

Brecht, French Play On Drama Program

Two one-act plays, "The Farce of Pierre Pathelin" and "The Private Life of the Master Race," will be presented by the Brandeis Drama Club on the evenings of February 28 and 29.

"Pierre Pathelin," a medieval French play, concerns the troubles of a shepherd who is sued by a draper and is ably defended in court by his shrewd lawyer, Pierre. The cast includes Henry Braun as the shepherd, Peter Sander as the draper, Martin Cohen as the judge, and Mark Samuels, the director of the play, as Pierre.

"The Private Life of the Master Race," by Berthold Brecht, concerns various phases of life under the Nazi regime. Four episodes from the play will be presented: "The Betrayal," "The Jewish Wife," "The Informer," and "The Old Nazi." In the cast are the following: Herbert Lewis, Sandra Shayevitz, Kadimah Freedman, Herbert Jurist, Miriam Richman, Avram Zaritsky, Paula Schilling, Lenora Winn, and Selma Bell.

Production manager for the entire performance is Marie Gordean; technical director is Leslie Kadis; and Betty Lou Silberg is business manager.

Vive La France, Wine At Lunch

Students and members of the faculty interested in an opportunity to improve their conversational French are invited to attend the first meeting of the French table on Wednesday, February 17, at 12 noon in the Student Union cafeteria.

Although the table is being sponsored by the French department and Le Cercle Francais, it is not necessary to be either a member of the club or a French student. The only prerequisites are an elementary knowledge of the language and a desire to speak French.

The table was organized to complement the French curriculum, which concentrates on grammar and literature, by providing an opportunity for a practical application of one's knowledge through conversation. Meetings will be held weekly, with a different member of the French department presiding each Wednesday.

Special provisions will be made to allow students who eat in the Castle to take their meals in the new cafeteria with the French group. Instructions for those affected will be posted on the Castle bulletin board.

Special guests, including a member of the French consulate and French teachers from the Boston area, will be invited to attend to add interest to the luncheons. Wine, the traditional beverage of France, will be served to give an authentic touch to the gatherings.

Atmosphere At Brandeis Impresses Professor Gerth

by Dan Morgenstern

If you should encounter a student hurrying along the corridors of Science Hall, carrying one or more chairs, chances are he is on his way to a lecture by Dr. Hans Gerth.

Dr. Gerth, visiting professor of Human Relations, comes to Brandeis from the University of Wisconsin, where he has taught since 1941. He was born in Germany, studied at Heidelberg

career. During the next few years Dr. Gerth taught summer-school at the Universities of Illinois and Michigan and published a study of the Mennonite community at Peoria as well as an article on the Nazi Party which later was incorporated in the civil affairs handbook for American occupation personnel in Germany.

In 1941, Dr. Gerth accepted a position at Wisconsin, where he has remained since. He returned to Illinois for one summer to give a course in social psychology with the expressed disapproval of the president. Among his students was Mr. Phillip Rieff. During the war Dr. Gerth gave a course in communications to army officers.

Dr. Gerth is the author of several books, including "Character and Social Structure" (with C. Wright Mills); he has translated Max Weber, and most recently has



An article of clothing in exchange for a kiss at the Valentine Sock Hop! Richard Silverman, Bob Pierce and Tom Egen prepare to collect their kiss from Castle "Juliet", Wynne Wolkenberg, at the WAC dance.

Kisses and Socks Spark WAC Dance

Brandeis "Romeos" and "Juliets" competed for love and kisses at the Valentine Sock Hop sponsored by the Women's Athletic Council February 13.

The "Juliets," Lila Gerstein, Tania Lipitz, and Wynne Wolkenberg, graciously received the kisses, which were bestowed by the males who attended the dance—in return for an article of their clothing. Tania and Wynne, who triumphantly accumulated sixteen articles of clothing each, tied for the title of "Queen of Love" and won appropriate prizes—loving cups.

The "Romeos," David Weisgal, Richard Silverman, and Ike Goodman, vying for the honor of being dubbed Brandeis' most successful lover, expounded their respective merits to the crowd. Ike's boast of having made the largest number of conquests at Brandeis won applause and the victory.

Other highlights of the dance were games and prizes for the best and the worst socks, which were de rigueur apparel at the dance.

The dance was one of many activities carried on by the Women's Athletic Council, whose purpose is to organize intermural and intercollegiate competition for women at Brandeis.

Debaters Note: School Adopts Plans For Yr's Study Abroad

An organizational meeting of the Brandeis Interclass Debating Club will be held this Wednesday evening, February 17. The meeting, sponsored by the sophomore class, is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Room 131, Ford Hall. All those interested in participating in such a program are invited to attend.

The faculty and administration recently approved the inclusion of Brandeis University in the Sweetbriar Plan, Junior Year Abroad, a one-year program in France for American students. Dr. Harriman Jones, who introduced the plan to the University, announced that two Brandeis students will be recommended on a competitive basis to participate in the program.

For six weeks students board with families in Tours to gain practice in speaking the French language. At the beginning of November (the start of the university year in Paris), participants in the plan normally elect in the Sorbonne four courses, which are designed primarily for foreign students. Studies are guided by native teachers on the Sweetbriar staff.

The plan to open to students in any field of concentration, provided they have an adequate background in French. For the year spent abroad there is a technical transfer to Sweetbriar College, which evaluates the work done in France, and ascertains its equivalent to 30 credit hours for the year. The 38 universities participating in the plan accept Sweetbriar's recommendations, and credit students accordingly.

Participants must finance their own round-trip passage. Costs are roughly equivalent to a year's education in this country, plus transportation.

Those interested in applying for the program are urged to contact Dr. Jones in the Athletic Center Wednesday at 2:00 or Friday 10:30-11:30.

Draft Exams: Apply March 8

All eligible students who intend to take the Selective Service College Qualification Test in 1954 should file applications at once for the April 22 examination, the Selective Service National Headquarters advised last week.

Applications and information concerning the exam may be obtained at any local Selective Service board. Students should fill out the application following the directions in the bulletin and mail it in the special envelope provided no later than March 8, 1954. Early filing will be to the student's advantage.

Results will be reported to the student's local board for use in the consideration of student deferment, according to the Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the College Qualification Test.

Musicale Set

The Brandeis University Orchestra, conducted by Erwin Bodky, will have its first appearance during this season in a *Musicale* given on Tuesday, February 22 at 8:30 p.m. in the Lounge of the Student Union Center.

The program will be as follows: Concerto grosso in G minor by George F. Handel, Quartet for Orchestra in C major by Karl Stamitz, Symphony Number 29 in A major by Mozart and Overture to "Rosa munde" by Schubert. The Concerto Grosso will be conducted from the Harpsichord; Elaine Pinkerton and Sonya Faigan, violinists will be the soloists.

Students, staff and faculty are cordially invited.

Science Goes To The Dogs But Daphne's Pups Survive

Leading a dog's life? At least five pups are probably willing to bet that "you ain't seen nothin' yet!" Eight weeks of being spoiled, neglected, or given just plain normal treatment is enough to ruin any dog.

These particular pups loaned through the courtesy of Daphne and Ralph Norman, were used in a psych experiment by Dan Freedman, psych graduate student. The purpose was to determine how the dogs, separated in different environments for eight weeks, would then react to the same discipline.

Bliss at Ridgewood 20
Two dogs lived in unmarred bliss at Ridgewood 20, the dormitory of which Dan is proctor. The boys of the dorm were instructed not to punish the dogs for any reason, but to lavish affection upon them. The dogs

thrived, not so the boys, who were forced to suffer the improprieties of the unhousebroken animals.

Two dogs were placed in a normal environment one in the home of Clarence Eerger, assistant to the President. The latter dog was seen shortly thereafter—limping.

Dog number 5 was locked up in a small room alone where it had no contact with the outerworld other than being fed. This part of the experiment proved hard on the attendant, whose cold scientific curiosity was almost overwhelmed by pity for the lonely creature.

Dog Meets Dog

The eight weeks ended. What would happen when the five dogs were put together? With eager anticipation, the experimenters released the dogs into the same room and watched their reactions closely. Reportedly the dogs immediately retired to separate corners and went to sleep!

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However, the important part of the experiment, the discipline test, was to follow. Meat and milk were placed before the animals, who were persisted every time they approached the meat. The effectiveness of the discipline was determined by clocking the amount of time it took the dogs to return to the meat after the experimenter had left the room. The overprotected dogs took less time than the neglected one. The normal dogs have not yet been tested.

Except for the dog with the limp and the neglected dog, who occasionally snaps at non-existent flies, the pups have borne the experiment fairly well. The dogs have been around the college long enough to have some respect for scientific truth.

