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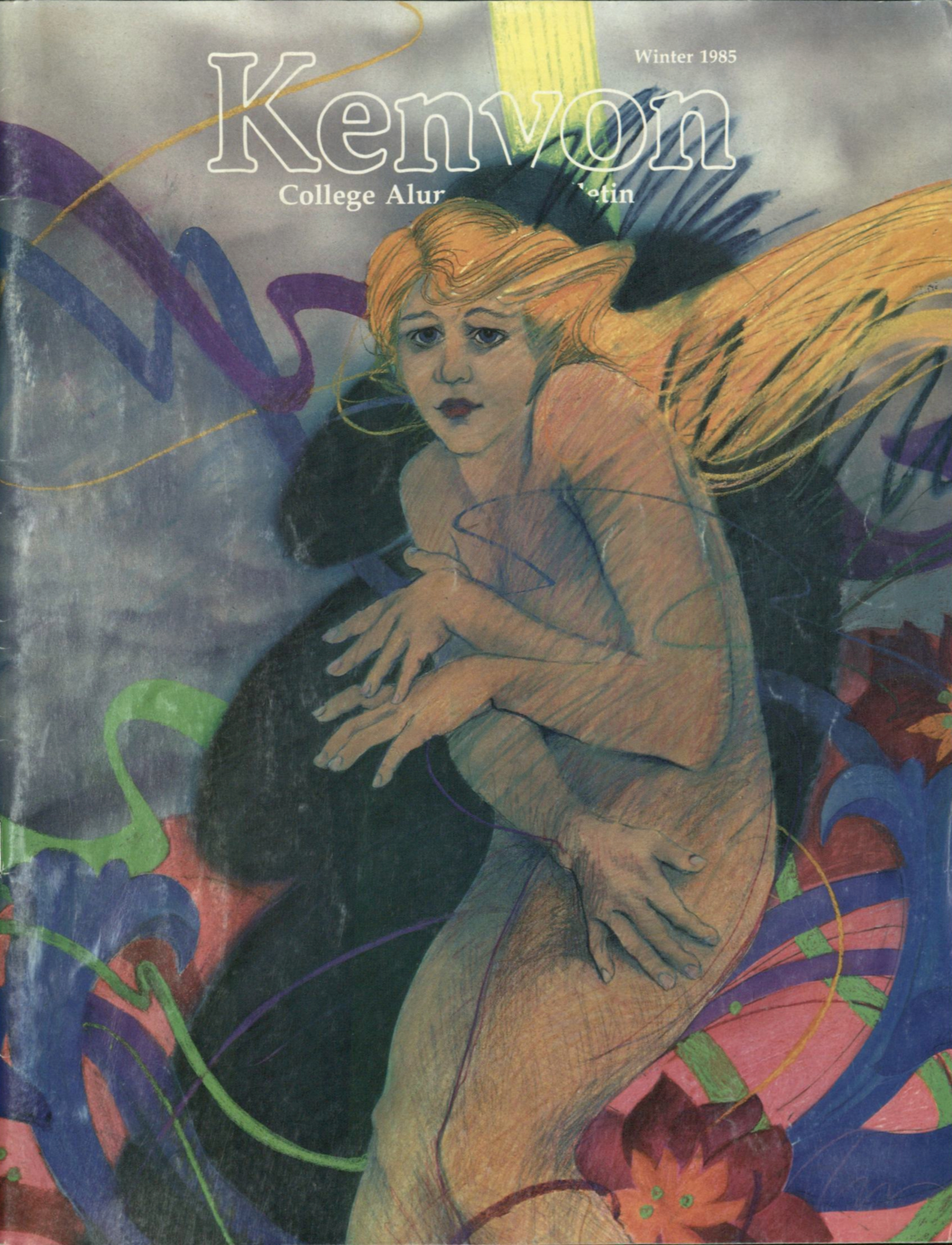


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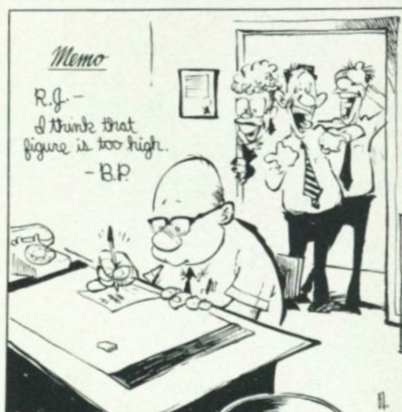
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# Along Middle Path

## Alice Feely '85 finds history close at hand in Danville, Ohio

Danville, a village of two thousand people some ten miles northeast of Gambier, will soon be a town with a well-documented past, thanks to Kenyon senior Alice Feely. A first-ever history of Danville will serve as Feely's senior honors thesis — and as a tribute to the rural communities of central Ohio that gently and profoundly flavor the Kenyon experience.

A history major and summer resident of Rhode Island who also yearns to study some local history there, Feely selected Danville as her thesis topic for its proximity to the College and its lack of any previously written town history. The Dedham, Massachusetts, resident is a recent immigrant to central Ohio, having transferred to Kenyon from Mary Washington College (Virginia) at the beginning of her junior year.

A dearth of information from obvious sources — two local libraries, historical societies, municipal archives, and Danville's two early newspapers — and the eagerness of residents to share their family genealogies led Feely to concentrate on the town's social history. "Townspople are more interested in early personalities and anecdotes than in architectural or commercial history," said Feely. "Sometimes the names and dates of their respective family stories conflict, and it is hard to verify the details of significant town events, but a cohesive picture is emerging, nonetheless."

Feely's study so far has proved a labor of love, and she relishes each opportunity to probe the accuracy of memories and family archives. One of Feely's first visits to Danville included a

stop at Dusthimer's Funeral Home, until 1953 and for three generations the Edgar and Sons Funeral Home. Robert Dusthimer, also secretary of Workman Cemetery in Danville, furnished Feely with names of established Danville families. A visit to St. Luke's Catholic Church and Community Center netted twentieth-century records on the more than 50 percent of the Danville population belonging to the parish. Regrettably, the March 10, 1895, fire in St. Luke's deprived Danville of its earlier records.

Feely is now a regular visitor to Danville and is coming to know its established citizenry. Through her interviews, she has determined that Danville was founded between 1808 and 1816 by Jonathan Sapp and Robert Waddle, who left their homes in Maryland for the

wide open spaces to the west. Liking the look of the territory, they stopped for good. Sapp and Waddle named their new home after Sapp's Uncle Dan, in lieu of either Sappsville or Waddlesville. Later that century, lumberman John Ross seceded from Danville in a sulk and created Rossville, less than a mile south of Danville. Soon afterwards, another Danville citizen of some wealth ambitiously founded his own village nearby, grandly naming it Buckeye City. Although he hoped Buckeye City would eventually annex both Danville and Rossville, Feely discovered the three rival locales soon merged into what is present day Danville.

Danville's population boom was due to a nineteenth century event. The coming of the Cleveland-Mount Vernon-Columbus Railroad facilitated trade and generally made the town more accessible.

Long an enclave of Catholicism, the town

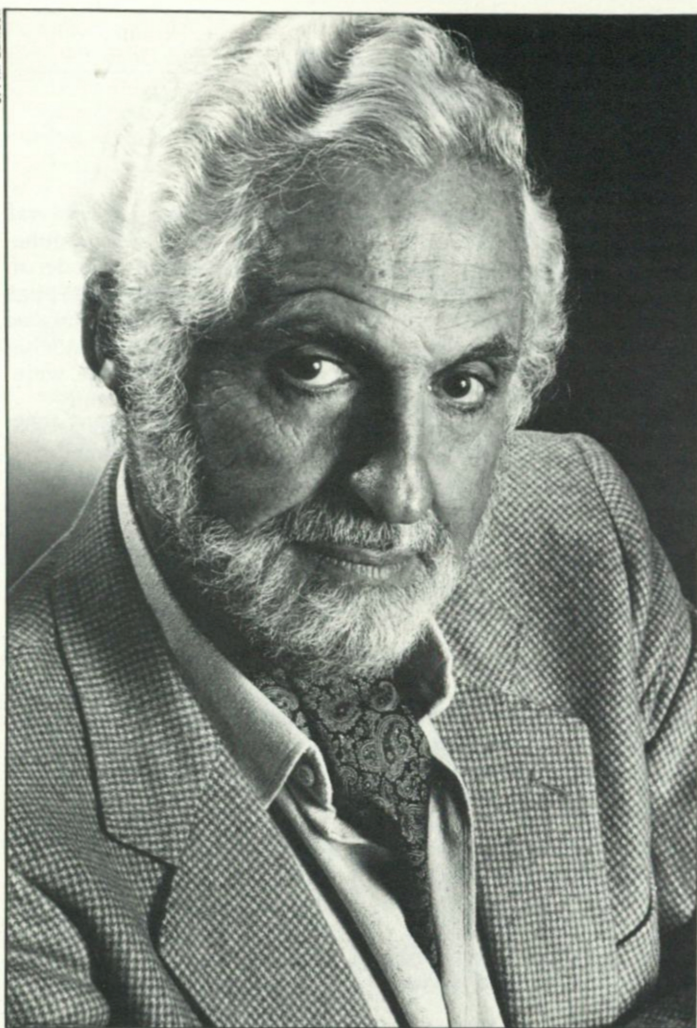
nonetheless includes several churches of other denominations and has been a model of religious tolerance. Although Feely's research first indicated neither Jonathan Sapp nor his wealthy father, George, were Catholics, a Sapp family history of the years 1805-1908 by Francis Sapp claimed George was converted by circuit priest Father Lamy. Feely substantiated Father Lamy's significant role in the early building of Danville and in financing what is now St. Luke's. Father Lamy later moved on to found St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Mount Vernon in the 1840s.

A small blanket factory and lumber, farming, and retail businesses are the extent of Danville's commercial development. Once unified by the hardships of life in the wilderness of the Ohio Territory, Danville today remains a cohesive community with a strong sense of identity, eagerly awaiting its first complete history.



Alice Feely '85 on Danville's outskirts.





Carl Djerassi '43

## Carl Djerassi '43 commits himself to birth control — and poetry

Carl Djerassi '43, the celebrated research scientist, returned to Kenyon on November 12 and 13, 1984, to lecture on "Birth Control in the Year 2001" and to read from his poetry and fiction. Djerassi, whose own work in the development of the active chemical ingredient in the first oral contraceptive will have a global impact for generations to come, has long pressed for government support of contraceptive research, an endeavor he believes is fast becoming too risky and expensive for private sector pursuit. According to Djerassi, failure to explore contraceptives' vast possibilities will leave unchecked the world's steady progress toward overpopulation.

Professor of chemistry at Stanford University since 1959, Djerassi is also president of Syntex Research, the Mexico City-based company he joined in 1949. Many of Djerassi's notable contributions to science were made as a Syntex researcher.

Djerassi was born in Vienna, Austria, in 1923 and emigrated to the United States in 1939. He graduated summa cum laude from Kenyon before he was nineteen and earned a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin at age twenty-two. He worked as a research chemist at Ciba Pharmaceutical Company until 1949, when he joined Syntex. His teaching career began in 1952 as a member of the faculty of Wayne State University; he

remained there until his appointment to the Stanford faculty. Djerassi is also founder and president of Zoëcon, a chemical house now owned by Occidental Petroleum that develops biochemical insect controls.

A serious student of poetry for more than twenty years, Djerassi began his own writing two years ago. His poems and fiction often reflect the scientist's world view. His work in the literary realm now includes a volume of poems and an autobiographical novel. He has also published seven books and more than a thousand articles on his scientific research.

Djerassi's lifetime of research in the fields of natural product chemistry — alkaloids, steroids, terpenoids — and medical chemistry, including antihistamines, oral contraceptives, and anti-inflammatory agents, has earned him international repute as one of this century's foremost contributors to science. He is the winner of innumerable awards from the chemical science community, including the 1973 National Medal of Science, the federal government's highest award for distinguished scientific achievement. He is the recipient of honorary degrees from the National University of Mexico (1953), Kenyon (1958), the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (1969), Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1972), Wayne State University (1974), Columbia University (1975), Uppsala University (1977), Coe College (1978), and the University of Geneva (1978).

## Mieke Bomann joins Public Affairs staff

Mieke H. Bomann, a member of Kenyon's Class of 1977, has been appointed news director in the College's Public Affairs Office. Her responsibilities will encompass media relations and various writing assignments,

including feature articles for the *Bulletin* and *Along Middle Path*.

In announcing the appointment, Public Affairs Director Tom Stamp '73 noted that "Mieke combines all the qualities we were searching for in a news director. The breadth of her experience in journalism, including work in newspapers, radio, and television, will be a valuable asset to us as we continue to spread the word about Kenyon."

Bomann comes to Kenyon from the *Chillicothe Gazette*, where she has been business and labor reporter. She has also been on the staffs of *USA Today* and Medill News Service in Washington, D.C. Her career has included stints at NBC in New York City, KTMS-FM in Santa Barbara, California, as a morning announcer, and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art as a public information officer.

A native of Maplewood, New Jersey, Bomann is a graduate of the Kent Place School. In addition to her A.B. in political science from Kenyon, she holds an M.S. in journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. At Kenyon, her activities included serving as a reporter for the *Collegian*. She cites travel as her primary hobby, having toured extensively in the United States, South America, and Europe, where her grandmother was a resident of The Hague.



Mieke Bomann '77



## Wes Tutchings '61 oversees financial aid with dedication and a sense of humor

It was a spring evening in 1964, and Wes Tutchings, a young teacher and coach at Norwalk Junior High School, was grading a stack of history papers when the phone rang. The call was from Kenyon's director of admissions, Tracy Scudder, who asked Tutchings to interview for a job in his office. Tutchings, a 1961 Kenyon graduate, was grateful for the interruption from reading papers, but he admitted no interest in returning to his alma mater. Still, Scudder convinced him to "come over for a visit and we'll talk." Tutchings reluctantly gave in, consented to an interview, and subsequently was hired. He's been at Kenyon ever since and is always popular with the students, especially those with a zany sense of humor.

Tutchings' job description has remained essentially the same over the past two decades — he's now director of financial aid and scholarships, and he also coordinates student employment. But the scope of his office's responsibility has dramatically in-

creased. Back in 1964 when Tutchings arrived, Kenyon was an institution of about five hundred male students. Two decades later, with enrollment at more than fourteen hundred men and women, Tutchings administers a budget of \$3.5 million in Kenyon, state, and federal student aid funds. Of course, he wishes his budget were larger.

Because of Kenyon's modest endowment, the College budget is necessarily dependent on student tuition, requiring nearly 70 percent of students to pay full tuition. Still, a Tutchings' tenet is that "no qualified student should be denied a Kenyon education for financial reasons." Using College scholarship funds, tapping state and federal programs, and lining up student employment, Tutchings works with families to find a "package of aid" to lessen tuition expenses.

Tutchings has some firsthand experience here. For his own Kenyon education, he toiled every summer as a construction laborer.

During the school year he was employed as a proctor for Dean Thomas Edwards and was a four-year veteran of the dining service, which in those days meant sit-down affairs. Fortune smiled on him, however, and Tutchings was never assigned to clean dishes in "the dreaded pit."

Tutchings also found time for varsity football and wrestling. He was active in student council, serving as president his senior year. And on weekends he admits he "would let off a little steam occasionally."

Tutchings majored in history and shortly after graduation earned his teaching certificate. He returned home to Norwalk, teaching and coaching two years at Wakeman (now Collins) Western Reserve High School before joining the Norwalk Junior High School staff.

Now entering his third decade at Kenyon, Tutchings is somewhat of a campus legend, a little off-the-wall, but much-loved by students. From his corner office in Ransom Hall, he keeps an eye on Middle Path travelers, comically saluting the students, many of whom are attending Kenyon because of his efforts.

Tutchings' other favorite

haunt is the Village Deli, where he and Dean for Academic Advising Don Omahan enjoy a morning ritual of coffee and doughnuts while Tutchings succinctly "solves the problems of the world."

"But nobody ever listens to me," he laments.

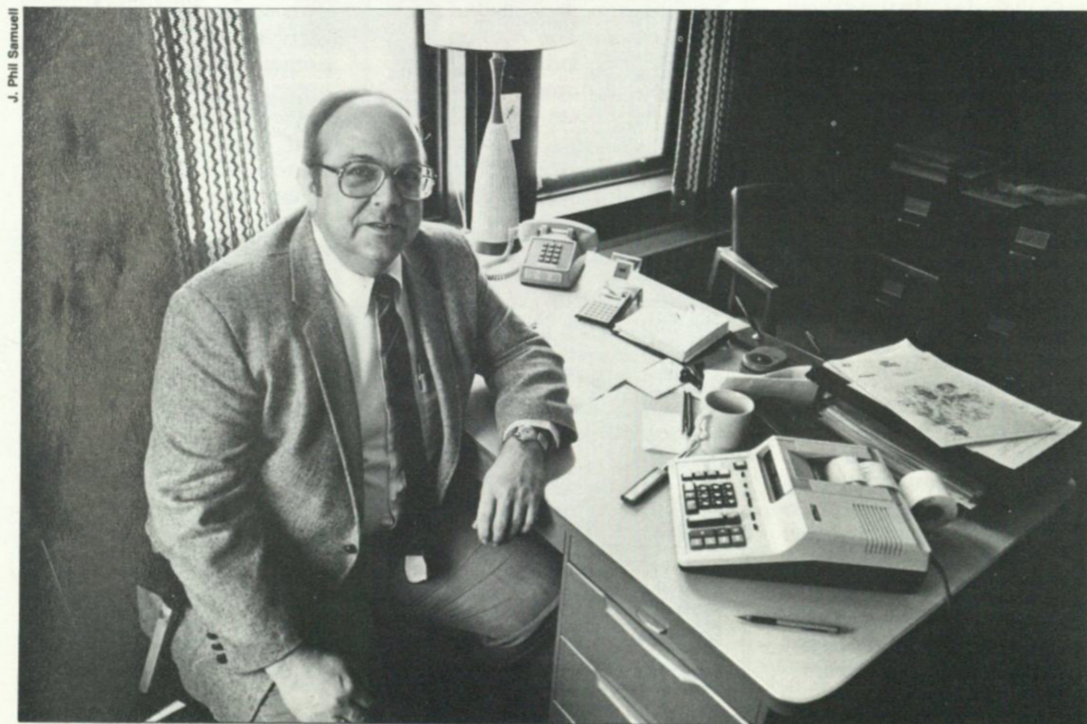
Maybe they should.

## PACC focuses on "Religion and Politics"

Kenyon's Public Affairs Conference Center (PACC) will host its annual gathering of prominent national figures April 18 through 21 in Gambier. This year, twenty leading authorities on "Religion and Politics," including political and religious leaders, journalists, scholars, and business executives, will prepare for the discussions by reading a group of ideologically diverse essays written by four of their number.

Controversial issues such as religion's role in politics, the appeals to religious beliefs made by neoconservatives in support of their political agenda, First Amendment interpretations, and the extent to which Christianity in and of itself is political will be raised by the essays. This year's contributors are Father Robert Drinan, a former Massachusetts congressman and Kenyon honorary degree recipient; Werner Dannhauser, professor of political science at Cornell University; Frederick Schauer, professor at the University of Michigan Law School; and Father Ernst Fortin, professor of theology at Boston College.

Among this year's conference participants are Walter Berns of the American Enterprise Institute; John J. Gilligan, former Ohio governor now at the University of Notre Dame; Barry Lynn of the American Civil Liberties Union; Rabbi Seymour Siegel of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Ernest Van Den Haag of Fordham University; and Patricia Leeds, executive director of the Catholic Lay Commission.



Wes Tutchings '61 in his office.



## Psychology professors participate in adolescent suicide prevention

Mount Vernon School Superintendent David Olsen and Mount Vernon High School Principal George Perry became concerned about teenage suicide following the death of a Knox County Joint Vocational School student and several "copy-cat" attempts (none of which were fatal). The suicide and the attempts add Knox County to a growing list of communities plagued in recent years by rashes of adolescent suicides.

Assistant Professors Michael P. Levine and Linda Smolak and Associate Professor Richard B. (Dick) Hoppe of Kenyon's psychology department are members of an ad hoc committee formed last fall to study and prevent adolescent suicide in the county. The committee, a gathering of mental health officials, social workers, educators, psychiatrists, counselors, and ministers, was brought together by Norma Fladen, Knox County Mental Health Association director, in response to a call from Olsen and Perry.

After identifying and coordinating existing community resources available to suicidal teenagers and their families, the committee launched a comprehensive program of teacher-student education at Mount Vernon High School. At an in-service teacher workshop, high school teachers learned to recognize "symptoms" present in many suicidal adolescents: withdrawal and feelings of helplessness; changes in sleeping and eating habits; outbursts of anger; loss of interest in hobbies, sports, and special events; unusual or uncommunicative behavior; isolation from others; giving away personal possessions; preoccupation with death; and direct or indirect mentions of suicide.

Teachers also learned how to communicate with afflicted teenagers by expressing concern, listening actively, and locating profes-

sional help while at the same time not denying their feelings. Most importantly, teachers were instructed in how to use the SLAP technique — determining if a suicide threat is *specific*, if it is *lethal*, if the means are *available*, and what *people* are apt to be close by — to respond to imminent suicide threats.

Two days later, the thirteen members of the committee entered Mount Vernon High School English and social studies classes to dispel for students the myths of suicide (people who talk about suicide don't go through with it; suicidal people are mentally ill; suicidal people want to die). Students were also encouraged to take active roles in obtaining professional help for their friends who express suicidal feelings.

Perry believes every Mount Vernon High School student has participated in one of the classroom discussions devoted to the issue. Like other professionals, he believes talking about suicide can only be beneficial.

"Students reacted positively to the information they heard," says Perry. "Several have already taken their problems to one of the special corps of high school teachers trained to give students competent and confidential assistance. It was essential that we involve teachers in the solution of adolescent suicide; a trusted teacher is often the first person to be approached by a suicidal teenager."

According to Levine, the facts are stark: every hour ten adolescents in the United States try to kill themselves; over the next twelve months nearly eighty thousand teenagers nationwide will make a suicide attempt; of these attempts between twenty-five hundred and four thousand will result in death; in twenty-five years the teenage suicide rate in this country has doubled. Sadly, Knox County is not

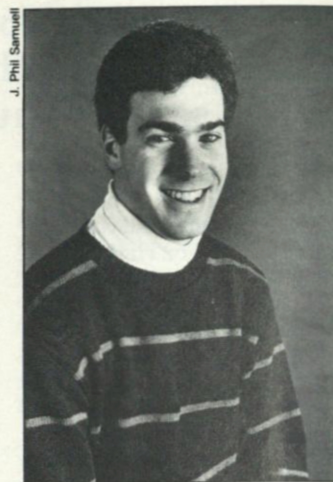
immune to this alarming phenomenon.

## Student-Alumni Association aims to improve communication

The Student-Alumni Association has been organized at Kenyon to seek the unification of students and alumni as a group with common goals and interests. At present, the relationship between students and alumni at Kenyon is often little more than one of mutual recognition. Both groups are essential constituencies of the College and are intrinsically connected to form the very heart of Kenyon. The potential for expanding this relationship has great implications not only for the students and alumni of Kenyon, but also for the College itself. The Student-Alumni Association is making an effort to provide students and alumni with a chance to work together to create a unique, dynamic relationship that will certainly be beneficial to the College.

The association envisions the unification of the students and the alumni into a group with common goals and sentiments. The Alumni Association contributes to the College in numerous ways. Many students were first made aware of Kenyon through alumni involved in admissions work. Others have explored career possibilities with alumni through the Extern Program and Alumni Career Counseling. In light of the importance of these and other activities, this association seeks to advance student interest in alumni affairs during the undergraduate years.

The Student-Alumni Association has developed five basic objectives: to provide a nexus between alumni and Kenyon students; to enhance alumni interest and participation in the routine workings of the College; to enable the alumni to better understand the College's recent academic



Marc Rose '85

and social developments; to establish a stronger career "networking" system with the Career Development Center in conjunction with the Alumni Office; and to provide students with the information and encouragement necessary to understand and take advantage of the various opportunities that exist in the nonacademic realm through the auspices of alumni.

The challenge to the association's Executive Council (made up of one representative of each of the four undergraduate classes) is to expand communication with alumni and student involvement in alumni programs. An efficiently organized council is the first step toward achieving that goal. Through continuing communication between students and alumni, a highly successful program can be developed and sustained, providing a valuable service to the College and continuing satisfaction to two of its most important constituencies — its students and alumni.

We hope alumni will help us as we seek to define more clearly our role as an association; we would very much like to hear from you. If you are interested, please write to Marc M. Rose '85, Administrative Liaison, c/o Kenyon Alumni Office, Gambier, Ohio 43022.

— Marc Rose



## Lords and Ladies conduct their first NCAC campaigns in basketball, swimming

The most distinctive aspect of Kenyon sports history is the succession of outstanding scholar-athletes whose accomplishments in the playing arenas earn recognition above and beyond won-lost records. It goes without saying that a Kenyon athlete must excel in the classroom. Preeminence in sports depends on a further measure of dedication, motivation, and practice.

Chris Russell, senior basketball star, is a highly visible example of a successful Kenyon scholar-athlete. An Academic All America candidate, the slender,

six-foot Upper Arlington (Ohio) High School graduate has a 3-plus grade point average — 3.8 this year — in economics and political science while leading the freshman-oriented Lords in scoring.

Not recognized as a "natural" athlete, Chris developed basketball skills by love of the game, endless hours of practice, and dedication to details. The work has paid off — Chris is now the sixth highest scorer in Lord history with 1,602 points in 94 games. He needs 141 in the last 8 games to rise to fifth, ahead of Jeff Slade's (1959-62) 1,742 points.



Senior Chris Russell, triple-teamed by Ohio Wesleyan, goes up for two points.

But getting 141 more won't be easy. Despite his average of 19 points per game this season, Chris has been having difficulties — opponents, recognizing his abilities, are double-teaming him and his freshman teammates are as yet not taking advantage of the tactic. He was limited to five points against the veteran Ohio Wesleyan team in January, his fewest points since his freshman season when he had a two-point total at Wittenberg.

Both Chris, who captains the '85 Lords, and Coach Bill Brown are aware of the problem of inexperience of the young Lords. "Our team is very, very young [Russell and four freshmen comprise the lineup] and we're competing against what amounts to all-senior opponents," Brown says, "Where we sometimes lack leadership, our opponents show poise. They're concentrating on stopping Chris and we're not experienced enough to take advantage of their slanted defenses."

Two-thirds of the way through the 1985 campaign the Lords have a 5-13 record, an improvement over 1984 and just about equal to 1983 (5-20), but the outlook isn't rosy due to the schedule of six more North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) contests and a game at red-hot Otterbein. The Lords have an 0-6 NCAC record.

One of the freshmen who may be on the threshold of stardom is Dave Mitchell (Columbus, Ohio), a 6'2" guard with an average of 12 points per game. Center Paul Baier (Louisville, Ohio) is a 6'4" center with potential who has been sidelined by an ankle injury.

While the Lords have been struggling, the Ladies have been creating waves by embarking on Kenyon's first winning women's basketball season. Coach Gretchen Weitbrecht's mixture of experienced upperclasswomen and a couple of talented newcomers has surprised many experts by winning 8 of 13 starts and going 3-2 in NCAC warfare.

The 1985 Ladies are getting leadership and steady play from seniors Robin Muller (Chagrin Falls, Ohio) and Kate Sheehan (Sylvania, Ohio), junior Betsy Lukens (Nashville, Tennessee), and sophomores Tara Griffin (Westfield Center, Ohio) and Chris Fahey (Merrimack, New Hampshire). A freshman, Laura Jill Tibbe (Russellville, Ohio), is the scoring leader with an 18.6 points per game average. The Ladies aren't expected to beat out Allegheny's nationally-ranked team for the NCAC title, but they are on track for a winning season.

Again this year, both Kenyon swimming teams appear headed for a league championship and national titles. After 31 consecutive Ohio Athletic Conference titles, Coach Jim Steen's Lords and Ladies this winter are competing in the NCAC. The NCAC title meet will be at Allegheny College (women February 21, 22, 23, and men February 28 and March 1, 2), and on the basis of performances in the NCAC Relays and the Kenyon Invitational, two more league titles seem to be in the offing.

In addition to winning the men's NCAC Relays and the Kenyon Invitational, the Lords have defeated Division III Denison and Division I Syracuse, Bowling Green, and Miami and have lost to Division I Ohio State, Pittsburgh, Kentucky, and Georgia. The Ladies won the Invitational, lost to Kentucky and Georgia, and defeated Denison and Wooster.

As of February 1, a dozen Lords and ten Ladies had met or surpassed NCAA national title meet qualifying times.

The indoor track and field season, barely underway on February 1, indicates Coach Pete Peterson may have a winner this winter and an even stronger team when the outdoor campaign rolls around.



# A poet in residence

by Sheila Jordan

**"S**eason of mists and mellow fruitfulness . . . " It was a Keatsian landscape, a brilliant autumn through which, nearly running off the road, Robert Hass, Kenyon's first Gund Writer-in-Residence, drove from the Columbus Airport to Gambier. He was looking at the leaves. "Poets should know about birds, bees, and flowers and about myths, liturgical rituals, and the seasons," poet Hass instructed his Kenyon students, beginning writers in a small poetry workshop. And, encouragingly, he recalled the words of his own teacher, poet Yvor Winters, who said, "There are perhaps two perfect poems in the language — both of them trivial."

Poet, essayist, and teacher Robert Hass, first writer-resident of the Distinguished Writer-in-Residence Program, arrived at Kenyon from Berkeley, California, on October 11 by way of a grant from the George Gund Foundation of Cleveland. The grant provides that a distinguished writer be on campus for two to four weeks, with one participant scheduled each semester for five years. It was the Gund Foundation that between 1977 and 1980 funded the excellent John Crowe Ransom Memorial Lectures at the College.

Professor of poetry and founder of *The Kenyon Review*, John Crowe Ransom was, though he taught no "creative writing," Kenyon's first writer-in-resi-

dence. If in Ransom's time a literary map had been drawn of the United States, the hill on which the College sits would have loomed like Mount Olympus with Ransom seated on its top. Because of his distinction as a poet and a critic, would-be writers, such as Robert Lowell and Peter Taylor, came to Kenyon. Others followed. They are still coming.

The proposal to the Gund Foundation for the Distinguished Writer-in-Residence Program explains it is an "expansion of the concept of the John Crowe Ransom Lecture Series." The Program would bring eminent writers to Kenyon "to write, to teach, to meet informally with students and faculty members, and to participate in the life of the College community." The proposal states: "In our selection of writers-in-residence we would seek creative and distinguished men and women having the quality of mind and range of interests to challenge and stimulate all the members of the academic community, not merely those with specialized literary interests." It concludes: "The Distinguished Writer-in-Residence Program would provide a significant addition to the scope and balance of the liberal arts education which the College offers its students."

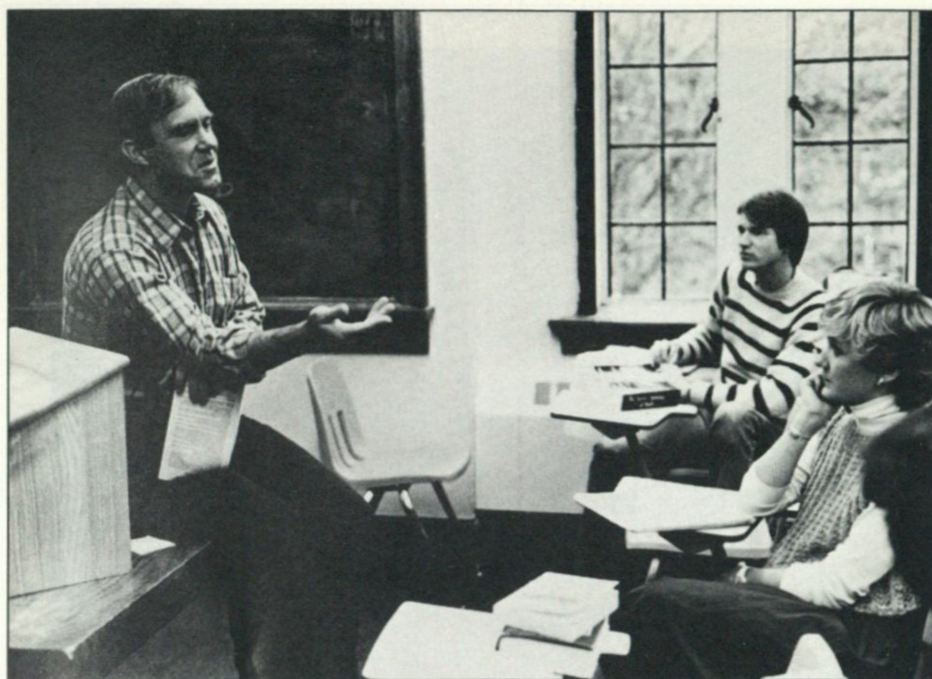
This is a tall order. The morning after his arrival Hass awoke at 4:00 a.m. — California time — to begin to fill it. In the gray light of Philo in Ronald Sharp's 9:10 a.m. Nineteenth Century British Literature class, he taught Coleridge, the poet and the man. Hass did it, characteristically, by telling something of Coleridge's story and by reading aloud and fixing on the feeling in the poem "Dejection," not in its finished form but in the first draft,

a letter — "O dearest Sara" — to Sara Hutchinson, whom Coleridge, unhappily married, had no right to address. Coleridge, an inventor of surrealism? First, among other things, to end a poem with an image rather than a statement? Under Hass's tutelage Coleridge was made new.

If to "make it new" is the task of the poet, Robert Hass was everywhere about it in his two weeks at Kenyon. He met literature classes in which he taught students to read the poem aloud, to find the poet's voice, take it into themselves, and breathe the breath of Herrick or Keats. He taught the way in which a comma in Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" made all the difference. Speaking to large issues, Hass delivered a public lecture, "Czeslaw Milosz: Art and Politics in Eastern Europe," offering the work of the Polish Nobel Prize winner, whose poems he has translated, and asking the Pole's question: "If truth is the mother of beauty, who is the father of torture?" He gave an astounding second lecture titled "The Nature of Poetry," and he read his own poems. The one that most engaged his audience was new, a long poem, still unfinished.

Less formally, Hass held a series of workshops in poetry for student writers, and he met with students and faculty individually and in small groups. Assigned an office, he decamped to the Village Deli to be more easily available. Evenings he would set a meeting at Pirate's Cove to talk, "to hang out — something writers need to do." Hass made language new. As one student said, "I could listen to him talk about anything." And Hass listened, cautioning students not to say "I know" but to listen.





Robert Hass

He listened to a student read a poem of his own aloud for the first time.

And in no time, Hass gathered a group of Kenyon writers about him. Reminiscent of Ransom and his circle and of the "motley cluster" surrounding poet James Wright that E. L. Doctorow described in his reminiscences at the James Wright Celebration in 1983, Hass's group was a regrouping. Students come to Kenyon knowing it to have been a place for writers. Robert Hass first visited the College at the time of the Wright Celebration, recommended by Annie Wright, who said her husband had felt him to be his best critic. The Wright Celebration acted like a revival meeting for poetry at Kenyon. Following it, a small group of faculty and students began to meet informally to read and discuss poetry. Hass returned to this group. When he left, he left a company that had multiplied many times.

Lest he seem a mere Pied Piper of poetry, or a groupy type from California, Robert Hass's credentials as a writer should be noted. He is the author of two books of poetry, *Field Guide* and *Praise*. This year he published a book of critical essays entitled *Twentieth Century Pleasures*, with pieces on Robert Lowell and James Wright. Also out this year is *Separate Notebooks*, translations of the poems of Czeslaw Milosz. Hass teaches at St. Mary's College in Berkeley and currently holds a MacArthur Foundation grant — a tremendous boon — to enable him to write. Hass grew up in San Francisco, attended St. Mary's College and Stanford University, where he earned his Ph.D. in literature. He has taught at SUNY at Buffalo, the University

of Virginia, and in the M.F.A. Writing Program at Goddard College, now the Warren Wilson Program. He has held Woodrow Wilson and Danforth fellowships, the United States-United Kingdom Bicentennial Exchange in the Arts Fellowship, and was the first Robert Frost Fellow at the Frost House in Franconia, New Hampshire.

Hass's residency at Kenyon overlapped the final days of the presidential race. After dinner, he and Annie Wright (here also to work on the Wright papers) watched one of the debates with Gambier friends in a faculty kitchen. Hass had spoken of the "deadness" of the language in the political conventions. He had challenged the students, saying the poet's work is "to get the freshness of life as it is lived down" and "to write the inner history of the human race."

Karen Edwards, assistant professor of English, introducing Hass, used "wonder" to describe his person and his view of the world. The poet Auden wrote: "Whatever its actual content and overt interest, every poem is rooted in imaginative awe . . . but there is only one thing that all poetry must do; it must praise all it can for being and happening." Here is Hass's epigraph to the first part of *Praise*:

We asked the captain what course of action he proposed to take toward a beast so large, terrifying, and unpredictable. He hesitated to answer, and then said judiciously: "I think I shall praise it."

John Crowe Ransom in his poem "Antique Harvesters" writes: "Tawny are the leaves turned but they still hold,/ And

it is harvest: what shall this land produce?" Robert Hass, when asked to become the first Gund Writer-in-Residence, responded: "It's an honor to return to a place with such a great literary tradition. In this century, Kenyon has produced as many important poets as any academic institution anywhere. Considering Kenyon's size, this accomplishment is somewhat miraculous." In an interview at the end of Hass's stay, *Hika* asked, "Is it misleading to think of a golden age?" Hass replied:

I think it's very misleading to think of a golden age. I think it's terrific to have a teacher and writer of the quality of Ransom here. But they've passed through. It's clear in one way or another that Kenyon has nourished writers. I think it can continue to do that. I also think that a liberal arts education such as you get here is terrific training. I don't think it's a bad thing to think about there being a golden age. But I think it should be thinking about the golden age being in the future, the present.

*Hika*: How do we do that? Is it always a bunch of individuals hacking their way through the best they can?

Hass: Yes (long pause), that might be a good place to end. . . .

Pulitzer Prize winning poet Galway Kinnell was Kenyon's second Gund Writer-in-Residence. His visit was in late February.

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Editor's Note: With this issue, "From the Hill" becomes a regular feature in the *Bulletin*. We invite all members of the resident Kenyon community — faculty members, students, administrators, staff members, spouses — to submit their reflections on any aspect of life on the Hill to be considered for publication in these pages.



# Eating disorders

## A special report on anorexia nervosa and bulimia

Take a look around you — thin is in. A manufacturer wants you to use his new sweetener so you won't add calories to your cereal, soft drinks, and chewing gum. Another company would like to outfit your home with exercise machines to work those pounds away. And look at the models advertising everything from clothes and cars to cameras and cigarettes. They're all so skinny.

The pressure is on to look thin. But as the emphasis on thinness grows, the number of individuals suffering from eating disorders increases dramatically.

According to the National Anorexic Aid Society, eating disorders primarily affect adolescent girls and young women. Health experts estimate one in every two hundred females between the ages of twelve and eighteen suffers from anorexia nervosa, while as many as 30 percent of all college age women may be bulimic.

Those two terms, anorexia nervosa and bulimia, may be unfamiliar to many. Persons suffering from anorexia have an intense fear of gaining weight and use intentional and prolonged fasting, diuretics and laxatives, self-induced vomiting, and/or excessive exercising to lose weight. This self-starvation is accompanied by a distorted perception of body appearance. Anorectics continue to "feel" fat — and continue to diet — even after losing as much as 25 percent of their original body weight.

Persons suffering from bulimia are also obsessed with thinness. Rather than fasting, bulimics binge on vast quantities of food and purge by self-induced vomiting and/or the abuse of diuretics or laxatives. On the surface, most bulimics appear quite healthy and maintain a near-normal body weight.

In this issue, the Bulletin explores the serious problem of eating disorders. Our first essay is by Assistant Professor of Psychology Michael Levine, who examines the role of culture as a cause of eating disorders. College Physician Tracy Schermer, M.D., writes on the medical diagnosis and treatment, and Counseling Psychologist Lena Hall discusses the treatment from a psychological standpoint. We end with an interview with an alumna who was bulimic during her years at Kenyon.

### The role of culture in the cause of eating disorders

by Michael Levine, Ph.D.

Craig Johnson is the director of the Anorexia Nervosa Project at the Michael Reese Medical Center in Chicago. As an internationally known expert on eating disorders, Dr. Johnson has treated hundreds of bulimics and anorectics, most of whom are female. During his initial consultation with a bulimic, he usually asks her whether she would relinquish the binge-purge cycles in exchange for a weight gain of ten pounds. Although nearly three quarters of these women are of low or normal weight for their height, they regard his proposal with caustic dismay. Most flatly state that "they'd rather be dead than gain ten pounds."

What is responsible for this destructive equation of thinness with happiness and hope? Some experts believe that this irrational belief is a symptom of an elusive but distinct brain disorder that deserves a place in the diagnostic manuals alongside schizophrenia and other well-established "mental illnesses." Other therapists conceive of eating disorders as a regression under extreme stress to a type of all-or-none infantile thinking similar to clean = good vs. dirty = bad. Still others, noting a statistical preponderance of depressed mothers and emotionally distant fathers, argue that certain families unwittingly transmit maladaptive attitudes about food, body size, and self-esteem to their insecure and enmeshed daughters.

Each of these theories has merit because each is supported by *some* evidence and *some* useful therapeutic implications. Nevertheless, such unidimensional explanations should be discarded by anyone who carefully reads the scientific literature, as well as those who wish to take an active role in combating eating disorders. Anorexia and bulimia must be understood as the complex outcomes of a transaction between biological constitution, family dynamics, life circumstances, and culture.

My faith in the significant role of culture is based on some fascinating evidence, but my interest in this factor is





political as well as theoretical. Each of the unidimensional models permits us to stand safely back from the "interesting" but essentially idiosyncratic realms of biological vulnerability, oral fixations, and enmeshed families. However, if our society is somehow encouraging eating disorders, then we have the opportunity, if not the responsibility, to shift from inadvertent participation in a negative process to an active elimination of pernicious attitudes and expectations. As educators, parents, and responsible citizens, we must resist the strong temptation to distance ourselves from eating disorders by marveling at their bizarre signs and symptoms, giving them impressive psychiatric labels, and then turning over all responsibility for comprehending, treating, and preventing them to experts.

### ***The boundaries of a cultural model***

It is easy to speculate about the influence of culture because 1) there are numerous examples — Chinese footbinding, suffocating corsets with steel stays, pornography — of the culturally sanctioned oppression of women's bodies and minds; 2) most people have a well-defined, indeed stereotypical, conception of the type of person who develops an eating disorder; and 3) our present lack of methodological sophistication and actual data make it possible to theorize about culture without fear of contradiction. Thus, before considering the available data we need to clarify the limits within which a sociocultural theory must unfold.

Paradoxically, the basic limitation is also the foundation of a cultural perspective. Culture is but one of a number of

interrelated influences. Culture cannot "cause" anything because it is manifested only through transactions between individuals (whose receptivity differs), their families, and their particular life circumstances. In other words, not all people exposed to the same set of overt cultural factors develop eating disorders. A substantial percentage of the women born between 1950 and 1960 have no "disorders," whereas large numbers suffer from other disabling problems such as depression and agoraphobia.

Another limitation is a significant degree of uncertainty about what exactly it is we are trying to explain. Should we consider one set of cultural factors for anorexia and a different set for bulimia? The answer is, of course, dependent on the relationship between the two disorders, and we still don't know for certain if they are separate afflictions or different expressions of the same constellations of pathological attitudes. I have chosen to lump them together under the label of "eating disorders" because severe caloric restriction and binge-eating are frequently associated, and because anorectics and bulimics have many similarities. These include abnormal eating habits, an obsession with food, a fear of losing control, a distorted body image, an extreme orientation toward pleasing others, an inability to express anger, and an unstable identity.

The final constraint on efforts to delineate the role of culture is the sheer number and variability of the people who suffer from eating disorders. The extent to which a disorder affects a large number and wide variety of people is inversely proportional to the likelihood of a simple explanation for the ways in which culture or any factor influences that disorder. Coronary-prone (Type A) behavior is a constellation of time urgency, runaway ambition, and



cynical hostility that appears to characterize from 40 to 60 percent of the white urban male population. Repeated failures to discover consistencies in the personalities, life stressors, and familial circumstances of Type A males have taught us that generalizations about widespread problems are necessarily elusive.

Eating disorders indeed afflict a large number of people. Several years ago an article on anorexia and bulimia in a popular magazine for women stimulated more than two thousand people to contact the UCLA Eating Disorders Clinic in a two-week period. In 1982 Drs. Harrison Pope and James Hudson of the Harvard Medical School surveyed three hundred women who were shopping at a Boston mall. These investigators found that nearly 1 percent of their volunteer respondents had been anorectic and slightly over 10 percent had been bulimic. The cumulative figure of 1 percent for anorexia may be accurate in light of Dr. Arthur Crisp's finding that the yearly risk for private school and upper-middle-class female adolescents in England is somewhere between 1 in 100 and 1 in 200.

Pope and Hudson's figure of 10 percent for bulimia is also consistent with other research. At the University of Minnesota, a campus-wide survey indicated that 50 percent (!) of all undergraduates go on periodic eating binges, and that somewhere between 6 and 10 percent induce vomiting to offset their splurging. Dr. Katherine Halmi has reported that 13 percent of a large sample of Cornell University students met the American Psychiatric Association's stringent criteria for bulimia. The fact that nearly 15 percent of those bulimic students were men is particularly relevant to the limitations of a sociocultural model of eating disorders.

Male bulimics emphasize the extremely significant issue of variability in the victims of eating disorders. The popular press, as well as psychology textbooks, seem to have unbounded enthusiasm for portraying eating disorders as "golden girl syndromes." The scientific literature, however, reveals that it is simply untrue that all anorectics are overly compliant young girls who reject puberty. Similarly, less than 50 percent of bulimics are well-educated and ambitious white females in their late teens or early twenties who cannot reconcile the dictates of traditional femininity with their mistaken perceptions of the feminist movement. Few people are aware that a significant number of bulimics are middle-aged, middle-class alcoholics with a history of educational underachievement, erratic job changes, and tumultuous relationships.

The stereotyping of bulimics and anorectics is misleading and imparts a false confidence about the direct role of cultural factors. But beyond this, such oversimplification may itself be a cultural contribution to eating disorders. As Craig Johnson and other experts have noted, the deluge of magazine articles, books, and movies about eating disorders may be in part responsible for their apparent upsurge during the past ten years. Trumpeting phrases like "The Best Little Girl in the World," or reveling in the tale of Jane Fonda's battle against bulimia, the media may be inadvertently glorifying eating disorders, much as some Victorian observers came to associate a tubercular appearance or malady with artistic genius.

### ***The glorification of thinness***

An interesting array of studies supports the contention that the increase in eating disorders (or at least in our awareness of them) over the past fifteen years coincides with a cultural trend toward the glorification of thinness. Most of the research has been conducted by Drs. Paul Garfinkel and David Garner of Toronto General Hospital

and the psychiatry department at the University of Toronto. Their book, *Anorexia Nervosa: A Multidimensional Perspective* (Brunner/Mazel, 1982), is both an excellent introduction to the psychology of eating disorders and a testament to the role of creativity in science.

The Duchess of Windsor is reputed to have said that "no woman can be too rich or too thin." Before dismissing this cliché with a smile, consider that each year the three thousand or so visitors to Madame Tussaud's wax museum in London are asked to state their choice for the most beautiful woman in the world. In 1970 the people's favorite was the curvaceous Elizabeth Taylor. By 1976 their choice was Lesley H. Armstrong, better known as "Twiggy." At age seventeen, Ms. Armstrong stood five feet seven inches tall, weighed ninety-seven pounds, and measured 31-22-32.

Intrigued by this shift in standards of beauty, Garner and Garfinkel analyzed the measurements of *Playboy* magazine centerfolds and Miss America contestants from 1959 to 1978. For the centerfolds, there were statistically significant decreases in average bust and hip size accompanied by an increase in waist size. This trend toward a more tubular, Twiggy-like shape was also seen in Miss America contestants. The correlation between year and their percent of average weight for height was an astounding +0.83, a degree of relatedness that would occur by chance less than 1 time in 10,000. Further, since 1970 the winners of the pageant have weighed significantly less than the other contestants.

These data do not constitute regret over the abandonment of Elizabeth Taylor as an ideal of feminine beauty. In fact, I am reluctant to discuss body measurements at all, because there is a strong possibility that the sexual objectification of women in any form contributes to the identity diffusion, body dissatisfaction, obsession with food, and anger manifest in many victims of eating disorders. Nevertheless, the work of Garfinkel and Garner supports the contention that over the past twenty years or so our culture has come to glorify thinness.

Every Kenyon student in introductory psychology is indoctrinated with the idea that correlation does not imply causality. However, it is at least thought-provoking that the emergence of Lesley Armstrong as a standard of beauty has coincided with an absolute increase of approximately five pounds in the average weight of women under thirty and with the emergence of eating disorders as an "epidemic."

Although most of us have the impression that magazines and television tend to present outrageously thin models and actresses, there has been surprisingly little





systematic investigation of the media's contribution to the glorification of thinness. One study done six years ago found only 2 percent of the actresses on prime time television were plump or overweight and that thinness in actresses was positively correlated with a likable personality. Garner and Garfinkel surveyed five popular women's magazines and found that the number of feature articles on dieting in 1970-78 was double that published in 1959-69. This is certainly an area that requires further research; for each emaciated Mary Decker I can recall, an image of Mary Lou Retton "springs" to mind.

### ***The pursuit of thinness***

Another way to evaluate the impact of cultural factors is to examine attitudes toward weight and the extent of people's involvement in weight control. Research indicates that people develop strong attitudes about weight at a very early age. Preschoolers prefer to play with a thin rag doll rather than a fat one, even though they cannot say why. By the second grade, many children of both sexes describe a silhouette of a fat child as "dirty," "lazy," "sloppy," "ugly," and "stupid." These unfounded attitudes probably influence later perceptions of self and others, particularly when they are reinforced by our cultural overemphasis on a woman's appearance. Somehow, many American adolescents are socialized to believe that rigid control of eating, weight, and appearance is the only meaningful measure of both self-control and one's value to others. For most American girls and some boys, fat is not a health issue, it is a moral one.

Deep down many women believe that slenderness is a symbol of goodness and that a thinner body would be a magical solution to their problems. These misguided equations may be one of the reasons for the great numbers of dieters who just plain don't like their bodies. Surveys conducted over the past fifteen years indicate that 60 to 80 percent of high school girls are dissatisfied with their bodies and try very hard to limit their food intake. Katherine Halmi found that although only 5 percent of Cornell women were overweight, 48 percent believed themselves to be "fat." At the opposite end of the spectrum, researchers at other colleges report that nearly 35 percent of female undergraduates are statistically underweight, but only 5 percent acknowledge their weight as low.

Combining these data with previously cited evidence of widespread bingeing and purging suggests that anorexia and bulimia may be at the extreme end of a culturally supported continuum of maladaptive beliefs and practices. To test this hypothesis, Garfinkel and Garner devised the Eating Disorders Inventory (EDI). The sixty-four items on this questionnaire cluster into eight behaviors and attitudes present in most cases of anorexia and bulimia. These are a drive for thinness, engagement in binge-eating and self-induced vomiting, body dissatisfaction, perfectionism, a sense of personal ineffectiveness, interpersonal distrust, an inability to differentiate hunger from other internal sensations, and fears of maturity.

Garner and Garfinkel administered the EDI to anorectic patients and to a large group of "normal" female undergraduates. Based on their responses, the students were grouped into those who were weight-preoccupied and those who were not. As dictated by the EDI's standardization, the anorectics' scores on each of the subscales were significantly greater than those of the non-weight-preoccupied students. However, the weight-preoccupied students were very comparable to the anorectics in their high levels of a drive for thinness, body dissatisfaction, and perfectionism. Anorectics appear to have some unique psychological problems, but the fact that they share several

salient features of their disorder with normal female undergraduates provides support for the role of culture in the development of this form of psychopathology.

### ***The relentless pursuit of thinness***

During one of my all-too-rare visits to the Ernst Center for an afternoon workout, I happened across two sheets of paper in an empty locker. These pages from the December 1984 issue of *The Runner* invited me to rate my "running commitment" on a scale adapted from Terry Orlick's popular book, *In Pursuit of Excellence*. Being a sedentary psychologist interested in eating disorders, I read all the questions, but replaced each "running" or "excelling" with "losing weight" or "staying thin."

I was disturbed by the goodness of fit between these substitutions and the attitudes manifested in anorexia and bulimia. People with eating disorders are extremely "willing to sacrifice other things to excel in [staying thin]." They "never let up or give up in a race [to lose weight]." They also "push hard even when it hurts." Further, they "feel more committed to improvement in [losing weight or staying thin] than anything else," and "they feel more successful or gain more recognition in [losing weight or staying thin] than anything else."

I believe that the glorification of fanatical self-control is part of the danger inherent in our culture's idealization of thinness. On the bulletin board of the exercise room at the Ernst Center is a motivational article about weightlifting. This article nearly deifies Bill Fralic, the All-American tackle from the University of Pittsburgh. It baldly admires the fact that Fralic has spent most of his time in high school and college playing football, lifting weights for three or more hours per day, and generally trying to pound himself into the "best tackle ever" ("The best little tackle in the world"?). This disturbing piece concludes with a statement by Fralic's strength coach that his players are taught to consider their bodies to be their "enemies."

Many people, particularly men, will angrily resist the implication that there is anything wrong with sacrificing "everything" in order to be the best. Competitive ambition and perfectionism are highly valued commodities in our male-dominated, capitalistic society. Moreover, in a culture such as ours, where external restraints on behavior are lessened or at least muddled, there is often open admiration for those who struggle against great odds to blend self-control and achievement.

A striking example is our reverence for triathletes. In one sense, these men and women are highly skilled athletes dedicated to peak physical and mental conditioning. But, according to my reading of *Sports Illustrated*, the triathlete is often a person who sacrifices relationships and a multidimensional life in order to achieve recognition — and in some cases riches — by an all-consuming devotion to exercising, consumption of huge quantities of food, and obsession with diet, appearance, and competition. To an impressionable youngster, the positive significance of the triathlon may be superseded by a more primitive message that supports an egocentric desire for uniqueness and the seductive suggestion that one can eat huge quantities of food as long as one balances it out with fanatical exercise.

The dangers posed by a combination of fanaticism, competition, and pressures for a thin body have been demonstrated by Garner and Garfinkel. They administered another questionnaire of their own devising, the Eating Attitudes Test (EAT), to female students at each of the following: three professional ballet schools, a professional modeling school, a Canadian university, and a music conservatory. This last group was evaluated because their



## Warning Signs

### *Anorexia nervosa*

- Abnormal weight loss of 25 percent or more with no known medical problem accounting for the loss.
- Reduction in food intake, denial of hunger, and decrease in consumption of fat-containing foods.
- Prolonged exercising despite fatigue and weakness.
- Intense fear of gaining weight.
- Peculiar patterns of handling food.
- Amenorrhea.
- Episodes of binge-eating followed by self-induced vomiting and/or laxative abuse or diuretic abuse in some cases.

### *Bulimia*

- Concern about weight and attempts to control weight by diet, self-induced vomiting, and/or laxative or diuretic abuse. (In fact, most bulimics are within a normal weight range, although some may be slightly underweight or overweight.)
- Eating pattern alternating between binges and fasts.
- Secretiveness about binges and vomiting.
- Binging on foods with high caloric content.
- Depressive moods.

training is intensely competitive, but they are under no apparent pressure to be thin as they perform. The EAT is similar in structure to the EDI, but focuses more on the specific aspects of anorexia, such as extremely restrictive dieting, food preoccupation, eating binges, and oral control.

The results of this study support the contention that circumstances emphasizing dedication, competition, and pressure for thinness foster anorexia and anorectic attitudes. Twelve of the 183 professional dance students met the American Psychiatric Association's criteria for anorexia nervosa. Another 26 of the dancers were not technically anorectic, but they did report a "drive for thinness" and a "morbid fear of weight gain" equivalent to those of hospitalized anorexics. In addition, this subgroup reported frequent use of self-induced vomiting and laxatives to control their weight. In general, the dance and modeling students had significantly higher scores on the EAT than the female undergraduates and professional music students, and the dancers from more competitive programs had the highest scores. This correlation and the low scores of the music students indicate that dedication and competition do not cause eating disorders. They become sinister only when coupled with explicit pressures to remain thin.

## *Eating disorders and feminism*

The observation that more than 5 percent of bulimics are male means that it is a serious mistake for parents, friends, and professionals to classify eating disorders as a "women's issue." However, the fact remains that 85 to 95 percent of those who admit to having an eating disorder or present themselves for treatment are female. Further, the astute observer, as well as the cynical one, will note that the emergence of eating disorders as a widespread problem coincides with the expansion of the feminist movement.

This in no way means that feminism "causes" eating disorders; Lincoln's emancipation proclamation is certainly not to blame for the economic plight of millions of poor blacks in America. Rather, in the words of Dr. Donald Schwartz, the association between the feminist movement and eating disorders probably indicates that "if one lives in a culture where the roles of women are complex, conflicting,

and in change, and if these pressures exist in a milieu which emphasizes a high positive value on slimness and negative value on obesity," then there is a greater risk for anorexia and bulimia.

Marlene Boskind-White is a feminist therapist at Cornell University. She conducts group therapy sessions for many bulimics who, like a large number of Kenyon women, are bright, energetic, talented, interesting, and privileged. In their excellent book, *Bulimarexia: The Binge/Purge Cycle* (W. W. Norton, 1983), Dr. Boskind-White and her husband, William, document that virtually all these young women feel trapped between a traditional dedication to looking pretty (thin) in order to attract a man and an overpowering sense they must be able to compete with men and women in the workplace. As noted by Janice Cauwels, author of another highly recommended book, *Bulimia: The Binge-Purge Compulsion* (Doubleday, 1983), these women and our society have misperceived the feminist emphasis on opportunity and choices for women as an obligation to build a successful career at an early age.

In my opinion, many men and women are extremely threatened by attempts to expand the gender identities of both sexes in the direction of greater depth and freedom. Consequently, to maintain the balance of power in favor of men, this resistant majority has perverted the feminist demands for equality of opportunity into an unrealistic insistence that women reconcile the traditional and contradictory masculine and feminine roles into a "super" identity.

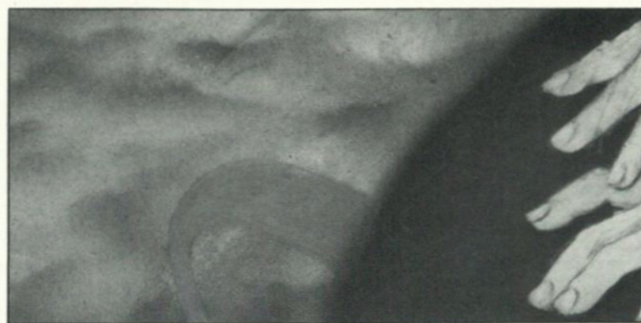
The bulimic women in Dr. Boskind-White's therapy groups report that these ambiguous and conflicting pressures leave them feeling "empty" (= hungry?), out of control, and angry. In fact, bingeing and purging can be construed as counterbalanced and culturally legitimate means of combating these disruptive feelings. "Miller Time" gives way to "one-calorie soft drinks," and then it's off to the "all-you-can-eat salad bar" before starting the "Anorectic Hills Diet Plan."

The role of anger and self-destructive tendencies in the production and expression of eating disorders is deserving of more research. The proliferation of eating disorders has coincided not only with feminism and increasing pressures for thinness, but also with an explosion of violence against women in the streets, the home, and on film. Surely such denigration does nothing to help girls and women learn to respect their bodies and themselves. In addition, women are socialized to deny anger or keep it to themselves. Perhaps eating disorders are self-directed expressions of rage that also serve to mock the very same dependency, objectification, and idealization of thinness that many anorexics and bulimics cannot refrain from embracing.

## *Society's role in prevention and treatment*

Sociocultural theories of psychopathology maintain that culture shapes the nature of anxiety and the means by which people cope with inner turmoil. The classic illustration of this principle is the conversion hysteria that afflicted a number of middle- and upper-class women in England and Western Europe at the close of the Victorian era. In response to overwhelming life stress, these women converted deep-rooted conflicts between internal urges (e.g., sexuality and anger) and external proprieties (being "feminine") into a disorder (paralysis) that permitted some satisfaction of the urges (e.g., through attention and massage) but retained the valued qualities of helplessness and dependency (they "couldn't stand on their own two feet").





## The medical view of anorexia nervosa and bulimia

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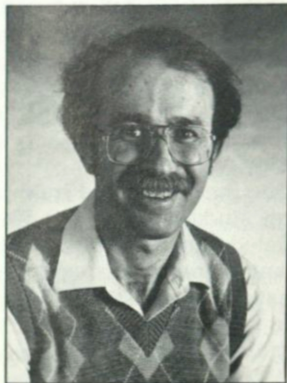
According to Donald Schwartz and Craig Johnson, eating disorders are conversion disorders of our times. As our culture has changed, so have anxieties, proprieties, and coping strategies. However, we still observe that many vulnerable people convert powerful conflicts between internal needs (e.g., to "be in control" and to "be someone") and external proprieties (e.g., being "thin" and "feminine") into eating disorders that satisfy both before devolving into a dangerous parody of each.

The multidimensional nature of eating disorders, as well as their history of at least three hundred years, suggests that even radical changes in Western culture are not likely to eliminate anorexia and bulimia completely. Nonetheless, I believe responsible citizens can do three things to help transform our society into a positive force in the prevention and treatment of eating disorders.

First, we can acknowledge that the victims of eating disorders are not "crazies" who fall prey to an incomprehensible "mental illness." Rather, they are people — our children, friends, and lovers — struggling with insecurities and pressures that we as members of our culture have helped to create or sustain.

Second, as parents, friends, and professionals, we can actively resist cultural pressures to equate thinness with fulfillment, perfectionism with virtue, and opportunity with obligation. I strongly believe that healthy alternatives to these repressive attitudes are to be found within ourselves and the people we love. As a humanistic psychologist and a parent, I am convinced that a willingness to love, listen, and laugh will enable the people we care for to articulate their hopes and fears and to develop values that emphasize character instead of calories.

Finally, we can develop the knowledge to recognize the warning signs of eating disorders and the courage to help the victims. It is time we developed "sociocultural models" of prevention and treatment.



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We have only to look at a magazine or watch television to be convinced that "thin" is society's avenue to success for women. With this increasing pressure toward thinness, there has been a dramatic increase in the incidence of the eating disorders called anorexia nervosa and bulimia (also known as bulimarexia). Studies have shown that men are rarely afflicted; these are commonly (in the range of 90 to 95 percent) diseases of the white middle-to-upper-class adolescent and young adult female. While one woman per every two hundred to two hundred fifty may be afflicted with anorexia nervosa, it is estimated that 30 percent of college-age women suffer from bulimia. By sheer numbers alone, eating disorders have, in some instances, overwhelmed college health and counseling services. Many medical and psychiatric hospitals have devoted a floor or a wing of a floor to the treatment of these disorders by specially trained professionals.

Anorexia nervosa means "without appetite." This is truly a misnomer, for the anorectic is hungry — very hungry. But this emotional disorder is characterized by an intense and obsessive fear of becoming obese, a lack of self-esteem, and a distorted body image that results in self-starvation. Some refer to anorexia nervosa as "dieting gone wild" and bulimia as "eating gone wild."

The term bulimia is derived from the Greek words for "ox" and "hunger." Bulimia is characterized by binge-eating — a secretive, frenzied consumption of a tremendous amount of high-calorie foods followed by some form of purging, therefore the term "binge-purge syndrome." The purgative methods may be self-induced vomiting, laxative abuse, diuretic abuse, starvation, or a combination in an effort to avoid gaining weight from the food consumed.

Both anorexia nervosa and bulimia are quite damaging to the physical and psychological well-being of the victim. Education, recognition, intervention, and treatment are all necessary in the war against these disorders that ravage an otherwise healthy, well-educated, and bright young population.

### Anorexia nervosa

Anorexia nervosa is characterized by severe weight loss from self-induced starvation and fear of fatness, with associated loss of menstrual periods (amenorrhea) and sexual interest. The first clearly reported case of anorexia nervosa was in 1694 by Dr. R. Morton, and the disorder was later described more definitively by Dr. Charles Lasegue and Sir William Gull in the 1870s. However, it wasn't until the 1950s, when Hilde Bruch undertook the study, that anorexia nervosa gained wide clinical attention. The *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*



defines anorexia nervosa as:

- a. intense fear of becoming obese, which does not diminish as weight loss progresses;
- b. disturbance in body image, e.g., claiming to "feel fat" even when emaciated;
- c. weight loss of at least 25 percent of original body weight or, if under eighteen years of age, weight loss from original body weight plus projected weight gain expected from growth charts may be combined to make 25 percent;
- d. refusal to maintain body weight over a minimal normal weight for age and height;
- e. no known physical illness that would account for the weight loss;

Typically, the patient with anorexia nervosa is a female adolescent who weighs five to ten pounds above her peers at puberty. She is often a perfectionist, an overachiever with some repugnance toward sexual issues. Her family is usually of middle-to-upper-class status and is often undergoing some level of change or discord. Although dieting may be the first event in the onset of the disorder, there may be other causes such as illness or "romantic heartbreak." As weight loss ensues, the desired weight is reduced to lower and lower levels, often accompanied by perceptual body distortion.

Patients often feel their bodies are larger than they actually are and therefore set their caloric restrictions to even greater limitations. Food becomes a preoccupation, with distorted notions about food, calories, and the body. The focus on food is not directed toward balance or appropriateness, but rather toward avoidance of fatness. Classically, starvation is the method of weight reduction, but subgroups utilize self-induced vomiting and laxative or diuretic abuse. These methods, especially in the older anorectic, carry a greater mortality rate.

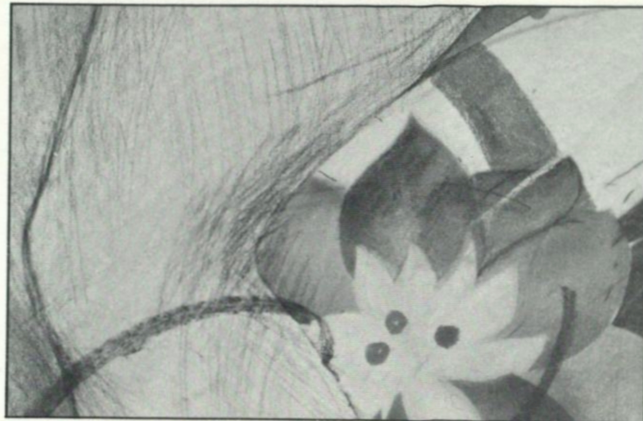
The social behavior of the anorectic is characterized by increasing isolation, along with increasing immaturity and dependency on the parents. Often meals are taken alone, avoiding groups, and there is much mirror-gazing and frequent weighings.

The psychological aspects of anorexia nervosa vary according to the chronology or development of the disorder. The typical anorectic is a somewhat emotionally immature young woman who enters puberty with some ambivalence or dislike toward her sexuality and who experiences a sense of loss of control in regard to her maturation. Furthermore, she lacks ability to identify internal feelings at this stage. Anorectic personalities are often labeled as neurotic or introverted, but they are always described as having obsessional features. Because puberty is known to be a difficult time, trying to predict who will develop anorexia nervosa is nearly impossible.

The precipitating factor, as mentioned previously, is often the decision to diet. The diet is initiated because the person is slightly overweight; it is also an attempt to improve self-esteem through "controlling" food consumption and subsequent weight loss. Often, the symptoms of "pursuit of thinness" and "fear of fatness" emerge after the original weight loss goal has been reached.

During the acute phase of the illness there are two predisposing factors contributing to the psychological aspects of the illness — anorexia nervosa itself and the consequences of the starvation process. Along with the fear of fatness or pursuit of thinness, there is a marked distortion of body image, depression, preoccupation with food, and general apathy.

The medical consequences of anorexia nervosa reflect the degree of starvation present and the method chosen to induce the weight loss. Virtually every bodily function is



affected by anorexia nervosa. Amenorrhea, or lack of menstrual cycling, is universally present. There is a loss of muscle mass and a decrease in body fat with subsequent weakness. Further physiological changes occur in order to maintain the functioning of the heart and brain. The vital signs — blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate, and temperature — all decrease. Constipation often ensues, sometimes leading to laxative abuse. Thyroid function decreases to a minimal level. Lanugo (a fine baby-like hair) may appear on the skin to conserve body heat. Breast development returns to its prepuberty state.

If anorexia nervosa is complicated by self-induced vomiting and/or laxative or diuretic abuse, further complications such as kidney failure, dental erosion, tearing with subsequent bleeding of the esophagus, and heart problems may ensue. The cardiac complications occur due to loss of potassium, causing heart rhythm disturbances that are sometimes fatal. Once weight loss reaches a severe state, the anorectic may be unable to eat; if emergency procedures are not undertaken, death due to starvation may occur. The mortality rate of anorexia nervosa is between 15 and 21 percent!

## **Bulimia**

Bulimia, the sister disorder of anorexia nervosa, is characterized by binge eating, followed by self-induced vomiting and/or abuse of laxatives or diuretic drugs. It has been defined as both a sequel of anorexia nervosa and a distinct eating disorder, with a more chronic course than anorexia nervosa. The binge eating, with or without purging, is usually done in secrecy and involves consumption of large amounts of high caloric foods. In a short time span (from one to two hours) as much as ten to twenty thousand calories can be consumed.

Binges may be episodic, demonstrating some pattern that may be related to work, school, or stress patterns. Binges stop because of abdominal pain, social interruption, laxative abuse, sleep, or — more commonly — self-induced vomiting. A period of binges may be followed by a return to a more normal eating pattern or by self-imposed starvation with subsequent weight loss. Malnourishment occurs with more self-induced vomiting and/or laxative or diuretic abuse. The bulimic's weight may fluctuate by 10 to 15 percent above and below ideal body weight.

Bulimia is known to complicate the course and treatment of anorexia nervosa. In some studies as many as 50 percent of the anorectics demonstrated episodes of bulimia. In other studies some bulimic patients were found to exhibit episodes of self-starvation and may more realistically be classified as chronic anorectics. In both situations, when anorectics demonstrate binge-purge behavior the prognosis is poor.



The *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* defines bulimia as:

- a. recurrent episodes of binge eating (rapid consumption of a large amount of food in a discrete period of time, usually less than two hours);
- b. at least three of the following:
  1. consumption of a high-caloric, easily ingested food during a binge;
  2. inconspicuous eating during a binge;
  3. termination of such eating episodes by abdominal pain, social interruption, sleep, or self-induced vomiting;
  4. repeated attempts to lose weight by severely restrictive diets, self-induced vomiting, or use of cathartics or diuretics;
  5. frequent weight fluctuations greater than ten pounds due to alternating binges and fasts;
- c. awareness that the eating pattern is abnormal and fear of not being able to stop eating voluntarily;
- d. depressed mood and self-deprecating thoughts about eating binges;
- e. the bulimic episodes are not due to anorexia nervosa or any other known physical disorder.

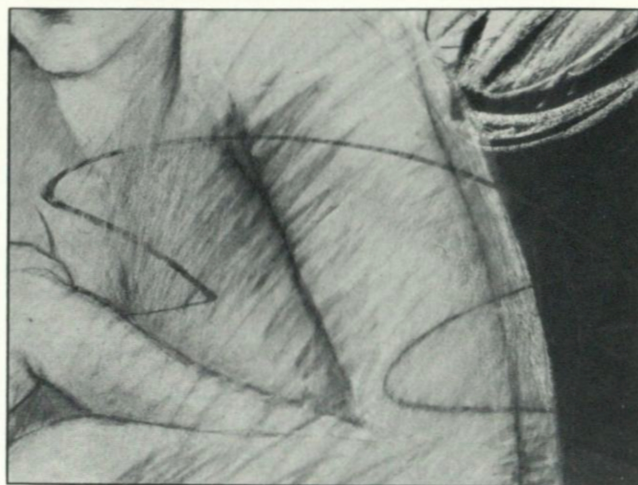
The typical bulimic is a Caucasian female in her early twenties who has been involved in the bingeing-purging behavior since her late teens. The bulimic is usually more extroverted than the anorectic, but the bulimic also fears being fat and often has a history of being overweight. In many cases the bulimic is single and has pursued her education beyond high school.

In contrast to the anorectic, the bulimic does not stand out as being emaciated; she is of more normal weight. The bulimic is usually older and more extroverted and often demonstrates a hysterical component to the personality, rather than the obsessional characteristics of the anorectic. The bulimic is quite aware of her hunger and very aware of the bodily discomfort and moodiness arising from depression, anxiety, and guilt. The bulimic actually loses control of eating, rather than merely fearing the loss as the anorectic does.

Episodes of bulimia are devastating to the victim, who experiences them as repugnant and suffers from subsequent demoralization and hopelessness. The bulimic may demonstrate additional abnormal behavior rarely found among anorectics such as kleptomania, suicidal feelings, self-mutilation, and alcohol and/or drug abuse.

The onset of bulimia is usually dated precisely by the patients and related to either feelings of intense hunger at lower than normal weight or feelings of emotional stress that are relieved by bingeing. The binge is followed by guilt with associated feelings of loss of control and a fear of fatness, leading to hysterical attempts to avoid the caloric consequences of the food. Purging is then utilized, followed by temporary relief and usually by self-promises of cessation of such behavior. Demoralization and depression occur, with attempts at starvation followed by frustration, stress, and subsequent bingeing to "fill the void." In other words, food is utilized as a coping mechanism. The cycle starts again and again, continually repeating until some intervention steps are taken.

The medical and psychological consequences of bulimia can be catastrophic. The most severe are due to a severely low level of potassium in the body, caused by the self-induced vomiting and/or laxative or diuretic abuse instituted to control the fear of weight gain from the binge or overeating episode. This low potassium level, called hypokalemic alkalosis, may result in renal failure, abnormal heart rhythm (sometimes leading to sudden death), or cardiac arrest.

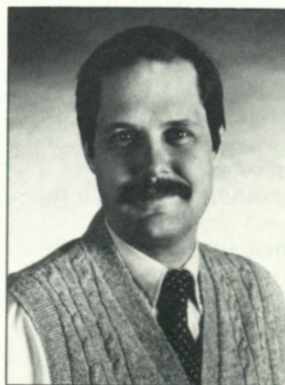


The frequency of self-induced vomiting varies from several times a month to five to seven times a day. Laxatives may be taken in quantities as high as fifty to one hundred per day, along with abuse of diuretics (also known as water pills). These excessive dosages may be fatal as well.

Other medical complications are: 1) erosion of dental enamel and inflammation of the gums with eventual loss of teeth; 2) aspiration or inhaling of gastric contents (often fatal); 3) parotid gland swelling, giving the bulimic a "chipmunk" appearance; 4) esophageal and gastric tearing with episodes of heavy and sometimes fatal bleeding; 5) pancreatitis; 6) muscle spasms (tetany); 7) dry mouth with dry and brittle hair.

The most distressing psychological consequences of bulimia are the guilt, feelings of helplessness, and demoralization that cause an increased incidence of suicide, the second most common cause of death. (The most common is sudden death due to heart rhythm disturbances.)

In the emergency treatment of any young woman today, medical personnel must be careful in the types of medication and fluids administered. The very methods utilized in attempts to save a bulimic patient may hasten her demise. Since bulimia is a secretive, private disorder, many friends, relatives, and even spouses do not know of its existence in a loved one. When death occurs, the dreaded secret may die with the victim; thus, there are no reliable statistics on mortality due to bulimia. The mortality rate may be far greater than estimated, since the victim's death may be attributed to a consequence of her true, but unknown, unsuspected disease — bulimia. Since it is reported that between 25 and 30 percent of the female college population is bulimic, there is great cause for concern.



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## Psychological therapy and counseling for victims

by Lena E. Hall, Ph.D.

From a psychological viewpoint, in the anorectic there is tight control over the impulse to eat. In the case of the bulimic, there is lack of control over that impulse, somewhat improved (from the patient's perspective) by purging after bingeing.

The anorectic rarely seeks treatment voluntarily for her disorder. In many cases, she is presumed by family members and friends to be seeking treatment. However, the anorectic who does seek treatment usually does so not for her anorexia, but for the symptoms such as amenorrhea, constipation, or insomnia.

On the other hand, the bulimic may present herself for treatment because of her disgust at not being able to control the cyclic nature of her disorder, although this is sometimes only after a long period of bingeing and purging. The young woman who has convinced herself that this is the only way she can control her weight will continue to binge and purge indefinitely.

Treatments for anorexia nervosa and bulimia bear certain similarities as well as differences, as do the disorders themselves. Approaches to treatment may take the following forms.

### **Anorexia nervosa**

There are two primary therapeutic goals for the anorectic patient: weight restoration and psychological adjustment. In acute cases of anorexia, the patient may be in need to tube-feeding or spoon-feeding and is often under the care of an endocrinologist and a gastroenterologist as well as a gynecologist and a psychiatrist. Saving the patient's life is of primary importance.

When the crisis has passed, a contract is drawn up with the anorectic patient. This is usually based on the behavioral approach to therapy. The patient is encouraged to eat in order to gain a certain amount of weight per week, with the amount depending on the policy of the institution and the orientation of the team working on the case. As part of the contract, reinforcements or rewards are offered; these might include the privilege of having visitors or being allowed to leave the hospital room (if strong enough to do so). Punitive measures are also included in the contract and enforced if necessary.

Depending on the institutional setting and circumstances, psychological intervention may begin during the in-patient phase of treatment — as soon as the medical staff feels the patient is ready — or on an out-patient basis after a prescribed weight has been reached and the patient is no longer in physical danger. The focus of the intervention is often a function of the particular therapist's orientation. For example, a therapist who views the family as paramount in the development of anorexia will emphasize the need for family therapy. The structure of the family is assessed, and family relationships are disentangled with the aim of allowing the anorectic to gain her autonomy within the family.

Anorectic patients are educated about nutrition in group settings. Although they are obsessed with their diets, anorectics tend to have limited knowledge of the nutritional value of food. They are encouraged to eat several small meals per day until the habit of eating is resumed.

Anorectic patients are also educated about the

symptoms of their disorder. For example, they may feel cold all the time, but most somehow do not tie this symptom to their illness. Patients are encouraged to establish a weight range, rather than a specific weight, and to refrain from exercising as a means of controlling their weight.

As anorectics begin to gain weight, the fear that initiated the starvation may return. They are encouraged to talk about these fears, about what it means to take the shape of a woman and to have their menstrual periods return. In addition, they are encouraged to discuss any discomfort in their relationships with the opposite sex, as well as in other relationships such as those with parents and siblings.

As some anorectics recover, other problems surface, such as agoraphobia or a neurotic personality type disorder. In these cases, more extensive psychotherapy is necessary.





## Bulimia

In some cases, a bulimic is hospitalized either for severe depression with suicidal gestures or when habitual vomiting and purgative abuse have resulted in a severe electrolyte imbalance. As with the case of the anorectic patient, a medical team monitors her progress as she is helped to substitute a normal eating pattern for the chaotic one that caused her problems.

As the bulimic patient's eating habits return to normal, she usually gains weight. This weight gain often re-triggers the fear of getting fat, in turn triggering depression. In a larger number of bulimic than anorectic patients, antidepressant drugs are administered.

Again, depending on the institutional setting and circumstances, psychological intervention may begin on an in-patient basis. Therapy, which could be individual or group, usually continues after the bulimic patient is discharged from the hospital. The focus is on eliminating the bingeing-purging cycle, improving self-esteem, and changing attitudes about food.

The elimination of bingeing and purging may be achieved through the behavioral approach. The bulimic patient is asked to monitor her bingeing and purging (to establish a baseline) and to record everything she takes in. She is also asked to record her feelings prior to bingeing and prior to purging, as well as the feelings that follow these episodes. In addition, she is asked to identify alternatives to bingeing and purging, such as taking a walk or calling a friend. Later, she is encouraged to stop a binge in the middle or to have a binge-free day. This approach, interspersed with discussions of stressful situations, disappointments, and frustrations, helps the bulimic patient to cope with stress in a healthy manner rather than through the self-destructive bingeing-purging cycle.

Another emphasis of therapy is on improving the patient's self-esteem. The bulimic's unrealistic expectations of herself — anything short of perfection makes her see herself as worthless — are challenged, and she is made aware of the disadvantages of using performance as the sole measure of worth or value. She is also encouraged to take pleasure in things apart from weight loss and to realize the body is only one aspect of the person, not the whole meaning of self.

In modifying the bulimic patient's attitudes toward food, therapy focuses on the fact that food is good and should be eaten when one is hungry, not used to fill an emotional void. Caloric values of foods are emphasized, and efforts are made to get the patient to eat balanced meals and not to equate a full stomach with a weight gain of ten or twenty pounds. The bulimic is helped to enjoy eating again, without food consumption being an anxiety-provoking experience.



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# Almanac

## LETTERS

### Don White Memorial Scholarship Fund

One of the things that distinguishes Kenyon College from many other institutions of higher learning is the dedication of its faculty to its students.

There were many delightful and brilliant faculty members whom I encountered during my years at Kenyon. However, there was none, in my opinion, more dedicated to the students than Don White. There were times when I might have disappointed Don and not lived up to his expectations, but at no time did he ever cease to be encouraging and supportive to me through those years at Kenyon. His steady friendship and support through those years to me exemplifies the caring attitude that so many of the professors and coaches at Kenyon have.

To honor his memory, we have been fortunate to set up the Don White Memorial Scholarship Fund. The income from this scholarship fund is available to any student designated by the college, irrespective of whether he or she is involved in athletics. In addition to my annual contribution to this fund, I have taken out through Kenyon College a small term life insurance policy, the proceeds of which would go to the Don White Fund sometime in the future.

I hope other alumni and friends of the College will contribute to the Don White Fund and consider the unique term life approach, which would guarantee a substantial gift to the College at some later date.

Many thanks for your help.

— Pierce E. Scranton Jr. '68, M.D.

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### Sloan Foundation grant designated for PACC

The College has received a grant of \$12,000 from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation in support of the 1985 Conference on Religion and Politics at the Public Affairs Conference Center (PACC). Fred Baumann, Director of the PACC, reports that the conference is scheduled for April 18 to 21. Leading participants will include former congressman Father Robert Drinan; Professor Werner Dannhauser, a political philosopher from Cornell University; Father Ernst Fortin, a theologian and philosopher from Boston College; and Professor Frederick Schauer of the University of Michigan Law School.

### Scholarship funding received

The GAR Foundation of Akron, Ohio, has awarded Kenyon a \$100,000 grant for the College endowment. This grant will be added to the GAR Foundation Endowed Scholarship Fund, established by the foundation in the spring of 1984.

In recent months, additional scholarship support has also been received from the Peter C. Cornell Trust, the Charles A. Frueauff Foundation, the Stella and Charles Guttman Foundation, the Jephson Educational Trust, and the James M. Johnston Trust.

Two new memorial scholarships have been established. The Carol Mason Wright Scholarship Fund, established by her family in memory of Carol Wright of the Class of 1983, will assist women students, with preference given to students from Illinois. Members of the Whitaker family have endowed the John Oesterling Whitaker Memorial Fund honoring John Whitaker of the Class of 1940 and providing assistance for junior and senior majors in English literature.

### Chalmers renovation grant

The Trustees of the Thomas J. Emery Memorial of Cincinnati have pledged a grant of \$50,000 over a three-year period in support of the renovation of Chalmers Library. A similar grant from the Memorial in 1981 provided funds for the improvement of Kenyon's athletic facilities. Library renovation is scheduled for the summers of 1985 and 1986. Chalmers will be linked to the new Olin Library, which will be completed for the opening of College in the fall of 1986.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Baltimore

Dreary, winter-like weather failed to deter a gathering of fifty-two Baltimore-area Kenyon alumni, parents, and friends on Friday, September 28, 1984, at the old-fashioned picnic hosted by Toby '73 and Lisa '74 Pitts. The thirty-one alumni present spanned class years 1949 through 1984. Kenyon Provost Jerry Irish and Jeff '49 and Anne Robinson told Kenyon tales and led songs from the Hill. The alumni slide show recalled familiar faces and places, reminding the audience of Kenyon traditions. Jerry Irish presented an overview of plans for the new Olin Library. Jeff Robinson highlighted the Kenyon Today Program, which had been attended by Regional Alumni Association President Jack Turnbull '70 several weeks earlier. Tom Bruggman '75 discussed admissions recruiting efforts. Downing beverages in Kenyon

beer cups provided by the Alumni Association, those gathered passed the evening much too quickly. A less formal event took place on Sunday, August 19, at Memorial Stadium, when sixty-two Baltimore-area Kenyon alumni, students, parents, and friends caught baseball fever watching the world champion Baltimore Orioles whip the California Angels, 10-4.

— Jack Turnbull '70

### Chicago

Kenyon President Philip H. Jordan Jr. was guest of honor at the annual Chicago Alumni Association dinner, held Friday, November 16, 1984. Mike Sawyer '79 presided over more than seventy College alumni, parents, and friends, who joined President Jordan at the Como Inn. Cal Frost '63 could not make it to lead the group in song, but James A. Hughes '31 was there to save the day. Also in attendance was Bob Cowen, executive director of development.

— Mike Sawyer '79

### Dallas

Friday, November 9, 1984, marked the first annual dinner meeting of the Dallas Alumni Association. Sixteen Kenyon alumni joined two Kenyon parents, eight guests, and three College representatives at Vick's on the Square. After a meal served in a private club atmosphere, Morgan Smith '28, association president, recounted events leading to the creation of the Dallas chapter. Jeff Robinson '49 addressed the group about the importance of Kenyon's alumni organization, then narrated the always-popular alumni slide show, "Through the Seasons." Kenyon Provost Jerry Irish presented slides and a talk about the Olin Library, which included architectural renderings of the interior and exterior of the building. A rousing round of Kenyon songs concluded the evening, which had been organized by Anne Smith '82, association secretary-treasurer. The group's second get-together is planned for March.

— D. Morgan Smith '28

### Dayton

The Daytonian Hilton was the site of the annual dinner meeting on September 19, 1984, of the Dayton Alumni Association. Area Kenyon alumni, parents, and guests were joined by Alumni Affairs Director Jeff Robinson '49, his wife, Anne, Assistant Admissions Director Pamela Pleasants '83, and Anthropology Professor Ed Schortman. The evening was spent reminiscing and planning social events for current and prospective students. The group also set goals for the alumni admissions program.

— Donna Bertolet Poseidon '75

### Denver

Twenty-one Denver area Kenyon alumni, parents, and guests gathered Monday,



November 12, 1984, at Governor's Park Restaurant and Tavern for the Denver Alumni Association's annual dinner. Kenyon Provost Jerry Irish gave a presentation on the new Olin Library, and the evening ended with Kenyon songs led by George Greaves '23.

— Debra Millard '73

## Los Angeles

The annual dinner of the Los Angeles Alumni Association on Wednesday, October 24, 1984, was held at the California Yacht Club in Marina Del Rey. More than fifty Kenyon alumni, parents, and friends enjoyed a splendid evening and a scenic view of the Pacific. After socializing and reminiscing throughout the cocktail hour, the group enjoyed dinner followed by the alumni slide show and a presentation by Kenyon Religion Professor Diane Obenchain. Volunteers for an admissions phonathon were gathered by Margrit Polak Schiffris '77 and Trice Koopman '77, co-chairs of the alumni admissions program.

— Jeff Rucker '74

## Minneapolis-St. Paul

The annual meeting of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumni Association took place Thursday, October 11, 1984, at the Calhoun Isles condominium complex in Minneapolis and was generously and hospitably hosted by Tanna Moore '76. The condominiums are converted grain elevators, famous for their architectural design affording breathtaking views of nearby lakes and the Minneapolis skyline. Guests of honor were Jeff '49 and Anne Robinson and Kenyon Chemistry Professor Owen York, who generated much excitement among the guests with his discussion of Olin Library plans. Jeff Robinson updated those gathered on life in Gambier, and ideas for assisting Kenyon admissions recruitment efforts and strengthening local alumni association support were discussed.

— Stacy Remke '80

## New York City

Eighty-five alumni and friends of Kenyon gathered for cocktails prior to the New York City Alumni Association's annual fall dinner on Wednesday, November 28, 1984, at the Yale Club. (More than sixty remained to attend the dinner.) Much to everyone's enjoyment, several alumni Kokosingers gave a surprise performance during the cocktail hour. Visiting from Gambier this year were Vice President for Development Doug Givens, Director of Major Gifts Lynn Clapham, Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs Rosemary Williams '77, Director of Alumni Affairs Jeff Robinson '49 and his wife, Anne, and Director of Admissions John Anderson, who addressed the group. Also present from Gambier was Marc Rose '85, who explained the new Student-Alumni Association. Marc will serve on the steering committee of the New York City Alumni Association. He is the brother of David Rose '81, New York City Alumni Admissions chairman. Several prospective students and parents also attended the event, including Milt Harkrader P'85, a former member of the Parents Advisory Council.

— Mark Rennie '79

## Otsego County

The Otsego County chapter of the Kenyon College Alumni Association's second annual meeting on Monday, October 22, 1984, was marked by a membership turnout of 100 percent. The business of the day was election of officers, with the following members being named: Doug Mayer '65 (Oneonta, New York), president; Steve Wuori '68 (Cooperstown, New York), vice president; Jerry Ellsworth '69 (Cooperstown, New York), secretary; and Otto Rothermel '72 (Oneonta, New York), treasurer. Combining business with pleasure, members were treated to a fine buffet, courtesy of the Otsego County Counselors Association, as part of the Otsego County College Night. Association members then manned a "Kenyon table" and described the wonders of winter in Gambier to some one thousand high school juniors and seniors and their parents.

— Steve Wuori '68

## Philadelphia

The annual Philadelphia Alumni Association dinner on Sunday, September 30, 1984, took place at the Jefferson University Faculty Club and was sponsored by Lee Peris '51. After a fine dinner, Kenyon Provost Jerry Irish discussed plans for the new Olin Library. Among the attendees were Jeff '49 and Anne Robinson and the parents of several Kenyon students.

— Carol Heiberger '74

## San Francisco

The San Francisco Alumni Association's annual dinner on October 23, 1984, took place at the Presidio Golf Club and was attended by Kenyon alumni, parents, and guests. In addition to a slide presentation by Jeff Robinson '49, the evening's entertainment included Religion Professor Diane Obenchain's lecture entitled "Kenyon Goes Global." Obenchain also discussed Kenyon's new international studies program. Chad Waite '77 was named association vice president and filled in for Admissions Chair Mary Brandeau '75 with a report on the recent admissions phonathon. President Dave Meyer '75 announced his intention to form a committee to work on increasing membership in the association. A holiday gathering of association members took place Sunday, December 30, aboard the S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien at Fort Mason. Approximately thirty-five Kenyon alumni, parents, and students enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Officer's Mess. Organized by John Borden '49 and Susan Waite '78, the event also included a slide show of Kenyon, talk of future gatherings, and a discussion of the March 1985 phonathon.

— Dave Meyer '75

## Washington, D.C.

The Washington, D.C., Alumni Association's annual dinner took place Saturday, September 29, 1984, at the Hotel Washington and began with cocktails on the Roof Top Terrace overlooking the White House and the Washington Monument. As in the past, a wide range of Kenyon class years was represented, and many parents of Kenyon students attended

as well. Kenyon Provost Jerry Irish presented slides and a discussion of the new Olin Library. Jeff '49 and Anne Robinson presented the alumni slide show. There wasn't a dry eye in the house!

— Jane Winans McKim '78

## CLASS NOTES

### '25 60th Reunion

Mr. Theodore C. Diller

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Edgar H. Hunting saw Don Carey in Grand Rapids last October, and he expects to attend the class' sixtieth reunion in May. Edgar will try to be there, too, along with Bob Thebaud.

### '33

F. Merrill Lindsay

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James Newcomer, vice chancellor emeritus of Texas Christian University, recently published a book, *The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg: The Evolution of Nationhood 963 A.D. to 1983*. The book is a history of the country, in which he emphasizes its quality of enduring. He has written three books about Irish women novelists and has published short stories, poems, and essays in numerous magazines and professional journals.

### '35

#### 50th Reunion

Mr. Allard A. Braddock

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Sorento Shores

Osprey, Florida 33559

William Gould retired from his job as associate judge of the Maryland District Court in July 1981 because of cancer. He reports that he is still under treatment, but he is looking forward to returning to Kenyon for the class' fiftieth reunion. Robert Hudson retired from the Los Angeles Harbor Department in February 1983, after twenty-two years. He is now working as a consultant for an international freight forwarder and custom house broker, International Custom Service of Los Angeles, on a reduced time basis. He, too, expects to be in Gambier this May.

### '36

Mr. Robert P. Doepke

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The class of '36 recovers a long-lost alumnus, Robert R. Stone, who attended Kenyon for one year (1932-33). He finished his education at Amherst and lost touch with Kenyon. He writes, "I have retained a warmth of feeling for Kenyon over these years, with most pleasant remembrance of the beauty of the campus, of recollections of certain classmates of that one year on campus, plus recognition of the fine quality of teaching of two or three of my professors then. I stopped off on campus this last



ward to an interesting and exciting time living and working in Europe." **Robin Goldsmith** has been nominated as international secretary of the eight-thousand-member Association for Systems Management (A.S.M.). **John Gable** recently lectured in Texas, Georgia, and North Carolina in connection with his job as executive director of the Theodore Roosevelt Association. John is a member of the vestry of Christ Church, Oyster Bay, New York. **James T. Arnold** has had a radiology practice in Grove, Oklahoma, since 1982. He has two daughters, ages seventeen and fifteen, and one son, age six.

'66

**Mr. John J. Buckley**  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
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**Larry Leventon** was honored by the Green Oaks Country Club in Pittsburgh as its outgoing president. A tribute dinner-dance, on behalf of Israel Bonds, was held on September 30, 1984. Larry is an attorney with Leventon and Leventon. **Kurt Elster** earned a Ph.D. in organizational psychology from Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago and is now a licensed psychologist in the state of Illinois. He was promoted to executive vice president of the Bank Administration Institute in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, last June. He and his wife, Cybele, have a son, Kurt Galen Elster, born January 1, 1983. **William McKnight**, his wife, Jane, daughter Alison, and son Scott moved to New Jersey in 1981, where he joined Nabisco Brands, Inc. In 1982, he was named president of the grocery products division.

'67

**Mr. Lawrence C. Schmidlapp**  
538 Centre Island  
Oyster Bay, New York 11771

**Dr. Charles Schwarzbeck** received the annual Award for Excellence in Clinical Research in Education and Medicine, given at the joint meeting of the British Dyslexia Association and the Center for Child Studies in England this past summer. The award honored his work on the failure-to-thrive syndrome and stress reactions with neonates. He says, "A real treat was visiting with **Dr. David Campbell '66** and his lovely family in London." From the stateside world of medicine, **Dr. Robert Guedenet** was appointed a full-time physician in the Department of Emergency Medicine of Loudoun Memorial Hospital in Loudoun, Virginia. He completed his residency last June through SUNY-Stony Brook; he previously spent two and a half years in India with the Peace Corps. **Floyd S. Linton** is one of sixteen members of the Board of Regents for New York State, and he heads its vocational rehabilitation subcommittee. He works as an evaluation consultant for the American Appraisal Company. **The Reverend Dr. William Scar** writes, "Topeka, Kansas, reflects the splendid isolation of Gambier. I am currently an advanced studies fellow at the Menninger Foundation. During the past several years, I have completed my doctorate in pastoral counseling and residencies in pastoral counseling and marriage and family therapy. I am a member of AAMFT, AAPC, and AGPA. Am I taking life too seriously? My talented and lovely wife, René, is a public relations director in the computer industry, and we are finally planning a family. And to think

I once thought life was an endless keg!" **Larry Schmidlapp** married Carol Sweeney, November 17, 1984, with **John Rutter '66** and **Maynard Murch** in attendance. **Roger G. Wallace** was recently promoted to president of the plumbing products division of Artesian Industries in Mansfield, Ohio. Roger has worked for Artesian and its predecessor company, Borg-Warner, since 1968. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Mansfield with their two sons, Scott and Todd.

'68

**Mr. Howard B. Edelstein**  
48 Lyman Circle  
Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122

**Robert L. Baker** was named commercial line sales manager, a newly established position in the carpet division of Armstrong World Industries, Inc., in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He has been with the firm since 1978 and previously served as assistant regional manager for the company's Architectural Ceiling Systems Division. In July, **Dr. Frank Svec** was promoted to clinical director of the medical unit of Charity Hospital of New Orleans. The two-hundred-bed hospital includes general and special care areas. **Spinner and Linda '75 Findlay** are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Eliza Findlay, born October 12, 1984, in Washington, D.C. Spinner reports he held up very well despite his advance age for his first-time experience, and he wishes to thank all twenty members of the Beta Theta Pi class of 1968, who were there to help with his natural childbirth coaching. **Richard Levey** married Sigrid Christiansen in July 1984. **Stuart Revo** was best man.

'69

**Mr. Brackett B. Denniston**  
20 Old Seabury Point Lane  
Duxbury, Massachusetts 02332

**Robert R. Leighton Jr.** is finishing up a four-year term on the Quaker Valley Board of School Directors in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. He works as a controller for Steelite, Inc., and he and his wife, Kathy, have three children, Scott, Frances, and Christine. **Frederick Franke's** second daughter, Nancy Digby Franke, was born on September 12, 1984. **Dr. Jan Ehrenwerth** tells us, "After seven years in California, we have moved back east to Connecticut. I've taken a job at Yale University School of Medicine as an associate professor of anesthesiology. We are enjoying being back east and living in New England. The kids are eagerly awaiting the first snowfall. We invite old friends in the New Haven area to call and visit." From Evergreen, Colorado, **Peter Lathrop** writes, "I was just promoted to vice president for U.S. sales by the Samsonite Corporation, and we are expecting our second child in February. I would enjoy seeing or skiing with any old acquaintances headed out here for the great Colorado snow." **Malcolm L. Burdine** married Ina T. Hyman, August 19, 1984. Ina, a graduate of Lesley College, is a special education teacher in the Woburn Public School System, Woburn, Massachusetts. Malcolm works for the city of Worcester, Massachusetts, as an assistant city solicitor, and he is also a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Malcolm and Ina are living in Framingham, Massachusetts. **Douglas S. Johnston Jr.** looks forward to his fourth year in Washington, D.C., as "administrative assistant to the Congressman from

Nashville." If classmates have plans to visit either city, Douglas would love to hear from you to catch up on old times: "My God! Can we be talking about old times already?"

'70

## 15th Reunion

**Mr. Richard J. Brean**  
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 02109

**Murray Horwitz** reopened Broadway's *Latin Quarter* with "Haarlem Nocturne" on November 18, 1984. The show starred Andre DeSchiels. Murray's television special, "Jazz Comes to Newport," aired on PBS in December 1984. **Phillip Parker's** second daughter, Caitlin Anne, was born on August 18, 1984. **Dr. Eugene Mancini** announces the birth of his second child, Lisa Christine, on November 4, 1984. She joins a brother, Michael, who is four. **Allen Scarboro** has been assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi, since 1983. He is also the director of the honors program there and chaired a committee to establish a public alternative high school for Jackson. That school opened in August 1984 with 425 students. **Dr. Chester Amedia** opened his new offices on December 1, 1984, at 1340 Belmont Avenue, Suite 100, in Youngstown, Ohio 44504. He will run a private practice in his specialty, nephrology/hypertension, and he is still the associate director of dialysis services at St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center in Youngstown. **Joel Marks** is currently vice president of production for Simon and Schuster Communications. He distributes film and video programs to schools, libraries, businesses, social service agencies, and other organizations. The company is distributor for Coronet Films, MTI Teleprograms, and Learning Corporation of America. He and

### Two chances to see China

**Diane Obenchain**, assistant professor of East Asian Religions at Kenyon and a recent visitor to China, will lead two trips to China in which alumni are invited to participate.

The official Kenyon Alumni Trip to China will be in May, 1986. The itinerary will include Beijing (Peking), Xian, Shanghai, a trip up the Yangtze River to Chongqing and Guilin, and Hong Kong. The cost will be approximately \$3,000 to \$3,500 for a two-to-three week stay. We will keep you posted as the trip takes more precise shape.

This summer, a smaller group of people related to Kenyon will go to Beijing, Xian, Qufu (Confucius' birthplace), Luoyang (Lungmen Buddhist caves), Guilin, and Hong Kong. The cost will be the same as the one planned for 1986, but this one will take place in the heat of July. Those interested in joining this smaller trip should contact Diane Obenchain, Department of Religion, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio 43022, before April 15, 1985.



his wife, Ellie, live in Chicago. **Randolph St. John Jr.** accepted President Philip H. Jordan Jr.'s invitation to be Kenyon's representative at the inauguration of Arthur L. Peterson as president of Lebanon Valley College on October 14, 1984. **Paul Keiner** now works at the Derryfield School, Manchester, New Hampshire. **Major Charles H. Matthewson** was assigned last summer to Randolph Air Force Base as chief of the civil law division for the Air Training Command. His family, wife, Edie, six-year-old Andrea, and four-year-old James, enjoy the Texas climate and invite alumni friends to visit. **Robert C. Boruchowitz**, a public defender for nearly eleven years, recently completed six years as public defender director in Seattle, Washington. He is now serving his second term as chairperson of the criminal law section of the Washington State Bar Association.

**'71 Mr. Jeffrey A. Oppenheim**  
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**Peter W. Halapatz** is finishing his eighth year as activities director for a Pittsburgh middle school. He is in charge of all extracurricular activities, transportation, and a computer literacy project. **Robert Moore** has moved with his wife, Stephanie, and his two children to Portland, Maine. He still works for Great Northern Paper Company as director of international sales. **Steven Bralower** and his wife, B.J., had a daughter, Corey Danielle, on May 31, 1984. **Michael Rosenberg** is in solo practice of vascular and general surgery in Fort Myers, Florida. **Norman Schmidt** is teaching in Cleveland and coaching at the North Olmstead Swim Club. **Capt. Bill Williams** joined the faculty of the history department at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs at the start of the 1984-85 school year. For the past two years, he and his family have been living in Seoul, Korea, where he was assigned to the staff of Combined Forces Command. In October, he attended the wedding of his brother, **Fred Williams '72**, to Donna Michals in Chicago. **Dennis O'Connor** writes, "I was thrilled to read in the Alumni Directory that three of my former students at Grier School had all graduated from the old alma mater. My congratulations to **Mo Ryan '81**, **Linda Kagan '82**, and **Sue Santangelo '82**." **Terry D. Zimmerman** is associated with the law firm of Hinton and Landi in Akron, Ohio. **Mark K. Straley** married Stacy Collier Frank on June 9, 1984, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Tampa, Florida. Stacy and Mark both practice law in Tampa.

**'72 Mr. Perry Thompson**  
254 Claremont  
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126

**David Bergman**, who is a professor of English at Towson State University, has been named the first recipient of the George Elliston Poetry Prize by the George Elliston Foundation at the University of Cincinnati. The national competition for this annual prize was established in 1984. The foundation will sponsor the publication of David's book of poems, *Cracking the Code*, by the Ohio State University Press. The book was chosen from nearly six hundred submissions. **Gordon Grant**, his wife, Debbie, and his children, Alex (six) and Caleb (one), now live in Lander, Wyoming, nestled up

against the Wind River Mountains. He says, "A mortal cog in the state human services system by day, I become a volunteer fireman, fly fisher, father, and friend by night. Weekends are for dreaming. Ohio seems very far away, but Kenyon remains close." **Dr. Michael Grauel** is continuing work as an internist in Anaheim, California. His wife of four years, Evelyn, just completed a master's degree. He reports that they don't plan to move for now, and asks, "What's happened to **Seth Black**, **Joe Finnegan '73**, **Bill Ribich**, and the rest?" **Bill and Candy Davis '73 Wallace** are keeping busy in Canton, Ohio, raising four children — Andrea (six), Billy (four), Diana (two), and Alexandra (six months). Bill says "It's worse than Kenyon dorms sometimes."

**'73 Mr. Jackson Y. Au**  
11 Hooper Street  
East Northport, New York 11731

**Kay Koeninger** is curator of collections for the galleries of the Claremont Colleges. She recently organized an exhibition entitled "American Reflections," which featured fifty-seven works from the Colleges' important but little-known American painting collection. **Rob Hayes** and his wife, Donna, are delighted to announce the birth of a beautiful daughter, Morgan Victoria. Says her father, "After completion of her postsecondary education and any necessary graduate work, Morgan plans to join her father in his international philanthropic endeavors. Marriage is also under consideration; only qualified suitors need apply." **Dr. Alan Frigy** was named an associate pathologist in the St. Mary's Hospital laboratory department in Decatur, Illinois. Alan previously completed a one-year American Cancer Society Clinical Fellowship at the University of Virginia Medical Center. **Dr. Dave Snell** is a resident in anesthesia at Harbor-UCLA. He also has a job as flight surgeon with the 163rd Tactical Fighter Group, flying back seat in an F-4. He remarks, "Being liberally educated does not prepare you for Mach 7 at four hundred feet." **Dr. Mitchell Jablons** married Rozelle Ross on September 2, 1984; they currently live in New York City. **Christiana Russo Maxwell** moved to Roanoke, Virginia, where she works for the American

Red Cross. She says, "I'm spending my spare time horseback riding and walking the dog." She'd love to hear from anyone who happens to be in the area. **Robyn and John Quinter** announce the arrival — through an open adoption — of their daughter, Marguriete Deschin "Dess" Quinter, born July 1, 1984. Among Dess' godparents is **Marie Sniarowski Moore '74**. Robyn remarks, "It goes without saying, of course, that Dess is the world's cutest baby!" Robyn has been named chairperson of the American Adoption Congress' National Advocacy Committee, monitoring adoption legislation at the state and federal levels. She is active in efforts to promote openness in adoption and the rights of adoptees, since searching for and finding her biological parents several years ago. John was best man at the September 9, 1984, wedding of **Paul Schaller** and Madeline Anderson in Snug Harbor, New York. Paul and Madeline live in San Diego, where he is a nuclear power plant control operator. **Mark Bertelsen** was named vice president of finance and strategic planning of ExecuCall, Inc. The Cincinnati-based company specializes in telemarketing and operates more than one hundred fifty in-bound WATS lines. **Jeff Bennett** is married to Susan McVicker and has two children: Chris, six, and Katie, three. Susan is an R.N. at Marion General Hospital. Jeff is president of Bennett Chevrolet and is still a "liberal Democrat, although being one is becoming increasingly unfashionable." **J. Scott Douglas** was promoted to vice president of primary and secondary marketing for the Johnstown Mortgage Company, overseeing and traveling to offices from Newport Beach, California, to Boston, Massachusetts. He has worn out two frequent flyer cards. "Now the important stuff: I visited the **Andy Bourlands** and their lovely new daughter, Jessica. All three are heavily blessed out . . . Stopped in Oklahoma City and visited **Jim and Phoebe Kallstrom** and their new son Andrew — more heavy bliss. Jim just started his own law practice in Oklahoma City. Finally, I presided over the wedding of **Dave Snell** and **Francie Segal** (both doctors) in Newport Beach, California. I had to learn a little Hebrew to do it, but it seems to have worked." Scott also reports **Larry Wittenbrook** is a successful realtor in Atlanta (evidence: he sold Scott's house).

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#### Assistant Director of Annual Funds Kenyon College

Kenyon College is seeking applications for the position of Assistant Director of Annual Funds. The Assistant Director assists in the raising of unrestricted gifts from alumni and parents through two annual fund campaigns. Specific responsibilities will include College liaison with younger alumni classes and current students, along with student and alumni phonathons. Travel will be required as needed. The Assistant Director will report to the Director of Annual Funds.

Candidates are required to hold a bachelor's degree and should have a strong commitment to private liberal arts education. Fundraising or related experience is preferred, but not essential. **Application deadline is April 30, 1985.**

Inquiries and applications should be addressed to Mr. John Ryerson, Director of Annual Funds, Development Office, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio 43022.

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**David Cronin** writes, "Having attained the perfect tan in Santa Monica, Carol and I have joined the regularly scheduled program already in progress on the East Coast." David and Carol live in his hometown, Annapolis, Maryland, where David works for Solar Building Products. Carol works in Washington, D.C., for the Washington Business Group on Health. David writes, "I hope our friends in the area will accept our prodigal return and get in touch." (The address is 5 Barry Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.) **Ann (Wiester) Starr** and her husband, **Ray** '74, are the proud parents of Margaret Angela Starr, born June 28, 1984, in Boston. Ann and Ray are ensconced in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where Ray is associate professor in the Department of Classics at Wellesley College.

**'74** **Mr. William Kozy**  
165 Conestoga Trail  
Sparta, New Jersey 07871

**Jim Breece** and his wife, Susan, have a second child, Emily Dinaire Breece. Jim recently returned from a buying trip to China for his new venture, marketing reproductions of oriental porcelain, screens, and furniture. **Caroline Sidnam** still works at her own architectural practice in New York City, where she took on a partner in August. She and her husband, Carl Pucci, had their first child, Emma, in October 1984. **Jamie Barth** is also in New York, "a place I believe I've always belonged." She is the assistant regional manager of commercial property operations for the eastern region of Home Insurance Company. She says, "Once more, I swear I will never move again, after five moves in eight years. Who knows?" **Daniel Kleinman** announces the birth of his second son, Adam Stephan, on March 24, 1984. **Lawrence Towers** is now an assistant professor of law at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago. **Dr. Jonathan Klarfeld** proudly announces the opening of his practice of internal medicine in Beachwood, Ohio, at the Parkway Medical Building. He is affiliated with Mount Sinai Medical Center. **Greg and Kathy Dawson Widin** are the parents of a baby girl, Joan Marguerite, born August 2, 1984. Kathy says the baby is beautiful, and they are enjoying her very much — "even though her vocabulary is quite limited." **Robin Stuart Stefan** married Barbara Jean Couch on December 10, 1983, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Robin is a review examiner in the Cincinnati field office of the Comptroller of the Currency. **David Barrie** recently joined the Libbey-Owens-Ford Company as an attorney on the corporate legal staff. He will have responsibilities in the areas of securities and financing, in addition to general legal assignments. David was previously an associate with the Toledo law firm of Fuller and Henry. **Richard Clarke** announces his engagement to Michele Kirk. A June 1985 wedding is planned at St. Rita Catholic Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Richard is organist and director of music. His fiancée is a chemistry teacher at Marquette University High School in Milwaukee. **Roger Medoff** and his wife, Juliet, recently celebrated their first anniversary. They live in New York City, where Roger is a final-year law student and Juliet works as an R.N. **Ray Starr** and his wife, **Ann (Wiester)** '73, announce the birth of their first child, Margaret Angela, on June 28, 1984, in Boston. Ray is now a tenured member of the Department of Classics at Wellesley College.

## '75 10th Reunion

**Mr. Stuart Wegener**  
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**Beth Lerch** is now **Beth Lerch Oxley**. She and Warren George Oxley were married June 23, 1984, at St. John's Church, Washington, D.C. Many Kenyon alumni were present, including **Cynthia Cole** '74, **Shelley Clark** '74, **Liz Parker** and her husband, Mark Magyar, **Emily Crom Lyons**, **Daryl Gernert**, and **George Ewing**. **Ronald Churchwell** was married in September to Marianne Pettee (Newton College of the Sacred Heart '75). His bride works in labor relations at Rockwell International. Ron is a member of the international division of Rockwell and has been on recent assignments to Paris and Toronto. Ron and Marianne are living in Royal Oak, Michigan. **Bill Monte** was named vice president and general manager of the Wisconsin operations of the Professionals Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Physicians Insurance Company of Ohio.

**'76** **Mr. Steven James Alex**  
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Lakewood, Ohio 44107

**William J. Higgins** was appointed assistant professor of mathematics at Wittenberg University for the 1984-85 academic year. William was previously a visiting assistant professor at the University of Notre Dame and an assistant professor at Lake Erie College. **Sandy Podmaniczky** is president of the alumni association of the Millbrook School in Millbrook, New York. **Amy and Don Garfinkel** had a beautiful baby boy, Alex Bandler Garfinkel, on January 10, 1984. They have moved back to Philadelphia, where Don works in the construction business and Amy stays home with Alex. **Seabury Gould** teaches music at four schools in Ojai, California. He recorded a cassette album of original music called *Sacred Destiny*. His daughter, Gita, is now five and is reported to be a most beautiful little girl. **Becky Robbins-Penniman** and her husband, Gus, have a baby girl, Sarah, born February 24, 1984. Becky reports **Diane (Skowron) Spiegler** and her husband, **Jack** '74, the next day had a baby girl named Sarah who is "also magnificent." **Lynn Manierre** writes, "Since February, 1984, I've been working in our family business as a sales representative. It's challenging, rewarding and exciting — most of the time I like it. Concurrently, I'm working on my M.B.A. at Loyola University in Chicago. I met a fellow Kenyon alumnus in my class — pretty exciting!" **Danna Bortz Breen** and her husband, **Stephen** '78, are expecting their first baby early this year. Danna recently crewed the last twenty miles of the Western States Hundred Mile Endurance Run for her mother, who finished in twenty-seven hours. **Walter Bortz** '81 finished in twenty-one hours. **Susan Heyman Reissner** and her husband, Marc, are proud to announce they now have two native Denverites, sons Ilan and David. **Jim Kuhn** and his wife, Edie, announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Elizabeth. Jim accepted President Philip H. Jordan Jr.'s invitation to be Kenyon's representative at the inauguration of William F. Keucher as president of Central Baptist Theological Seminary on November 9, 1984. The Kuhns, **Bill Monte** '75, his wife, Ellen, and their daughter, Katie, recently got together for an outing in Madison,

Ohio. Camping with two children in diapers proved to be wetter for Jim and Bill than their time spent in Shaffer Pool. The Kuhns live in Kansas City, where Jim is a personnel manager for three divisions at Hallmark Cards, Inc. When not changing diapers, Jim enjoys competing in triathlons. The past year has been an exciting one for **David Otis**. In June, he and his wife, Janet, settled into their first house, located in Wantagh, New York. In July, David received his Ph.D. in psychology from Hofstra University. He currently works at Creedmoor Psychiatric Center in Queens, New York. His most important news, however, is the birth of David Day Otis in September 1984. **Greg Fell** and family attended David's christening. David (the elder) writes, "Please tell any fellow classmates to give me a call when they're in the Long Island area." He makes a special appeal for a call from **Dr. Marc Whitsett**. **Charles T. Pariano** was elected president of Midland Aluminum Corporation at a meeting of the board of directors, in November. Midland Aluminum Corporation is a nonferrous metals service center headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. **Kathy Weise** will move to Washington, D.C., in July 1985 to begin a fellowship in pediatric intensive care at Children's Hospital. Kathy plans to call on her D.C. friends for "low-key play time."

**'77** **Ms. Nina P. Freedman**  
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**Janice Olsen** still lives and works in Minneapolis at the CBS-TV affiliate. She says, "Look me up if you come through town." **Anne Brostrup** puts her Kenyon education to good use as a freelance writer/editor in the Fairfield County, Connecticut, area. She says, "I would love to hear from any amigos from the past — I miss you." **Steven Agoston** is alive and well and can be reached at the Boston Stock Exchange. **Patricia M. Warrick** and her husband, John, moved from the Baltimore-Washington area "back home" to Pittsburgh in May. They then spent three and a half months traveling across the United States and had a wonderful time. Patricia is now an assistant vice president in commercial lending at Mellon Bank. **Kristin Knopf** is in graduate school at the University of Washington, earning an M.B.A. and a master's degree in professional accounting. **Carol Bruggman-Mitchell** received a master's degree in mental health from The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1981. She presently works at the J.F. Kennedy Institute, pediatric psychiatry division, as director of counseling services for the Kennedy School, whose students are children with learning problems such as dyslexia. She evaluates children and their families to determine their need for therapy, which she provides in conjunction with the school's mental health team. Carol is married to Mack C. Mitchell, M.D., who works at Johns Hopkins researching alcoholic liver disease as well as teaching and caring for patients. They expect their first child in February 1985 and look forward to being parents after five years of marriage. The following invitation came to us from New York City: "Professional gamblers are not invited to play seven twenty-seven every Thursday evening with **Mark Jacoby**, **Jonathan Holasek** '78, **Simon Edwards** '79, **Larry Durst** '78, and assorted guests in New York City. Black tie preferred." **Steele R. Chad-**



well was named counsel to the ombudsman by the Office of the Ombudsman for the Institutionalized Elderly in the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey. As the agency's ranking attorney, he will represent it in legislative and policy matters, as well as in litigation. Since receiving his J.D. from the University of Toledo College of Law in 1980, Steele has worked in private practice with the law firm of Voorhees, Bennett, and Wherry, with offices in Trenton, Princeton, and Pennington, New Jersey. A member of the bars of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, he resides with his wife, the former **Karen Holland**, in Pennington. Karen is a graphic artist associated with the firm of Jackson/O'Malley Advertising and Communication in Hightstown, New Jersey. **Margrit Polak Schiff** recently appeared with Richard Biggs and Ralph Oliver in the Center Stage Production of William Hanley's "Slow Dance on the Killing Ground" at the Charles Durning Theatre in Pasadena, California.

**'78** Mr. Peter J. Bianchi  
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**Wendy Cassidy** married **Edward S. Brokaw** on September 15, 1984, on Block Island, Rhode Island. The couple lives in Baltimore. Ned is a stockbroker with Alex. Brown and Sons, and Wendy is a teacher at the Hearing and Speech Agency of Greater Baltimore. **Dr. Robert A. Samit** married **Anne B. Modlin** on October 20, 1984. Kenyon alumni in attendance included **Ned Brokaw**, **Wendy (Cassidy) Brokaw**, **Tim Gorin**, and **Steve Agoston '77**. **Stephen Breen** and his wife, **Danna (Bortz) '76**, are expecting their first baby early this year, "which," Danna says, "is at once exciting and terrifying. We've been getting lots of advice from **Buffy Fisher Hasley '76**, who is pregnant with number two, and from **Chad '77** and **Susan Waite**, who are in the Bay Area with two children." Stephen graduated with a M.B.A. in financial planning in June 1984 and is still pursuing a master's degree in taxation. He is employed by Palo Alto Financial Consultants. Danna says he is also "in perpetual triathlon training." **Douglas Wang** is a second-year student at M.I.T.'s Sloan School of Management. His first child was born October 8, 1984; her name is Sarah Elizabeth Reh-Lih Wang. Douglas' wife, **Holly**, works for IBM. In September 1984, **The Reverend Elsa H. Hale** was made a canon of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where she is serving as priest. **Debbi Berkowitz Darvick** and her husband, **Martin**, announce the birth of their first child, **Elliot Jacob**, on July 11, 1984. **Robert Lundin** writes from Sewanee, Tennessee, "I have been captivated by a recent intrigue with foreign languages and have just begun studying German in addition to several years of French study. This prowess is nurtured partially, I am proud to say, by Kenyon's influence in my life. I continue active study of and employment in 'Science Informatique,' as well as testing my foot as a writer." **Matthew D. Smith** says, "Having scheduled Vice President Bush in his re-election campaign, I am now [December] working on the Presidential Inaugural Committee." He spent New Year's Eve with **Peter Bianchi** and **Joe Hagin '79**, among others. **Warren H. Martin** will marry **Paula Kay DeLauder** of Marion, Ohio, on June 15, 1985.

**Warren** is marketing manager for Cooper Energy Services in Mount Vernon. **Seth Pemsler** earned an M.B.A. from Northwestern University and in 1982 married **Alise Byer**, a fellow Northwestern M.B.A. Seth and Alise moved to Minneapolis where they worked in marketing research for General Mills. Recently Seth accepted a position in Idaho Falls, Idaho, with R.T. French (of mustard fame) in marketing. He now lives "three hours from Yellowstone, two hours from Jackson Hole, and one-half hour from awesome skiing." Seth reports he was best man at the wedding of **Richard Stein** in January 1984 in Santa Barbara. Both Richard and his new bride are completing residencies at Case Western Reserve University. **Bruce Silverblatt** lives in New York City, where he is vice president of Casual Craft, a clothing manufacturer. In his spare time he dabbles in the stock market and eats a lot of take-out Chinese food. **Debra Goodman Glassman** and her husband, **Chip**, are very pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, **Rebecca Drew**, on May 17, 1984.

**'79** Ms. Mary Anne Gorman  
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**Thomas F. Bensen** and **Anne DuPont** (St. Lawrence University) were married August 18, 1984, in Missoula, Montana. The couple plans to live in Pebble Beach, California, where Thomas is a teacher at the Robert Louis Stevenson School. **Gregory Jacoby** is enrolled in the cooperative legal education program at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston. During his three years in the program, Greg will take four quarters of full-time apprenticeship at law, in addition to the seven quarters of traditional academic study. **Alan Wyld** buys electronic equipment for the manufacture of submarine periscopes in Northampton, Massachusetts. This spring he will begin work on a master's degree in business management at night school. His wife, **Sally (Handel)**, is busy with their one-year-old daughter, **Meredith**, who, he says, "swims, skis, and climbs mountains with us." **Tim Lexvold**, "Peep '79," is an assistant public defender for Monroe County, New York. **Chip Lamb** joined the faculty of the Pomfret School in Connecticut as a guest artist to direct David Mamet's play "The Water Engine." Chip will continue working in Pomfret's theater program as dialogue coach for the winter musical, "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" by John Guare. **Margaret M. Oakes** is production manager for Flying Colors Unlimited, Inc., a multi-image production company. "I found, to my surprise, that I am in a Kenyon slide show wearing a Phillies cap . . . Perhaps I'll be able to return the favor and put Kenyon in one of our shows." **Perry W. Degener Jr.** writes, "If any of my Kenyon friends are in the Dallas area, they should give me a call. I would be happy to accommodate them with a list of hotels and restaurants to take advantage of." **Dennis G. Murray** married **Bernadette Poiry** on June 23, in Oak Harbor, Ohio. **Paul Schoenegge** served as best man, and **Tom Gibson '80** was also in the wedding party. Kenyon alumni in attendance included: **John Batchelder**, **David Troup**, **Bill Handel '80**, **David Smith**, **Douglas Beach '81**, **Terry Brog**, and **Dave Nees**. **Bernadette** is a teacher for Rittman Schools, and **Dennis** is employed by the county health department in Medina, Ohio. **Steve Stiles** finished work on a master's degree in

science journalism at Boston University in February 1984; one month later, he became a reporter for *Practical Cardiology* magazine. He wants to thank **Alan** and **Sally Wyld**, **Doug** and **Mary Ames '80**, **Edie De Vegvar '83**, and **Andy Bowers '80** for their New England hospitality while he was in graduate school. Steve promises, "One day, I shall return." **Lt. David Erteschik** (Captain Selectee) was selected for jet pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona. During his assignment to Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, he earned five Air Medals, two Armed Forces Expeditionary Medals, and the Humanitarian Service Medal for his participation in operational reconnaissance missions. **Tracy A. Teweles** works for Beecham Cosmetics in Chicago, "writing all sorts of 'Gothic romance' for their public relations campaigns for Jovan, Yardley of London, Vitabath, and others." **Stephen and Rosemary Bird** joyfully announce the birth of their first child, **Stephen Lucien Bird**, on March 20, 1984. **Sharon Lando Weisberg's** daughter, **Ann Laura**, was born December 2, 1984: "Kenyon class of 2006!" Sharon plans to continue with her M.B.A. classes, but has postponed a return to work for a couple of months. **Louis H. Gilbert** married **Linda M. Adams** of Mansfield, Ohio, on September 4, 1982. Louis adds that **Dan Gulino** and **John Bauer** were part of the wedding party and that **Phil Smith '80** and **John Thorne '78** were in the congregation. Their first child, **Jacob Louis**, was born on September 24, 1983. Since January 1980, Louis has worked for First Buckeye Bank in Mansfield, a medium-sized regional bank. After three years as branch manager, he became a commercial loan officer in December 1984. He plans to begin work on an M.B.A. soon. **Connie Plattenburg** married **John McCaslin** (Colgate '78) in June. **Maecile Eastin** and **Bonnie Garmus** were bridesmaids. **Perry Degener**, **Matt Brenner**, **Rich Haenssler**, **Julia Eastin '85**, and **Geoffrey Enck '68** attended, while **John Halpern** captured the event on film. "I've offered to return the favor and photograph John's upcoming wedding, but so far he hasn't taken up my offer." **Jeffrey S. Day** marked the end of his "fifth year of post-Collegian journalism" in February. He is now a labor reporter for the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., after working as a reporter and then managing editor for a small daily in northern Virginia. He says he'd love to hear from other Kenyonites in the field. **Drew Burnside** is an associate with the law firm of McCalla, Thompson, Pyburn, and Ridley. "Long lost correspondents please write: 6072 Annunciation Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118." **Louise P. (Breezy) Salmon**, after working for Nashville Television Productions for about five years, was recently promoted to director and part-time company manager. "My boss goes out of town a lot, and I take over. I love it . . . until he returns!" Breezy plays tennis as often as she can and last summer won a couple of tournaments with her doubles partner. "Aren't class notes a great outlet for bragging?"

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**Wendy May Lauer** received the L. D. Pankey Award in Dentistry at the thirteenth commencement exercises of the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo on June 8, 1984. **Todd Friedlan-**



der writes he is now a proud ensign in the U.S. Navy. **Joseph Cutchin**, after receiving a master's degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology, is now a reactor engineer at River Bend Nuclear Power Plant in St. Francisville, Louisiana. **Anne Fleming Cutchin** is the editor of a parish newspaper in Clinton, Louisiana. **C. Carlos Dague** recently finished his third year with Mid-Ohio Imports in Columbus, earning "Salesman of the Year" honors for the third time. Mid-Ohio added Maserati to their successful BMW, Saab, and Mazda lines. Carlos writes, "The past season of racing Formula Fords proved both exciting and expensive, as I met with mixed success. Open wheel race cars should never touch each other's tires." Carlos plans to race four times in 1985 in Formula Fords and will also enter two twenty-four hour races in Showroom Stock RX-7 Mazdas. He extends an open invitation to all to stop and say hello at Mid-Ohio. **Anthony E. Burwell** spent a year in France and recently moved to New York City, where he works in theater. He divides his time between Playwrights' Horizons and Manhattan Punch Line Theatre. He also writes plays and translates the plays of his French friends. **Drew A. Peterson** moved to Chicago (and missed getting to Tiger Stadium this summer). He is a surgical intern at Northwestern University, where he hopes to continue in an orthopaedic surgery residency. **Phil Bousquet** says all is well in snowy Syracuse, where he celebrated the holidays with his brother **Larry Bousquet '77** and Larry's wife. Phil will marry Tracey M. Bright of Syracuse on June 1, 1985. They hope to live in Syracuse, where Phil has applied to graduate school. He plans to earn a dual degree in law and management, with the goal of passing the CPA and

bar exams: "It will be tough, but worth it." Phil has already been admitted to Syracuse University's graduate school of management. He writes, "I'm really looking forward to seeing all of my classmates in May. If any Kenyon alumni or students are passing through upstate New York and need shelter from the winter, please give me a call — I'm in the directory." **David W. Neel** graduated from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in May 1984 and is now a candidate for an LL.M. at Columbia University this spring. He will then join the firm of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan, and Aronoff in Cleveland. **John M. McGarry** is stationed in Twentynine Palms in Southern California as a judge advocate in the U.S. Marine Corps. Specialist **Bob Jones** recently returned from a "fantastic" vacation in Mexico where he chatted with Kenyon Archivist **Tom Greenslade '31**, also on vacation there. At present, Bob "continues an intimate relationship with gravity as an Army paratrooper. Regards to all." **Alexander J. House** started business school at Loyola University in Chicago in August; he is living at Cabrini Green. **Thomas Reed Parker** became a member of the Ohio Bar Association in 1984. After completing studies in international law in Salzburg, Austria, he served his internship on assignment to the European Economic Community, in Brussels, Belgium. He is currently completing his master of law thesis at the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, California. **David Reed** entered his third year as a U.S. Navy pilot, an experience he has enjoyed. He recently was assigned to a specialized squadron out of Point Mugu, California — VXE-6 or "Operation Deepfreeze." The mission is to fly Huey helicopters in Antarctica during the South Pole's summer

(October to February). The program is funded by the National Science Foundation and supports a variety of scientific expeditions. Operations are staged out of Christ Church, New Zealand, and David hopes to participate in an exchange tour with the New Zealand Air Force. **Virginia Calhoun de Millán** increased the Mexican population by a son, Felipe Francisco Millán Calhoun, born Holy Cross Day, May 3, 1984. When not hemming diapers, she plans to write. "Be sure 'Write' gets a capital W. We're talking about proper, serious writing, the Great Mex-American Novel." **Mark Bistline** is associated with TESIS in England. **Stacy S. Remke** completed her master's degree in social work and now works as a psychiatric social worker at a health center. She treats eating disorders (anorexia nervosa and bulimia) and finds it very challenging and interesting. Stacy continues to enjoy life in Minneapolis and would love to hear from anyone living in the area or just passing through.

'81

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**Gates Lloyd** left the ranks of the Rocky Mountain Ski Instructors Association as a certified instructor to take a job with the JA Cattle Company in Paloduro, Texas. He says, "Skiing full time for three winters was a blast, and I look forward to trips this winter, but the lure of ranching has hooked me." He is at Texas Christian University until May, enrolled in the Ranch Management Program, and will move permanently to Paloduro in the spring. **Kerry Hall** has joined the faculty of North Shore Country Day School in Wilmette, Illinois. He teaches sixth grade mathematics. **Bethann Yukman** was appointed editorial assistant with the Salt Lake City advertising firm Innovation 17. Her address is 173 Q Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103, for all who would like to write to her. **David Rose** works for the investment banking firm of Bear, Stearns, and Company in New York City. The firm is being considered for the Knox Community Hospital's potential refunding program. **Wendy A. Rankin** writes she finally bid Cleveland adieu — Chubb decided she could best serve them in the home office, and she accepted a promotion in June 1984. She now lives in Summit, New Jersey, and likes it very much. She says, "Hello to all my old Kenyon friends." **Meredith C. Rodnan** lives in Philadelphia, where she is a teacher of the multihandicapped hearing impaired at Elwyn Institutes. **Merrill E. Robinson** married **Curtis Seichter '80** on May 12, 1984, in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. They now live in Manhattan, where she is a freelance textile artist designing men's shirting ("primarily plaids, stripes, oxfords"). Curtis finished business school at Columbia University in August and now works for McMaster Carr, an industrial supply distributorship in Dayton, New Jersey. **Wendy MacLeod** is enrolled in the playwriting program at the Yale School of Drama. **Lilith Z. Calkins** writes, "With utter relief, I find I have passed the Massachusetts bar exam on the first try, and I now look forward to practicing law in the Boston area." In September 1984, **Mary L. Keady** moved to Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, upon accepting an appointment as instructor of English, freshman composition, and literature at Northeastern University, where she recently completed an M.A. pro-

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gram. **Thomas F. Shehan Jr.** married Drusilla F. Colby on September 1, 1984, at Christ Church in Hamilton, Massachusetts. Members of the wedding party included **Richard Hebert '80**, **David Rose**, and **Mark Loomis '83**. Other Kenyonites in attendance were **Linda Harnsburger Rose 1984**, **Stuart Campbell '83**, **Corky Hood Hebert '82**, **John Mackessey '82**, **Tom Reiter '82**, **John Little '84**, **Linda Day Mackessey '83**, and **Peter Loomis '84**. **Susan L. Jones** graduated from the University of Michigan's law school in May and now practices law with the Denver firm of Ireland, Stapleton, Pryor, and Pascoe. Susan writes, "Jim Parker's and Julia Fiske's (Williams '81) wedding was great fun: five days of rafting, hiking, and partying in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, over the Fourth of July weekend with **Liz Vanlenten**, **Carol Sacks '82**, **Gerry Stone**, and lots of Delts."

'82

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After a hot but wonderful June wedding, attended by forty-three Kenyon friends, **Jimmy** and **Kathy Allen** spent a summer-long honeymoon traveling through Eastern and Western Europe, including two weeks in the Soviet Union. They now live in Virginia. Jimmy is a presidential management intern for the International Trade Administration, and Kathy is a second-year medical student at George Washington University. **Tom Keene** moved to Boston and will begin the master's program at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. **Rachel Unger** will begin a master's program in genetic counseling at the University of Pittsburgh. **Monica Ellen Holzwarth** received two scholarly awards on September 10, 1984, at the convocation exercises of the University of Cincinnati Medical College. She received the William Buchanan Wherry Award, given to a second-year medical student who achieves highest honors in microbiology, and the Merrill Darr Pharmacology Award, awarded to the student demonstrating high proficiency in pharmacology. **Myrtle (Beth) Wilhite** was accepted by the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo (but also professed to be currently living in a chicken coop in Randolph, Ohio, with her one-eared pet hamster, Van Gogh). This bit of information was extracted while she was occupied with fixing the ascot and vest of a nervous groom, **Gregory C. Ziernicki**, financial officer for Panax Corporation, on November 10, 1984, at St. Thomas More Parish in Lakewood, Ohio. At the time, Greg was thinking not only about his imminent marriage to Carol Ann Bodrock but also of swallowing more Malox to settle his stomach. Best man **Karl Haiss**, now an engineering student at the University of Akron, was hashing over economic policies with guests **Paco** and **Elaine Bataller** (poor Elaine!). Incidentally, at another Cleveland wedding, Myrtle (who seems to have been hitting the wedding scene lately) met **Gretchen Cline** for the first time, and they both want to hear from mutual cohort **Linda C. Enerson**, who was last seen heading west to Colorado Springs, Colorado: "Any word, Rocko?" **Anne D. Himmelright** left Kidder, Peabody, and Company, where for the past year she was a sales assistant. She joined Markham Ltd., which designs and manufactures a line of executive women's dresses, as a partner. She met her present partner

through **Dale West**, who introduced them socially. **Arthur T. Gehring** lives in New York City, where he markets IBM personal computers and banking software to small banks throughout the Northeast. **Karin E.** Ertl works in a research laboratory at the University of Virginia's Department of Anatomy. **Joseph G. Parini** attends Michigan State University, where he is working on an M.A. in counseling psychology. He shares an apartment with three goldfish named Beaver, Wally, and Eddie. **Elizabeth Alda** writes she is still a struggling, although not starving, actor in Los Angeles: "Things are going well." **Val Williamson** (back from Scotland and Kenya) and **Kathy Myers '83** were in New York City to watch **Annie Vance '83** finish the New York City Marathon in under four hours," reports **Sara H. Camp**. **Jamie K. Moore** is teaching school and will spend the summer in France. **Amy Haury** has taken a position at the Severn School in Severna Park, Maryland. **Peter S. Austin** works for Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh as a commercial relations representative in the middle market sector. He sees **Nathan Schwartz** quite often. For the past two years, **Robert L. Levine** has worked as a production supervisor for the Hospital Specialty Company in Nicholasville, Kentucky. **Daniel L. Blockus** is a special education teacher working with emotionally disturbed boys in rural Virginia. He writes, "Please thank Dr. **Arthur William Sprague Jr. '53** for guiding me to Kenyon."

'83

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**Audrey Kinter** says, "I was planning to wait to write about what's up until something fun came along, like, 'I married an Arab oil sheik,' or 'I just completed my M.D.-Ph.D. at Harvard,' but things aren't moving that fast." Audrey lives in downtown Washington, D.C., in a "dive of an apartment in a very classy area." She is head technician in a laboratory at the National Institutes of Health doing research on AIDS. She says, "It's exciting, nerve-racking, and I've found out who my friends really are." **James W. Parmele** works with Parmele, Zaylor, and Burback in New York City and Princeton, New Jersey. He frequently sees **Mason Tolman '82**, **Tim Rogers**, **Dave Scott**, **Wing Biddle**, and every once in a while **Norm Kenyon '82**. He says, "Paul Sherbine is Hacktstown, New Jersey's, only true businessman, exploiting the blue collar workers." **Karen Guckert** reports **Cindy Walters** attends Temple University's clinical psychology program in Philadelphia; **Suzy Poznanski** is at Northwestern University's medical school in Chicago; **Jenny Lancaster** lives on Boston's Beacon Hill and attends art school; and **Karen**, herself, is at the University of Pittsburgh's medical school. **Alexandra B. Silver** attends the University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland, where she is working toward a graduate degree in nineteenth-century British history. **Anne E. Vance** ran in the New York Marathon — "It was great." She saw **Valerie Williamson '82**, who spent the academic year at the University of Edinburgh and the summer in Kenya; **Nathan Schwartz '82**, who is working on a degree in public policy at Columbia University; **Andy Simmons '82**, who is an editor of *National Lampoon*; **Allison Janney '82**, and **Tait Ruppert '82**, who work in an improvisational theater on New York City's Lower East

Side —when not scooping ice cream (Al) or painting (Tait). Anne also reports Allison recently returned from a semester in London, which she loved; **Sally Camp '82** is still in New York City working for an ad agency; **Kathy Myers** is working in Columbus, Ohio, in a top position for a new telecommunications company; and **Suzie Morrill** is working on an M.F.A. at the University of Oregon, where she plays rugby. **David W. Craig** attends Drexel University in Philadelphia, where he is working toward an M.B.A. in marketing. **Susan Q. Stitzel** works as a graphic artist and photographer for the printing firm Downeast Graphics in coastal Maine near Bar Harbor. "I've come to loathe tourists, but if they weren't here, my job wouldn't be either!" **Wendy J. Eld** teaches at the Linden Hall School in Lititz, Pennsylvania, in the middle of Amish country. She teaches biology, chemistry, and algebra II, which keeps her very busy. She talks frequently with **Ginger Deely**, who loves graduate school at Carnegie-Mellon University. **Richard M. Howell Jr.** is a second-year medical student at Ohio State University, and misses "the educational diversity, the friends, the small community, and the sleep I used to enjoy so much in Gambier." **Stuart D. Sheppard** works as an account executive in marketing office automation personnel in New York City, "having discovered that the liberal arts experience provides an excellent background for sales. It really is true: if you dress well, you can go anywhere or sell anything." **M. Jeffrey Tikson** is in Little Rock, Arkansas, working as the assistant to the national director of the family ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. **John N. Cannon** is a sales representative for Towlift, a Caterpillar fork-lift truck dealer. "I am happily on my own in an apartment in Cleveland. I miss being a D.J. at WKCO." **Jeff Zacharia** writes, "Well, for better or worse, I've finally taken the plunge. After three months of Outward Bounding it in Colorado, then traveling around the West all summer, I've finally entered into the capitalist world of Zachys. Stop by if you are ever passing through Scarsdale." **Katherine A. Lindberg** is a second-year dental student at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She adores the field of dentistry and loves living in the South. **Nina L. Klein** is in her first year of medical school at Case Western Reserve University. She enjoys it very much and reports four other Kenyonites are in her class: **Sarah Leddy '84**, **Dave Gifford '84**, **Nancy Sudak '84**, and **Dave Dininny '82**. **Brett R. Engler** currently works for Bell Communications Research in Livingston, New Jersey, where he has been "learning about corporate lifestyles among other company benefits." He recently completed a ten-week course in advanced first aid and joined the local first aid squad. "Being a member is mentally rewarding and educational, and I am getting to know a nice group of people." He welcomes Kenyonites to visit his "humble abode." **David F. Stone** is a second-year master's candidate in business at Carnegie-Mellon University. **Gwen Koller** spent the summer working for Buckeye Donkey Ball Company, assisting in the production of donkey baseball games. She is engaged to the unit manager, Ron Kreager; they will marry in June 1985. During a trip to Europe last fall, she met up with **Sue Weil '85** in London. "After completing *le grand tour d'Europe*, surviving even such harrowing experiences as food poisoning in Lisbon and sleeping in a men's room in Munich," **Gregg O. Courtad** writes, he "has



returned to his teaching position in Cincinnati, where his New Wave roommate hopes to teach him the joys of nonconformity and transform the Argyle One into a hedonistic *enfant terrible*." **Anne Jay** informs us that she loves graduate work in communication disorders at St. Louis University. **Garth A. Rose** works at Leading Edge Products, Inc., a \$75-million computer company in Canton, Massachusetts. He is a software specialist and was recently promoted to the additional position of assistant sales trainer. He writes, "I recently negotiated an agreement with Kenyon and consequently the College will be purchasing IBM and Leading Edge personal computers. The College and faculty members have bought seven LE PCs so far." **Christopher Shedd** has taken a position at the Harvard School in North Hollywood, California. **Teresa J. Joyce** works in the corporate division of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc., in Washington, D.C. Her duties range from answering the phone, to attending seminars on the legislative process, to acting as the sole aid to former senator and presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy. He is a member of the board of directors and also acts as consultant. In the meantime, he is writing his fifteenth book, an autobiography, and also writes three columns weekly while maintaining an active lecture tour. "Through him I'm getting experience in 'rough editing' and public relations. All of this leaves me little time to study and write papers for the graduate English courses I am taking part-time at Georgetown — M.A. expected in 1986." **Charlotte H. Pillsbury** works as a freelance artist for various advertising agencies and as a styling assistant for advertising photographers. In her spare time she studies English history and works on earning her pilot's license. **Anne Brenner** works for a library information company in New York. **Cam Trowbridge** is enrolled at Northwestern University's law school. **Jennifer Pierson** works for Doubleday, Inc., in New York City. **Seppy Basili** returned from London for several weeks in November. **Michael Gee** is attending graduate school in English at the University of Virginia. **Sarah Corey** returned home to Peterham, Massachusetts, after working for several weeks in Alaska and Yosemite National Park.

**'84** **Mr. Jonathan Edward Tazewell**  
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**Brian Horgan** began teaching at Western Reserve Academy in September. He teaches mathematics and science and will also put his championship swimming experience to work as coach of the Pioneers' boys' varsity swim team. **Brenda Peters** is a rehabilitation specialist for Boley Manor in Pinellas County, Florida. **Nicole D. Ginzberg** reports she lives in Somerville, Massachusetts, with **Beatrice Segal** "and David and Florence." She works at a psychiatric halfway house for chronically mentally ill patients as a residential counselor. She says her duties, which include counseling, teaching living skills, and acting as a community liaison for clients, have proved interesting and challenging. **Susan M. Miller** loves her busy schedule teaching U.S. and world history at Garrison Forest, but admits having been very ready for the Christmas vacation. "Alumni recruiting is keeping me busy — we're trying to send more Baltimoreans out to Gambier." **Susan J. Opatrny** works for Charles R. Feldstein and Company, engaged in professional

fundraising for nonprofit organizations. She is engaged to Gregory P. Althans (William and Mary '80). A July 27, 1985, wedding is planned. **John R. Haigh** is presently employed as a project manager by a New York City construction company. **Roberta D. Bair** moved to Brookline, Massachusetts, outside of Boston. "Beantown keeps me entertained. I'm living off my artistic sense in framing — and playing with sixth graders at the Museum of Fine Arts." **Bev Balger** joined the staff of Northern Kentucky University in August as slide librarian in the fine arts department. She says the job gets more interesting as she goes along and has the advantage of free tuition at the university. She misses Kenyon in the fall, but is "getting used to the real world." **Mallory M. Cremin** recently moved to the foggy capital of the Bay Area — San Francisco. She works as production assistant for a photographer in Marin. "I miss my Kenyon pals, so if you're ever in the area, look me up." She recently visited **Amy Chenoweth** who is working at Stanford University. She also hears **Lucy Williams** is happy in Spain. **Kathleen C. Hedley** had a busy Christmas season as department manager of handbags, hosiery, and accessories for Famous-Barr in St. Louis. **Elizabeth B. Honea** teaches in the religion and philosophy department at the Loomis Chaffee School in Connecticut. She lives in a freshman and sophomore dorm and coaches soccer, swimming, and lacrosse. "It's great fun, but strange being on the other side of the desk." **Daniel A. Dessner** reports happily that medical school agrees quite well with him and that, while his time is far from entirely his own, he is always happy to spend any spare chunk of it with friends or acquaintances who find themselves in the Blue Chip City (a.k.a. Cincinnati). **Bryan A. Merryman** attends the University of Pennsylvania Law School. **Jonathan K. Han** is a first-year student at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago. **Eliza Winans** works on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant for Congressman Mo Udall. She reports it's quite a lot of fun and exciting. She sees **Linda McLaughlin** frequently, as well as other fellow Kenyonites. **Jennifer K. Rie** is busy attending graduate school in social work in Washington, D.C. She says any Kenyon visitors are welcome. She also reports that "Mike Van Der Linden '83 sends his regards. Law school and getting his master's in international affairs keep him busy, too." **Theodora W. Morris** is looking into graduate school in psychology, as well as a short-term job related to her field. **Lolly Robinson** lives in Boston and works in a children's clothing and toy store, but she is still trying to get into textbook design. Her singing and freelance art work also keep her busy. She frequently sees **Roberta Bair** and **Sharon Michaux**, who live in Brookline. **Gail L. Cleveland** is sales coordinator for H.O. Penn Machinery Company, Inc., in their Bronx branch. She lives in Rye, New York, and in January began as a volunteer for a performing arts group. **David R. Gifford** attends Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and enjoys it a great deal. **Don Hassler** spent three months after graduation traveling in Europe, then spent three months in Asia, where he visited, among other places, India, Burma, Thailand, and Nepal. This spring he will begin work at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena and will be a graduate student in physics at the University of Colorado in the fall. **Kristina A. Kennard**, "with luck and a little effort," landed a job at the Naval Academy Midshipmen's

Store last fall. In January she began work with the Maryland state legislature for the general assembly's ninety-day session. "Hopefully, this will lead to a 'real job' in the future." On January 2, **Lisa D. Stearns** became development assistant in the Manhattan Theatre Club's development office. She previously worked as box office treasurer for the same organization. She plans to travel to England and Germany this summer. **Bunny Elder** hopes to spend the spring in London with **Mary Stewart Miller '86** and hopes to room again with **Kevin McGarry '83** sometime next year. He sends greetings from **Nils Samuels**, now teaching English in Japan. After spending the summer on the East Coast, **Craig J. Richardson** works for the Urban Institute, a Washington-based think tank. He is a research assistant in the health policy division and is living in an apartment in Takoma Park, Maryland.

## DEATHS

**The Honorable Stephen Marvin Young** 1911 on December 1, 1984, in Washington, D.C. He was ninety-five. He represented Ohio in both houses of Congress for twenty years. Mr. Young served four nonconsecutive terms in the House of Representatives between 1933 and 1951 and in the Senate from 1958 until 1971, when, as the oldest member of the Senate, he retired. He practiced law in Washington, D.C., and in Cleveland after his retirement. Mr. Young was a friend of labor and supported liberal causes, and when in the Senate he sold all of his stocks to avoid conflict between his personal interests and his duties to the public. In 1965 Mr. Young called for U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam. He was a member of three major committees of the Senate: Aeronautical and Space Sciences, Armed Services, and Public Works. Mr. Young was born on a farm near Norwalk, Ohio, and graduated from Norwalk High School in 1907. He attended Kenyon and Western Reserve University Law School, where he earned the degree of LL.B. While at Kenyon, he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. An honorary master of civil law degree from Kenyon was bestowed upon Mr. Young in 1933; Mr. Young was also awarded honorary degrees from Western Reserve University and Central State College. He was also a Chubb Fellow at Yale. Mr. Young's two sons, Stephen M. Young Jr. and Richard D. Young, preceded him in death. He was twice a widower. Mr. Young is survived by two daughters, Marjorie Richardson of Mentor, Ohio, and Soon-Hie Young of Narragansett, Rhode Island, and by five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Marcus Selden Goldman** 1916, on April 22, 1984. He was eighty-nine. Mr. Goldman was born May 12, 1894, in Middletown, Ohio, where he was raised. He attended Kenyon College one semester his freshman year, and went on to earn an A.B. from Miami University, an A.M. from Harvard, and an A.M. and Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He was operations officer, Army Ground Group, Joint Task Force One, in 1946 and participated in Operation Bikini, witnessing both Test Able and Test Baker. He prepared the operational plan for the two tests and wrote the official reports on



the results. Mr. Goldman retired from military service with a four-combat star victory ribbon and two gold chevrons for overseas service. He was dramatic and fine arts critic of the European edition of the *New York Herald* in 1921 through 1923, then classical master at the Hoosac School, Hoosick, New York, in 1923 and 1924. He was hired as assistant professor of English at the University of Illinois, Urbana, in 1926, rising to the rank of professor in 1958. He was the author of a number of books and articles during his academic career and was awarded an honorary doctorate of humanities from Miami University. He was a life member of the Modern Language Association of America, the Mediaeval Academy of America, and the Modern Humanities Research Association. A life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Izaak Walton League of America, in 1968 Mr. Goldman received the Distinguished Service Award of the League's Campaign County, Illinois, chapter. Mr. Goldman belonged to the Campaign-Urbana Country Club, the Hickory Hill Hunt Club, the University Club, the American Military Institute, the Reserve Officers Association and the Retired Officers Association, the Renaissance Society of America, and the Hakluyt Society, among others. Mr. Goldman worked all his life to serve the causes of national defense, the Episcopal Church, the advancement of literary scholarship, and the conservation of wildlife and natural resources in general. An amateur ichthyologist, Mr. Goldman was once credited by the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries with the identification of eleven previously unknown species of fish.

**John A. Wright '27** on August 20, 1984. He was seventy-eight. A retired Episcopal rector, Mr. Wright was born January 3, 1906, in Paducah, Kentucky. Mr. Wright had lived in Henderson County, North Carolina, since 1968. After earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy at Kenyon, he earned a bachelor's degree in divinity at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. He was rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Augusta, Georgia, from 1931 to 1936 and then of Christ Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, from 1936 until 1943. During World War II he was a U.S. Navy chaplain. After the war he was rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from 1945 to 1952. He then joined the staff of the late Senator Mike Monroney of Oklahoma, retiring in 1968. He was a member of Historic Flat Rock. Survivors include his wife, Mary L. Wright; son, John A. Wright Jr. of Hendersonville, North Carolina; daughter, Mary Wright Burton, of Flat Rock, North Carolina; sister, Jane Adair Wright, of Savannah, Georgia; and eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Dane O. Sprankle 1929**, on October 3, 1984 at his home in Bethesda, Maryland, of complications of Parkinson's disease. He was seventy-six. Col. Sprankle was born in Lancaster, Ohio. After attending Kenyon, he earned a law degree at Ohio State University. Before World War II, he practiced law in Columbus, Ohio. Col. Sprankle was a member of the Ohio National Guard and went on active duty with the Army when that unit was called up in 1940. During the war he served in the South Pacific. He remained in the Army after the war, serving at several posts, including Washington, D.C. He was military attache in Switzerland

from 1952 to 1955. In 1961 he retired from the Army and joined GT&E in Washington as a consultant. He retired from GT&E in 1973. He was a member of the Kenyon Wood Country Club, the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, the American Bar Association, the Federal Communications Bar Association, Retired Officers Association, Association of the United States Army, the Army-Navy Club, and the American Radio Relay League. While at Kenyon, Col. Sprankle was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, of Bethesda; a daughter, Patricia Marsh, of Potomac, Maryland; a son, Kenyon W., of Freehold, New Jersey; and four grandchildren.

**Robert K. Fell '30**, on November 5, 1984. After graduation from Kenyon, Mr. Fell studied accounting at the University of Pittsburgh. He worked for the Jones & Laughlin Steel and the Jones & Laughlin Supply Company in Pittsburgh and in Tulsa, Oklahoma, from 1936 to 1941, where he organized three IBM installations. He worked for Alcoa from 1941 to 1947, when he joined Latrobe Steel Company as IBM department supervisor. In 1958, Mr. Fell became accounting department supervisor for the Walworth Company in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. In 1966, Mr. Fell was appointed assistant to the treasurer for data processing at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, Jane; two sons, Robert Jr. and Thomas A.; and three grandchildren.

**Edward M. Schempp Sr. '31**, on April 20, 1984, in Durham County (North Carolina) General Hospital. He was seventy-four. Mr. Schempp was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. At Kenyon, Mr. Schempp majored in English and was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity. After graduating from Kenyon, Mr. Schempp was hired as a millwright's helper at the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation; six years later he was to become the turn foreman of the rolling mill there. In 1941 Mr. Schempp joined the U.S. Navy and served on the U.S.S. *Monterey* in the Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, and Bismarck Archipelago campaigns. He was commissioned Lt. (j.g.) in 1944 and became the commanding officer of the U.S.S. *LSM 124*, serving in the Pacific Theater. After his discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1945, Mr. Schempp returned to the steel industry as superintendent of the steel and armor division of the Henry Disston & Sons Steel Company. Ten years later he was named general superintendent of the Midvale-Heppenstall Company, a position he occupied until his retirement in 1968. After retiring, Mr. Schempp traveled to Peru, the Dominican Republic, India, and Mexico for the International Executive Service Corps — an organization that offers former business executives the opportunity to assist industry in underdeveloped countries. Mr. Schempp's active retirement included serving as treasurer of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Durham, North Carolina, volunteer at the Durham Veterans Administration Hospital, board member of the Durham Arts Council, board member of Troy House (a halfway house for former prisoners), bridge playing, and gardening. Mr. Schempp is survived by his wife, Joan Caldwell Schempp; a daughter, Mrs. David R. Berg (the former Mary Hope Schempp), Tortola, British Virgin Islands; and two sisters, Mrs. Edward Taylor, Green Valley, Arizona, and Mrs. Ted Johnson, Alpharetta,

Georgia. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

**The Reverend John A. Greely '51 B'54**, on November 14, 1984. He was fifty-five. Mr. Greely died while vacationing in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He was born July 13, 1929, in Seattle, Washington, the son of Elbert Russell Greely and Agnes Allehoff Greely. He grew up in Troy, Ohio, and attended public schools there. While at Kenyon, Mr. Greely majored in history and was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. After receiving the bachelor of divinity degree from Bexley Hall, he was ordained in June to the diaconate, then to the priesthood the following January. He was chaplain of Toledo State Hospital from 1954 to 1955; rector of Grace Church, Toledo, from 1955 to 1956; rector of Calvary Church, Stonington, Connecticut, from 1957 to 1963; assistant minister of St. George's Church in New York City from 1963 to 1966; associate rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston, from 1966 to 1976; then rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Edgartown, Massachusetts, until his death. Mr. Greely was an enormously popular man with extraordinary presence. Active in community affairs, he served his neighbors through his involvement in the Edgartown Boys' and Girls' Club, the Edgartown Council on Aging, as chaplain of the Vineyard Masonic Temple and the Edgartown Yacht Club, and through his efforts to assist people with career crises. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ives Greely, of Edgartown; his sons, John Ives Greely and Grant Ives Greely, both of Boston; and his daughter, Mary Alexander Greely, still at home.

**Stephen W. Smith Sr. '53**, on October 23, 1984, at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Hanover, New Hampshire. Smith was a trustee of Kenyon from 1979 until the time of his death. Born in Chicago, Smith lived in Plymouth, New Hampshire, for twenty-six years and was a lifetime summer resident of Squam Lake in Holderness. Smith was a graduate of New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois. While at Kenyon, he majored in political science and was a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. After graduation from Kenyon, Smith attended graduate school in political science at Northwestern University. Smith was associated with White, Weld and Company of Chicago and was chairman of the board of the Pemigewasset National Bank. He was past chairman of the Grafton County Republican Committee and the Plymouth Republican Committee and was past Republican national committeeman from New Hampshire. He served from 1962 to 1977 as state representative, state senator, and member of the Governor's Council. He was chairman of the Grafton County Court House Planning Committee and the Grafton County Nursing Home Building Committee. He was a past Plymouth treasurer and commissioner of the Plymouth Village Fire District. Mr. Smith was a member and past president of the Plymouth Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the board of directors of Sceva Speare Memorial Hospital, a trustee of Haven Heritage Heights in Concord, and a trustee of Holderness School as well as Kenyon. He was former moderator of the Plymouth School District and the Plymouth Congregational Church. In 1972 he received the Granite State Award. Smith is survived by his wife, Dorothy Merris Smith, Portsmouth; three sons, Stephen W. (Wells)



Smith Jr. '81 of Providence, Rhode Island, and Donald M. Smith '84 and Matthew D. Smith, both of Plymouth; a daughter, Jennifer Ann Smith of Plymouth; a brother, George D. Smith II of Winnetka, Illinois; and a sister, Mrs. Mary S. Denison of Lincoln, Massachusetts.

**David G. Clark '59**, on September 7, 1984, in Canton, Ohio. Clark was a life resident of Canton and North Canton and was a partner in the law firm Brouse and McDowell in Akron. He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, where he had served as a trustee and was chairman of the council on ministries. He graduated from Lehman High School in Canton and cum laude from Kenyon, where he was a member of Sigma Pi. Clark received a law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1962, where he was a member of the Phi Delta fraternity. Clark was a member of the North Canton City Council from 1973 until 1976, serving as councilman, councilman-at-large, and council president. He was president of the North Canton Board of Education and member of the Tax and Estate Planning Council of Akron (he was president in 1975, 1982, and 1983). Clark's past offices also included trustee of the Akron Zoological Board Park; member of the Akron Bar Association Probate Committee; fellow in the American College of Probate Counsel; member of United Methodist Church Children's Home in Berea; and member of the Rotary Club of Canton. He was serving on the Ohio State Bar Association's Probate and Trust Law Committee and the Ohio Bar College at the time of his death. He was a frequent speaker at Ohio Legal Center Institute seminars and various other seminars in the Akron area. Clark is survived by his wife, Kay; children Jennifer, Edith, and John, all at home; and brothers James '50 and Tom, both of Canton.

**William C. Foster H'68**, on October 15, 1984, in Washington, D.C. He was eighty-seven. Mr. Foster was born April 27, 1897, in Westfield, New Jersey. He served as an Army pilot in World War I, then earned a degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He went to work in 1922 for the Pressed and Welded Steel Products Company, Long Island City, New York. He became president of the company and continued to head it until 1946. In 1946, Mr. Foster, a Republican, was selected by President Harry S. Truman to be undersecretary of commerce. He became deputy administrator of the Marshall Plan office in 1948 and in 1950 became head of the office. Mr. Foster was undersecretary of defense from 1951 to 1953 and an executive of the Olin Mathieson Corporation from 1955 to 1961. Mr. Foster became the first director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) in 1961, selected by President Kennedy, and served as a principal negotiator of agreements to end nuclear proliferation, the testing of nuclear devices in the atmosphere, and use of nuclear weapons in outer space. He worked at the ACDA until his retirement in 1969 developing innovative treaties between the United States and the Soviet Union designed to lessen the threat of nuclear war between the two countries. During his years with the ACDA, Mr. Foster served as an ambassador to the United Nations. In addition to being awarded an honorary D.H.L. from Kenyon in 1968, Mr. Foster received honorary degrees from Syracuse University, Rutgers University, Bowdoin College, and George

Washington University. He is survived by his wife, Beulah Robinson Foster, Washington, D.C.; his son, S. Robinson Foster, Detroit; and four grandchildren.

**Robert Woodham Daniel** on June 7, 1984, in Sewanee, Tennessee, where he had retired. Daniel was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and earned his A.B. at the University of the South (Sewanee). He began his teaching career at Yale University, where he was awarded the Ph.D. in 1939. Following a period at Harvard University, Daniel moved on to the University of Oklahoma and then to the University of Tennessee. During his tenure at Tennessee, he traveled to Greece as Fulbright Professor of American Literature. After a time at the University of Washington, Daniel came to Kenyon in 1960, serving as department chairman from 1963 to 1972 and as an editor of the *Kenyon Review*. Daniel, who retired as Lee Vaughn Professor of English in 1983, counted among his profes-

sional interests rhetoric and composition (he was author of *A Contemporary Rhetoric*), literature of the Romantic movement, and literary criticism (he was coeditor of *Theme and Form: An Introduction to Literature*). His many publications included contributions to *Modern Language Review*, *Sewanee Review*, *Kenyon Review*, and the *Collier's Encyclopedia*. Daniel was a long-time member of the American Association of University Professors, the College English Association of Ohio, the National Council of Teachers of English, and Phi Delta Theta, and he had served as director of the Poetry Circuit of Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Dorothea; two children, Elizabeth and Thomas, of his marriage to the late Mary Ware Daniel; and one grandchild. A memorial service will be held in the Church of the Holy Spirit in April 1985.

Please see the accompanying tribute to Professor Daniel by Professor Gerrit Roelofs.

## Robert Woodham Daniel, 1915-1984

*The following is a memorial minute adopted by the faculty and placed in the permanent records of the College.*

**Robert Daniel** was a man who had hidden talents. Because he ironically hid the light of his gifts under the proverbial bushel, he was full of bright surprises. He was a genuine romantic. Beneath that calm, classic appearance raged a passion for the purity of Wordsworth's English, prose and poetry, and a warm sympathy for the great and enduring forms of nature. If he looked at a sunset, or Mount Skidaw, he did it, however, sideways so nobody would see him doing it. He caught that "one impulse from the vernal woods" on the sly. Saddened by what "man has made of man," he became a card-carrying member of the NAACP and kept the card in his pocket. He would have rejoiced in a prophetic voice, but he was shy. Too many people in one place silenced him, so he shrank from sounding off an ode, but he had the odetic instinct. Thus he preferred "wise passiveness."

Although nobody now might believe it, Bob Daniel was an astonishing athlete. In his younger days before he came to Gambier he was an excellent tennis player. He never lost his delight in physical perfection. His sense of balance and coordination was superb. In his middle age he could ride a bicycle slower than any of his colleagues or students. His wobbleless ride from the Gates of the Park to Ascension Hall, past racing dogs, running students, and striding professors drew exclamations of awe from all beholders. The nautical command, "Dead Slow," was too fast for him. He barely moved, but he arrived. He never tumbled, as one of his scarred, hard-riding colleagues did.

As Professor Daniel, he was an ironic and inventive teacher. He coined the most useful of rhetorical terms: *onomatophobia*, the fear of naming things, but he never told his students what the word meant. They had to figure it out for themselves. Freshmen as well as all-knowing seniors, and those in between, are always reluctant to name anything for fear that they will be responsible for saying something. Professor Daniel taught them to turn their diaphanous and



cumulus-like prose into concrete blocks with which they could really build a solid, coherent argument and defend it. And he was accurate. He could pick a nit in a manuscript at a thousand yards, which is more than the battleship *New Jersey* could do even with the help of radar, computers, and spotters. He was a legendary marksman in our time.

As colleague, Bob was wit's sole delight. His countenance never betrayed his zest for a joke. He would telephone long distances to hear the newest and latest, and then craftily and impassively spring the new gem on a friend or colleague. The hidden pun, the needling innuendo were instruments of delight for the man who seldom smiled when he sneaked a curve past the Yoricks of the world. He concealed his talents, but we all came to know and enjoy them.

Kenyon College is grateful for the twenty-three year presence of Robert W. Daniel in Gambier and for the gifts and talents he possessed, obliquely manifested but always appreciated.

— Gerrit Roelofs



Don't get me wrong — I like computers. They do lots of good things for me. In the grocery store they check me out in a flash and spit out an itemized list of the things I purchased to boot. If I kept a budget, or wanted to know how much I spend per year on salad oil, that printout would be invaluable. Computers send me personalized letters from the Reader's Digest Sweepstakes, from credit card companies, from the electric company, and from hosts of politicians. If it weren't for those letters I'd have a hard time justifying my post office box rent. I just read the other day (in a personalized letter from the phone company) the voice that tells me the number I've requested from directory assistance is really a computer. It even repeats without being asked, just in case I dropped my pencil. And I read in *People* magazine those zoomy space battle scenes in *Star Wars* were done on a computer and Isaac Asimov writes all his books with one. Like I say, lots of good things.

But I think it's gone too far. Yesterday I heard this ad on the radio:

*Friends, is your language too simple? Are your words too small, your sentences too short? Do your colleagues call you "One Syllable" behind your back? Does the boss chuckle at your memos before he throws them away? Does your mom answer your letters in crayon?*

*Well, friends, **The Obfuscator** can solve your problems. Any simple sentence, understandable to a mere child, becomes lengthy, obscure, rife with jargon, and riddled with punctuation when you use **The Obfuscator**. Even your best friend will be puzzled, let alone your colleagues, the boss, or the IRS.*

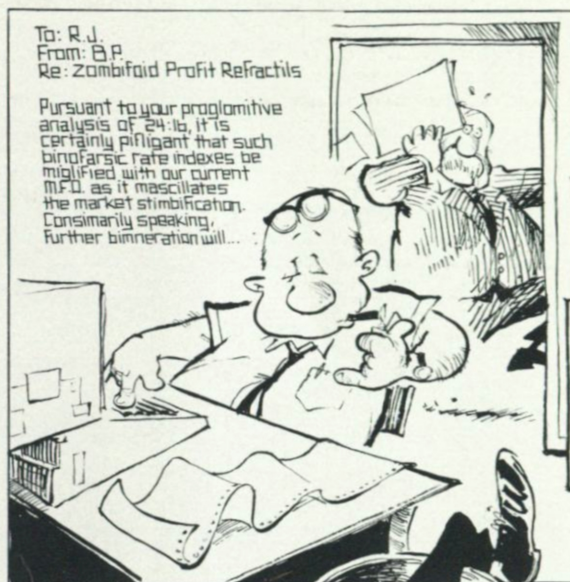
*All you need is a home computer with a word processing program. **The Obfuscator** is a supplement to your word processor, just like a spelling checker or grammar corrector. Simply type in your memo or letter, load **The Obfuscator**, and punch the "0" button. The program does the rest. In no time at all you'll be turning your phrases into tongue-twisters, your declarative sentences into tangled knots, your paragraphs into mazes of verbs even the Department of Education couldn't navigate.*

*Want to tell your friend Ed you got his note and you agree? Don't just write "Ed, I agree." Think how much more impressive it is if your message reads:*

*Pursuant to your most recent missive, I am in complete and total accord. Perhaps we could interface to explore other opinion-intersections and implementations of our commonality of outlook on this and other issues; how about a drink after work?*

*Or imagine reporting this to the school board —*

*After considering all relevant parameters and examining the upside and downside implications of continuing the current practice of providing midday meals for the student-users for whom we are responsible, it is our conclusion the system as*



*presently implemented performs optimally, given the precedent factored-in limitations to be predicted in environments subject to stress-related incidents such as projectilized potatoes and regurgitated jello.*

*— instead of "the school lunch program works."*

**The Obfuscator, Level One**, written for the average home user, comes on cassette or floppy disk. **Level Two**, designed for home or professional use, is available on double-sided floppy disk only. **Level Two** incorporates subprograms you'll find invaluable: **The Jargonizer**, which turns the most innocent words into impenetrable jargon; **The Puzzler**, which will make the clearest sentences meaningless; **The Equivocator**, guaranteed to make the reader say "huh?"; and — my personal favorite — **Who's Responsible?**, a little program that takes the "I" out of what you write and makes guilt impossible to assign. (**Who's Responsible?** is not recommended for persons allergic to the passive voice.)

It's easy to order. Just send \$99.95 for **Level One** — that's right, only \$99.95 — to **The Obfuscator**, in care of this station. If you're ready for **Level Two**, send \$189.95. Government officials qualify for a 25 percent discount.

Now come on, folks. It's bad enough computers help businesses become more efficient and artists and writers more creative — but now they're being used to write schlock. Enough is enough. It used to be writing bureaucrats was the province of the small minded. Those people need to work, after all. But if the ad I heard is any indication, pretty soon the small minded will be as obsolete as steel workers and English majors.

I don't think we should stand for it. It's all very well computers can help creative and productive people crank out more work. I don't care about them; they're going to succeed with or without their machines. But what about the poor klutz whose only role in society is writing boilerplate or who can only keep his job by systematically confusing the boss? Who's going to support these people when they're replaced by computers?

Well, I don't intend to sit still. My organization, NURDS (National Union Responding to the De-mediocrization of Society) is raising money to combat the rising tide of computer programs designed to replace the second rate. Send your contributions to me, care of this magazine. Your dollars will go toward a massive lobbying effort in Washington. If they won't listen, who will?

William Campbell, a member of the Class of 1966, has been playing around with computers for the past two years. He is currently coordinator of academic assistance at the University of Minnesota at Morris and lives in an underground house near Alexandria, Minnesota.

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