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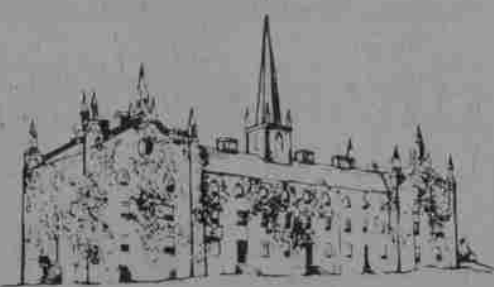
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## Gloom, Dismay Mark Responses To Imposed Calendar Changes

By Steven J. Lebow  
News Editor

Drastic cutbacks in fuel allocations forced the college to announce, this week, an early spring vacation beginning March 1. The vacation, originally scheduled to begin March 8, will end on March 24. "We have thought that two weeks vacation should not disrupt courses and the work of the students and faculty members greatly," said Forrest Haywood. "I can only hope that three weeks doesn't. I'm worried that it may." The reading period has been shortened from a week to three days. Classes will end on Thursday, May 8, and examinations will begin the following Monday, May 12. All major buildings will be closed during the spring break and students will be discouraged from staying on campus during this time to insure the fuel bill is met.

Many students were dismayed by the shortened reading period and the limited housing available on campus during the spring break. "Nobody, nobody, wants a reading week as much as is proposed," said Kevin Martin, Student Council President. "A lot of comps are due right after

vacation," said one senior, "and since no one will be allowed to stay over the vacation, seniors who were planning to stay over that time and work are really going to have problems." A member of the swimming team complained, "I don't like the loss of reading week or the fact that we (the swimming team) have to stay during that week. Everything here will be closed up (March 1) and we can't stay in our rooms."

Other students were less opposed to the changes. "It was the best thing they could do under the circumstances," said a freshman.

Other cutbacks will include limiting the usage of fresh-air handling units in the library and Gund Commons. Air handling units in Bexley and the Mather classrooms have already been completely shut down.

"If I didn't think this measure would work, I wouldn't be proposing it," said President Caples, in an interview with the Collegian. "We've tried to study this thing as well as we could and then come up with our best judgements."

The cutbacks, urged by Columbia

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## Kenyon Faculty Mandates Four Point Grade Scale

By Ed Gorenc

The Committee on Academic Regulations met Monday afternoon to discuss five proposals concerning grade and credit changes. Of the five, the Committee passed three.

The first of the three reads as follows: "That the College adopt the

four-point scale for grade averages as soon as it is feasible." Said Professor Seymour, secretary of the Committee, "This action brings Kenyon in line with graduate schools and other institutions using this system." The change contracts the mathematical scale, because "plus" and "minus" grades will still be included. Therefore, a B+ will equal 3.33 and an A- will equal 3.67 points. The Chairman of this Committee, Professor Drake, told the Collegian that the change is "hard to do quickly" and "involves the computer as well as time." Mr. Seymour added that "this decision will have no effect on the seniors."

Also passed was the motion: "That in determining collegiate honors, the cumulative average be calculated on the basis of all courses attempted." This amendment requires that F's be included in calculating averages for the semester. The amendment "will become effective with the Class of '79."

Finally, the motion concerning collegiate honors for transfer students was passed. "Students who earn a cumulative average of at least

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## College Hit With 12% Real Estate Tax Increase

By Ed Gorenc

A 12 percent increase in real estate valuation will require Kenyon College to pay more on its property holdings, the Ohio Department of Trans Taxation announced last week. The increase will affect all of Knox County.

In an interview with the Collegian, Vice-President of Finance Samuel Lord said that "there will be no tax on the main plant, only on the residences and land holdings themselves." Kenyon owns slightly more than 500 acres and, according to Mr. Lord, "presently pays between \$25 and \$26 thousand in real estate taxes." A 12 percent increase will result in Kenyon paying an additional \$3,000 annually to the state. Mr. Lord

said that "the funds for the increase will come from the general college fund," and that the effect of the tax would be "minor." Kenyon's land holdings include all of the college-owned property, as well as the ground of the old airport, which is currently leased as a corn field.

Because real estate payments are made for the previous quarters, an increase would not affect Kenyon until later this year.

## Law Allows Access To Student Records

By Tom Ford

College students are now guaranteed the right to review their official school records, due to recent Congressional passage of the "Buckley Amendment".

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 went into effect on November 19, 1974, and, while it has not affected Kenyon to any great extent, the bill provides for a vast opening up of records in schools across the country. The bill, written by Senator James L. Buckley (R-NY), covers all schools receiving Federal aid. This includes most public schools and all but a few colleges and universities.

Information which the parents of students under eighteen, students over eighteen and college students have a right to see, include, but are not limited to: identifying data, academic work completed, level of achievement, attendance data, scores on standardized tests, teacher ratings and observations, and reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns. The Buckley amendment also guarantees the right to a hearing challenging the content of the records, "to insure that the records are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of students."

Letters of recommendation and evaluations received before January 1, 1975 are to remain confidential, if understood as such at the time they were written. Amendments to the bill and HEW guidelines have given schools the option of destroying these letters and other such confidential material, provided that the student and parents are notified

prior to their destruction. James G. Williamson, Dean of Records and Research, said some confidential material has been destroyed at Kenyon and that in the future letters of recommendation will be returned to the writer after being used by the admissions staff.

Thomas J. Edwards, Dean of Students, said the Buckley amendment will have little effect on the policy at Kenyon. In the past, student files have been open to students' inspection. Dean Edwards stated that there is nothing in the student's personal file that the student does not know about. The student's file contains his application, secondary school reports, correspondence with the



Dean Williamson

school, academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, letters of recommendation and evaluation, disciplinary reports, deficiency reports and petitions.

However, Dean Edwards and Dean Williamson both said the deficiency reports will remain confidential in most cases, and will not be shared with the student. A deficiency report is made when a student receives less than a C- grade in a course. There is a place on the report for the teacher to speculate on the reason for the student's low grade; in most cases these comments are withheld from the student.

Whenever a student wishes to review his file a request must be made to Dean Williamson's office. The Buckley amendment requires compliance with the request within 45 days, but in most cases the request will be answered in a much shorter period, often at the time of the request. An office worker will

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## Kenyon's House System

The controversial House System was introduced to the College this past semester. In this feature, the Kenyon Collegian provides an analysis of the system's present status.

By Steven J. Lebow  
News Editor

A year of debate in Senate and four months of heated discussion between administration, faculty and students accompanied the introduction of the House System. After a period of confusion and uncertainty this year, the House System was finally established at Kenyon in the late months of 1974. Under the aegis of Dean Susan Givens, the system initiated house councils in all of the upperclass dormitories, set up a central council for representatives from all of the houses and provided the framework for the changes to come.

The system, when first announced by Senate last year, was viewed

unfavorably by many students. A Student Council referendum to gauge student reaction to the system, in which only 30 percent of the student body voted, showed clear opposition to any proposed changes. Eighty percent of the students who voted were against the House System as originally proposed.

After weeks of discussion between students and administration, opposition receded. By the end of last year the administration was committed to going ahead with the system, despite initial student opposition.

### Intents and Purposes

According to a release from the Student Affairs Center, the purpose of the House System is to provide "greater student-faculty interaction outside of the classroom, enriched and responsible student-student relationships, and increased interaction with the Board of Trustees and alumni."

The system originally intended to provide a social outlet for independents (including women) and to facilitate social functions outside of fraternity activities. Many fraternity members were opposed to the plan because they felt it would undermine one of their important functions, providing social activities, and would weaken the fraternity system.

Last semester saw about a 10 percent drop from last year in pledges, but fraternity presidents were not overly concerned about the decline. Some fraternities, particularly Delta Tau Delta, did better than in previous years.

"I can't see how the House System has hurt the fraternities," said Bill Geist, last semester's Delta Kappa Epsilon president. "I don't think that it'll hurt that much. All we've got to do is show the freshman that we've got something to offer."

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Dean Givens playing House.



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## Necessary Action

Two weeks ago Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., informed the College that its gas allocations for the next two months will be cut by forty percent. No one can blame the administration for not being prepared for the announcement. During the past year the College inquired periodically of Columbia whether or not a shortage was to be expected. Each time they asked, the answer was "No, don't worry." The recent announcement was clearly an indication that Kenyon is now going to suffer many of the consequences resulting from the "Energy Crisis". As President Caples stated on Monday, January 20, "The question now becomes, what can we do to keep Kenyon running with the least possible interference with our main task of education?"

Immediately, the administration went to work and produced alternatives, which, if not satisfactory to all, are necessary. Forced to act in a limited period of time, the administration proposed a course of action that will preserve the intent of the College curriculum. The reduction of the temperature in College buildings and the extension of Spring vacation are inconveniences which can be tolerated. It is apparent that all members of the Kenyon community will have to make some sacrifices. Students, in particular, will have to consider the dilemma that now besets the College.

The shortening of Reading Week was bound to be unpopular. Yet such an act was called for, given the fact that the College could not conceivably alter its calendar without jeopardizing the continuity of the curriculum. Preparation for final examinations will have to begin earlier than many had planned. Even in this case, the administration showed itself to be sensitive to the pressures upon students by asking professors to refrain from giving examinations, quizzes, papers, and projects after April 25. No doubt this compromise was attempted on behalf of the students.

The outcome of the gas shortage in the future is not clear, but Kenyon's own energy crisis has been temporarily abated through the resourcefulness of the administration.



"Hot Air Inc., must announce an embarrassing 40 percent reduction in your heating fuel supply—but take heart, for we have diversified into a new line of products . . ."

# Buckley Amendment Q & A

By Tom Ford

•How broad is "any and all official records, files and data" meant to be? Does it include medical files (including psychiatric files), counselor files, adviser files or only individual professor's and dean's files?

RESPONSE—The language involved here is: "Any and all official records, files and data directly related to their children including all material that is incorporated into each student's cumulative record folder, and intended for school use or to be available to parties outside the school or school system."

The amendment seems to be addressing administrative files and records and not those of psychologists, counselors or professors, if these files are not intended for use of those other than the one individual. Records for "school use" include those created by an office or school division intended for the use of that office or division.

•Can a school create and keep "unofficial files" for filing confidential data?

RESPONSE—In all likelihood, no. Following the above quote is a list of items intended to prevent this type of file: "And specifically including, but not limited to, identifying data, academic work completed, level of achievement (grades, standardized achievement test scores), attendance data, scores on standardized tests, interest inventory results, health data, family background information, teacher or counselor ratings and observations and verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns." This would seem to include deficiency reports, which are being kept confidential at Kenyon, but this is still unresolved.

•What effect does the Buckley amendment have on placement files and academic credentials files, both of which contain confidential recommendations?

RESPONSE—These files are set up at the student's request and in most instances there is an agreement of confidentiality. If so, the right of access has been waived by the student. However, since these files will have an effect on the student's academic or job prospects it would be only fair to give the student a list of the items about him which are being distributed to employers and schools.

•Will students be permitted access to their parent's confidential statement?

RESPONSE—No. As the law states that only material directly related to the student should be available, the PCS is excluded from the right of access.

*... administrators have said that removing confidentiality from these letters will result in bland letters and teachers will be afraid to put anything in a letter which they could not be sure of being able to prove."*

•The law, then, regulates what schools may and may not keep in files?

RESPONSE—False. The law does not define what may and may not be kept in a student's file. The college determines that.

•As the law provides the opportunity for a hearing if the student wishes to challenge any record believed to be inaccurate, or misleading, does this mean that a student can demand a hearing because his paper received a B when it is thought an A was deserved?

RESPONSE—The question of a grade is to be taken up with the teacher involved or through channels set up by the individual institutions.

•Because the law transfers the rights of the parents to the student once the student enters college, no matter at what age, can the college

then give information to the parents without the student's consent?

RESPONSE—The law does not prevent the school from informing the student's parents of a bad accident, suicide attempt, an arrest or even of poor grades, if it is believed that the parents can provide assistance on these matters.

•Should a student be permitted to read letters of recommendation or evaluation?

RESPONSE—Those written before Jan. 1 will be kept confidential and there are alternatives for letters received after Jan. 1. The question of confidentiality of letters is a matter open for debate and not associated with this law.

Clearly, a confidential letter of recommendation is desired by colleges and employers because they feel a writer can be more candid in his statements if it is known the subject will not read the letter. However, because the subject depends on these recommendations for acceptance into a school or job, it is most important that he be sure the letters be of a helpful nature. A bland but supporting letter will increase an applicant's chances of acceptance as much as a well-planned, informative letter. The student should be permitted some idea of what is said in the letter, if not total access. However, administrators have said that removing confidentiality from these letters will result in bland letters and teachers will be afraid to put anything in a letter which they could not be sure of being able to prove in court.

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The box office is now open for the Kenyon College Dramatic Club winter production, THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA by Tennessee Williams. This uniquely powerful drama will play January 30, 31, and February 1, 6, 7, and 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the Hill Theater. All Kenyon students receive free admission with the presentation of their I.D. card at the Hill Theater Box Office, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. any day except Sunday.  
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## Letters To The Editor

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.

### Judicial Board Fire Announcement

To All Members of the College:  
Just before winter vacation, the Judicial Board heard a case involving the violation of College regulation II-5 (fire). The accused student was found guilty and penalized accordingly. In its deliberations the Board unanimously agreed that, in light of the tragic history of fires at Kenyon, all members of the community should be reminded that all College fire regulations will be enforced very strictly. Please read the following regulations carefully:

Students are reminded that fires is a serious and constant threat. Each residence will be organized for fire protection, and drills will be held. Students are expected to cooperate fully and to be conscious of fire safety precautions. Residences are to be evacuated immediately whenever a fire alarm sounds, day or night.

a. The only heat producing electrical appliances permitted, other than those provided by the College, are electric blankets, irons and enclosed coffeemakers with UL (Underwriters Laboratories)—approved electric

cords. Hot plates, especially, are not permitted.

b. Tampering with fire alarms, extinguishers, or the glass cases containing the extinguishers, fire hoses, etc. is considered a very serious offense; violators can expect to be fined and/or suspended from the College.

c. The possession or shooting of firecrackers is prohibited and is considered a serious offense.

d. Fire doors are not to be propped open at any time.

(Student Handbook, p. 83)

Recent events have made this urgency all the greater. Fire has claimed too many lives already in Gambier, and the Judicial Board wishes to inform all students that even the most frivolous violation of fire regulations will be severely punished. We ask for your full cooperation.

The Judicial Board

### Donations Requested For Knox County Poor

To the Editor:

Because of the recent large-scale lay-offs in Knox County, several hundred families have applied for Food Stamps and unemployment compensation. Many of these have very little reserve cash to live on and some are running out of food. The

Emergency Food Shelves have been giving out food to these families to help tide them over for a couple of days. This isn't a solution to their problems, but it does help in a desperate situation.

The Food Shelves are running low on food and more is needed. We are appealing for donations of all kinds of food, soap and paper goods. Especially needed are: powdered milk, canned meat and soup, and peanut butter. The shelves are at the Welfare Department, Interchurch Head Start School and Danville Neighborhood Center. Food can be brought to these places or left at the food baskets in Big Bear, IGA, A & P, Krogers and the Village Market in Gambier.

A can of soup donated each week is a small contribution, but it can make a big difference to a Knox County family.

Joyce Klein for the  
Knox County Hunger Committee

The article "Tenants Association Formed to Fight Rent Increase" in last week's Collegian (January 16) included the line "The residents were assured last year that no rent increase would be imposed until this summer." It should be noted that this was according to tenants' spokesman, Professor Seorza and was not verified by the management or owners of the Morgan Apartments.



# WKCO: Atypical Programming

This is the concluding installment of a two part series on Kenyon's radio station, WKCO. Last week the history of WKCO was examined. An analysis of the station's policy and its present status follows.

Article from Piranha News Services

The policies formulated in 1971-2 have not been significantly changed. Exhibit 6 on the application, a statement of purpose, is the definition of WKCO's intentions as a radio station. For one thing, our status requires that our broadcasting be non-commercial, that is, programming that would not be economically profitable, and in central Ohio that means anything of seeming value: progressive rock (not top 40), classical music, jazz, educational programming, and local news coverage. We are mandated to present "atypical programming"; Exhibit 6 defines our existence under FCC aegis. We are, simply stated, required to be different.

The exhibit is quoted as follows: "The station . . . will be established to provide an educational

service to the members of Kenyon College and the surrounding community. This sort of material will constitute the bulk of programming. In spite of many attempts at classification there is essentially only one criterion for educational programming, that it provides the listener with a new or renewed appreciation of, increased understanding of, different views or an introduction to some topic of interest; its essential feature is precisely that energy and spontaneous discovery which should characterize radio programming at its pinnacle. The station will, then, seek to improve the diversification and dispersion of educational opportunities now available in the area.

Emphasis is on atypical programming, as an alternative to the less liberal format of commercial radio. Objectives are to provide a quality alternative entertainment and educational material in an operation run and supervised entirely by students."

This has created massive

misunderstandings within the station and the community. We cannot put on a top-40 show; we don't need to. WNCI and their ilk do that well enough. The few top-40 types we have will be graduating shortly and they will not be replaced. The station seeks diversity in its talent. This also means that WKCO will never be a purely rock or jazz station, and it will never give up its primary duty, to educate and intelligently entertain the community. Too many students fail to realize this. It is not a perversity on the part of a small elite band of elitists that keeps classical on the air. We have to serve our community, all of it, and in trying to do so we will try to offer everything that could interest the great diversity in interests to be found in Gambier. There have been several polls issued to achieve this end.

In programming terms, the division of music programming has been roughly plotted at 60 percent progressive rock, 20 percent jazz and 20 percent classical. The polls indicated a strong desire for rock at night, folk-rock on the morning shows, and classical (or specialty shows, as they are called) during the early evening hours. WKCO has used this scheme.

The station, like any organization, has a hierarchy.

The positions are self-explanatory. The station manager is elected by veteran station managers

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## Peircing Comments



## Kenyon Quiz

By J. A. Gioia

- (1) Why did you come to Kenyon? a) educational advancement. b) liked the campus. c) willingness to blow five grand. d) blackmail.
- (2) The students at Kenyon are generally: a) happy. b) morally regressive. c) bewildered. d) schizoid.
- (3) By and large the faculty strike you as: a) intelligent. b) secondary. c) expendable. d) gay.
- (4) Members of the administration strike you: a) often. b) with a stick. c) below the belt. d) all of the above.
- (5) When having a disagreement with a professor in class you say: a) "I'm sorry sir, but I don't view it that way." b) "You're wrong." c) "That's pretty stupid, you dunderhead." d) "Blow it out your fundament, pal."
- (6) The best department in school is: a) English. b) Political Science. c) History. d) Fire.
- (7) On weekends you: a) suffer temporary blindness. b) toss cookies. c) bounce your head off ceilings. d) study.
- (8) Saga food is: a) yummy. b) nutritious. c) well prepared. d) mind-warping.
- (9) For good food, one eats: a) at the shops. b) at one of the local restaurants. c) squirrels. d) returned term papers.
- (10) Kenyon's most famous alumnus is: a) Paul Newman. b) Jerry Garcia. c) Charles Manson. d) Joey Gallo.

### Word Association

- A) Maintenance is to Rapidity as: 1) Fire/Water. 2) Turtle/Agility. 3) Rock/Rationality.
- B) Saga is to Food as: 1) A bomb/Hiroshima. 2) Fire/Chicago. 3) Plague/Europe.
- C) Term Paper is to Grade as: 1) Razor/Suicide. 2) Axe/Murder. 3) Electricity/Chair.
- D) Kenyon is to Reality as: 1) Oz/New York. 2) Cain/Able. 3) Studebaker/G.M.

## Reporter-At-Large

# English Exercises: Strain Of Thought

By David L. Bacon

Whatever particular emphasis a student pursues in developing a major program in English, all students move toward some form of independent critical or creative project in the senior year.

Sitting in the back of the packed Bio Auditorium, skimming a pamphlet just handed out: "English at Kenyon"; several professors shuffling in front of the board explaining this year's Senior English Exercise.

...not of course to say that we want you all to choose the same project. We encourage individuality and we encourage any and all independent projects which you might suggest although this is not of course to say that we want . . .

In its faculty and curriculum, the department maintains the traditional blend of critical and creative endeavor exemplified in the work of John Crowe Ransom and the Kenyon Critics.

Sure enough; managed to get JCR (deceased) and the Kenyon Critics (deceased) right up there on front page. Been hearing about them for four years now . . .

...ality and we encourage any and all independent . . .

The department strongly urges its majors to develop a program that is both comprehensive in nature and yet individual in thrust. To this end it recommends that students work in close conjunction with their advisors to structure a course of study that will be both challenging and rewarding.

Remember? Went in to see him start of sophomore year with whole course selection card filled out. Told him name (had to remind him every time; four years now), then he changed three, four courses & signed the card. Left office, changed all courses back again, turned in to registrar . . . Crazy . . . long time . . .

... suggest although this is not of . . .

English 11-12 is normally a prerequisite for admittance to the Honors Program, and a student expecting to major in English is advised to enroll in English 11-12 for the sophomore year.

Brit Lit—Holy Cow; freshman year! Kind of let that course slide . . . C+; what? Aw, what the hell; didn't know any better. Things looked so good. Chaucer, Donne, Spenser, Johnson & Boswell, Keats & Yeats . . . Brit Lit. Holy Cow.

...jects which you might suggest. Now, are there any questions?"

A wide variety of professions is open to the English major.

"Would you encourage any and all independent projects which we might suggest?"

"Do you mean to say that you want us all to choose the same project?"

"Is this not of course to say that you want . . ."

A comprehensive program in creative writing complements the studies in literature. Staffed by instructors who have published fiction and poetry, this program attracts both those students who have a specific creative goal in mind and also others for whom the creative undertaking can provide added insight into the reading and appreciation of literary texts.

Hmmm. Didget A's in creative writing last year. Have been published. Do want to be novelist. OK, so ask.

"Would you consider a creative writing project as an independent Senior Exercise project?"

"We would not only consider it, we would welcome it. Now, if there are no more questions . . ."

### Post Script

If a senior or group of seniors selects a project which they would like to undertake, they should seek a faculty member to sponsor and direct them. If their project meets the approval of the Department's Examination Committee, they may undertake it.

All past history now, of course. Never had to "seek" advisors; they were assigned to me. Typed a two-page analysis of writing objectives, indicating influences (Joyce, Sartre, Barth, Thurber); turned in with all past work published & unpublished stories, published poem, story in progress.

Took a week to decide. Turned down, cold. Never even reached Department's Examination Committee. Only comment on life work of two hours: "There are problems." Period. There are problems.

320,000 later. There are problems.

## Our Famous Alumni (Part 7)

# Lowell Was Early Member Of Kenyon's Literary World

By Richard S. West

Robert Lowell, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the Bollingen award, the National Book Award and considered by many to be the greatest living poet today, came to Kenyon in 1937 as a sophomore after completing a year and a half of study at Harvard. His transfer was the result of the hiring that same year of John Crowe Ransom, one of the recognized leaders of the new poets in America, as professor of English and philosophy. Lowell came to study poetry under Ransom; his ancestral credentials to pursue that study, if they bear on the matter, were impeccable: Lowell is a cousin of Amy Lowell and a great-grand nephew of James Russell Lowell.

During his first semester here he contributed to Hika, in its infancy but also in its hey-day. Lowell was an associate editor for one year. One issue during his tenure contained works of W. H. Auden, Ransom, Randall Jarrell and himself.

Lowell developed an interesting relationship with Ransom, his mentor. In the first issue of the Kenyon Review, published in 1939, Lowell made that honored list of contributors when Ransom accepted one of his poems for publication. After that, though, Ransom rejected all of Lowell's other work written at Kenyon. His poetry during his later college days did not come easy. Lowell said "it took me about a year to do two or three poems" and that "gradually I just stopped, and really sort of gave up. . . The kind of poem I thought was interesting and would work on became so cluttered and overdone that it wasn't really poetry."

In the meantime, Lowell won the Kenyon Oratorical Contest and was sent to the Ohio State Intercollegiate

Competition to represent Kenyon. His speech, "Moulding the Golden Spoon", was about St. Marks, a Massachusetts prep school which he had attended. In that essay he examines the educational bankruptcy of the school in which he spent part of his life.

Similarly, speaking twenty-five years after he left Kenyon, Lowell commented on his fellow classmates: "They belonged to fraternities and sang their songs. We literary students had our own sort of world."

A story frequently told about Lowell was his decision one weekend, to drive down to Tennessee from Kenyon to visit the esteemed

poet, Allan Tate. Upon his arrival he decided to stay and bought a tent and sleeping bag. He camped out on the Tate's lawn for two months, using only the Tate's facilities. Mrs. Tate finally asked him to leave.

Since graduating in 1940 Lowell has come back to Gambier many times. He frequented the Ransom home and participated in the 1950 School of English. In '65 he returned to honor the memory of former teacher Randall Jarrell, who had died that year in an auto accident. The following year Lowell came to the opening of his play, "The Old Glory", in the Hill Theater, and returned again in 1968 to pay tribute to John Crowe Ransom.



Robert Lowell



# Kenyon's House System

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The transition to the House System was not as smooth as the administration would have hoped.

"When I would go to the initial meeting," said Dean Givens, "in several instances there were students who were clearly opposed to the house council and the House System. There were students who were very interested in the house councils and usually these were the students who showed up at the second meeting. The ones opposed to it simply didn't show up at the second meeting."

One representative from the Student Council explained to the Collegian that the presentation of the House System to the students, this past September, actually caused further opposition.

"Students who weren't opposed to it, at the time, left the meeting being very opposed to it," he said. "It was explained in terms of structure—you need a structure to decide where the money goes, you need a structure to make decisions, and not only do you need substructures, but you need a larger structure."

"It became such a maze that students said, 'Back off, we want to have nothing to do with this.' I think it's being presented in an ineffective way," he said.

Despite the opposition, the House System did get underway. By December, two-thirds of the faculty had affiliated with houses. Several houses had sponsored events and planned or discussed other uses for their funds.

There are still several questions surrounding the entire House System that have not been fully answered. The House Council Advisory Board, consisting of representatives from all of the house councils, met with Donald Omahan, Director of Student Housing, this past week to discuss the most crucial unanswered

question: what will the housing procedures consist of this year?

"The College has a commitment to make contiguous living space available to fraternity members," said Dean Givens. "If the fraternity takes in enough pledges to fill its division, then we'll have to find other quarters (for independents living in the house)," she said.

The Housing Proposal, however, can be interpreted to also allow for contiguous living space for independents. The question of how fraternities and independents living in the same house will reconcile their housing differences is still undecided. It is also uncertain, at this point, how freshmen independents will associate with a house for next year.

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"Sometime between now and spring break there will have to be a decision made about these kinds of problems," said Jeff Merian, Beta Theta Pi president and Leonard representative to the House Council Advisory Board.

The House Council Advisory Board, along with Mr. Omahan, will be studying these problems during the next few months and is expected to offer recommendations to the administration by this spring.

Funding for house councils, provided this year by last year's parking fines, is also in a tenuous state. The house councils were allotted \$6.50 per person this year for the house treasury. The administration has not decided where the money will come from next year.

At this point the House System represents a melange of unfulfilled potential.

Provost Haywood noted that "the House System hasn't fostered greater interaction between students and faculty thus far. I hope it has the potential for it because the College has to find something that does bring students and faculty together."

If the system can live up to its promise and not damage the fraternity system in the process, it has a good chance of succeeding.

"I don't think that the House System has in any measurable degree affected the life at Kenyon," said Merian. "What I do think is a major breakthrough among the fraternity people is the attitude that maybe we can work through the House System."

Despite its possibilities, the House System has experienced limited efficiency. Susan Givens, Dean of the Residential College, has indicated her belief in the eventual success of the program.

"Just because 100 percent aren't out waving flags and banners is no indication to me that it's not a success," she said. "My optimism is that during the second semester the house councils will begin to do something and make use of the structure they've got."

## Calendar Changes

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Gas, will amount to 40 percent of the base volume allocation for the months of February and March. Haywood was unsure that the school would be able to meet the cutback.

"In my pessimistic moments I think we won't make it," he said. "What makes me pessimistic is the continuing forecast that the months of February and March are going to be considerably colder than they've been in past winters."

In addition to the 40 percent cutback during the first three months of this year, Kenyon's allocation will be down 15 percent for the months of April-October. The college will presently study "alternate fuels and heating plans" for the future.

## Eminent Critics To Attend April Literary Conference

By Ed Gorenc

A memorial tribute to the late John Crowe Ransom will be held at Kenyon on April 3, 4, 5. The tribute will take the form of a literary conference attended by a number of outstanding literary critics, including Kenneth Burke, Louis D. Rubin, Jr. and Hugh Kenner. They plan to discuss various aspects of literary criticism today.

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Kenneth Burke is a well-known author of stories, translations, critical articles and book reviews. He has won a number of awards and is a member of the Academy of Arts and Letters.

Louis Rubin, Jr., a Harvard professor, is a former editor of the Johns Hopkins Review and the author of Thomas Wolfe: The Weather of His

Youth, as well as many other volumes. He has also written numerous books examining different facets of Southern culture.

Hugh Kenner is a noted critic of English literature and has written studies on the works of T. S. Eliot, Samuel Beckett and Buckminster Fuller.

Mr. Crump, chairman of the English Department, said, "It is planned that the lectures and discussions will materialize in a memorial volume in honor of John Crowe Ransom." The volume will be edited by Mr. Ransom's official biographer, Mr. T. D. Young, and be published next year.

## WKCO

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(DJs with 2 years experience, newscasters with 3 years, and staff officers), as opposed to other organizations. This is justified by the highly technical and diversified skills that a station manager must possess in order to run the station efficiently. The good station manager is part technician, part arbiter, part janitor, and full-time bulls'-eye. As such, the only people really competent to judge him are the experienced staff members, who can rate the prospective managers. The managership is open to anybody interested. A position paper naming the officers and intended policies must be submitted to all the voting staffers, and a vote is taken. Once elected, the manager will name his officers formally, and work begins.

WKCO has had its share of strange people in its past. Dunlavy was one of them. Another was an anonymous newscaster who broadcast Peep

Night from a few years ago, or one gentleman named Janos who, at the slightest provocation, would perch like a bird atop a desk or console and chirp "perch and rotate". There was Fradkin, who used the radio as his personal means of communicating with the freshmen women, and who always had a hit record in the office. Bob Claster—a reasonably talented fellow who did his shows out of inspiration (and nearly killed off WKCO as a functioning entity). Of some of the worst were some of the best—Robbie Meyer designed the Farr Hall facilities while doing hilarious imitations of the chief engineer. Steve Beres was another luminary, whose specialty was picking locks and macabre jazz.

But many of these people disappeared when WKCO went FM. There was a pitched battle between the Old Guard and the FMers. The Old Guard insisted on complete DJ liberty and were cultural anarchists by temperament; the last of this school is graduating this year. Known as the '75 Establishment, it is composed of the Gibsons (although Robert B. is decidedly conservative), Rich Schoenberger and Aronson, and its "theoreticians" are Anderson and the Swan. This contrasts to the newer, more professional sounding, and more sedate FM section, which accepts the limitations imposed by good taste and doesn't fight much. There was a short battle regarding broadcast standards and policies, but a tolerable compromise was reached: the Program Director wouldn't listen to all of the shows.

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# FILMS at ROSSE

By Peter Reiss and Scott Veale

**RULES OF THE GAME** (1939, 110 min., French, subtitled)  
Long banned in France by a community too soft-skinned for this stinging appraisal by Jean Renoir, *Rules of the Game* frankly delineates the hedonistic charades of the French leisure class before World War II. Forsaking the humanism that marked his earlier films (*Grand Illusion*, *A Day in the Country*), Renoir mordantly satirizes the social and sexual mores of a decadent society near collapse. Renoir himself plays one of the members of society in this unrelenting world in which the game, like that of the hunt, moves inevitably toward death.

**BEYOND THE VALLEY OF THE DOLLS** (Color, 109 min., Very American)  
A high-camp look at sex and horror? We should hope so. Definitely not a sequel to Jacqueline Susann's book about some girls coming of age, this film, by that proverbial king of soft-core pornography, Russ Meyer (*Vixen*, *The Immoral Mr. Teas*) graphically depicts the rise and fall of a magnificently endowed all-girl rock group in Hollywood. Meyer made his first feature in 1958 about a man who had the uncanny power of undressing women mentally; Mr. Teas, the first American skin-flick, was an enormous success. Meyer's outrageous stereotypes and ability to utilize the very genre he is working in have earned him a following well beyond the raincoat brigade.



**HOLIDAY** (1938, B & W, 94 min.)—Directed by George Cukor.  
*Holiday*, a comedy starring Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn, is considered to be one of George Cukor's finest films, and is a good example of the Hollywood films of the '30's.

**REPULSION** (1965, B & W, 104 min.)—Directed by Roman Polanski.  
*Repulsion*, the second feature-length film directed by Roman Polanski (*Rosemary's Baby*, ), is a complex and subtly developed study of the progressive mental breakdown of a young woman, Catherine Deneuve, in London. Through manipulation of the viewer's distance from the macabre events of the film, Polanski develops gradually the degree of involvement with the young woman's mental disintegration, until the viewer is fully inside her mind, and enables us to fully share hallucinations, both oral and visual.

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Friday, Jan. 24th—  
Collegian Editorial Board meeting at 3:15 p.m. in Collegian office. The meeting will be open to staff.

The KFS will show *Rules of the Game* at 8:00 p.m., followed by *T.G.I.F.* (short) and *Beyond the Valley of the Dolls* at 10:00 p.m. in Rosse Hall.

Saturday, Jan. 25th—  
The Kenyon swim team will compete against Wittenberg at 2:00 p.m.

The Kenyon track team will take on Capital Marietta at 1:00 p.m. in Wertheimer Fieldhouse.

The Women's basketball team will play Ohio Dominican at 10:00 a.m. in Wertheimer Fieldhouse.

The KFS will show *Beyond the Valley of the Dolls* at 8:00 p.m. and *T.G.I.F.* (short) & *Repulsion* at 10:00 p.m. in Rosse Hall.

## Wrestlers

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this Saturday, Denison, has dropped wrestling for this year. The Lords travel instead to Oberlin, for a triangular with the Yeomen and Ohio Wesleyan. The Battling Bishops are a perennially middle-of-the-pack team, but should prove slightly tougher than Capital. However, the return of Weinberg and Kuzyk lends hope for a victory over Oberlin.

The first home action in the reworked schedule is a visit from Marietta on February 1 for a 1:30 match.

## Records

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remove confidential material from the file and give it to the student for his inspection. According to Dean Edwards, students would not be permitted to make a copy of anything in their files; however, Dean Williamson said that his office will comply with the HEW guidelines and will allow students to make copies of anything in their file not confidential. The HEW guidelines contend that the right to make copies of a file is a part of the right of accession, and that schools will not be permitted to deny this right.

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## Along —Middle-Path—

Sunday, Jan. 26th—  
The KFS will show *Repulsion* at 8:00 p.m. followed by *T.G.I.F.* (short) & *Rules of the Game* at 10:00

Saga coordinator Steve Montayne will appear on the WKCO Dialogue at 9 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 27th—  
The Women's basketball team will play OSU (Newark) at 7:00 p.m. in Wertheimer Fieldhouse.

Tuesday, Jan. 28th—  
There will be a meeting of the League of Women Voters of Gambier on the subject of *Adult and Juvenile Justice* at 8:00 p.m. in Lower Dempsey Lounge.

Wednesday, Jan. 29th—  
The KFS will show *Moonbird* (short) & *Holiday* at 10:00 p.m.

## Women Plunge

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Looking into the future, attitudes change and along with them the possibility of a women's competitive swim team. However, this year the Kenyon women have only a swim club, which hopefully will find support enough to become a team in the near future. All three divers show an interest in forming a women's team but at present are pleased to be swimming on the men's varsity team.

The appearance of women on the men's athletic scene could prove to be a popular move, attracting more women into the overall sports scene. Peacock summed up her feelings on the matter: "Other (women) may feel bolder now with the ruling to compete against the men but there are disadvantages as well as advantages for girls in certain areas. Where a girl would be of no help in one area, she could be of great help in another."

Coach Sloan can clearly see the

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## Grade Scale Change

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8.0 (or 8.75 if a measure is passed) at Kenyon, but less than twelve units at Kenyon, will be considered for Collegiate Honors by the Regulations Committee. The Committee will determine the appropriate degree of honors, if any, based upon the quality of work at Kenyon as well as at other institutions. This rule becomes effective with the Class of '75. This new rule pertains to not only transfer students but also to those who were off campus and those that went to summer school. Other motions were tabled for further deliberation and discussion. The first would apply to the Class of '79. It calls for a minimum cumulative average of 5.0 (2.0) for degree requirements. Mr. Seymour stated: "In this measure the grade of F would have to be counted for all attempted courses."


The controversial change in requirements for collegiate honors was also tabled. Currently, the grade requirement for honors is: cum laude 8.00-9.49 (3.00-3.49), magna cum laude 9.50-10.24 (3.50-3.74), and summa cum laude 10.25 and over (3.75+). The motion precisely states, "that, beginning with the Class of '75, the minimum cumulative grade average for the degree cum laude will be 8.75 (3.25)." "The main reason for the proposed change," said Seymour, "is to narrow the gap or range of cum laude since it is quite larger than the other groups." Student Council has argued against this, saying, "It is a fair assessment to say many seniors have worked hard to receive cum laude and now with one decision it would be wiped out—a goal sought by some for years." Council proposes a graduated scale starting next year, that is, raising the requirement by increments of .25 points over the next three years until the 8.75 goal can be attained. As with the other proposals, Mr. Drake reiterated that "they will be sent back to the Committee for re-evaluation."

Finally, the following regulation has become official: "Be it resolved that no examinations or quizzes of any kind will be given between April 28 and May 8, 1975. Also after April 25 no papers, projects, 'take-homes', exams, etc. will be allowed."

The Regulations Committee has set another meeting later this month for further study of the issues.

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## Lose To Heidelberg 75-66

# Lords Keep Title Hopes Alive; Whip Mount Union 72-68

By Arthur Berkowitz  
Sports Editor

In the second week of OAC basketball play, the Kenyon Lords lost to Heidelberg but regrouped to defeat Mount Union to keep their hopes alive for a conference championship.

Lose to Heidelberg: 75-66

In the game which determined the leadership of the OAC basketball race, Heidelberg's superior outside shooting and domination of the boards provided the margin of victory at Wertheimer Fieldhouse last Saturday. Student Prince guards

## Wrestlers Wane In Triangle

By Frank Fitzgerald

The Kenyon wrestlers suffered a double defeat in their 1975 debut, a triangular meet last Saturday at Capital. The Lords were crushed 38-3 by the Crusaders and 29-20 by Oberlin. Oberlin beat Capital to round out the action.

The Lords' performance was unimpressive. Although Oberlin forfeited three weight classes to Kenyon, the Yeomen captured four pins enroute to their triumph. Two Lords took the fatal three-count against Capital. Kenyon forfeited the 118-pound class in both matches because no team member could fit the weight requirements.

Sophomore heavyweight Gregg Kalifut provided Kenyon's only victory, defeating Capital's Anthony Salamon 3-1. Freshman Al Reynolds tied Oberlin's 134-pounder 2-2 in the Lords' only other positive showing. Kenyon was hampered by the absence of Dan Weinberg (134) due to illness, and Bob Kuzyk (167), side-lined by an injury.

Kenyon's scheduled opponent for

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## Women Plunge Into Varsity Swimming

By Bill Lominac

In accord with the recent NCAA ruling allowing female participation with men in non-contact sports, the Kenyon College varsity swim team now boasts three women members, who freely admit that they are women's-libbers attempting to break the sex barrier.

Junior Linda Peacock and Freshwoman Tamis Kaplan were the original female members. Junior Ellen Mooer joined second semester, after spending the first semester studying in France.

With three female divers and only one male diver, Sophomore Jake Layton, one might expect animosity to exist in the group. On the contrary, according to Kaplan, who became the first female participant in OAC men's athletics, "Jake helps us with our diving. We get along very well. There's no problem."

At the outset of the season both Peacock and Kaplan were considering joining the women's swim club until approached by Sloan. "He asked if we would like to dive, because of the shortage due to graduation," Peacock felt the experience would be a pleasurable one. She adds, "Everyone has been very helpful and has accepted us as a part of the team."

For Mooer, the newest member, the situation has been somewhat

Chrislip and Webster supplied 39 of Heidelberg's 75 points as they penetrated the Lords' zone defense to shoot a combined 82 percent from the field and 79 percent from the free throw line. Chrislip took game scoring honors with 24 points; more importantly, his poise in handling the Kenyon press nullified any attempted Lords' rally.



Dave Meyer "skies" a basket in Kenyon's 75-66 loss to Heidelberg.

Senior Captain Dave Meyer provided the nucleus of the Lords' attack as his season-high 21 points on strong inside moves kept the team within striking distance. However, this was not enough to compensate for Tim Appleton's "off" night as his 15 points and 5 rebounds were well below his season average. Guard John Van Doorn provided the only other bright moment in Kenyon's first home loss as he dazzled the crowd, and his coach, with an assortment of shots that accounted for 12 points in less than 3 minutes.

Defeat Mount Union: 72-68

The Lords jumped back into the thick of the OAC race and ended a two game losing streak as they defeated the Purple Raiders of Mount Union last Tuesday at the Fieldhouse. The victory upped their season record to 9-6, and, more importantly, their OAC ledger to 3-2. In a seesaw battle from the opening tip-off, the Lords maintained balanced scoring

between their guards and forwards to offset the league's leading scorer Zetti Sims, who accumulated 22 points and 8 rebounds. Guards John Van Doorn (14 pts.), Jim Wurtz (10 pts.), and Evan Eisner (9 pts.), and forwards Tim Appleton (20 pts.) and Dave Meyer (8 pts.) provided the nucleus of the attack.

Trailing 32-31 at halftime, the Lords' fortunes looked bleak as the Purple Raiders opened the second half with 3 quick buckets to take a commanding 7 point lead. However, Dave Meyer's 5 blocked shots and the effectiveness of the full-court press, which forced 24 Mount Union turnovers, enabled the Lords to rally for their fifth victory in six home games.

### Afterthoughts

Coach Zak's sparing use of reserve forwards Rich Milligan and Dan Martin, and guards Tom Birch and Bill Cooperrider may prove detrimental to the team's chances for an OAC title. In the regular season with games scheduled 3 to 4 days apart, it is possible to play only 6 men. However, in the OAC tournament, depth in one's bench is necessitated because of the physical drain of playing back-to-back games. More playing time for the above-mentioned players seems to be in order.

## New Faces To Spark Women's Basketball

By Pamela Olsyn

The Ladies open their second year on Saturday with a 10:30 a.m. home game against Ohio Dominican.

A blend of youth and experience constitutes this year's women's basketball team. Five of last year's starting players, along with eleven freshmen and sophomores, should create a team which is bound to improve upon last year's 2-5 record.

"Our main problem last year was



## Swimmers Beaten In 'Positive Performance'

By Bill Cassidy

Kenyon's swimming team lost to Bowling Green last Saturday, although the Lords' performance was much stronger than the 66-47 score would indicate. Except for the diving events, the meet was quite close; not one event was a walk-away for the Falcons. In light of the fact that host Bowling Green is the Mid-Atlantic Conference powerhouse, the Lords' performance was considered positive.

Outstanding individual performances for the Lords were numerous. The freshman distance swimmers, Kevin Driscoll and David Mitchell, as well as the freshman flyers Tucker Barrie, Pete Zimmermann and Mike Comelia,

continued to improve. Their improvement indicates that they will provide promise of forming a nucleus for Kenyon's future domination in the OAC's distance and fly events. Senior Bill Monte was exceptionally impressive as he swept both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events. However, the highlight of the meet for Kenyon was the tenacious come-from-behind second-place finish by Freshman Dave McGue in the 200-yard breaststroke.

The Kenyon swimmers performed particularly well, considering the extensive workout schedule of the past few weeks. The freshman group is continuing to fare well, despite the sudden impact of top-level competition. However, the team is confronted with some unanswered questions. How much stronger will Denison be after returning from its Florida trip? How much of a challenge is the rising Wooster team that has already succeeded in defeating Oberlin, which finished immediately behind Denison in last year's OAC championship? Finally, how will the new vacation affect the Kenyon cheering section at the conference championship?

This year will undoubtedly be both difficult and demanding for the Lords. Inexperience and a possible lack of crowd support are only two of the many factors which must be overcome. The next few meets should reveal the seriousness of these threats to the quest for the all-important "22".

## Runners Primed For Opener

The Kenyon Indoor Track team opens its season this Saturday in a meet against Capital University and Marietta College at Wertheimer Fieldhouse. Although the Lords defeated these two teams last year on the way to its second winning season, they may provide a more difficult time this year, because of the graduation of sprinters George Letts and Dwight Hammond, and middle-distance runner Jeff Walker. The team's chances for success will depend upon the 5 returning lettermen and 3 or 4 freshmen. While weak in the sprints, the team should be stronger in the distance events, with Jamie Doucett, Bob Metzger and John Kryder covering the mile and the two mile runs. The team shows depth in the middle distances, with Captain Jay Andress, Mark Schott, Bob Hisnay and Robert McMath participating in the 440, 600, 880, and 1000 yard runs. The Lords are dependent upon some untied freshmen and sophomores in the sprints and field events, Dick O'Hanessian in the pole vault, Mike Manhart in the hurdles and high jump, Bob Cohn in the sprints, and Greg Shell in the shot put. Rounding out the team are a number of other individuals including, for the first time, two women who are training to run in the 880. Hopes for a third consecutive winning season rest primarily on the ability of the newcomers to produce points in all distances.



Tammy Kaplan, Linda Peacock and Ellen Mooer of the Kenyon swim team.

different. "I just wanted to learn how to dive," she said.

With their appearance on the Kenyon Varsity sports scene, competing on an equal basis with men, the ideas and notions of women's liberation have taken a back seat. The women see the experience rather as a chance to learn, compete, and be a part of the team. The results have been impressive, with Peacock and Kaplan capturing points and working towards improvement with each meet.

Thus far the two, who have both competed in actual competition, must split their diving with Layton. He participates in both diving events, while the women are in one event apiece, lacking the necessary experience and appropriate numbers of dives to compete in both. "We have to know twelve dives which neither of us do at this point, so we work to improve and learn as we go," adds Kaplan.

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