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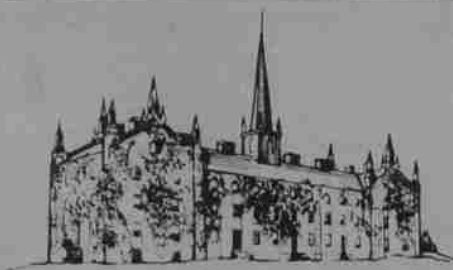
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Provost Haywood

## Backpackers Head for the Hills

By JONATHAN DUNCAN

The liberal arts are headed for the hills, Wyoming's Wind River Mountains to be exact. On August 1, the big blue van will point its hood westward; it will return the 29th. In the interim, the passengers will cover miles at their own speed, and hopefully gain a new perspective on their educations and their lives.

One of the purposes of the Kenyon Wilderness Experience is to provide the opportunity for students and faculty to spend an extended period of time together in a primitive, wilderness setting in order

to supplement traditional campus-oriented learning experiences. According to Russell Batt, who will be heading the program with Professor Ronald McLaren, one of their major goals is to connect the wilderness experience with the educational.

Although the student's world of books, papers, and lectures, is radically different from the backpacker's world, the program heads agree that days of gorp, calluses, self-powered locomotion, and the discovery of muscles you never knew you had before can lead to a clear-headedness never experienced within the confines of an academic community.

Batt believes that student/faculty relationships at Kenyon revolve too much around course work and are too role oriented. In the wilderness "I've learned things about . . . people that I would not have learned otherwise," he said.

The Wilderness Program will teach many outdoor skills, such as first aid and evacuation, expedition planning and leadership, cooking and nutrition, route finding with map and compass, technical rock and snow climbing, and general mountaineering. It will utilize certain academic disciplines to enhance understanding and enjoyment of the wilderness — ecology, botany, geology, and local history.

The program is a spinoff from a larger GLCA (Great Lakes College Association) program. Two previous expeditions took place in 1974 and 1975. If the program is continued Batt would like to branch out into activities such as canoeing, but the status of the program in the future is tenuous. Batt said he would like the Wilderness Program to be a regular opportunity here.

No previous backpacking experience is necessary. Applications and information about cost and scholarships for the program are available from Professors Batt or McLaren.

The month of May begins with a lecture by Prof. William Shapiro of the Political Science Department entitled "Nietzsche's Understanding of Science."

Prof. Shapiro's lecture, which is the last in the Kenyon Symposium series, will be at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 5, in the Biology Auditorium.

Unlike many other critics of the modern age, Nietzsche did not hold science as the key to man's problems. In speaking of Nietzsche's understanding of science, Shapiro will question the adequacy of any of the sciences, physical or social, to solve the problems of the modern world.

## College Honors Students and Alums

At the Honors Day Convocation, May 3, the College bestowed honorary degrees upon three distinguished Kenyon alumni and awarded student grants and prizes.

The featured speaker of the program was Dr. Martin Nemer '52, Associate Member of the Institute for Cancer Research, who received a Doctor of Science Degree at the ceremony. A molecular biologist, Nemer became the first to collaborate with scientists from the Soviet Union in his field. He obtained his Ph.D. from Harvard and attributes his success to his Kenyon courses.

Nemer's speech dealt with ontogeny: the development of the individual organism. Knowledge seeking, he said, is programmed in the brain and our perception of the world is formed by our ontogenetic design. He stated that while developing, we are always at some stage of ontogeny.

Robert Hovorka '25 received a Doctor of Laws Degree. A Kenyon Emeritus Trustee, Hovorka was a "master builder of Kenyon today" according to President Jordan who presided over the ceremony. Hovorka is a retired Senior Vice President and executive for The First Boston Corporation.

A Doctor of Divinity Degree was awarded to Rev. David Hill '49, the rector of the All Saints' Church in Carmel, California. Hill, said Jordan, has made "an educational contribution through life." Hill has helped create several christian schools in California.

The program then proceeded to the awarding of student honors, beginning with fellowships and grants. Christine Grebey '77 and Janette Thomas '77 received the Henry C. Dalton Fellowship in American Studies. The Thomas J. Watson Fellowship for graduates of unusual promise was won by Philip Wagoner '77. The grant provides a postgraduate year abroad for travel and independent study. Kathleen McDonald '79 is in contention for Ohio for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

Michele Moio '77 won two fellowships in science. In addition to winning the National Science Foundation Fellowship, Moio was the national winner of the Iota Sigma Pi National Undergraduate Award For Excellence in Chemistry. The award is given to senior women chemistry students.

Four students received the annual Bookshop Awards for commendable work beyond the requirements of

regular courses as determined by the faculty. The winners were Richard West '77 who wrote a history of the Kenyon Review for the Collegian and the Alumni Bulletin; John Thorne '79 who did a study of geometry for an ancient period in history; Bill Ferrara '77 who wrote the music for the Kenyon production of "Twelfth Night"; and Paul Bardos, president of the French Club.

The George Gund Awards for the best essays on American Life and culture were the first of the College Prizes to be awarded. The winners were Richard West for his "Kenyon Review: An Informal History," Steven Salvatore '78 for "Sherwood Anderson — the work of a Creative Artist in American Society," and Matt Winkler '77 for "William Green: Labor's Prophet for Coshocton."

For work in poetry, Mera Jetton '77 won the Robert Frost Poetry Prize and Woody Newman, for his "Kubrick's and other poems" won the Propper Prize for freshman or sophomore poetry. The essay "Earnest Hemingway: A Question of Style" by Paul Lukacs, won him the George B. Ogden Prize for the best essay in English prose. John Giarrizzo '77 won the Ryerson Prize in Painting.

Scott Klavan '79 for his part as Teddy in "When You Comin' Back Red Ryder" won the Paul Newman Trophy for the top acting role during the year. The Joanne Woodward Trophy for the best female performance went to Sue James '77 for her role in "Happy Days." The Ashford Memorial Award for Excellence in Dramatics was given to Audrey Bullar '77 for her overall contribution to drama this year.

Marcia Brace '77 and Tim Appleton '77 won the Senior Athlete of the year Awards and Don Gregory '77 received the Jess Willard Falkenstine Award for the most proficient athlete-scholar.

For her work at The Mount Vernon State Institute, the Off Campus Activities Program in Psychology, and the study of sign language acquisition, Connie Kendall '77 received the Humanitarian Award for welfare to others.

Denise Fink '77 for her "contribution to the life of the community" and Nina Freedman '77 for "her courage and leadership" were the recipients of the Doris B. Crozier Award. Freedman's vigor . . . dedication to keep Kenyon as a

quality place to learn . . . is surpassed only by her good deeds," which brought her the E. Malcom Anderson Cup. The Cup is given to the undergraduate who the faculty and students believe has done most for Kenyon during the current year.

### Schraibman to Speak

The legends that the Jews have lived in Spain since ancient times are just that; only legends. But the association of the Jews with Spain is a long-standing one. It begins in the first centuries of the Common Era, when the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. forcibly expelled many Jews from Palestine and encouraged the emigration of others.

The centuries that followed saw a mutable relationship between Spain and the Jews, which included a relatively peaceful coexistence under Moslem rule and the persecution and forced conversions of Ferdinand and Isabella's Inquisition.

It was a relationship that at its best was represented by the opportunity for the Jews to contribute to Spain's science, arts and letters. At its worst it found expression in the tortures administered by Inquisitor-General Tomas de Torquemada to Jews innocent of any crime, save that they were reluctant to convert to Christianity.

On Tuesday, May 10, at 8:00 p.m. in the Biology Auditorium, Professor Joseph Schraibman will address himself to that many faceted relationship in a lecture entitled, "Spain and the Jews; Historical Reality and Cultural Expressions."

Professor Schraibman is the Chairman of the Department of Romance Languages at Washington University in St. Louis. He holds his doctorate from the University of Illinois in Spanish, French, and linguistics, and has taught at Princeton and the University of Indiana. Prof. Schraibman has published *Dreams in the Novels of Perez Galdos* and numerous articles including, "Unamuno y Galdos," in *Spanish Thought and Letters in the Twentieth Century*.

Dr. Schraibman is currently an editor of *Hispania* and has devoted much of his time in the last several years to researching and writing on the Jews of Spain. His lecture, which will provide a needed break during reading week, is sponsored by Student Lectureships and the Union of Jewish Students.



## Clements Comes to Kenyon

Who is Vassar Clements? How did he attain the title premier fiddler? Why is he often referred to as the man with a million melodies?

Find out tomorrow night when Vassar appears in Wertheimer Fieldhouse along with Red, White and Blue Grass.

Vassar made his first appearance playing fiddle 27 years ago with Bill Monroe on the Grand Ole Opry. Through the years he became a legend in Bluegrass. Working with various groups only enhanced his ability and curiosity.

In 1971 he received astounding recognition when the "Nitty Gritty Dirt Band" featured him on the album "Will The Circle Be Unbroken." Overnight he was heavily involved in recording sessions and guest appearances with

other artists playing everything from Bluegrass to Rock and Jazz.

Taking every opportunity to enliven his eclectic methods he finally surfaced as a single in 1973 using backup bands wherever he went and sometimes performing alone. Within a year his popularity as an artist was such, the birth of the Vassar Clements Band was inevitable.

Since April 1974 Vassar has been dedicated to his band concentrating on performances that can only be entertaining. He maintains an excellent group of versatile musicians that definitely escalate his innovative abilities. Vassar loves all music and has almost proven the very fine line from one kind to another, not only in the music world but to music lovers as well.

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## Active Alternatives?

At the hearing held last Thursday evening regarding the proposed Activities Center, President Jordan emphasized, "we are at the stage of early conception . . . the Board of Trustees has not authorized this project yet." It would appear that Kenyon students also have yet to endorse this project; the number of students in attendance at last week's hearing could be counted on two hands. Yet dissatisfaction among Kenyon students with the inadequacy of the current athletic, recreational, and social facilities will undoubtedly persist.

Architect Daniel F. Tully said "if construction were to begin tomorrow, it would take less than a year" for completion, and Jordan noted that the start of construction would be "at least two years away." Figuring in the reality factors of inevitable red-tape and inescapable inflation (Tully observed that construction costs have more than doubled over the last six years), the day when an Activities Center is accessible to students appears a long way off, indeed. It is easy to see why most students might consider this "early conception" to be little more than a dream, distant and untouchable.

Speaking on behalf of the administration, Jordan stated the conception of the Activities Center portrayed last week "In our judgment will meet the needs of now and the future at Kenyon." Have you heard about the concerts and performers we "could have had," if only we had adequate facilities? Remember last winter's overcrowding of the fieldhouse and the limited hours allotted for recreational use? Have any aspects of your personal "Kenyon experience" caused you to question the judgment and foresight of those that preceded you? Perhaps if this "questioning process" had taken place at the root of the problem, some of these problems wouldn't exist. —M.P.O.

## The Coming of Summer

This will be the *Collegian's* last issue for this academic year. We apologize to those whose letters were omitted and to the Honor's Day award winners whose listing we could not include; at this end of a semester budgets are noticeably depleted, hence four pages instead of six or eight.

We will return in September to renew *Voices*, a humor column, "Sports-at-a-Glance," and, of course, our strong editorial voice.

Letters and community feedback regarding our previous issues has been greatly appreciated; we hope for the same interest and participation next year.

It bears repeating; We, the *Collegian* staff, are aware that we have obligations to the College community. Our publications will reflect dedication to what we recognize as the role of journalism at Kenyon and the ethics implied by that role. —C.L.S.

# LETTERS, LETTERS, LETTERS

THE KENYON COLLEGIAN encourages letters to the Editor. All submissions must be typed. The Editor reserves the right to edit all material while maintaining the original intentions of the particular submission.

## People not Rats

To the Editor:

I wish to note a glaringly inaccurate statement concerning the Department of Psychology in the "Guide to Kenyon Courses" (April 21, 1977): namely, that "the department is into rats, not people." Although the intended connotation of the statement is not clear, it is clear that its author is hopelessly misinformed. While each of the seven members of the department has great respect for research on animal behavior and recognizes the value of such research in our attempts to understand human behavior, only one member of the psychology faculty regularly uses rats as subjects in his research, and only one other considers animal behavior as his major area of expertise. It would seem to me that a far stronger case might be made for the statement that "the department is into people, not rats" than for its converse.

In the April 28 issue of the *Collegian*, Professors Clor and Crump questioned the "propriety" of the "Guide," and proceeded to express their misgivings concerning the desirability of any such public evaluation of Kenyon courses. Contrary to their opinion, I believe that a student-published guide to course offerings at Kenyon could be a legitimate aid in course selection — but only if such a guide were prepared responsibly, with highest regard for accuracy, completeness, and fairness. The current attempt was lacking in all these attributes, and the authors' awareness of the fact (as evidenced by apologies for omissions and subjectivity) does not compensate for the article's inadequacies. It is my guess that the "Guide to Kenyon Courses" did little to build community support (and may have undermined existing support) for future undertakings of the same sort.

Ronald G. Heyduk

## Insecurity

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly express my extreme dismay and concern about the role of the Campus Security Office. During this past college year, several irksome incidents have occurred involving property of mine. The most recent of these happened last week, when I discovered the front license plate missing from my car. Perhaps some misguided gentleman found its colors (blue and white) attractive. Perhaps he felt that the embossment on the plate

(Connecticut, Constitution State) was very inspiring. Most likely he found the plate number (TAFT-76) to be so eccentric as to provide an intriguing conversation piece for his dorm room. (Street and beer signs are also highly regarded.) At least this misguided gentleman was courteous enough to leave the mounting screws and the plate frame still attached to the plate bracket!

Evidently this fine gentleman is unaware of Connecticut state laws regarding the proper display of license plates on motor vehicles. Two plates are needed; one for the front, the other for the rear. The state distributes no duplicate plates, and operators of improperly licensed vehicles are subject to arrest. Evidently this fine gentleman also fails to understand that the plates, procured at the expenses of time and money, have a sentimental value.

What proves most unfortunate is the motive behind the act. In removing the plate from my car, this fine young man violated the integrity of private property, which I consider to be the most damnable act one can even ponder. In addition, the plate is not my property, but that of the state of Connecticut, and anyone found with the plate in his room or on his person is subject to arrest and imprisonment. After all, he violated the law.

So I would ask that this fine young collegian repent of his act, and become all the finer for his repentance. All he has to do is slip the plate under my door or that of my R.A., Mike Sarap. I wouldn't ask any questions; I wouldn't even attempt to recognize him, or look him full in the face. Believe me, I wouldn't want to know who he is.

If you examine the seal of Kenyon College, you might notice the Latin word *Collegium*, i. n. In its semantic sense a college is a community of people with shared interests, and hopefully, shared values. I wish that all you people reading this share some of the values I've expressed. And if some of you don't, I hope that in the future the security office would maintain the security of the possessions owned by all in the community of Kenyon.

There is more to a college than just its buildings. The security office is quick to fine people parked in the lots or on the streets; it is quick to levy a hefty registration fee for cars on campus. In other words, the security office is quick to skim the profits, but is slow (in fact unable) to meet the more important responsibilities of securing the properties of all.

Security is like the proverbial insurance company. Security demands a high premium, but shirks its responsibilities at a needed moment. "Oh, you'll find that the protection of your property is not included in the contract." Let's face it; security protects little more than the perpetuation of its own existence.

But to hold security responsible for this act is really a wrong thing to do. A *collegium* divides responsibilities equally among its members. Students are among those members, and until we students can show that we, acting as mature adults, can abide by the laws of the land, then Kenyon will fail to become a *collegium*. The loss of my license plate reveals that Kenyon has already failed.

Earl McGann

## Concert Appeal

To the Editor:

Student Council's Social Committee, under the leadership of David Robinson and George Pandaleon, is striving to make Friday night's concert another success. I understand that the committee's recent concert, Jean-Luc Ponte on March 5, was enjoyed

by all. A major reason for its success was the audience's willingness to comply with the *no smoking* and *no drinking* regulations in Wertheimer Fieldhouse. Flagrant violations of these regulations at past Fieldhouse concerts have caused those of us who hold responsibility for the safety of persons and property to seriously consider not permitting concerts to be scheduled there.

This statement, therefore, is a strong appeal to all those who will be attending Friday's concert to give continued support to the Committee by observing the *no smoking* and *no drinking* regulations so that future Fieldhouse concerts may be held.

Thomas J. Edwards  
Dean of Students

## May Day Threat

To the Editor:

I find it singularly repulsive that American students could display open support for communist regimes that have annihilated millions of human beings in their "quest" for the "more perfect race." I am referring to the May Day display of red flags from the windows of McBride. This display was a jest, it was in very poor taste. Why don't these students read about how families are gunned down like dogs as they try to flee the communist countries of Eastern Europe? Communists the world over have shot their enemies like disease cattle. The display of red flags is very stupid. If one supports communism fine, but one should clearly delineate whether he is in support of the doctrine or the present form that now plague our planet.

April 30 was Loyalty Day, a day when many fine Americans chose to show their support for a government that does not drag dissenting voices off to lunatic asylums. It is in America that people are leaving rather than to America that they are coming. America is the last beacon of hope left in the world, its light must not be darkened.

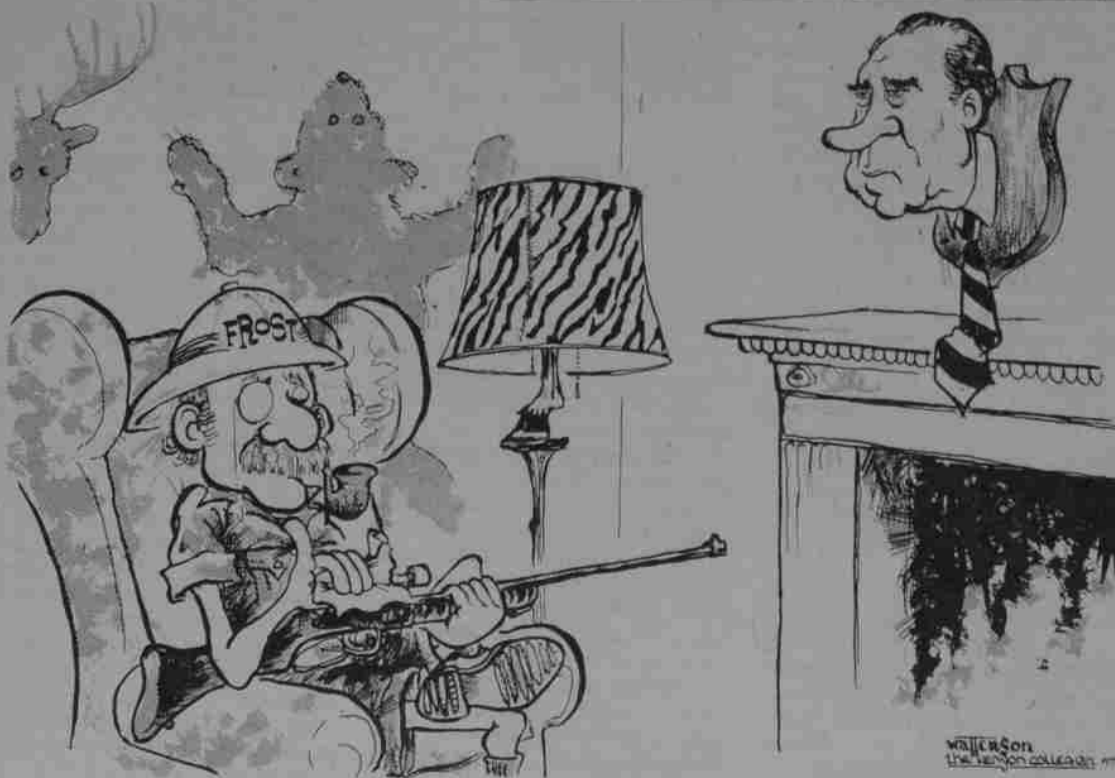
I find it particularly amusing and disgusting I should say, that the majority of those who hung the banners from their windows were from upper middle class backgrounds. The rich of America have often become complacent because of their wealth. There are very few rich families left that have the time to tell their children that America is all about. These juveniles in McBride have obviously not had instilled within them the Work Ethic, which made America a strong and prosperous nation, nor have they had instilled within them the sense that they owe to their country a great debt because of the unparalleled freedom they enjoy.

Elridge Cleaver has been to many communist nations, and now that he tells a gruesome story of oppression and murder, the cocktail party intellectuals, across America, shun him out, though when he expresses sympathy for the communists he is very much in vogue.

"The ideals and concepts of our forefathers have long endured and have forged these states into the strongest and greatest nation the world has ever known, but we need a tremendous resurgence of good fashioned, red, white and blue patriotism, on a daily basis, as we had during our bicentennial year, if we are to continue to endure as free people."

Let those who support the menace be hereby forewarned that the destruction of America shall not be easy, and if blood must be shed for freedom it shall be shed. America will remain a free nation as long as there are those who stand beside her and speak out for her.

Mark Hall



# More Letters

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## Truth in Moderation

To the Editor:

Three times to date Mr. Hallinan has expressed his views within the pages of the *Collegian*. One cannot but admire the strength of his convictions even though one might deplore what he says. However, Mr. Gleason's recent review of *Hearts and Minds* and our part in the Vietnam war and Mr. Hallinan's reply to it have persuaded me that someone should attempt to set both parties straight on the subject, for both have exhibited a certain lack of accurate and/or dispassionate judgement. I do not claim that my letter will fit the bill but its accuracy and moderation may do for now.

To kill one charge at its root, the allegation that the Vietnam conflict was a racist war is both obnoxious and incorrect. As Mr. Hallinan pointed out, we were aiding the Vietnamese government in its struggle against the National Liberation Front. Our part in the struggle was not motivated by racism or by the imperialism which once motivated the French to struggle against the Viet Minh independence movement. But we must bear this slur because the fight we fought was in the same land the French colonists had fought in, and the governments we supported were largely composed of men who had fought on the colonists' side in the 1950's. The dependency of the RVN upon foreign support caused it to be perceived as not being truly Vietnamese, while the Viet Cong, while brutal and terrorizing, were undeniably primarily Vietnamese.

Mr. Gleason's characterizations of American chauvenism, the part America allegedly played in hampering Third World development by fighting in South Vietnam, and the alleged insensitivity of American diplomats to the suffering which went on in Vietnam are almost as amazing as those made by Mr. Hallinan on the other extreme.

Mr. Gleason condemns American chauvenism for having aided the South Vietnamese government, distasteful though that government may have been, and ignores the brutality of the Viet Cong insurgents. He claims that by doing this we hampered Third World development. Does he mean that Communist government is synonymous with the development of the Third World?

As for the 'insensitivity' of our diplomats, I would like to say that Mr. Gleason has slandered such men as Henry Cabot Lodge who struggled to negotiate an end to the suffering which went on in Southeast Asia. That such men failed was the result of intransigence on the part of one side or another in determining negotiating terms, or overconfident predictions of being on the verge of military success, and unwillingness on the part of the South Vietnamese government to surrender any of its authority.

But I am not absolving Mr. Hallinan; his remarks are equally bizarre on the other extreme. His characterizations of such people as Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden as 'draft evaders, malcontents, and war criminals' are bizarre yet are also underlain by a tiny germ of truth. Some Americans are lionizing such distasteful people, but equally as bad, others are generalizing and condemning all who opposed the war as being part and parcel with the true malcontents.

Mr. Hallinan then conducted his orchestral cry that the war was lost because our leaders did not take decisive enough action, remaining 'hesitant.' This calls up echoes of "Let's bomb them back to the Stone Age!" and "We must destroy the village in order to save it!"

Mr. Hallinan is essentially correct in his statement that there was nothing immoral in our decision to support resistance to the Communist insurgents, who were a minority of

the nation at that time. However, his argument collapses when he claims that the South Vietnamese government failed to win because of Russian, Chinese, and North Vietnamese support for the Viet Cong. It was not just the support of those nations which led to the defeat of the South Vietnamese government, though that did play a great part. Rather, it was the failure of the South Vietnamese government, whether headed by Diem, Ky, or Thieu, to try to truly represent the South Vietnamese people and serve their needs.

The South Vietnamese governments failed to offer the South Vietnamese any cohesive policy, no land reform (urgently needed) was ever seriously considered. The ministers and Premiers and Presidents of South Vietnam learned nothing from Chiang Kai-shek's example. The ARVN repeated the mistakes of the Chinese Nationalists, alienating the people, driving some into apathy and others into the arms of the Viet Cong, less out of love for the Viet Cong than out of hatred for the RVN.

When the ruling power held its 'democratic elections' they were elections in which Communists, 'neutralists', peace advocates, trade unionists, most Buddhists, and the few truly viable alternatives to both Thieu and Ho Chi Minh such as Duong Van Minh and Au Truong Thanh were barred from running.

The military ticket used all of the government's powers to ensure its own pre-eminence, closing down newspapers and announcing that non-voters could be subject to arrest. Even so, in 1967, though some 83% voted, only 34% of the votes cast were for the military ticket which continued to govern.

Mr. Gleason, Mr. Hallinan, those of you who have read through to this point, neither side is wholly blameless nor wholly guilty. One cannot dwell upon the sins of one side alone, nor upon the reforms on the part of another. There is no truly 'shining' figure on one side or the other, all had their sincere standard-bearers, their Lockean or Marxian cynics, and their mediocre followers. The bitter taste of what might have been and what was will not be assuaged away by simplified denunciations of each other. The truth lies somewhere in between, to be found in the moderate search.

Robert F. Roche

## Mistaken History

To the Editor:

This is a necessarily brief reply to what has been one of the most erroneous and superficial critiques ever to appear on the printed page. It initially appeared that Mr. Hallinan's sense of futility in the face of the Red colossus had driven him to seek a forum for his paranoid attitudes and naive pretenses regarding the American involvement in the Vietnam War — but underlying his argument are certain presuppositions which are historically misleading and factually inaccurate.

Mr. Hallinan's irrational obsession with the communist threat may appear to him as a rational obligation to uphold that great American sacred cow, the free enterprise system — but has equally led to an attitude of ideological conformity and self-protective blindness on his part. He obviously seems to feel that America is an intrinsically superior country, and thus is not to be judged by the criteria applied to other nations.

While lamenting the 50,000 American lives lost in the war, Hallinan shrugs off with apparent ease the millions of Vietnamese who were burned, blasted, and rendered homeless by a technological and military machine unleashed in the name of making the world safe for democracy. It is truly astonishing that he can believe that American pride and self-righteousness could not have been assuaged at a price short of genocide. One can only wonder whether the democratic ideals Mr. Hallinan pretends to

propound have also imbued him with the compassion, empathy, and insight necessary to comprehend the Vietnamese problem — for his rather dogmatic analysis exhibits an entirely inadequate understanding of the circumstances surrounding the American involvement in Southeast Asia.

To begin with, the NLF and Viet Minh movements were a response to the growing desires of the peasant population to undertake a revolutionary program to remove power from the hands of the foreign colonialists and the few Vietnamese who were profiting from their rule. This, in turn, must be seen within a wider context of an industrially backward, Third World nation attempting to meet the complex demands of economic and social modernization.

The rhetoric used to justify American intervention in the affairs of a sovereign nation — reinforced by the phantoms of a monolithic communist threat and the domino theory — has proven itself to be both fallacious and absurd. The predictions and fears, shared by Mr. Hallinan, of a ritual and systematic slaughter by the NLF, are largely groundless; and have ultimately become merely self-serving propaganda designed to camouflage the destruction the U.S. itself perpetrated in Indochina, which devastated the social, economic, and political bases necessary for postwar reconstruction.

It is more than time for the people in the United States, particularly following the tragic legacy of Vietnam, to identify with people in other countries as human beings rather than impersonal stereotypes. Mr. Hallinan's attitude of confrontational machismo merely epitomizes the rabid McCarthyite attitude which this nation (gratefully) repudiated twenty years ago. If his powers of insight are any deeper than the ink on this page, then it may yet be possible for him to rise above obtuse innuendo and self-serving character assassination and realize the benefits accruing from a liberal education. It might, however, be more appropriate and

charitable to ask Mr. Hallinan to review John Wayne's *Green Berets* the next time it's around Kenyon.

James Hazzard  
Kelly P. Gleason

## Simplistic Attitudes

To the Editor:

After reading Kelly Gleason's review of *Hearts and Minds*, seeing the movie, and reading Mark Hallinan's response to both, I feel compelled to comment on all three. It disturbs me a great deal that apparently people cannot understand the Vietnam war except in terms of American imperialism on the one hand, and blatant Communist aggression on the other. Both Mr. Gleason and Mr. Hallinan agree that the Vietnam issue is not dead. They are quite right, and it is not a dead issue precisely because it is far more complex than Mr. Gleason, Mr. Hallinan, and Mr. Peter Davis (the producer of *Hearts and Minds*) seem to realize. While I do not wish at this point to discourse on the ramifications of the American experience in Vietnam or American foreign policy, I feel it is necessary to regard the issue somewhat more objectively than I think Messrs. Davis, Gleason, and Hallinan have.

I was greatly disappointed in *Hearts and Minds* because I had expected a much more thoughtful film. It troubles me a great deal that it won an Academy Award. It was blatantly one-sided in its portrayal of the United States as an exploitative, imperialistic power. No serious attempt was made to present a reasonable justification of our involvement in the war. A reasonable justification can be made if one is thoughtful enough to view it in the light of our understanding of Communism at the time. One may choose to reject it, in retrospect, but nevertheless, it ought to be taken very seriously. Furthermore, amid all the scenes of destruction and tragedy wrought by the U.S. Army against the South Vietnamese, there was no mention of the destruction done by the North Vietnamese. Instead, we were presented with Ho Chi Minh in a

well-tailored suit surrounded by well-scrubbed North Vietnamese children in the middle of an immaculate French garden.

I was also disappointed in the review of the movie in the *Collegian*. It was so apparent in the movie that Mr. Davis was playing on the emotions of his audience, and Mr. Gleason fell for it, hook, line, and sinker. It is so easy to be critical in the aftermath of the war. Indeed, criticism is necessary if we are to understand our errors and rectify them. However, our criticism should not be limited to American policy-makers (they were the primary shapers of our effort there, not the diplomats, as Mr. Gleason seems to think). It should be directed to people like Peter Davis as well.

Finally, there is Mr. Hallinan's response to contend with. He is certainly justified in his objection to the one-sidedness of the film. However, his reaction is so extreme as to be as laughable as some of the people interviewed in the film by Mr. Davis. His paranoid view of Communism is precisely the mindset that got us entangled in Vietnam in the first place.

How can anyone view Vietnam as a relevant issue when seen from the two extreme positions that have been presented in your paper? I am not satisfied with either, and I would hope that anyone seriously concerned about foreign policy would also not be satisfied. I do not intend to go into my personal views on Vietnam, but I am concerned about the simplistic attitudes that have been expressed about the Vietnam issue.

Vietnam is an example of the rising nationalism that the Third World is experiencing at this time. Our difficulties there indicate that we must re-think our foreign policy toward the Third World. This cannot be done if we regard Vietnam emotionally or self-righteously. Only if it is viewed soberly and thoughtfully in the light of the realities of the situation of America in the world today can we pursue a policy toward these nations that is meaningful.

Karen Spear



## Casablanca

*Casablanca*. Directed by Michael Curtiz. Screenplay by Howard Koch and J. J. Epstein. With Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains, Sidney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre. 1943, B & W, 102 min., U.S.A.

"... Ilsa, I'm no good at being noble, but it doesn't take much to see that the problems of three little people don't amount to a hill of beans in this crazy mixed-up world. Some day you'll understand that ... here's looking at you kid." Bogart, Bergman, Victor Laszlo, letters of transit, Rick's Cafe Americain, a landing strip in the rain and that song of songs. "You must remember this. . . ." If you've never heard of this one, forget it.

## Two Daughters

*Two Daughters*. Directed by Satyajit Ray. Scenario by Satyajit Ray, adapted from two stories by Rabindranath Tagore. With Anil Chatterjee, Chandana Bannerjee, Aparna Dad Gupta, Soumitra Chatterjee. 1961, B & W, 114 min., India.

Satyajit Ray, whose best-known work, "Apu Trilogy," was an eloquent study of a boy's growing up in India, brings his deep humanism and stylistic subtlety to this pair of love stories. Portraying the timeless pathos of the blindness and warmth of romantic love, "The Postmaster" and "The Conclusion" both touch chords of universal human experience beneath the

accoutrements of Indian culture. Yet for Americans whose imaginations reach eastward the film's exquisite rendering of an exotic locale lend it perhaps its greatest fascination.

The quality of Ray's filmmaking is so far above the average in India as to raise him to the status of something of a Krishna among directors. A taste of the exquisite may be gleaned from this film, which has been called by Pauline Kael of *The New Yorker* "The most beautiful short story film I have ever seen, East or West, bar none." —K.S.

## Torrid Zone

*Torrid Zone*. Directed by William Keighly. Written by Jerry Wald. With James Cagney, Pat O'Brien, Ann Sheridan. 1940, B & W, 80 min., U.S.A.

*Torrid Zone* is about a U.S. fruit company exploiting peasant labour in a South American jungle depot. Naturally, it's a comedy (good old Hollywood) and very funny. Jimmy Cagney and Pat O'Brien, garbed in cheery sombreros you could buy in New Jersey, play rival foremen who snarl caustically at everyone but especially each other to pass time in the heat. Ann Sheridan, no Emily Post herself, is a nightclub singer with no passport and a cargo of credit cards who gets caught in the middle. Together these three could take on all of Brazil and that's just about what they do in reel three.

No one would really deny it: The plot of *Torrid Zone* is thinly disguised refuse from a thousand

other pictures, but there's certainly no moral lesson here and the rapid-fire dialogue flies like shrapnel. Sure, the fruit gets bruised, but at least we won't get any letters from Mark Hallinan on this one. —R.H.

## Chafed Elbows

*Chafed Elbows*. Apparently written and directed by Robert Downey (A prince). With music and actors. About 1967, probably B & W, U.S.A., maybe 90 min.

This is a funny movie. It is about a man who swallows money, and finds that his gastrointestinal tracts have made change later that spring. It is *Chafed Elbows*. Robert Downey (a prince), who also subsequently made *Greaser's Palace* and *Putney Swope*, made this film. We ordered this film to show the not other side of *Hearts and Minds* to the YAF, a group which recently unmasked one of the reviewers (K.P.G.) who fills this page. We will not be so rude as to reveal YAF's identity; we are admittedly a little shaken (we once attended a May Day parade). Also wondering why the Chinese communists have taken over Las Vegas and almost the rest of Nevada. Utah is fighting for the Reno Corridor so Utahmanians may visit other Americans in California. Gambling at the casinos is reported to be brisk to heavy, and the YAF has done nothing to win back the state; they suffered staggering losses at the slot machines. And thus Downey's rich imagery calls back the paintings of Conan, Thor, and Kull. —D.W.

## Baseball Sings the Blues

By JOHN PALFFY

The Lord-nine had better soften their lead gloves and harden their rubber bats against Heidelberg in Saturday's doubleheader at Falkenstine Field and at Capital University on Monday, if they are to have any hope of nearing their early season performance.

The Lords put down Capital 2-1 in the second game of the season and lost to Heidelberg 5-4, in a game they should have won, midway through the schedule.

Since those two early season contests though, Kenyon's pitching and hitting have suffered and its fielding has just plain died. With just two batters hitting above .300 — Kevin Spence (.333) and Jim Pierce (.318) — the Lords' .226 team batting average still brings up the rear in the OAC and their ERA has risen to a mediocre 3.91; but the real tragic flaw in the Lord game has become their .919 fielding average. What is most frustrating is that the 37 errors have all seemed to come at the most inopportune times, resulting in 40 unearned runs in addition to 43 earned runs. In comparison, Kenyon opponents have given up only 12 unearned runs on 21 errors.

The Lords have dropped their last three in a row and five of their last six games, giving them a 4-9 season record; hopes of a .500 season have been ruined, and the Lords are assured of finishing in the lower half of the OAC's Northern Division.

Most of the season's damage was done in a set of doubleheaders against last-place Oberlin and league-leading Wooster last week. In losing three of four games Kenyon gave up 36 runs, 37 hits and committed 18 errors in only 28 innings.

The Scots shelled Joe Genre (2-2) with 17 hits as they swept Saturday's doubleheader with a 12-0 win in the second game. Genre's fate was sealed in the first inning as he gave up eight runs on eight hits. After the first inning things went from worse to only bad for Genre as Wooster picked up only four more runs on nine hits. As the Scots were parading around the bases Kenyon was struggling to reach first base; Jeff Bond went two for three to collect half the Lord safeties.

Bill Carlson (2-4) pitched well, allowing only three hits, but was also the victim of an impotent offensive attack in losing the opener, 4-0. The Scots picked up the only run they needed, an unearned tally, in the first inning. After a leadoff single Carlson got two quick outs, but shortstop Kellogg let the third one get past him for an error. Except for the fifth inning in which the Scots earned three runs on a couple of hits and walks Carlson pitched to near perfection, but Kenyon sprayed its five hits through seven innings and reached second base only three times in the best played game of the week.

Perhaps the most painful loss was

the 15-5 fiasco in the nightcap of Wednesday's two-nighter against Oberlin. Nine Kenyon errors treated Oberlin to six unearned runs as starter and loser Dave Nees (0-1) and reliever Kellogg combined to allow 15 runs on ten hits. The Lords never had a chance, falling behind 15-2, on six unearned runs, before they themselves were handed three runs in the last of the seventh.

Carlson's three run homer, his

second of the year, hit the fieldhouse door on one bounce in the fifth inning of the opener to guarantee himself a 12-5 pitching victory. Nevertheless, the Lords still played poorly. Four errors allowed Oberlin two unearned runs and Carlson's seven hit performance was not up to his norm. Rob Stringert knocked in three runs on a single and a sacrifice, and Bond picked up three hits to lead an 11-hit Kenyon attack.

## Closing Comments

### NOTICES ABOUT THE CLOSING OF THE COLLEGE

#### Graduating Seniors

1. Questions about schedules or arrangements for Commencement Weekend should be directed to the Student Affairs Center.
2. All dormitories will close at 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 30.
3. Room keys may be returned to the Student Affairs Center anytime until 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 30. Seniors will be charged for unreturned keys.
4. Please leave vacated rooms in good order.
5. Government Mail: Be certain to stop at the Post Office and fill out a forwarding address card before you leave Gambier.

#### Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors

1. Last meal served to students under the regular boarding plan will be breakfast on Saturday, May 21, in Gund Commons. Students assigned to help with the Commencement functions may obtain special meal tickets from the Student Affairs Center.
2. All students, except those involved with Commencement Weekend programs, must vacate their rooms by 3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 21. Only students who have official duties, as determined by the Student Housing Office, may remain in residence after May 21.
3. Vacated rooms must be left in good order. If other than ordinary cleaning is necessary, special service fees will be charged.
4. Students wishing to store belongings at the College should consult the announcement on room key return and summer storage for full information.
5. Room keys may be returned to the Student Affairs Center beginning Wednesday, May 18 — see room key return and summer storage announcement.
6. Government Mail: Be certain to stop at the Post Office and fill out a forwarding address card before you leave Gambier.
7. If you plan to be at an address other than your regular home address, please notify the Student Affairs Center.

## Stickmen Stuck on the Road

By MARK MARTENS  
and JOHN PFAU

The Kenyon lacrosse team is having its problems on the road this year. The Lords, victorious in all four home contests this season, including a tremendous win over 14th ranked Denison University, have a dismally disproportionate 2-3 record outside of Gambier.

The Lords entered last week with a shining record of six wins and one loss, and with hopes of topping the

Midwest league and heading east for the NCAA finals. However, these dreams subsided as the Lords went down in defeat against last year's number one and two teams in the Midwest.

On Wednesday of last week, the Lords bowed gracefully to a strong, Bowling Green State University team up at B-G, by a score of 10-6. The Falcons surprised Kenyon with a quick 4-0 lead, but the Lords came roaring back with three second quarter goals by junior creaseman Bill Fanning. The Falcons regained

their composure and added two more goals to take a 6-3 halftime lead. The Lords charged back early in the third quarter with a goal by senior co-captain Mark Martens, assisted by junior Bob Samit, both of whom had been thought lost for the season with broken bones. Sophomore Mike Buckman added another goal 30 seconds later, and the Lords were back in the game with the score now 6-5. However, Bowling Green had not ceased its scoring, firing two great shots into the net to halt the Kenyon rally. An additional pair of goals sealed the Lords' doom, even though Martens notched his second goal of the game in the fourth quarter to make the final score 10-6. Goalie Bob Liegner added 19 saves to his total this year, keeping himself on top of the Midwest, if not in the nation.

First round action in the 72-hole tournament begins at 8 a.m., Tuesday, May 24 and play continues through Friday, May 27. Some 120 golfers, including 21 teams and 15 individuals, will vie for honors on the 6,955 yard, par 72 Apple Valley course, said Tournament Director Jim Zak of Kenyon College.

Ohio teams have figured strongly in the first two Division III golf tournaments. The College of Wooster won the first tournament in 1975 which was hosted by Tennessee Martin. Wittenberg University hosted the 1976 tournament which was won by California State College — Stanislaus. Ashland College was last year's runner-up while defending champion Wooster finished fourth.

Zak said tournament play will be preceded by a driving contest at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23.

The Apple Valley Golf Club is located five miles east of Mount Vernon on S.R. 36. The public is invited to view the championship play at no charge.

## Ladies Leap to Victory

By MATT O'FARRELL

There is a Kenyon track team that has "no depth," according to its coach. Despite the glaring lack of personnel (the squad consists of just eight members) this track team has "got quality." This is not just any conventional coaches' praise, for it is actually based in fact. This track team has been quite successful.

By now it should be apparent that men's outdoor track is not the subject of this article. Women's outdoor track has been undeservedly unheralded, even practically unrecognized (considering that women's track is not even listed on the schedule of spring sports, the credentials of this group would be in question if it weren't for the fact that their coach is none other than Athletic Director Philip Morse).

Carrying a winning tradition from an undefeated indoor season, the Ladies met with their first defeats by finishing as runner-up in both of the five-team meets held during the past two weeks.

Last Saturday, the Ladies outdistanced three other schools in

presenting themselves as the challenger to the meet champion, Ohio Wesleyan 93; Kenyon 81; West Virginia Wesleyan 53; Wooster 27 and Denison 6. The Ladies' scoring was paced by the 20½ point output of Cindy Damon, who claimed first in the high jump, 440 hurdles, and as a member of the winning mile relay, and fourths in the discus, shotput, and javelin. Kathy Loomis contributed 17½ points as she garnered firsts in the 100-yard dash, 110 low hurdles, and as a member of the mile relay, and a second in the long jump. Ann Jameson added 11 points in winning both the mile (5:52) and two-mile (13:02). The Ladies swept the first three medals in the mile race as Kim McGinnis followed Jameson by seven seconds, and Kate Bingley earned bronze. McGinnis and Bingley also scored seconds in the half-mile and two-mile, respectively. Gail Daly finished the Kenyon cause with second-place efforts in the 220 and 440 races.

The Ladies have another crack at Ohio Wesleyan, the host of tomorrow's OAC championships for women's track.

## Track Team Sees the Light

By THOMAS R. PARKER

For the first time this season, Kenyon's beleaguered and dogged track team saw light at the end of the tunnel. This past week, Kenyon received a forfeit from Oberlin because of an illegal runner competing for the Yeomen in the meet of April 12. On the 30th, the Lords finished second out of three teams in a tri-meet with Wilmington College and Bluffton State at Wilmington; the final score was Wilmington 76 ½, Kenyon 57 ½ and Bluffton 44.

Kenyon earned four first places in the meet. Senior Lee Markowitz ran a blistering 22.7 220 for his first victory and tied with Bob Jennings in the 100 for his second — both ran 10.5 performances. Mark Schultz reeled off an exciting 2:00.9 win in the 880 and Mike Daly threw 137 ½" to take the discus. Jennings also earned a third in the 220 with a 23.1 clocking.

Clay Patterson earned second places in the 120 high hurdles and

440 IM hurdles (58.5). He also ran a leg of 52.9 in the mile relay, his best of the season. Jeff Day took second in the mile (4:46.7) and third in the 880. Reed Parker grabbed second in the three-mile (16:28.5) and third in the mile (4:55) while Bob Brock cruised to a second in the 440 with a 52.8. Jeff Epstein garnered fourth in the 880 while taking 2 seconds off his previous best. Also, Tom Four jumped to a second in the pole vault.

Dave Troup and Dave Veenstra finished third and fourth, respectively, in the three-mile with fine showings. Jalmers Johnson earned a second place tie in the shot put with a 41'2 toss. Ken Nugent wound up in third for Kenyon in the discus with a 125'2½ throw. Mike Beck, who had placed third in the triple jump against Denison, failed to score, but recorded his personal best of 33'7 on Saturday.

Coach White was especially pleased with the performances of Markowitz, Jennings and Daly among the many excellent performances. Commenting on the season, he said, "Even though we're taking our bumps, we're challenging as well as anyone else."

## Jamieson Leads Golfers

By DAVE TROUP

Senior Dave Jamieson fired a 78 to lead Kenyon to a place finish in the Kenyon Invitational on Friday. Playing at Apple Valley, which will be the site of this year's Division III championships, the Lords shot 412 for their best team total of the year, finishing only five strokes behind first place Capital.

The big story of the afternoon was Jamieson, whose score was good enough to place him in a tie for second among all the golfers in the

competition. Medalist Jim Wilson of Wittenberg was only two strokes ahead of Jamieson with a 76. For Kenyon, Jay Myers shot 81, Dick Herbert and John Hennessy each carded 84's, while Rich Myers rounded out the scoring with an 85.

Despite the fact that Kenyon had the advantage of playing on its home course, the Lords demonstrated that they can compete in the OAC (11 Ohio conference teams participated in the Kenyon Invitational). Next stop on the O.A.C. tour is the Heidelberg Invitational, which takes place on Saturday.

\* RENT-A-SENIOR \*  
Date: Sunday, May 8, 1977  
Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$3.00

This year the senior class will present the College with a gift at graduation. In order to raise funds, members of the senior class have agreed to help people within the College community by doing yard work, typing, packing, spring cleaning, babysitting, tutoring for exams, playing tennis . . .

The cost is minimal: \$3.00 for the afternoon. Please help by "renting" a senior. There will be forms in the SAC to fill out from Friday, April 29 to Friday, May 6 or just call PBX 506, Nina; 207, Susan; 305, Dick; 274, Paula; 378, Lisa.