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Dr. Raphael Demos of Harvard Says Race Must Face Adversity

"Phil Beta Kappa Quest Talks on "Education in Human Nature""

By Helis S. Burke

"Man's aspirations are infinite when he has nothing to aspire to," said Raphael Demos, Harvard Professor of Philosophy in his lecture on "Education in Human Nature" Thursday night in the Chemistry Auditorium. Introduced by his former instructor at Harvard, Professed Cuttolo of Trinity, Dr. Demos said "Education should make men understand suffering. Morale is the capacity to contain failure." We must take education and appraisal of failure. Though we may lose, we must learn how to deal with failure.

The fields of history, literature, and philosophy prepare a man for failure. History teaches us that all things past succeed and fail and progress is never seen. Tragedy, the noblest form of literature, mirrors the tragic experi­ ence of life. Tragic wisdom is the human wisdom that makes men hate people out of complacency, substituting hate for love. It provides perception for men to place himself in the "universe." "Man," Dr. Demos said, "is a creature of the universal process."

As the child is made red and white, and nothing, nature expects more from the man. The gift of reason is the compensation for the child, and wisdom is the ability in the passions to be a slave to passions—jealousy, anger, and fear, and the passions are a slave to reason.

Comparing animals with man, the protection and animals choose security and man chooses insecurity and freedom, truth, ideals of goodness, and an ideal of beauty. Because man can rise above animals similarly, he can fall beneath them. The tragedy is that we as human beings must forever be discontented and frustrated.

We in the United States, after con­ quering the frontier, have lived in a semi-paradise and have been children living in a sheltered, isolated world. As children have been sheltered by two parents, we have been sheltered by university professors. As two parents, we must face the evil outside and by that process we reach as far as pleasure and fun.

"Fun, frolic, and food were all enjoyed last Saturday evening by the campus attending the Hillsle Society Dance in Hight Dinner Hall. The party was informal, with the approval of the Whitney student and 8:00-5:00—Senior College, Cook Lounge.

Political Club To Hear Eleanor Roosevelt

The Political Science Club announced today that Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, will be present at the annual dinner to be held on May 14th. Mrs. Roosevelt will speak on current Greek affairs as the topic of the evening's program, sponsored by the Hillel Society.

Professor Watters Will Give Recital

Professor Clarence E. Watters will give a public recital in the Chapel Church, Monday, May 15th, at 8:15 p.m. Professor Watters will be the second such recital within a week. H. Huntington Byles gave a public performance on Monday in the Chapel. Selections to be heard include: "Prelude and Fugue in B minor," Bach; "Fourth Trio-Sonata," Bach; "Three Chorals," Brahms; "Twelve Songs," Schubert; "Choral," Humperdinck; "Seherzuo," Franck; and "Three Pieces," Dupre.

NSA Announces European Tour Opportunities

National Student Association announced recently that a Tri-Nation Tour will be sponsored this summer under the auspices of the NSNA. The tour will be traveled in England, France, and the Netherlands, and the tour will be open for a hundred qualified students. The tour will cost $200, including transportation, and the trip will last from June 16 until September 15. The purpose of this tour is planned to give American students the broadest possible acquaintance with the northeast countries of Western Europe within nine weeks at a reasonable cost.

Transportation will be provided by the Dutch National Union of Students on a group tour group trip which is now in the service of the Holland-American Line. Students interested in this trip must file preliminary application forms before April 15. Applications can be obtained from members of the NSA Commission.

Departure will be from Montreal on June 16, and the ship will dock at Rotterdam on June 28.

Red Cross Carnival Sees Freshman Snap Pool Relay Record

Trowbridge Memorial Pool was the scene last Wednesday evening, March 15, of the administration of current world water safety exhibitions highlighting the Red Cross Water Carnival. All proceeds from the evening's intertumbls were turned over to the local Red Cross campaign for funds. A new pool record of 1.213 was set by the Trinity College freshmen and relay team, consisting of Paul Costa, Rick Smith, and Fred Kirschen, in a race with the Hartford High squad. This means that approximately two full seconds were taken off the old record. This time was also held by the Trinity Yearlings Therefore, not long but one or two records were shattered in one race. An interesting demonstration-in-the-fact relay race saw the St. Peter's School lads lur­ nously outdistance the St. Augustine's school students.

The evening's program, which was arranged by Dr. Charles W. Clacke, was completed by diving demonstrations, special evening acts, and a final act. A group of the Watertown cheerleaders, led by their captain George Neville, and his pyrotechnic effects delighted the spectators surpilizing talents with a high and a low board diving show. George donated $130 from the proceeds of the Water Carnival to the American Red Cross Club, making him his youngest contributor.

Liberal Students Committee Formed: Advocates Wallace

A "Wallace for President" group was formed recently as the result of the recommendations of the Liberal Students Committee for a strong opposition for the college administration.

Peter Van Miero, Donald Prigge, Theodore Schulman, and Charles P. Thompson are the members of the group. Van Miero is the leader of the Liberal Students Committee, and Thompson is a member of the College Administration.

Dr. Theilheimer then came to the United States higher institutions of the United States which is the youngest contributor to the John C. Stennis Fund.

Dr. Theilheimer's plan of this sort has been formed on campus under the auspices of the average student. This plan has been supported by the interests of the average student. This plan has been supported by the faculty of Trinity College in 1946, in which they have remained relatively without interruption.

When quoted as to the difference between European and American colleges from his experience, Dr. Theilheimer stated that as there was no set standard of comparison, one could not say what with what was superior to the other. He said, however, that students in both systems were very similar in this respect and that there was little difference in their work seriously and were quite interested in it. There was, the doctor said, ample opportunity in European school for admission, with class or money distinctions to impede the way of anyone willing to work. Students throughout Europe have equal standing as compared with American schools, with little in the way of athletics, publications, clubs, or other like societies.

Dr. Theilheimer has certainly earned his place on the Trinity campus and is well known to many students. For his part, he finds the average Trinity man "likeable and (occasionally) stupidious," and enjoys teaching him.

The Debaters Lose to New London

Woodward Lounge was the scene last Thursday night of the Debating Society's first official dis­ agreement with the representatives of another college. The Easterns, represented by Robert Blum and Dave Leiniger, were defeated by a team of Connecticut College, and the Easterns were defeated by a team of the University of London.

Coming to this country recently to compete with the United States Govern­ ment on affairs in Greece, Mr. Stav­ rides consented to make a tour of New England colleges for the TVSCA.

Sketches

By Dave Edwards

In order to better acquaint Trinity students with their faculty, the Tripped has taken the opportunity of making interviews with the various professors and instructors in the purpose of describing them from a student's point of view. The first of these interviews was made with Dr. Thalheimer of the mathematics de­ partment.

Although observed by one student to be an extremely dynamic and exhilarating taskmaster with the rather disconcerting habit of always coming up with the most difficult mathemati­ cal impossibilities of the book for each assignment, your reporter found little else disconcerting about his behavior during a quiet talk in the professor's office. From the observation thus afforded, we were able to gain the picture of an intellec­tual (perhaps somewhat inquisitive, somewhat). As such, the account of his background was first given by Dr. Thalheimer.

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Letters To The Editor

To the Editor of the "Tripod":

Rumor concerning the affairs of the Glee Club have flourished and fast this year. The time has come to the effect that the Club has excelled program for the year.

To offset this and other rumors, let me say to all members at Trinity College, that the Club will complete its first post-war season as planned, that it is preparing for a greatly expanded program for 1949-50 that will include a number of concerts at prominent women's colleges, in Hartford and away from town.

Further I should like to address a welcome to any who wish to complete this season and prepare for the next, to attend rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:30.

Clarence Watters.

To the Editor of the "Tripod":

Naughty old David Smith is on the rampage again! Better watch out, because only Communists such as he attempt to stir up the public. Why? just because he has the nerve to think that something might be better than it is, he goes and writes so that we may all know how he feels. Of course, we all know that he is a Nazi, and should be stopped, because after all, aren't we ever so happy the way we are?

How about for him to think that we aren't as good as we might be?

Granted, he might be right, but what business is it of his? I really don't see how it has been possible for him to have evaded the FBI as long as he has. If we don't watch ourselves, he may become another Hux Long, and start ordering, and not suggesting. Think that over. Any man who holds, as he does, the position of Grand Wizard in the Ku Klux Klan, is a menace, and a threat. Send him back on the same boat with Gerhart Eisler!

I think that this tempest will have to stop; why, it's almost overflowing the teacup now.

Love,

Jim de Kay, S.I.

To the Editor of the "Tripod":

Young Beps and Demo hopeful cary
Their parties virtue - noble! high
Vote straight tickets to save the nation
Bribes, buttons and bosses - true salvation!
Not vote by party? Oh, heresy crime!
What if a few are serving time?
You know it is funny that after all
The number is so strangely small.
Hold up your banners - fair, divine
Each thinks God trends his party line
And even Wallace boys hopefully see
That God is still a Trinity.

R. W. H.

The College body, both student and administrate, was deeply shocked at the sudden passing of the Honorable John Prince Ellton, class of '84 and chairman of the Board of Trustees. Judge Ellton passed away at the age of 81 in Farm­ burst, North Carolina. The "Tripod" offers its sincere con­ delences to the family of Judge Ellton, and pays its respects to a man who remained so faithful to his alma mater over the years.

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MUSICAL Notes

By George Shew

Sorcha Gondinitski quite completely "stole the show" at last Sunday's new arrivals recital with a recital of Bernstein's "Pastoral" symphony, which was accompanied by an an­ nunciation of brilliance. Sorcha had both. The pre­ liminary recital, in which the Lin - played the single concerto and Leinsdorf's clarinet solo, was an important occasion, not only because of the performance, but because of the promise of yet another outstanding student in the Music Department. Digger's "Daughter," starring Raimu, "Open City," and "Shoe Shine.

What is it about them that is true art and not mere sensationalism? The main factor is reality, which is its own end, as with Hollywood, the artist does not see the world as it is, but as we wish it.

It is an autocratic society for recreation. Art is a whole separate world, with its own laws and its own mo­ tivations. Hollywood's formula is to create a world of escape and to take it from there, which, like a military man, has a somewhat more lofty and more ambitious goal.

Admittedly European film companies turn out their quota of "makeovers," but they are at least sensible enough not to send them abroad to spoil their reputation at home. Hollywood immediately makes a clear profit, gen­ uine, good and bad, over the world, and has been largely responsible for the unique foreign conception of America.

The inevitable criticism of foreign films is of "morality." "The Wall Digger's Daughter" graphically and beautifully presented the problem of illegitimacy to a family: "Open City" shows what it is to be a Soviet war, and "Shoe Shine" paints the horror of a society which is picking up the pieces from a morally shatter­ ing war. These films are earthy and real, but above all, they are honest.

You will never hear certain words in the American movies that you do see. You hear a few words of moralism and a smug, hypocritical, self-grown Hollywood. If Hollywood were the protector of public virtue. With the possibility of suicide and bankruptcy, Hollywood itself grows up and makes fine films the rule instead of the exception.

De gustibus non est disputandum.

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Fencers Whip Wes Varsity, 17 to 10, In Official Meet
By Bob Blum

On Wednesday, March 16, the Trinity Fencing Team beat the Wesleyan University Men's Fencing Team in an official varsity match, 17-10. The starting trio of Jack Reynolds, Bob Blum, and Hap Barnes proved that their earlier overconfidence was unfounded as they gave a performance that was beyond all expectations.

In the preliminaries, the team made the final 13 points in the first two matches, and the third match was barely competitive. The difference in the score was more than 10 points for most of the time, with the first set tied 8-8. The second set was tied 6-6, and the third set was won by Trinity, 5-4.

The fencing team was led by Captain Tom Redfern, who is a member of the Connecticut Fencing Club. The team has been practicing intensively for the upcoming season, which starts in April.

The match was held in the Armory of the Connecticut College of Connecticut, and the audience was enthusiastic. The Trinity supporters made a lively atmosphere, and the Wesleyan team was not able to match the intensity of the Trinity supporters.

The Trinity fencing team is expected to be competitive in the upcoming season, and they have already shown that they are capable of winning against strong opponents. The team will continue to practice and improve, and they are looking forward to the next match in the season.
Down Fraternity Row

ALPHA DELTA PHI's minority group of easterners bowed to thegeois western element, and submitted themselves to a "barn-dance week-end." Carried away by the Minnesota atmosphere, Brother Webster "Hi-Yo Silver" Barnett brought himself back from his "preying" years to the youthful leg-lugging at the Wabasha County Fair. Brother Red "Self-Davis for President" Crafts was in the height of his glory with the week-end.

"Virginia Reel."

Minnesota Private Press Alpha's stay (thought by some to be a man rounding out his busy day on the road of standards), and the easterners bowed to the western element, and sub-

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