many," she stated, "ignore the possibility that the best social reformer might be the social scientist." Criticising the self righteous objectivity of many social scientists, she said "that there is no other device to evade values than to face them at the back door with an apology." The ideal of democracy is the basic value upon which American society rests, she continued. Gunnar Myrdal points out that many sociologists refrain from facing and solving practical problems that arise in contradiction to that value. Yet, the concept of democracy should not be rigidly defined, but retested and re-evaluated constantly.

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