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SENATE & NOISE

The distinction between warranted and unwarranted noise in and around student residences has been a recent topic of discussion in the Senate. It was generally agreed that any level of noise which has the possibility of annoying others should be reduced or eliminated. Ideally the curtailment of unnecessary noise should be governed by the residents themselves, either by being considerate of others' right of privacy or by a willingness to respond to the request from those who are bothered. Less than ideal situations do occur,

however, when noise is created by the unconcerned while others remain hesitant about lodging complaints.

It was also generally agreed that a major source of offensive noise is unrestrained stereo music, especially when complaints have been ignored. In such instances when cooperation is obviously lacking, the Senate believes that it would be necessary for other authorities, including Campus Security Officers, to exert controls.

Normally, Security Officers respond from complaints, but we expect that they

will also react directly when in their judgment, the sound is blatantly and unquestionably offensive. So, in addition to the Security Officers' judgment about the extent of the noise, he must also determine if the matter can be best resolved by simply making a request to the offender, or by reporting the student to the Dean. The Senate expects that the Security Officers will always give students the first opportunity to handle matters, and will make requests and reports only when all other efforts fail.

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LETTERS



To the Editor:

The Middle East is a proverbial Gordian Knot—few bother trying to unravel it these days when the sword is brazenly at the ready. Ms. Araj's attempt at resolving the dilemma is merely a forerunner of the brash and simple-minded conclusions which we can expect in the near future.

Past Arab-Jewish coexistence is a frequently cited example of the type of treatment Jews may expect at the hands of their Arab brethren once the Israelis open their fortified gates. The public hangings of Jews in Iraq presumably will disappear. The Syrians will stop persecuting the small Jewish community in Damascus and house arrests of Jews will disappear. The Jews in Egypt have already disappeared. This view is based on the identification of Israel and not Jews, as the main stumbling block to Arab-Jewish coexistence. This is a short-minded view which no history student could conceivably accept. For example, Jews in Yemen, from Medieval times onward, were persecuted heavily by the Moslems. Jewish orphans were abducted by Arab rulers and forcibly converted. In response to this practice, Jewish orphans were married off at the age of nine or smuggled out of the

country. Jews are still not permitted to emigrate from many countries, Syria and Iraq among them. Life for a Jew in some Arab towns, during this "ancient peace," was far worse than that suffered by Blacks during the intolerable years of segregation in this country. A Jew had to halt and salute an Arab. Jews were not allowed to walk on the same sidewalk with Arabs. If a Jew mounted on a donkey (the only animal he was permitted to ride), he had to dismount and bow when coming across an Arab. The "ancient peace" is largely an illusion, Ms. Araj, dusted off and repolished whenever it suits the needs of the propagandist, Arab or Jew.

It is unfortunate for the many who have died and suffered on both sides that the Arabs felt the need to "liberate" territories "seized" by Israel during the '67 war. Yet, there would have been no need to liberate any territories at all if the Arabs had not threatened to "throw the Jews into the sea" in '67. You seem to imply that this has not been an Arab aim this time around. That this phrase was bandied about quite loosely in '67 by Arab chieftains we seem to forget and forgive. The ugly belligerence of Nasser, waving Arab war treaties, pulling

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The View from Here



To prevent the weaker members of the community from being preyed upon by innumerable vultures, it was needful that there should be an animal of prey stronger than the rest, commissioned to keep them down. But as the king of the vultures would be no less bent upon preying on the flock than any of the minor harpies, it was indispensable to be in a perpetual attitude of defence against his beak and claws. The aim, therefore, of patriots was to set limits to the power which the ruler should be suffered to exercise over the community; and this limitation was what they meant by liberty.

J. S. Mill: On Liberty

It is now obvious that the Presidency is no longer functioning as it was envisioned by the Founding Fathers. This is not entirely Mr. Nixon's fault. For too long the American people have been willing to have their problems solved in the most expedient manner, i.e., a strong presidency. This in itself is not bad until the man given control decides for himself what the people's trouble is. In the past, presidents have tried to keep an eye on the feelings of the people. Unfortunately Mr. Nixon's administration has been the most remote, hence the most sure of its propriety in dealing with what it imagines to be the needs of the Citizens. The best example of this was the order to Mr. Cox to suspend court actions for the White House tapes, and his subsequent firing. The Administration did not expect the overwhelming outrage that resulted.

In such a time it is important for the American people to do a lot of thinking about the principles on which this country was founded. Our government has deviated so far from these principles that the resignation or impeachment of Richard Nixon would not improve matters much. The office of the presidency must be trimmed to the size it was meant to be. We must restore the presidency to its legitimate position. Impeachment is still far off if the president has yet to be convicted of any crimes. However, we can urge our congressmen to advise the president to resign because he has lost all face and credibility.

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on what I view as a paucity of opportunities for entertainment on this campus. The social committee was allotted about \$9,100 for the first semester to provide for the entertainment of Kenyon students. It should be noted that film society and student lectureships committee are separately funded. All money allotted to social committee comes from the students' \$1 general fee.

Looking back over the entertainment which has been provided I think that more money could have been better spent. Early in the year the social committee determined that the traditional "big" weekends were undesirable so they decided instead to provide more concerts through the year. For this reason there will be no function for independents to attend this weekend when the fraternities will be holding their own IFC party in Rosse Hall. So much for "Fall Dance Weekend".

Perhaps the social committee was right that we do not need the "big" weekends but don't think they have been adequately replaced. With the \$9,100 social committee has brought four concerts (some of questionable quality) to the campus and

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COMMENTARY

On the Equity of Deserts

Faculty and students alike have recently emerged from a most difficult time in the world of academia, namely the deliberations regarding the bestowal of Graduate awards and Scholarships. The "most worthy" recipients have now been determined; so too have many lives. The seriousness and prestige of such awards is, of course, unquestioned. Unfortunately, the less poetic aspect of these awards, the monetary aspect, is too often overlooked. We can all do with a little prestige and some pocket money on the side. But some of us cannot do without the latter. An entire education may hinge upon it.

Having no ax to grind, we would simply like to consider what is just. In future years, should not the real need of each candidate (all other considerations being equal) be given strong emphasis? The Danforth and Watson awards are cases in point. With money, any interesting and creative person can pursue an independent project. But some have more ready access to the necessary funds than others, even from their own familial pocket. Likewise, the financing of Graduate study need not originate in national, tax-free endowment funds. In some cases, however, it must, for otherwise a bright and promising star may be extinguished by practicality.

Saga Speaks

On Thursday, October 25, Saga administered their semi-annual food service survey. It was distributed randomly by the checkers to approximately 10 percent of the student body. The following were the overall results: very good 7.8 percent, good 36.4 percent, fair 41.6 percent, poor 14.2 percent.

One of the primary complaints was the cleanliness of cups and silverware in Peirce. This problem originated at the beginning of the year when the final rinse jets in the dish washer were inoperative and the tableware acquired a film. That problem has since been corrected. In an effort to clean the film off the silverware, we soaked it in a powerful "deliming"

detergent. Unknown to us this detergent ate into the finish causing the spotted effect. Coffee cups, on the other hand, are a continual problem, in that coffee and tea leave stains, which the dishwasher isn't capable of dispelling. We are attempting to correct these problems by having a dish room employee soak and handwash silverware and coffee cups daily, as required.

The most unpopular meal was generally considered to be lunch, which, according to general consensus, is too starchy, not well prepared, contains little variety and too many leftovers. Lunch basically is a "soup, sandwich, and casserole" type meal, and will never offer roast beef, baked chicken, and other dinner type entrees. We have cut down on starchy casseroles and replaced them with more nutritious entrees. For example, in August we introduced in excess of 25 new casseroles to our recipe file, and eliminated a number which had been less popular. Although we do run leftovers, to help control waste, we run them along with our regular menu. Charges of lack of variety are unfounded. We run a minimum of 15 different lunch entrees, and 15 different dinner entrees per week.

Both the food service staff and management are constantly experimenting with new and better ways to prepare your food. Mass producing food always has its problems. These arise largely from the necessity of many times preparing items far in advance of when the product is going to be consumed due to demands on equipment. Obviously, if grilled and deep fat fried items are prepared an hour or so before the meal, and held in a warmer, some of the quality of the product is lost. We will continue to work at keeping this problem to a minimum.

The reaction was generally favorable toward the regular and student staffs, especially at Gund. Several negative comments however were expressed against regulars and students at Peirce about an "I don't care" attitude. We have had meetings with these individuals to discuss their attitude and, hopefully, they will improve it.

On the positive side, many students felt that we are doing a good job with breakfast and with the new Saturday night format. It was also apparent that students understood many of the current economic conditions, and felt that we are doing a good job under these conditions.

We would like to remind those students who feel that "the food program is not as good as last year" that we, and all food services, are operating under tremendous economic pressure. Although increases in the prices of meat products have been most widely publicized, they are by no means the only offenders. Over the past 8 months the price of canned goods has increased by 28 percent, milk is up 18.1 percent, dairy products up 18.3 percent, ice cream up 9.7 percent, frozen goods up 12.7 percent. It is

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FILMS

BEAT THE DEVIL (1950) John Huston; Humphrey Bogart, Peter Lorre, Robert Morley, Gina Lollobrigida. 90 minutes. B & W. GP

"Humphrey Bogart and director John Huston, who teamed up for such award-winning pictures as *THE MALTESE FALCON*, *TREASURE OF SIERRA MADRE*, romp through one of the maddest satires of the screen tradition. They joyously use and happily abuse the very fabrics of their own reputations, the tricks and approachers that characterized Bogart's and Huston's careers. Satirizes screen sex, suspense, adventure and intrigue... a pioneer effort in advance of its era."

PATHS OF GLORY (1957) Stanley Kubrick; Kirk Douglas, Ralph Meeker, Adolphe Menjou. 87 minutes. B & W.

"...by the Magnificent director, Stanley Kubrick, stands as one of the most savage studies of men in armed conflict ever made. The film is concerned with the plight of a company of French soldiers caught between murderous German gunfire and the sadistic ambitions of a commanding general forced to retreat in a truly hellish battle, the company is disgraced in the eyes of the General who orders three men to be selected at random from the company and shot for cowardice."

MINISTRY OF FEAR (1944) Fritz Lang; Ray Milland, Dan Duryea, Marjorie Reynolds. 84 minutes. B & W. GP

From the first scene, when the hero leaves an asylum to enter a Caligariesque fairground, the film is a hymn to paranoia and uncertainty... the mysterious cake, the blind man, a seance, a pair of scissors... secret agents, a gunshot and a pinpoint of light suddenly appear in a dark room.

Directed by Fritz Lang (M), taken from Graham Greene's novel: "Everybody has to die and everybody fears death, but when we kill a man we save him from a fear which would otherwise grow year by year."

Due to a conflict of interests, there will be no films on Friday. *BEAT THE DEVIL* and *PATHS OF GLORY* will be run on Thursday at 8:00 and 10:00.

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-M.B.



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the UN troops out of the Sinai and publicly announcing his war intentions seem to fade in the clear respectability of this latest conflict. Almost. The years of Syrian shelling from the Golan Heights on civilian settlements in the valley below are not easily forgiven by Israelis, no matter their political persuasion. The Israelis would have been reasonably content not being allowed to visit the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem because Jordan prohibited it (in violation of UN agreements) as long as the Israel-Jordan border was relatively quiet. Jordanian shelling and troop movements in '67 have forever erased the barrier dividing the Holy City.

I am not sure where you derive your figures for the refugees, Ms. Araj. In the area allotted to the Jews by the UN, there were at most 650,000 Arabs of which a sizeable number remained put. (I suggest you refer to statements by the late UN mediator, Ralph Bunche, and others concerning the figures and the origins of the refugee problem.) There were 10 million refugees following the first India-Pakistan war although no one refers to them as such. They have all been resettled. As for forcing the Arabs into refugee camps, the statement is more than a bit absurd. The Gaza strip was run by the Egyptian military. It might interest and surprise you to note that the land given to the Arabs for a Palestinian state was overrun and annexed by the Jordanians in the '48 war.

I hate occupation no matter who the occupier, but the Jews must be credited with providing new homes for the refugees as well as jobs for those who want to work. It is far more than their Arab brethren have done. In addition, the Arabs are free to travel throughout Israel as did more than 150,000 Arabs from Arab countries in the last year alone.

War is a terrible thing, Ms. Araj. I hate to see Russia and the U.S. providing military might to both sides, but I hate even more, the notion that it is acceptable for the Russians to supply their Arab clients while we sit on our hands watching Israel die. Moreover, I do not think it proper, if we

cannot affect Kremlin foreign policy, as you claim, to bring back the Chamberlain umbrella. Appeasement is not the same as peace, although the sound of the words might have confused you.

I would like to overlook your remark about Jewish money and manipulation, Ms. Araj. I would like to, but I cannot. It is a blatantly anti-semitic statement that smacks of borrowings from the infamous and now discredited, "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," still printed widely throughout the Arab world. As for buying Senators and Congressmen, Ms. Araj, Arab money, derived from their huge oil holdings, is far more abundant than anything the Jews of the U.S. could muster. Apparently, most of our statesmen just won't touch it.

I am sorry that you may be having trouble sleeping at night, what, with nightmares of a (nuclear) holocaust. Jews frequently have the same dreams. On October 4 the Egyptian newspaper, *Al Akhbar* declared:

"Hitler was right, for the Jews are vampires who suck the blood of humanity. They were burned in the ovens of Hitler—one million, two million, six million. Would that he had accomplished it fully."

Sincerely,
Mark S. Goldstein

Letters cont.

partially funded the National Theater of the Deaf. They are also planning a dance after Thanksgiving. Thus \$9,100 has been on five evening's worth of entertainment, to say nothing of the fact that for most of the occasions students bought tickets thus adding to what they had already paid in their general fee.

Last Sunday night the chairman of this year's social committee resigned. In view of this, I think it is time for the Kenyon student body to decide how we want our money spent. As a school of 1400 we cannot afford to provide the same type of program as a school of 40,000. We have been trying though and the quality shows it.

We DO have alternatives. Last weekend the freshman council put on a party in Gund Commons. For \$300 plus the cost of beer

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IFC Fall Weekend Bash

Films at Rosse will be shown this week Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, to make room for the **IFC Fall Weekend Bash** Friday night. The party is closed; admission is limited to frat members, pledges, social members, and women. The party will run from 9 p.m. til 1 a.m.; there will be a live band and beer.

"The Irrelevance of Social Sciences"

This evening, at 8:00 p.m., Professor Werner J. Dannhauser of the Dept. of Government at Cornell University will deliver a public lecture entitled "The Irrelevance of the Social Sciences". The address is to be given in the Biology Auditorium.

Professor Dannhauser's field of scholarship is Nietzsche. He has been published in numerous periodicals, and at one time served as Associate Editor to *Commentary* magazine.

An open reception will follow the lecture.

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they had an excellent band and a good time. Certainly the social committee could sponsor more functions of this nature.

Another idea would be for the social committee to provide busses to take students to concerts or other social events in Columbus or on other campuses. With ticket buying hassles taken care of by social committee (perhaps at a group rate?) We would have two problems sobered at once: that of entertainment and that of isolation.

I am not saying that these are the only possibilities, I am also NOT advocating the abandonment of concerts altogether. I do think that a few high quality concerts with other forms of entertainment available would be preferable to our present methods of throwing our money away and then moaning that there is nothing to do.

I hope that if anybody feels as I do they will make their opinions and ideas known to their student council representatives.

Barrie Byrnes

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estimated that in December, when new breed bids come out, they will be up 30 percent.

Other concerns of students were with both cold food and flies. We share these concerns. At this time we have good food heating equipment in both Gund and Peirce, so there shouldn't be cold food. We will more closely watch that the equipment is used to its full capacity. Flies will always be a problem during September and October, particularly in a building like Peirce which has many outlets to the outside which are left open. We spray daily, but it is almost impossible to keep up with the influx. The only permanent solution to the fly problem is a good hard frost or two, to kill them.

Finally, some students expressed a concern that, management answered any questions, comments, or suggestions with lip service only. We want to emphasize that we do welcome and listen to suggestions, and that we do respond within our limits. We do try at all times, to be a food service, and recognize that the students are our customers. They are the ones we are employed to serve. We are, of course, bound to a certain extent by constraints, both financial and practical, but we are always more than willing to listen to and actively consider any comments or suggestions which are brought to us.

We would like to thank the students who responded to the surveys for their constructive criticism and comments.



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BUCKY FULLER TO SPEAK

On November 26, at 8:00 p.m., Buckminster Fuller will speak at Rosse Hall under the auspices of the Student Lectureship Committee. Mr. Fuller, a renowned inventor (Geodesic dome), philosopher and architect, is also an abounding optimist who should have many encouraging words for the future.

LOOK IN THE SKY

For those of you whose sidereal clocks have run down, it's that time of millennium again. Kohontek's comet will be taking its once every million year spin through our galaxy. Astronomers predict that it will be quite a spectacular sight once it reaches its closest point to the earth in mid-January; being much larger than the seventy-five year Haley's comet. It should be first visible above the horizon this Sunday (Nov. 11) just before dawn in the southwest sky. After December 28 it can be seen just after dawn. It will eventually fade away in about three and a half months. See it while you can—it won't be this way again for a million years.

Kenyon was stifled by the hard hitting Wilmington team until the 4th quarter when George Letts scored on a 13 yard sweep. The Lords had sustained several drives, one highlighted by a 32 yard reverse field run by Joe Szmania to the 5, but 3 key interceptions by the visitors helped to deny any scoring. Only one Wilmington touchdown came on a long drive, and the defense limited them to 49 yards in the air, but the Lords were battered on the ground, giving up 346 yards. Clements at quarterback completed 20 of 37 passes for 249 yards, with Myers catching 11 and Leonard 6. A win is needed in the final game of the season, played this Saturday at Centre College in Kentucky, to give Kenyon a (4-4) winning record for the fifth time in the past six years.

Sexuality and Homosexuality

This Sunday, Nov. 11th, in Peirce Lounge at 3:00. A discussion among students, faculty, alumni, townspeople.

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