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# a report 

 1 to the Deien by Sylvia Allen wh. '2k, who was awarded one the Gerinan-American E.rchange lluarships, for 1928-1929The University of Breslau pened at the beginning of November. matriculation having taken place at the end of October.' It necessary to have done work in inur departments in order to qual ifi for the doctor's examination, so ifter consultation with Professor lerker of the German Department. who is directing my studies, selected German literature and phillology, English philology and philosophy. My program, after annsulti $g$ with the heads of the larious departments was:
In roduction to Middle High cman and Meier Helmorecht.
(ierman Literature of the period f Humanism and the Reformation. Kleist's Noyellen and seminar themes.
(ioethe's Lyric poetry
(1)d High German.

History of the English Language. History of Philosophy from Kant to the present.
The Classes at the University are ,imilar to those held at Columbia. There are lectures, at which stuHents remain more or less passive and the professor explains his subject; seminars in which both professors and students participate, and for which the students write Themes; and Uebungen i: which the students do the major part of the work, in the way of recitations. I had a number of lecture courses; one simininar, and one Uebung. For the seminar I wrote a seventeen page paper, which the professor iound good, and in the Uebung, I ranslated Old High German into Nodern High German.
The facilities for study in Breslau are limited by an insufficient und inefficient library. In the first pare the library is small. In the conond place the card index is unattisfactory, and in the third place mele has to wait twenty-four hours aiter ordering a book before fi.iding out whether one can have it or nont. Moreover, the libraries and reading rooms are closed a great leal of the time. The incomplete universily library is in part made ui) for in my case by a (jerman In.titute with a library of its own. hii, however, is still in its infancy, ud up to the present has no in$\times$ at all. A number of students, Cluding myself, have been worky during vacation at providing (ierman Institute wtih a proper inl inclex.
! have made a number of friends inng my fellow student, whom hiave always found friendly and tunus to help me. Thace is thing of "college spirit" to be mild at German Universities, for atudents usually stay ouly a neter or two at each, and then CContinued on pase 3

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## Editorial

Recently considerable publicity has been given to the so called "no smoking"' rules which, it claimed, govern the campus. Reports clipped from the newspapers give the impression that smoking is entirely barred, and that the Student Government men nothing to do with the mather. Conversation on the campus indicates that few are certain as to what the rules are. Some criticism suggests that smoking has been too much restricted, stimulated perhaps by this barrage of false reports.

Looking at the question fair mindedly one can hardly say that such criticism has been justified, altho that confusion should have arisen is certainly to be understood. That all smoking in Milbank be prohubited because of the danger of fire, in a building where much of considerable value is kept, is certainly not over stringent. It is scarcely necessary to remind the college of the improvements in the smoking room in Barnard Hall. As for regulations, these are so few they can be considered almost negligible. In all other places, the matter has been in the hands of Student Government. It has been suggested that smoking on the campus be restricted to the Jungle. Even were this to happen, should it be a question of either restricted smoking or Raphaels" boardwalk going up in smoke, altho there might be little doubt as to which the college might on first impulse choose, nevertheless a thing which is a source of such pride and joy, if only to a small minority, might be respected.

On the whole, one can safely say that there are few other colleges that enjoy as much freedom, ni the $\mathrm{ma}^{\text {ter }}$.

## TE DEUM

We, the younger generation, have good cause to thank our devoter elders for the noble way in which they are striving to clear all "obsacles" from our way, which they have declared might periert oun , weet and tender innocence. Non that Boston ha, been purified with the removal of that wicked, wicherd book of Mr. Drieser's, we call ralle wur heads and wish that New Yorh might also brodthe such unsullied air as must now be the pride of the Massachusetts capital. Were ouly Elsie Dinsmore alive today to see her darirg young ilealn at last realized!
And with the police raid on the Birth Control Clinical Rescarcli Bureau in New York on April 15. we await eagerly to see what the courts will do with what uur elders
their all knowing way have termed the "scourge of New York."

With the suppression of the "Well of Loneliness" and that naughty pamphlet by Mrs. Demnett we feel certain that this noble purging work shall be continued. We look forward to seeing all Greek tragedies lifted bodily from academic classes, not to mention the expurgation cf the works of that terrible Mr. W. Shakespeare, such as Hamlet, Othello annd King Lear (those demoralizing melodramas), which now fill our library shelves.
And as we read our expurgated edition of the Bible this evening we shall thank the dear Lord who made us, and his able assistants persevering, for keepnig America safe from those insidious diseases, intel:igence and tolerance.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK Art and Music

Art
Impressionists: Landscape, fresh fish, mothers and children, as the moderns see them plus heads of some of the artists, Renoir, Mo-
net, Desgas, and Pisarro--was the sculptor, Paulin, sees them.
Architectural and Allied Art: Exposition
Sculpture, Murals, Arts and Crafts.
Paintings by Hassam, Lie, Stern, Chanler and others.
Grand Central Palace,. Lexington, at 46.
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14 thru 17 century
Knoedler, 14 E. 57, to Apr. 27
Dutch Little Masters
Minor Contemporaries of Rembrandt and Rubinh
Music
Newhouse, 11 E. 57 , to April 30
Now that the regular opera and concert season is over:
Stage Presentation of Stravinsky's 'Les Nnces"
Stotkowski conductirg
Metropolitan Opera House, April 25, Eve.
Also Monteverdi's "Combat of Tancred and Clorinda"
Neighborhood Playhouse Presentatrons:
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Straus: Symphonic Poem. "Ein Heldenieben," April 26, 26, 8 Bloch: Symphony "Israel"
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Cleveland ()rchestra under Nik. Sokoloff
Performers include Martha (iraham. Charles "Weidman and Doris Humphrey
The "symphonic drama" sc-called; the visual in terms of the auditory.

SOCIAL SCIENCE TEA
The semor Sucial sorence Mafor gate a tea to the faculty of thear departucuth Friday. April 19th in lle college parlor. The lea wa attended by Dean (inldunlecte and representatises of the Ihator!. Beonminich. Suciology (ivermment, Philomphy, and PsyAllog depantments Mr. Pear Vand er Dr. Birris, Profesur MIoMes. Profenor Montague, Dr. Jer,ild, and Blis. Kruger were present.

## Forum Column

I he Editor.
Bartard Bulletin.

## Dear Madam:

1) uring the three sears that I have pent at Bamaral. I have had the provilege to vicul (ireek (iames from three angles. . Wa Freshman, I was: fulll of innocent enthusiasm for something about which I knew nothing. For about two and a half months I pent as much of my time a) I could -pare working for the (rames, and at the end felt that I had gotten very little out of it. I thought. howeser. that this was because we were defeated. As a Sophomore. 1 worked even harder, neglecting my studies to such an extent that my marks suffered badly. Victory when it came, seemed vastly unimportant. .Ifter the day of the games, I wondered just what I had gotte: out of it as an individual, of what the class had goten out of it as a whole.

I wias consoled by other students, who assured me that in my Junior year, I would see the value of the games, and would know that they were entire'y worth while. I was sadly disappointed. I do not blame this disapporintment on the present Freshman a d Sophomores. I am sure that their games were as good as the general run. But it all seemed shoddy and amateur.

Such defects would not matter (0) much, were it not for the fact that (ireek (iames take so much time and energy from the students. In two and a half months, we should be able to give a highly finished production. Obviously, we are aiming too high, we are trying to accomplish too much with our limited rewurces. The games should be cut if their existence is to be justified.
The first event that could be cut would be entrance. Eatrance is the least effective of the whole program, and require the most amount of preparation. For ten boring minutes, a group of scared lowking girl move about in lumpy cheese-cloth contume, acting out a story that is melligible only through constam coanming of the program. Such a spectacle is not worth the effort expended on it. Cutting entrance would remove competition in costume, except for dance and charion. music, and execution of entrance, thus lessening considerably the strain on the girls. Dance and Athletics are valuable, because they are interesting to watch, and the time spent in preparing them is not wasted, as the participants receive physical education credits.

There is undenial) ${ }^{\prime}$ y a great deal uf grood in (ireek (iames, but I thinh that this good is overbalance his the harm ther do to those who take them ernowls. Care should be taken that the games do not overtop everything else, inclucling our studies, which is presumably what we are here for.

## Second Balcony <br> the sea.gull

leacher: Why do you alway, dress in black, Marsha?
Marsha: I am mourning for ny life.
Voice from the sidlines (Noel Coward): Oh, the pity of it all! These few lines sum up the whole of Tchekov, including "the rea-(iull," considered by some to be the best opus of that lachrymose Russian. The play is one of unalloyed drear (noun from "dreary;" also a verb "to drear," formed for the exclusive use of critics of the Russian school of the Theatre) offering character instead of action, and a plot rather too like a novel.
The story is that of a young philospher writer who worships an up-and-coming and, possibly, talented actress, Nina. She deer.s him and his plays, too symbolic in their nature for the existing school of the theater. There is, of course, his rival for Nina's love, whom he challenges to a duel which never materializes. This discouraging attempt is followed by a still more unsuccessful effort to commit suicide. By his time (three acts) the hero is the persorification of defeat. In the interval between the third and fourth acts the poor fellow gets a hold on himself and achieves a certain degree of success as a writer. Suddenly Nina, betrayed by the rival, Trigorin, re urns for a brief moment to Konstatin, the writer. He loves her and wants her still (material for the theme song) but she, an outcast, says such things are not to be, and goes off forever to sink in:o the obscurity of an inferior theatrical company. Defeated in love, dissatisfied with his art, and generally inhibited, Konstatin commits suicide.
This story drears its way through a labyrinth of equally dreary lives, all painted in unexcelled dreariness by the unhappy playwright. These pictures are Irina, mother of Konstatin, a d Trigorin; Semyon and Masha, she who mourns; and sevcral other single portraits-Pyotr, who hums; and others who don't. All these individuals are excellently and skillfully drawn, with great respect for nicety of detail. Commendable as this may be, it tends to unfocus the play and sends one away with hazy impressions of new art forms; a lady in black, giving a performance worthy of Eva le Galliene.

The whole production is directed without point, and very badly acted. In some cases, there is over-acting; in others, under-acting; in still others, the wrong kind of acting. In this last class falls Dorothy Sands, who, as Irina gave one of the best comedy performances that has been boasted of from any of the tragedies of the past few - seasons. Being a born comedienne, she got laughs from the start; being a trained comedienne, she played them. The performance, per se, was a triumph; considered as part of "The Sea-Gull" it was a mistake.
The settings and costumes were as sombre as the play and, all things considered, a good cry shoutd havè been had by all.

The Russian school evidently "Takes little stock in the saying that "Where there's life, there's hope." They say, "There is life, and life alone, dreary, futile, and just too awful for words."

Florence Healy

GERMAN UNIVERSITY
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There is therefore no
IIIN in the development of local finl an nor the building up of ited extra-curricular activ(ivi. Ihere are, however, Verbin. ur unions, of various kinds, and social. I 'have at(me meeting of a women's lung, bith was unable to incmber because I am not

1 think the system we lmerica of letting students fin: ademic clubs, irrespective of the 'udents' nationality is very minu ietter. The meeting at which present was purely social, wa- wcupied by singing, eating calt- und talking.
11. Coenaculum, in which the (1) in is exchange students live, is :inl'u! to an American college dormitm. except that it is rather more petcuntions in its furnishing. Its sreatest defect is lack of bathing raclitien; there is not a bathtub in the hunse! The house provides ist! girls with large, well-furnisibed single and double rooms. Lude from the bedrooms there are dbo a library with a radio set, a reception room, smoking room, dinmg roum, and a music room, the hatter equipped with a good piano.
There are numerous outdoor: purts to be enjoyed at Breslaunimg, skating, bicycling, are but a ien of them.
In lar as expenses are concerned, mine have been, approximately: I wage to Germany and
return (tourist third dass)
$\$ 200.00$
Bremen to Breslau...... $\quad 14.00$
bioard and lodging in. Ber-
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Liniversity expenses at
Breslau
14.00
led linen and towels at
Genaculum, October to
March
and in addition books, and voluntary expenses
1.s the only non-Catholic American exchange student in this home ior Catholic women students, I hould like to say that I have been treated with the same kindness as have been the Catholic' students. I, have been invited to every fastivity, anil hate gone to church several limes ui my own accord. One of m! pleasantest impressions of Germint is the spirit of friendliness an $1^{\circ}$ liberalism which prevails in tine ( venaculum.

NOTICE
mines may rent Caps and Gowns Irill May 4th until June 5th for ()rders may be left with IIN Marian Churchill -in Brooks liall or at the Columbia Press Bnsiore, lower floor, any time (lwin now and May 1 and deliven will be-made by May 4 . These are . Il new Caps and Gowns and are nary' it fit each individual's meas-

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

English Majors il meet on Tuesday, April 23, 3) P. M., in two groups to uled as follows: plective Juniors, Room 39, i. H Hall. plective Seniors, Room 304, ril Hall.

Aina E. H. Meyer.
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## Classical Club Elections

At a business meeting of the Classical Club, the following officers were elected for the year 1929-1930:
P'resident.
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## DORM SPRING FORMAL

The Brooks Hall Spring Formal took place on Friday evening, Apiril 19. The guests of honor were: Mr. and Mrs. Mullins, Mr. Mansbridge, Mr. Savelle, Dr. Jersild, Dr, and Mrs. Mc(ill. Rudee Valee's ()rchestra, was one of the attractions-other things contributing to the great success of the affair were an attractive and very lively stag-line of Brooks Hall products, and ain alinost equally attractive midnight supper in the South Dining Room.

## Dean Howe Speaks at Silver Bay Tea

The controversy over the English Prayer Book was the subject of a talk loy Dean Howe of Columbia be. fore the Silver Bay Club on Friday, Ipril 19.
(apposition, which led to controverisy and eventually to a revised prayer bouk, began to be important with the Evangelicals, led by Wesley. This group preferred less emphasis on the ritual and more on the imotional side of the service. So power ful did this movement become, i: forced the leading English churchmen, in what is called the Oxford movement, to restate the church moctrines, with emphasis on ritual.
In 1900 the matter became a question of church discipline. The Church is supposed to be subject to laws made by Parliament, and 111 beconning more high church and ritualistic, the Church has gone beyond the laws. The Church has always held that it represents thè purest Catholicisul, and many of purest Catholicism, and res resemble the Catholic Church.
The situation became such that in 1904 a Royal Commission found that the law must be, changel to coincide with the actual practice of the clergy: This meant the Revined Prajer book.. Thin revised prayer bock was aecepted rejocted Houte "f Loth if Commons. The
by the Houre of Come opposition in (ho Commons, Mr. Iowe sadil, centers around the fact that "they' do not see why the na-
tional church should be so construed that it becomes more sacremental." Thun, becalne of the refusal to -anction the Revised I'rayer Book Which is actualls in use in England, Mr. Howe aid that the clergy are wregardng the law to an extent where policemen would have the whit to enter a church and arrest the clergyman.

Fiesta To Be Given
By Spanish Club
$\therefore$ Tu Tuedas afternoon at four ricloci, the Circule Hispano will hu'd it y yarly Cervantes celebratiom. The progran this year prom-1e- to be especially interenting. Senurita Marcial Dorado will conduc: an excursion through the land of $m$ ) On Quijote and Senorita Harnett will sing songs of the sixkenth century. Scenes from the novels ui Cervantes will be preented loy the various literature and composition classes. The club. will be honored by the presence of Senor Moreno-Lacalle of Middleborn College who will announce the recipient of the Spanish Fellowship.

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HEAR S. K. RATCLIFFE (Continued from page 1)
ble thing in their taxation measures, by lightening the burden of the smaller income classes. The Conservative campaign will make much of this in May.
It has been estimated by those who have a right to the opinion that out of the 615 members of the House of Commons the Conservatives will get 300 seats, the Liberal 70 or slightly more and the Laborites 235 to 240 . This may be considerably affected by Lloyd George's restatement of the Liberal plans for dealing with unemployment. His great advantage lies in the fact that he is the only politician in England accustomed to putting a large re-form-play before the country.
"An essential fact in the campaign," Mr. Radcliffe stated, "is that no English party can win a majority without the rural support. The Labor group has made no attempt to win the support of the rural areas. The Labor party is an urban party essentially and can't talk to the rural voter with any knowledge of his life; and it can't win without doing this. However the Liberal Group holds many rural constituencies and may win others from the Conservatives. This may raise their number of seats considerably."
Mr. Ratcliffe stated that England has evolved from an easy party system into a situation beset with difficulties, and, "it is quite possible that England may step completely out of the old party system into a semi-Fascist state in the not distant future."
U. S. Superiority Claim

Touching for a moment on Anglo American relations he declared that any change would be for the good. In the long distance view Mr . Ratcliffe is not disturbed by this question. The unfriendliness abroad toward the United States thinks Mr. Ratcliffe, is in part a hang over from the treaty period directly following the war and in part from the forward movement of United States prosperity. The question of debt settlement is little understood in both countries, and when it becomes clarified will make a great difference.
The United States has assumed that it is a superior civilization. The United States is interpreted to the rest of the world by the American traveler abroad; thru the world press which. features the sensational alone; and thru the American movies which create the impression of great luxury or bru:

l.s tue evening of May 3 draws near. preparation, for the A. A Ta quet are being completed There are going to be a great manv meresting features, and we'll tell 1011 about some of them now. In the first place, there will be a number of distinguished speakers. ()ne of the most interesting needs no introduc ion,--for there is not one of us who has not at some time been delighted by Dr. Alsop's wit Is for the others, we had better keep them a secret for the present, and just promise you the pleasure of hearing some very delightfful persons. We are sure that this is going to be a very popular affair, and urge you to sign up now on the poster in Barnard Hall

## French Club Presents

"Les Precieuses Ridicules"
In darkest Brinckerhoff, on last Friday afterroon, something of the spirit of seventeenth century France was caught, tamed, and brought to Barnard for the delight of those students who had gathered to view Moliere's comedy, "Les Precieuses Ridicules." Presented by the students of seventeenth century French, under the direction of Professor Loiseaux, the performance was an unqualified success, as was the whole afternoon, socially.
To start with, we all gathered at the appointed place promptly at four in a state of great excitement. This tension continued until about four-thirty, when we were soothed by the charms of music of Moliere's time, to be exact, a selection of Lulli, played by Sophie Frumess and Martha Weintraub.
"Les Precieuses" followed this immediately. The play was well acted, .with all the lightness and obvious artificiality that could be desired. The cast, although excellent on the whole, were given to mannerisms which became monotonous. Exceptionally good performa ces were given by Valentine Snow, Sylvia Jaffin, Remunda Cadous and Francine Alessi.

Then came tea. Well-tea, etc.
Everybody connected with the production is to be congratulated. We sincerely hope that Batnard may see more of Moliere. Such presentations lead to a greater appreciation of the classics than can possibly be obtained by other methods. For instance, we never believed Moliere would stage well until we really af it before us.

## XVIth Century Music

The class in XVIth century French Literature will present, on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock in the College Parlor, an afternoon of XVIh century music. Poetry of Baif and Ronsard will be sung. As added attraction, David Barnett will play the clavichord. The cof lege is cordially invited to attend.
tal crime as the typical situation. - Had Mr. Snith won the Presidê'tial elections, Europe might have been more encouraged, Mr. 'Ratcliffe said in concluding. As a step toward solution, "Nationalize Hollywood! At the moment I have no better suggestion to offer."

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