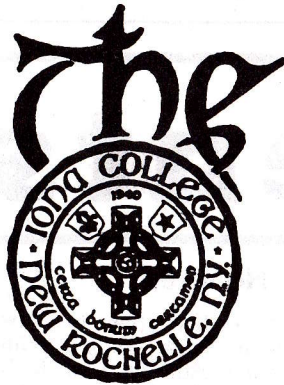


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## *Spanish poet orates at Ryan*

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Iota Alpha, Iona's chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, and the National Spanish Honor Society, sponsored a guest appearance of Dionisio Canas last Wednesday in Ryan Library. Canas, a contemporary Spanish poet, read from his book entitled "El Olor Calido y Acre de la Orine." Dr. Rosario Hiriart, advisor for Iota Alpha, contacted Canas, and co-ordinated the event.

Canas, born in La Mancha, Spain in 1949, has lectured at Mercy College, Columbia University, and Manhattan College. He received an

award for a poem published in *Entre Nosotros*, a publication of Sigma Delta Pi.

Characterized as a new Spanish poet, Canas theme centered on anguish, darkness, and loneliness. One selection, "Rock en la Cueva," (translated to rock in the stone) employed the use of a song from the Rolling Stones. "The line, 'I can't get no satisfaction' was interwoven throughout the Spanish for emphasis," said Canas.

After the reading, which was attended by approximately 60 people, Canas answered questions from the audience. Students asked ques-

tions concerning his style and choice of title for his book. In response to an inquiry as to the fundamental difference between the new poetry, and the poetry of previous generations, Canas explained various points.

Generally, he feels the old poetry tended to be narrow in scope, revolving around the Spanish Civil War, while the new poetry has been influenced by France and North America. Canas, who is now residing in New York City, lived in France for a time. Contemporary Spanish poets are attempting,

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as Canas views it, to grow away from Spain and into more artistic, universal themes. Canas sees his own style as reflective of this new trend in Spanish poetry, as it expresses feelings common to all men.

The officers of Iota Alpha contributed greatly to the success of the lecture. Nancy Piscani, President, Rosemarie Santullo, Treasurer, and Roseann Forte, Secretary, sent out invitations, made posters, forwarded press releases and handled publicity in general.

The lecture which was videotaped will be aired on TVE, national Spanish television.

Hiriart said, she "hopes to bring more representatives of Spanish

Arts and Literature on campus in the future."