

## GERMAN-AMERICAN NOTES

*Editor's Note: The editorial staff of German-American Studies taken great pleasure in congratulating a most distinguished scholar, Prof. Harold Jantz, on the recent honor bestowed upon him by Clark University. We are grateful to our colleague, Prof. Karl J. Arndt, for providing us with the text to his recommendation to the president of Clark University on behalf of that institution's faculty that Prof. Jantz be awarded an honorary doctorate.*

Mr. President: On behalf of the faculty of Clark University I have the honor to present Dr. Dr. Harold Jantz, Professor of German and head of the department at Johns Hopkins University.

Nationally and internationally famed teacher and scholar in the fields of Anglo-German and American-German literary relations, the Age of the Baroque, and the Age of Goethe, we welcome him back into our midst as a former colleague in our department of German and Lecturer in the Worcester Art Museum, for it was during his service here that the foundations of his later fame were laid.

Trained at Oberlin and Wisconsin by the great Germanist Alexander Hohlfeld, he continued post-graduate work at the Universities of Bonn and Munich before coming to Clark in 1934. Here his research culminated in his first book *The First Century of New England Verse*, in recognition of which he was elected to the American Antiquarian Society and the Massachusetts Historical Society, and for which he was recently named Distinguished Scholar of Early American Literature by the American Literature division of the Modern Language Association. For his book, *Goethe's Faust as a Renaissance Man: Parallels and Prototypes* and many other significant publications in the age of Goethe he was awarded in 1969 the German Goethe Medal in Gold. His pioneer scholarship in

the period of German Baroque Literature has won for him the encomiums reserved for scholars in the *Deutsche Poetische Schatzkammer* of that learned age: "Ein Geist der Feur hat. Von welchem Fama trägt die Post durch alle Welt. Der würdig ist dass seinem Leben die Parcen noch eins so lang den Faden weben."

Although deeply devoted to research as a form of higher learning, he has been uniquely successful in transferring this devotion to his students, one of whom wrote: "While you let us exercise our imagination and venture into unexplored territory, you showed us the value of the sternest discipline and the necessity of building only on territory explored under the strictest scientific scrutiny." His learned publications, which are listed in *Traditions and Transitions*, studies in his honor, will continue to provide inspiring vision so that higher humane learning may not perish in our critical time.

In recognition of such accomplishments, Mr. President, I request that the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*, be conferred upon him.

KARL J. R. ARNDT  
Clark University

### WEST HILL

Am Hügelhange, Weissbeckerhange,  
da stand ich neulich träumend, schweigend,  
ich lauschte droben Drosselgesange,  
ich lugte hinaus, die Seele wohl steigend,  
hinüber zum breiten Eichhügelkamme,  
hinaus zum verlorenen Heimatstamme.

HERMAN F. BRAUSE  
Rochester, N. Y.