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Pulitzer Winner Talks of Heroes

By JOANNE L. KENEN

T.E. Lawrence is the ethical prototype for the 20th century hero, a Harvard psychiatrist whose biography of Lawrence this week received the Pulitzer Prize for biography said yesterday at an informal talk here.

John E. Mack, professor of Psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital, who spent ten years researching and writing the psychobiography "A Prince of Our Times: The Life of T.E. Lawrence," called Lawrence "a hero who was involved in renouncing his heroism."

The conflicts of war and the political treachery of peace shattered Lawrence and caused him to return his medals and renounce his privileges, Mack said.

Lawrence is a "vague, shadowy, romantic character who had an aura of perversion around him," Mack said, adding that the film "Lawrence of Arabia" sparked his interest in Lawrence.

Lawrence had a huge historical, political and moral impact, acting as the "galvanizing force," uniting rival Arab tribes for the first time in 1000 years. Mack said he helped them successfully rebel against the Ottoman Empire in the early years of this century.

After the post-World War I Versailles agreement, Britain and France proceeded to carve up the Arab lands, breaking promises they made to the Arab leaders and infuriating Lawrence, he said.

Lawrence had an unorthodox conception of how European powers should treat what would now be called a Third World country, Mack said. He wanted to break the century-old pattern of exploitation and conquest, Mack said.

He released secret government documents to the press and, dressed in Arab garb, spoke publicly about Britain's deceit.

Reviewers have compared Mack's book with Erik Erikson's biography of Mohandas Mahatma Gandhi, considered by some (continued on page 5)



Pulitzer Prize winning biographer JOHN E. MACK shattered Hollywood images of Lawrence of Arabia at an informal talk at Eliot House yesterday.

President Bok Turns Down Biology Dept. Proposal To Offer Trivers Tenure

By NICOLE SELIGMAN

President Bok has rejected a Biology Department recommendation to offer tenure to Robert L. Trivers '65, associate professor of Biology, choosing instead to postpone the decision two to three years.

Trivers, a biologist specializing in evolutionary theory and social behavior, said Friday it is unlikely he will remain at Harvard beyond the 1977-8 academic year despite the decision's option for reconsideration.

Trivers said he believes Bok's decision was "a timid one," explaining that "the whole political and social climate, and the attacks on sociobiology made the area more controversial and more dubious."

The climate indirectly affected the decision, leading Bok to give special attention to the appointment, Trivers said.

Explaining his decision Sunday, Bok said, "We are judging someone whose tenure would extend over a great number of years and who has had a rather brief period of professional work in this field." He declined to comment further on the specifics of the case.

Needs Support

Trivers, who is in his fifth teaching year at Harvard, said yesterday he feels he needs the University to show support for the work he is doing at this time.

Critics have linked Trivers, whom many biologists consider to be the preeminent current theorist in the area of social behavior, to E.O. Wilson, professor of Zoology, whose controversial work "Sociobiology" treats Trivers's work as fundamental.

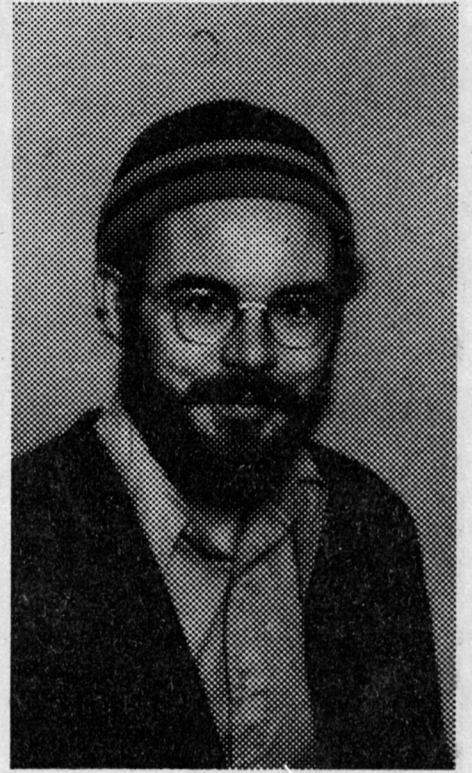
Additionally, some biologists consider his work unscientific or untestable.

This split is evident within the Organismic and Evolutionary Biology (OEB) division of the department, which was reportedly unable to forward a unanimous recommendation for tenure to Bok after a meeting last June.

Bok, who made his decision in late March, said in his six years as president he has opposed fewer than 20 per cent of department recommendations to tenure.

Richard C. Lewontin '50, professor of Biology, Agassiz of Zoology, and chairman of the OEB last June, said yesterday members of the department believed Trivers should be given a full professorship now before he chose to accept a senior position elsewhere.

"Members of the department said we should make a move to keep him—it happens all the time. It's kosher—they come saying we've got this guy who's the greatest thing since Jesus—let's institute a (continued on page 8)



ROBERT V. TRIVERS '65

Asia Center Receives \$600,000

Mellon Grant Boosts Funds for Endowment

By LAURIE HAYS

The East Asian Studies program has received \$600,000 from the Mellon Foundation as part of a fund drive to establish a permanent endowment for the East Asian Research Center.

The Mellon gift is one of 11 grants presented to East Asian centers in the country.

Ezra F. Vogel, professor of Sociology and chairman of the Council on East Asian Studies, said yesterday the money will be crucial in supporting East Asian studies because the Ford Foundation announced earlier this year that it would discontinue support of the centers.

The East Asian Research Center, renamed the John K. Fairbank Center for East Asian Research two weeks ago, needs \$2.4 million for a minimum endowment to continue studies on a permanent basis, Vogel said.

The center may receive \$600,000 from the Ford Foundation if it can be matched by three times that amount. The Mellon gift will be used to help reach the \$1.8 million needed.

In February, President Bok received \$1.2 million in pledges during a two week trip to East Asia, some of which may be used to match the Ford grant, William S. Olney '46, director of special projects, said yesterday.

The \$1 million pledged by Harvard's fundraising group in Hong Kong to support Chinese Studies and an additional \$200,000 pledged by the Harvard Club of Taiwan have not yet been received by the University, Vogel said.

Director Kelley Stresses FBI Improvements

By BRIAN L. ZIMBLER

Substantial changes have made the Federal Bureau of Investigation more efficient and effective in fighting crime, but improvements are still needed, FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley told 130 listeners at the Business School yesterday.

Kelley, speaking more of management techniques than of cops-and-robbers, said new programs have helped the FBI concentrate on areas "where crime has the greatest potential impact" since he became director in 1973.

The agency has "reduced its caseload to avoid the chaff," Kelley said. It has stepped up pursuit of organized crime, foreign intelligence activity, white-collar crime and terrorism because "these areas have the most effect on the lives of citizens," he said.

Kelley said his efforts to streamline the FBI were similar to changes he made as (continued on page 5)

New Selection Process Used

Plimpton Named Class Day Speaker

By ANGELA M. BELGROVE

George A. Plimpton '48, writer and editor, has been selected to deliver the Class Day address in June, members of the Class Day Committee confirmed yesterday.

Plimpton is best known for his exploits on the football field and in the boxing ring as a "professional amateur." From these experiences Plimpton wrote commentaries about the role of sports in American society.

Plimpton chronicled his stint as a quarterback in the Baltimore Colts-Detroit Lions exhibition game in 1963 in "Paper Lion."

This study of football training camps and locker rooms sparked Plimpton to write about the life of a professional baseball player in "Out of My League" and the trials of a professional golfer in "The Bogey Man."

The process that culminated in Plimpton's selection differed from past years. Felicia Marcus '77, Radcliffe First Marshal and a member of the committee said last night.

Previously, the Class Day Committee provided the senior class with a list of ten or so candidates. "This process would allow a minority to prevail over the wishes of a wider range of students who might

prefer a certain type of speaker rather than a particular individual. The committee's objective was to come up with a speaker that the class would enjoy most rather than trying to get a big name," Marcus said.

This year each House representative canvassed the seniors for candidates in addition to presenting a list of suggested names and delivered the preferences to the committee. The committee then made a consensus list and selected the candidates according to their broad appeal.

Closer to Wishes

"This process provided a list that was closer to the wishes of most students," Marcus said. "There was a trend towards a speaker noted for levity and unusual experiences," Marcus said. Plimpton, besides being very popular within the class, has a familiarity with Harvard that will enable him to speak in a more personal manner to the class than someone unfamiliar with the College, she added.

Plimpton could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Plimpton's selection by the Class Day committee prompted Peter A. Anton '77 to say that "it will not be a very scintillating presentation because Plimpton's humour is aimed at the mobile middle class and is more suitable for a talk show."

Visiting Committee Hears Anthro Students' Charges

By PAYNE L. TEMPLETON

Thirty-five students met yesterday with the chairman of the Anthropology Department Visiting Committee and told him that several tenured social anthropologists exert too much power over the department.

A group of graduate students invited Kenneth Kenniston, committee chairman and professor of Human Development at MIT, to the open meeting because they said the Committee's visit to the Department two months ago did not uncover the widespread dissatisfaction among both graduate and undergraduate students.

Although the students did not reach a consensus on a solution to their grievances, they agreed that several professors in the Social Anthropology wing of the Department exert too much power over both the Social and Biological wings of the Department.

Dunster Tilt: 'Can You Top This'

By JALEH POOROOSHASB

Dunster House will sponsor the first speaking contest at Harvard which will be limited to participants who have written their own speeches, Jerome M. Culp, Dunster House tutor and organizer of the contest said yesterday.

The contest will include the audience's response as part of the criteria for judgment.

Donald Byker, coordinator of the Boylston speaking contest which relies solely on the response of the judges, said yesterday the notion of considering the audience's opinion reminds him of "Plato's lament that theater in Athens had started to go downhill as soon as it began being evaluated by the audience."

Byker added that this format could lead to hall-packing by supporters of certain contestants. The coordinators of the competition will still include it as part of (continued on page 5)

The Anthropology Department has three wings, including Archeological, Biological, and Social Anthropology. The majority of tenured Anthropology professors are in the Social wing. Irvén (continued on page 8)

The Gulf Protest—5 Years Later

Protesters Reflect On Hall Takeover

By JONATHAN D. RATNER

Five years ago today, in the pre-dawn hours of Thursday April 20, 1972, 35 black Harvard students took over Massachusetts Hall, protesting the University's ownership of \$20 million worth of stock in the Gulf Oil Corporation, then a leading prop for the Portuguese colonial regime in Angola.

The well-planned and quickly executed takeover—the students climbed into the building through a side window they opened with a crowbar—was the culmination of months of rising student protest over Harvard's ownership of about seven tenths of 1 per cent of all Gulf Oil stock. The day before, at Gulf's annual stockholder's meeting, the Harvard Corporation voted against a shareholder-initiated resolution that would have forced Gulf to issue a report disclosing its operations in Angola. Harvard coupled its vote with a refusal to divest the stock.

The week-long protest attracted extensive local and national support. As many as 1000 protesters filled the Yard in solidarity with the Mass Hall students, eventually forcing the University to block off all entrances to the Yard. The takeover was endorsed (continued on page 3)



Black students protesting Harvard's ownership of \$20 million in Gulf Oil Corporation stock voluntarily leave Mass Hall on April 26, 1972, at the end of their week-long occupation of the building.

Kelley

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chief of the Kansas City police force, from 1961 until he moved to the FBI.

Law enforcement agencies have "historically had an old, familiar way of doing things," Kelley said. "We infused a potent momentum for change."

The heavy-set, gravel-voiced director asked Omar Boynton, Deputy in Charge of Foreign Affairs for the FBI, to answer a question about the effect of recent criticisms of the agency. Boynton said,

"We have spent so much time covering allegations about the past" that change has been slowed down.

"You can trust the FBI, you can trust law enforcement," Kelley said. Public trust is vital to effective crime-fighting, he said.

The agency will not seek "special consideration" to break the law in order to pursue criminals, Kelley said. "We should not be blatantly violating the Constitution," he said.

However, Kelley said he did not know if the FBI had committed illegal acts in the past. "That was a different era," he said.

Kelley pointed to recent special FBI operations as evidence of the success of his improvements. He said three "storefront operations" in Washington D.C., where agents posed as criminals and fences, to catch real thieves were responsible for hundreds of arrests.

Kelley will resign as FBI director next January 1.

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an effort to "establish a tradition of impartial participation on the part of an audience," Bruce M. Patton '77, the original proponent of the idea, said yesterday.

The contest will take place in two rounds, with the final competition on May 15. Dunster House will offer a first prize of \$100, a second prize of \$50 and a third prize of \$25.

James A. Merolla '78, who plans to enter the contest, said yesterday, "I think it's a good concept because there is freedom of expression in this contest. The idea of writing my own piece intrigues me." He added that the Boylston contest "intimidates me," but he "feels among friends" at a student-sponsored competition.

Patton said yesterday he hopes the contest will encourage other Houses to offer prizes in various areas of intellectual endeavor.

Mack

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reviewers to be a model psychobiography, but Mack said he is less inclined than Erikson to divide a subject's life into "critical periods marked by watersheds."

Mack said that someone's life cannot "be treated with such symmetry. People get mired in a course of action that can't be plotted" in advance.

He said he has no plans for another study, adding that he has much work in his own field of psychiatry to catch up on before he embarks on more ten-year long, transcontinental endeavors.

Notice Column

English Option III: Sophomores who wish to apply for admission to Option III for next September should leave resumes and writing samples at 38 Kirkland St. before May 4. Interviews will follow. (20)

OCS-OCL: Interviewing Schedule April 22—American Express

Musicians: Open sightreading of the Vivaldi Gloria and the Mozart Requiem at 9 p.m., April 20, in the Dunster House Dining Room. All singers and string players are welcome. (20)

Premenstrual Tension: Women who experience premenstrual tension needed for a study. Participants will be interviewed briefly and asked to fill out a questionnaire. Please call 8-6579 for further information. (20)

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