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## McKinley Book Soon Off Of Press

A Kenyon man, Charles McKinley, jr., of the class of 1940 will soon see the publication of his first book. Mr. McKinley published a series of articles in the Hika magazine during the past year, and these he has collected, with some additions, and will publish them under the title "A Voyage to the British Isles". The book recounts his experience in England during the summer of 1939 and the last days before the declaration of war in September.

The book contains ten essays relating to his visit to the Channel Islands, London, Canterbury, Stratford-on-Avon, Scotland, and a visit with Lord Kenyon, great-grandson of the Lord Kenyon for whom this college is named.

The book is modeled somewhat on the style of the seventeenth century travel book and bears a novel title page in that tradition.

Professor John Crowe Ransom, editor of the *Kenyon Review*, has written a preface to the book.

The book is marked as a first edition and it will be limited to two hundred copies. It is expected that the book will be favorably received, not so much because it was written by a Kenyon alumnus, but because it gives an interesting account of England as it was before the war. Printing of the book is well under way, and it is hoped that it will be for sale in the College Book Store early in October.

## Play Schedule Heaviest Yet

About forty recruits turned out for tryouts Friday for the heaviest schedule of plays yet undertaken. The program consist of six plays: three in the fall, and three in the spring.

The fall plays are comedies. "I Killed the Count", by Alec Coppel is set for October 30. The play is a famous English murder mystery which played last winter at the Cleveland Playhouse for the first American showing and received much applause.

On November 13, "The Pigeon", by John Galsworthy will be presented and on December 4, "The Inspector General", a riotous Russian Comedy by Golgol will be shown.

The first of the spring plays will come on March 5. It is "A Passenger to Bali", a more serious play with an all male cast by Ellis St. Joseph.

The Freshman Play is scheduled for March 19 but has not been announced. On April 16 there will be an Elizabethan Play which also is still unannounced.

## Gift to College

An interesting parchment, 78 years old, was mailed to Kenyon College late in August last summer by the Rev. J. Randolph Field. The diploma, issued in 1862 was written completely in Latin and certified that the Bachelor of Arts Degree had been conferred upon the Rev. James A. Brown former Rector of Grace Church, Mt. Vernon and former resident of Princess Anne.

The Rev. Mr. Field came in possession of the parchment last Spring after the death of Miss Mary H. Brown, who had her father's diploma in some of her belongings.

## Add New Gift Sets to Library

One of the most important acquisitions made by the Library this fall is a set of several hundred volumes of fiction and non-fiction. The gift, a bequest of Archer M. Huntington (Kenyon, '21), includes the collected works of such well known and well liked writers as Sir Walter Scott, Thackeray, Dickens, George Eliot, Alphonse Daudet, the Brontë sisters, and Oliver Wendell Holmes. At present these books are in the process of being listed and catalogued, said Mr. Ferguson, the assistant librarian. He continued to say that insofar as most of these were duplicates of books already owned by the Library, it was probable that the originals in the stacks and reading rooms would be found more suitable for general circulation because of their sturdier covers and bindings.

The bindings are an interesting feature of the new set. They are fashioned in a uniform, ornate yet handsome style that is representative of the type especially tool-

for family collections, as this set previously was.

Other generous additions to the rapidly increasing list in the Library were made by Comars Goddard and Miss Louise Adams of Gambier. Among the seventeen books donated by Mr. Goddard were included "The Native's Return" by Louis Adamic and John Erskine's "The Private Life of Helen of Troy."

## New Interest In Music

This year more and more interest is being taken in musical matters on the campus. The Kenyon Singers, the chapel choir, and the weekly record concerts will along with the additional concerts at the assemblies and in Mt. Vernon, make up the regular musical activities.

The Kenyon Singers, under the direction of Mr. Weist, rehearse twice a week during the school year to prepare a program of exceptionally good taste. Last year's repertoire included compositions by Di-Lasso, Lotti, Bach, Vaughan Williams, as well as several songs from the Gilbert and Sullivan light operas. A group of college songs is also presented at each concert. The Singers perform at three or four concerts a year: one usually in conjunction with the girls' chorus of Flora Stone Mather College in Cleveland, one at St. Mark's Parish House Toledo, and a home concert in Gambier. Mr. Weist expects to get under way soon. The first rehearsal September 30.

About 28 men have enrolled in the chapel choir this year. Under the direction of Leonard Snellman, they prepare music for the official college services, and for the Sunday morning services in chapel. They also sing a carol program at Christmas as well as

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## "A Mighty Fortress"

Last year the *Collegian* asked the chaplain editorially to state with some small degree of clarity the Church's stand on current world events confronting educated men. We compliment the chaplain on his improved clarity, but the student body with one voice has demanded that we take him to task again for stating his own partisan views instead of those of the Church. We are, of course, referring to his stand on the present war situation which we realize is shared by other members of the clergy. But we think that these pro-war contentions should be regarded as personal opinions clearly distinguishable from the Church's voice. There is, fortunately, room for a great deal of individualism within our Catholic religion so long as the conclusions of the individual are in logical consistency with Catholic truth which is One and the SAME for ALL men of ALL nations at ALL times. In the past three years we have listened to many arguments presenting strong cases for the abolition of compulsory chapel attendance. The best case presented so far, unfortunately, was presented from the pulpit last Sunday by the chaplain in his indiscriminate war-mongering sermon. In the pulpit the priest must remember that he is not just a nationalistic citizen of a nationalistic state. He is something more than that. He is a priest in the Catholic Church which includes all races and conditions of men. In the Church we are citizens in the Brotherhood of all men which includes Nazis and Fascists whether they are morally right or wrong. As a priest of the Church whose allegiance is above nationalistic hatred and prejudice a man must be above nationalism and above himself. God fights on no side of a war. And no priest has the right to arouse hatred and emotionalism. In the Brotherhood of the Church there are no Germans, no Americans, no negroes, no white men. All men are free willed individuals to be reconciled in peaceful harmony and social justice by Her.

We deeply regret the transformation of the chapel dedicated to the Glory of the Prince of Peace into a recruiting station. The only thing that we missed were signs requesting that guns be left in the narthex, signs telling us that gas masks were under the pews, and arrows pointing to the crypt in case of an air-raid. The chaplain is merely trying to make a religious crusade out of wanton destruction and mass-murder. It is much easier to refute any would-be-Christain justification of war than to defend so anti-Christian a stand. The complete and definite condemnation of force as a means of righting the moral wrong evidently rampant in the world today is clearly illustrated in the actions of Christ. If the chaplain of the college is even vaguely acquainted with the Bible he will recall that one of the temptations on the mount was the opportunity of Christ to conquer the world by force. The founder of the Catholic Faith rejected this offer. Once again Christ was confronted

with the problem of force. On Palm Sunday he could have evaded the culmination of the Christian method of Redemption by avoiding the sacrifice on Calvary by violent means. However, the fulfillment of man's redemption required the moral strength to endure the agony of the cross. Obviously, Catholicism can use no other means to draw all men to her in a peaceful unity but moral persuasion. The fulfillment of the promise of the Church Triumphant is dependent on patient long-suffering and the overpowering of the old Adam in man through individual free election.

The example set by Christ was further sustained by the early martyrs who accepted their martyrdom and the martyrdom of their fellows with resignation and fortitude. We agree that we have a moral duty to the world and the future today when innocent victims suffer unthinkable privation. We must reassert the Church's teachings, of the Brotherhood of Man. We must stick to her teachings of two milleniums. We must not lose sight of the frailty of human nature. For even if the worse should come in Europe, we must realize that there is no form of temporal government which can alter the individual's relationship to God.

Twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year the Catholic Church throughout the world in England, in Germany, in tropical wildernesses, and on bleak glaciers offers up the central and Great Sacrament of our Faith and of peace recounting bloodlessly Christ's decision to combat moral evil in the world not by armed force, but by moral fortitude. This is our war strategy as Catholics. We must never lose sight of it, or the Church with Christ at its head becomes a mere instrument of the state lead to destruction by a Hitler, a Stalin, or a Coughlin.

R. D. M.

## Gepson, Gorin In Toledo

Indicative of the increasing interest in music, and especially of awakened civic interest, is the announcement of a winter series of concerts by the newly formed Toledo symphony orchestra under George King Raudenbush. Toledo is near enough that some Kenyon men might want to attend several of the series. Helen Jepson, Yehudi Menuhin, Edward Kilenyi, and Igor Gorin are the soloists.

Dr. Artur Rodzinski of the Cleveland orchestra has recently announced some of the works he intends to preform this year. Among them are a Brandenburg concerto and an orchestral suite by Bach, a Concerto Grosso by Vivaldi, and a suite of Purcell's.

## New Road to Encircle Dorm

Plans to encircle Old Kenyon with a driveway were recently put into effect. The road will be a continuation of that behind Hanna Hall and, encircling the tennis courts in the rear of Old Kenyon, will join the driveway in front of the swimming pool. Plans for changing the two end tennis courts into parking spaces for the West and East Wings have been suggested, but as yet have not been made definite.

These, plus small changes in Colburn Hall, Bexley, and the removal of the Maintenance Shop to the Carpenter's Shop near the power plant, complete the list of changes now to be seen on the Hill this Fall.

## Powell Makes New Finds

## Delta Phi New Lounge

The musty, cob-webby, bare brick walls of the trunk room of Hanna Hall underwent a complete revision this summer to open the college year as the new combined lounge and card room of Delta Phi.

Currently known as the show place of the Hill, the parlor indeed presents an impressive masculine picture with the heavy wainscoting, pleasingly balanced by its light color, Cuban mahogany.

The entire parlor is divided into three portions. The vestibule which is two steps above the level of main lounge and card room, contains a mural with florescent lighting. To the left is the "Citadel"; to the right is the main lounge.

The main lounge is furnished with dark green leathered chairs and dark red leathered double seats. It contains an open hearth made of slabs of native sandstone which were gathered by Mr. Becker near Howard. The sides of the hearth are of slabs arranged horizontally and the top is formed by slabs arranged vertically. The horizontal and vertical lines add a modern air to the rustic sandstone. The lounge is rugged, as is the card room, with two burn, scuff proof pepper mixture rug.

The card room is separated from the lounge by an arch. Sliding doors are contained in the arch and when closed, sound-proof the card room. The card room will be used as the chapter room. For this purpose the east and west walls are lined with built in benches which have green leather cushions.

The tables and chairs are of white oak. The portion of the south wall above the paneling is covered with a mural matching that of the vestibule.

The ceiling is arched and is lighted with florescent tubes concealed at the top of the paneling. The ceiling of the entire parlor is of sound absorbing material.

The parlor was constructed as a college improvement as a result of the efforts of Mr. Carl Ganter, Mr. Phil Hummerell was architect and Mr. Becker construction engineer.

## New Planes at Kenyon

There are two private planes lodged at the Port Kenyon Hangars. One is owned by a new comer, John Sugden from Boston, Massachusetts. His ship is a Kinner Playboy, a smart little cabin job with a cruising speed of about 130 miles per hour.

The maroon puddle jumper seen circling the campus so often is a Stinson 105 owned by Hallock Hoffman. Hallock is the regional vice president to the National Intercollegiate Flying Club. Right now his ship is in Columbus for a 100 hour check which means a complete reconditioning. As soon as it comes back, Hallock, Don Gretzer, Kenyon's professor of aeronautics and an unknown third person to make up the party are going to fly to Middletown, Ohio to pick up the school's new 75 horsepower Aeronca.

Dr. Wilson M. Powell's recent trip to Mt. Evans to study cosmic rays at an altitude of fourteen thousand feet met with great success. For the first time since scientists have been tracking cosmic rays with cloud chambers Dr. Powell discovered the origin of a Mesotron.

Dr. Powell and his assistant Richard W. Penn left Gambier June 17 and returned at the beginning of August. During the summer they took some eight thousand photographs of fog trails produced by cosmic rays in the chamber. Dr. Bayes M. Norton joined the expedition early in July assisting for about three weeks. Doctor Powell took some 700 pounds of equipment from Kenyon. At Denver he purchased some two thousand pounds of batteries and gasoline to run the generator. Reaching the laboratory by the highest motor road in the United States it took a week to assemble his equipment to carry on experiments.

Conditions on the mountain top were, as he had hoped much better for studying cosmic rays than those at Kenyon. Dr. Powell had only been able to find one slow mesotron when the cloud chamber was at Kenyon, while on Mt. Evans they came with a frequency of about one in every 13 or 14 pictures. These particles were so common, in fact that he discovered that the chamber need not be controlled by a set off but that ex-

posed pictures taken at 14,000 feet were almost certain to show five or six rays. Pictures of slow mesotrons are much more valuable to the scientist than the more common fast mesotrons. This discovery of Dr. Powell's opens up a new field of research as it makes studying the influence of a powerful electro-magnet on the particles much cheaper than it could be in the past.

When working at Kenyon Dr. Powell discovered a new type of shower that was very rare; he had only taken two pictures of his discovery while experimenting at Gambier. He made another important discovery last summer in that he found these showers appeared much more frequently.

One rare and important picture he took actually shows the birth of a pair of mesotrons. The photograph shows a photon, or light particles turning into a pair of mesotrons; radiant energy turning directly into matter. Dr. Powell wrote a paper on this discovery, "The Creation of a Mesotron", which appeared in the September 1 issue of the "Physical Review."

Weather conditions on top of the mountain were somewhat severe. Almost every night the temperature dropped below freezing. The expedition averaged at least three hail or snow storms each week. An unusual weather condition was encountered in the form of electrical snow storms, with thunder, lightning and snow. The air became so charged with static electricity that when a member of the expedition held up his hand in the dark, sparks could be seen jumping from finger to finger. Static electricity would also cause one's hair to stand on end. At several times during the experiments, Dr. Powell, Dick Penn, and Dr. Norton operated the chamber in four hour shifts keeping it in operation for 72 hours at a stretch.



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## Positively the Last

The other day we sat at the Senior Table and heard a very interesting conversation. Interesting, because it confirmed something which we have always maintained. One member of the senior class cornered a high and mighty member of the Senior Council whose name we shan't mention lest it detract from the last remains of the council's vestigial prestige. They were talking about the Senior Council's "No Pledging After Noon Saturday Ruling." "And just what in hell do you intend to do if I do pledge some one after the Council dead-line?" The answer of the Councilman summarized its policy so much better than anything which we could coin, and coming from some one within the Sanctum Sanctorum, it carries much more weight than any comment which we might make as an outsider. "Well now, the Senior Council really can't do anything, but we felt that we had to pass some sort of ruling." Yes, that's our own Senior Council described to freshman as the senior disciplinary and Pan-Hellenic Council on the campus. They might be better described as the august and out-moded body which passes rules which are not intended to be enforced because they are traditionally expected to pass something, and anything.

But they don't intend to pass anything on the subject of the Council anymore. It is like throwing stones at one's helpless great-grandmother. The Council isn't worth the time or the space. Besides we approve of their new policy. They are going to assume their rightful pose. Instead of meeting frequently this year to bore themselves with disciplinary problems, the Senior Council is going to become the Thursday Evening Dinner Club, a band of good fellows who assemble to enjoy the jolly company and snappy conversation of one another. And we were pleased no end to hear that they intend in the future to return to formal garb, for "By their stuffed shirts shall ye know them."

## The Elections

Last year we recall a meeting in the Collegian office of a small group of men including Martin Shaw, Norman Reed, George McMullin, and Ray Fisher. These men were sincerely dissatisfied with the political situation on the campus. All of them wanted to do something about it. I mention their names to justify their often misunderstood intentions, and to separate them from the corruption of their ideas which became apparent in the recent freshman election. We assembled because we were convinced that one group had controlled campus politics for too long a time, and with a noticeable lack of intelligent discrimination. The truth of this contention is quite immaterial. The important thing is the policy which was adopted. The plan was a simple one, and it seemed at that time to be a workable one. Any means, regardless of how corrupt, were to be used to make a clean-sweep of the spring election. On the surface the plan appeared to be quite unscrupled. But the end would have justified the means had it been realized. The strategy was to demonstrate the ability of the new group to elect anyone on the campus to any office. This was demonstrated quite clearly. But after this demonstration of political power the plan was to be big enough to elect anyone of merit on the campus to a political position regardless of partisanship. (The political steam-roller of last spring was to become a decent political force on the campus. Unfortunately this change did not take place. The fault lies with every campus officer now in office who last year favored the plan previous to election. Unfortunately, some of these officers were instrumental in the recent substitution of one political machine for another.

A few days ago we elected our new officers in the freshman class. The prostitution of the original plan was definitely apparent. Instead of the "Feeble Five" who have the power to elect anyone on the "Hill" shouldering its gentlemanly responsibility, it adopted a pretty cheap partisan policy. The freshman officers were not elected by the freshman class, but by five upper-classmen. If the new officers have any merit it is merely coincidental to their membership in the "right" combine. As we see it there was no need for a freshman election and no display of honor. Consequently there is no honor in the office. It would be much more ethical and less time consuming in the future to have the political big-wigs in the Feeble-Five name men to political office in the future. Why not dispense with the sham formality of an election.

We gave our unofficial support to this plan last year because it was designed by gentlemen, and intended to be gentlemanly. We thought that the new faction was sincere

in the support of their leaders. We thought that we were gentlemen dealing with gentlemen. But we were wrong. We are dealing today with the Kenyon version of Chicago's Kelly-Nash machine. Our political leaders are just a gang of moral thugs with moral lead pipes. We congratulate our new politicians and their henchmen and the clean swing from control by one machine to another less admirable. Less admirable because it used an ideal as a cloak to get into power. Congratulations to any future officers who will be low enough to take an office under these circumstances.

## Around the Town

Well you boys are sure making it hard on this writer. Things have sure come to a pretty past when we have to ask you lads to go out and make news. Just because Flo says goodbye is no reason you should die on us. Remember Ma says hello. We don't contend to be a Walter Wintchell but it sure looks like we are going to have to give a fairly good imitation of him if we are to keep this column going. (Two to one this same thing appears every week) Whoops!! My apologies fellows. Some moron just touched off an aerial bomb and nearly blew me out of my seat. Now a peep night has started. Wow another bomb. Hot dog this is news. Keep it up gang only don't lower yourselves by hurling verbal epithets at another fraternity when we can't recognize your voice and can't put you on our list. We did recognise one voice however. No one could miss that bellowing roar that emanated from chubby Claypool a few moments ago. Well the freshman are back on study hour and the actives are trying to study. Now that peace and quiet reigns once more over Kenyon's beautiful campus we will try and give you the high points of the week. Doggone it we sure do wish we were swing men so that we could inform you lads as to just who is taking out D. Belle, Fern, Charly, Bea, Yolanda, Book, and the rest of the gang. And of course the results. But we have to be contented with the news our stooges hand us who at times hold back on particulars in order to keep some bad boys name on the clean slate. Watch your step fellows as we intend to keep a pretty sharp eye out for after dark lads.

Events: Congratulations to Dr. Brown who now is a proud father. The ironic thing about the event is that Dr. Brown hasn't passed out any cigars as yet to the students. Think of the precedent he could set by giving every student a cigar. For \$7.50 he can get 300 Marsh Wheelings or Dry Schlitzs. We're not particular. Don't all rush at once to get in his classes to get those fatherly grades he will no doubt dish out at the end of the semester. Good luck.

Kenyon character certainly took a drop the other day. We hope that gang on the campus watching a couple of our canine pals cut a few capers were all freshman. If any of them were seniors they had better look out for the dog-catcher.

Feel sort of sorry for the boys in Middle Leonard. Understand they were showing their pledges the sunken gardens they have up at their lodge and were surprised to learn that the Johnstown flood had hit. Before the flood it was a good drawing point.

Orchids, gardenias, lilies, and everything else to Don McNeill for his wonderful showing at Forest Hills but—we Kenyon men aren't used to seeing our kin pictured in public bath tubs. New nicknames. "Glamour Boy McNeill."

Mayor Burton of Cleveland gave a pretty good talk the other day in assembly. Or maybe the crowd was partial. If this saying were true; "As Kenyon goes goes the nation" Mr. Wilkie could relax. Mr. McSweeney is certainly going to have to be a brave man to come here and speak to this crowd of elephant followers. However I am quite sure the broad Kenyon mind will prevail at the meeting and that he will be treated like a gentleman. We understand Sammy Fitzsimmons is in charge of a Democratic rally the night before Mr. McSweeney's speech and that he (Sammy) is going to serve free and cigars. New Deal or not Sam will sure have a big crowd. Sam is working feverishly to get Mr. (third term) McGowan to be his master of ceremonies. Advice to all men taking courses from Mr. McGowan. Keep your mouth shut if you are a Republican. If a Democrat say so and the good Stu. will pin a pretty donkey with ribbons on your lapel.

We cannot offer the empty pluto bottle award this week because our judges have decided that two young men have tied. We don't even know the name of the one brave soul. We mentioned him earlier in this column as a moron. You know the courageous lad who set off the first aerial bomb. For his exploit we give him honorable mention along with another brave lad. One Sparky Clements. We mention Sparky here this week because of the taxi service he has inaugurated between here and points north. Yep he sure is a hustler. Understand he and Ma were partners in a bridge game the other night and that Sparky bid five and made seven. (The rumor is he renegged.

## Platter Patter

For the benefit of youse swing-cats that like good music and sometimes want to buy a record, the boys in the back room have told me to get busy and start dishing out the smaltz, so the first little number that merits attention is So What (B-10810) by Tommy Dorsey. Mr. T. has just recently started cutting for Bluebird, and this one is really a killer. The rhythm is at a fast clip and the outstanding feature is the splendid tenor sax work by Don Lodice, with the band echoing all of his licks. Tommy has definitely not lost his grip and the other side entitled Quiet Please makes these two a very solid pair. . . .

Erskine Hawkins has cut a new disc called Dolomite (B-10812) which is easy going with lots of heavy rhythm. The first chorus is unison saxes according to the Hawkins manner and embodies all of the intricacies of his arranging. This record is set at just the right tempo for dancing and listening and is a good addition to anyone's collection. . . .

RECORD OF THE WEEK. . . To my mind, Charlie Barnet's rendition of No Name Jive (B-10737) is the best one to date. Barnet really splurges and puts everything he has to make it his best in months. Starting out with a piano solo, with heavy rhythm throughout, this record is all the time building up to a terrific climax on the other side. Barnet provides some good solos, with the band as a good background. To a real swing fan this disc is something not to miss.

## Letters to the Editor

September 26, 1940

The Collegian  
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Gentlemen:

Ever since my first day as a freshman on the Hill, many years ago, I have enjoyed The Collegian, and with the passing of the years and the approach of the autumn of life, my interest in it grows. Each issue seems to recall the memory of one of those happy college days.

I desire to renew my subscription for the current college year. If you have already issued copy No. 1, please send it at once to my home, 50 Gates Circle, Buffalo, N. Y., with your bill and I will be glad to send my check at once.

Best wishes for another successful year and whenever you feel that The Alumni Council can help you — say the word.

Cordially yours,  
R. W. Brouse  
President

To the Editors and the Foreign Correspondent of the Collegian.

Gambier, Ohio.

Dear Gentlemen:

We got up last Wednesday in a fairly jovial mood and felt quite amiable all day long. Then we read the editorial page in the first autumn issue of the Kenyon Collegian, and are now definitely off center. We are not sure who wrote the first two editorials; the correspondent bravely signed his name: J. Q. Martin. But we feel that all three writers must have caught a touch of distemper during the late summer. We know what that is, because our dog got it last year. Or perhaps they have developed a group neuroses. But whatever the causes we feel constrained to object mildly at the bad humor displayed. We would like to chuck each one under the chin and say, "Come, come, boys it isn't as bad as all that. The autumn leaves are turning, the football team looks better than last year's, Cleveland may crash the Worlds Series, and glad-hearted courage still lives in England."

We are not certain who wrote the business about conscription, but it is our opinion he should be told that the Conscription Bill has been passed, and that it will do little good to sit down by the "waters of Babylon" to shed tears. We confess that we became a bit frightened to learn "the entire nation has missed the boat", for that must mean we are stranded too, and only Mr. M—— the editor is left to man the oars. That puts us in a gloomy dither to say the least, but we are going to try to be brave, and we think Mr. M—— ought to put on a bit of a smile inasmuch as he, if nobody else, has a seat on the promenade deck.

As for the second editorial by old Sourpuss, on Mr. Einstein, it took the joy out of the evening. We agree that it is a shame that nobody listens to speeches, but there it is and we doubt if pouting will change the awful truth. We believe the editor must have been sucking on a lemon before he got to his typewriter. We believe also that no man's opinion is above criticism, even the opinion of Mr. Einstein who is a great man—in his field. In a democracy we think any man has the right to hack away when another man sticks out his neck. If Mr. H—— has the right to hack away at the President, the President must have the right to hack away at Einstein, and we also, small as we are, have a right to take a swipe at Mr. H——. Incidentally, we remember that Mr. Einstein plays the violin,

but we don't remember that he was ever invited to play his violin in Carnegie Hall even though he may be a great man—in his field. We suggest affably that Mr. H—— look out of the window with the rest of the boys and never mind about speeches and things, until the lemon taste subsides.

And finally, Mr. J. Q. Martin, we struggled through your letter like a small boy eating a persimmon, and we realize that we are the "representatives" you have in mind. We regret you do not like our neckties and our family connections. We were proud of both until we waded into your linguistic thicket and found ourselves knee-deep in a briar patch. It was tough going but we pushed through to the end feeling like Major Rogers' Rangers. Along the way we did find an interesting item. We understand there were 200,000 jammed in a stadium in your city to assist in a Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost for Peace. We are unable to get as large a number together in our town, for any purpose, but we do take some pride in the fact that the stadium in Cleveland was guest to 85,000 people when the Indians played Detroit last month. We thought that was pretty good, for the mid-west.

Furthermore, good sir, if you want our job you may have it for the "good of collegiate America." But we are convinced you must approach the proper authorities; at present we think you are starting at the wrong end. In the meantime we suggest you buy a necktie, take a correspondence course in English composition, and bone up on your theology, which, we regret to say, smells not only heretical but hysterical.

We have an engagement now with the dentist, reminding us to stop gnashing our teeth. We hope it may remind all of you of the same thing.

The Chaplains.

September 27, 1940

To the Editor of the Collegian:

Professor Einstein did not make a speech before the conference on science, philosophy and theology, but sent in a paper, the full text of which could not, of course, be quoted in Time Magazine nor in the fairly long report of the New York Times. Mr. Einstein in his paper made the following statements: "During the youthful period of mankind's spiritual evolution, human fantasy created gods in man's own image, who, by the operations of their will were supposed to determine, or at any rate to influence, the phenomenal world. Man sought to alter the disposition of these gods in his own favor by means of magic and prayer. The idea of God in the religions taught at present is a sublimation of that old conception of the gods." In what follows Professor Einstein indicates that he understands the doctrine of a personal God to mean a modern version of the primitive god who could be placated by magic. That the Hebrew and Christian conceptions of God are historically related to primitive magic no one will deny, but that one may understand the God of the Minor Prophets, the New Testament and of medieval and modern Christianity in terms of those anthropological antecedents is denied by moralists, philosophers, theologians, and religious men in great number. Any strict and critical view of human experience, both private and that recorded in poetry history, philosophy and religious

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## Captain Offers Free Riding

Captain Frederick Eberle, Kenyon's Riding and Polo instructor has announced the creation of two new riding scholarships which are soon to be awarded to two Kenyon men who would like to ride but could not otherwise afford to do so. Both scholarships will only be awarded to boys who could not otherwise ride. The first scholarship will be given in return for an hour of work daily, and the second will be awarded in return for an afternoon's work at the stables.

This is an unusually crucial year in the history of the stables. Unfortunately, the number of men who took advantage of the riding facilities of the stables last year were unusually small despite the low rates and capable instruction. It is feared that unless more men are interested in the stables this year that riding and polo will be discontinued.

The rates of the School of Equitation are at a minimum, and they can not be equalled in many places. A weekly ride costs \$15. a semester, and a student can ride 40 hours for a mere \$25.

Riding and Polo Schedule Mon., Wed., Fri., 3:45 - 4:45.

Riding for beginning and experienced riders, Tues., Thurs., 2-2:45.

Beginning Polo, Tues., Thurs., 3-4.

Polo for experienced players, Sat., 2:30-4:40.

Cross Country rides weather permitting.

## Intermural Off to Good Start

Intramural athletics at Kenyon for 1940-41 got off to a roaring start last Wednesday afternoon as the Alpha Deltas squeezed out a 6-0 victory over the Psi U's in the first touch football game of the interdivision series. A pass from Bob Hurst to Bud Mast midway in the first period provided the margin necessary for victory for the East Wingers. The game was Purple League contest.

Again this year intramurals will be held in two leagues, the Purple and the White. The games will be played at 4:00 on the polo field just across the road from Benson Bowl. Schedules for the twin-league football games follow:

### PURPLE LEAGUE

Date	Team vs. Team
Wed., Sept. 25	N. Leonard — E. Wing
Fri., Sept. 27	S. Hanna — M. Leonard
Tues., Oct. 1	N. Leonard — M. Kenyon
Thurs., Oct. 3	E. Wing — M. Leonard
Mon., Oct. 7	S. Hanna — M. Kenyon
Wed., Oct. 9	N. Leonard — M. Leonard
Thurs., Oct. 10	E. Wing — M. Kenyon
Mon., Oct. 13	N. Leonard — S. Hanna
Wed., Oct. 15	E. Wing — S. Hanna
Thurs., Oct. 16	M. Leonard — M. Kenyon

### WHITE LEAGUE

Date	Team vs. Team
Thurs., Sept. 26	W. Wing — M. Hanna
Mon., Sept. 30	N. Hanna — S. Leonard
Wed., Oct. 2	M. Hanna — S. Leonard
Fri., Oct. 4	West Wing — S. Leonard
Tues., Oct. 8	W. Wing — N. Hanna
Fri., Oct. 11	M. Hanna — N. Hanna

## Hill Improved During Summer

During the summer, few changes have taken place on the Hill, although of these some were extensive. What was once known as the Bishop's House just off Ward Street now named Kokosing House has been completely changed. Once the residence of Bishop Bedel, later leased to Bishop Leonard, and finally the home of Bishop Rogers, this house has stood empty for two years. Completely remodeled, it is now the residence of Dr. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Eastman, and Miss Densmore, the president's secretary.

Extensive changes are also to be found in the basement of Middle Hanna, where the completely new parlor of the Delta Phi's was built. Lit indirectly by fluorescent tubes hidden behind the wall paneling of Philippine mahogany, the whole atmosphere bespeaks of modernity. A card-room may be shut off from the rest of the room by sliding doors, carefully hidden, and is furnished with tables and chairs matching the wood paneling. Floor lamps fitted with varnished cloth shades, sound-proof ceiling, and an English hunt-scene mural on the end wall complete that arrangement. In the main parlor red and green over-stuffed chairs of fine leather are plentifully arranged about a cut-stone fireplace.

## Yale Adds New Music Course

In response to increasing interest in music and a demand from undergraduates

for a wider choice in the field, Yale university this year created a Department of music, and added seven courses on various musical subjects. The new department, which is under the direction of Bruce Simonds, is separate from the School of Music which is intended for professional students. One faculty, however, serves both.

The courses cover the history and literature of music, and the theory and composition of music; among them are studies in the choral music of Bach, the Beethoven quartets, modern music, and score reading.

As a further point in her new music program, Yale has two distinguished musicians as visiting professors. Paul Hindemith and Ralph Kirkpatrick. Hindemith, a widely-known German composer, will teach a seminar in the theory of music to a limited number of advanced students. Mr. Kirkpatrick, a harpsichordist of New York City, will conduct a course in the harpsichord music of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, a course in early keyboard music and instruments in relation to contemporary musical life, and will teach harpsichord playing.

## Conscription

1. REGISTRATION. Students away from their homes may register at the College, but if they so desire, their cases may be handled by the local boards in their respective communities by placing their home address on the registration card. However, students are permitted to have the local board in the area of the college determine their classification.

2. All students enrolled in college of arts and sciences may defer response to the draft call until after July 1, 1941.

## Delta Phi Parlor



Above is a Candid Picture looking into the new Delta Phi Lounge from the foyer.

## Photo Contest Offers \$1,500 In Prizes

A national photo contest paying more than \$1500.00 for the best pictures about Young America awaits every college camera fan as they return to school today. Sponsored by Dr. Mary E. Woolley, President Emeritus of Mt. Holyoke College, and Dr. Frank P. Graham, President of the University of North Carolina, YOUTH IN FOCUS is open to everyone under 26 years of age.

Designed to appeal especially to amateur photographers whether they own dollar Brownies or expensive Leicas, YOUTH IN FOCUS announced that, "The subject, story, and skill will determine the winners; technical ability will be entirely incidental." College students have unusually good subject material on their campuses and college communities. Interesting pictures of students in classrooms, labs, dining halls, fraternity houses, at football games and "Bull sessions" will form an important part of the photographic document YOUTH IN FOCUS will produce.

Through the classification "Youth at School" in both the Rural and Urban groups, college students are in a favored position to win one of the forty prizes which are offered in that category exclusively, as well as a chance to win the first prize of \$500.00 for the best picture in the entire contest. Other classifications in both the Urban and Rural groups, in which college students may also enter pictures, are, Youth and Work, Youth at Play, Youth at Home, Youth and Religion, Youth in Marriage and Youth — the Citizen. Each contestant may enter as many pictures as he wishes.

In addition to the 281 cash prizes, YOUTH IN FOCUS will reward contestants by publishing a weekly page of pictures in FRIDAY Magazine, by publishing a book of the prize-winning pictures,

and by arranging a travelling exhibit which will tour the country. The contest closes November 30, 1940, and winners will be announced January 1, 1941.

Six outstanding people in the field of graphic arts will judge the entries. They are: Margaret Burke-Vine, head photographer of P.M., formerly for Life Magazine; Daniel S. Gillmor, Publisher of Friday Magazine; Joris Ivens, President, Association of Documentary Film Producers; Garson Kanin, Director-Producer, RKO Pictures; Rockwell Kent, outstanding artist, President, United American Artists; Roy E. Stryker, Chief, Historical Section, Farm Security Administration.

Other prominent sponsors in addition to Drs. Wolley and Graham are: Sheldon Dick, Producer of "Man and Dust"; William O. Field, Jr., Pioneer in Documentary Films; Dorothy Canfield Fisher, noted author; Jay Leyda, Museum of Modern Art; Hon. Vito Marcantonio, Representative from New York; Hon. James E. Murray, Senator from Montana; Alfred K. Stern, Chairman, National Emergency Committee for Democratic Rights; and Richard Wright, author of best seller—"Native Son."

Entry forms, rules, and complete information about the contest may be obtained from YOUTH IN FOCUS, 1775 Broadway, New York City.

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## Combing the Colleges

The University of Illinois has hit a new "high" in the field of atomic experimentation. It is now the proud possessor of an electric atom gun. The gun, known in scientific circles as a "linear accelerator" is to aid the University scientific followers in learning how the core of atoms is made up. Elaborate electrical devices time the atomic bullets as they are fired. Latest is that the gun fires 1,000,000,000,000 bullets per second, Blitzkrieg!

Ohio State has, after all, acquired "Bullet" Bell, sensational basketball star from somewhere "Down By the Ohio." After leaving the home state for Southern Methodis, Bell was taken with violent "homesickness." Perceiving the error in his ways, he returned and entered State immediately. Well, it just goes to show you.

For benefit of Freshmen—Those who think themselves ill-used and are bewailing the fact that they are just starting as Freshmen might be interested in the case of one

Paul Mellon, son of the famous Andrew Mellon. This gentleman is, at the age of 33 beginning as a Freshman for the second time in his life. Having graduated once, but being in quest of more than higher learning, he is once again lowering himself to the degree of "fuzz-butt." St. John's College is his choice because of the new teaching system incorporated there. Can any of you Frosh boast that you have a daughter three years old?

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## Letters to the Editor

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writing, shows that the conception of God as personal far transcends the idea of a man or gods and goddesses as personal. The difference is so great that it is commonly thought of as a difference in kind, not degree.

Professor Einstein does not examine human experience in his paper but makes it clear that he is willing to examine only physical or mathematical experience. "The more a man is imbued with the ordered regularity of all events," he says, "the firmer becomes his conviction that there is no room left by the side of this ordered regularity for causes of a different nature." He proposes to apply to all experiences the same kind of measurements which have impressed him with the "ordered regularity." His naivete lies right here. His eyes have averted their ken from half of human fate. The greatest of all musicians is not necessarily our authority on cookery, an engineer is not *ipso facto* a man knowing in horsemanship. The danger of Mr. Einstein's remarks lies not so much in his lack of belief as in his readiness to speak with the authority of a great mathematician on an important subject which he makes it clear he is unwilling to investigate.

The writer of your editorial notices that I advised young men not to believe in God until they have earned the belief but finds my advice inconsistent with my objections to Mr. Einstein. I hadn't thought that the undergraduates were Einsteins — not yet. They all have at least forty years to go, plenty of time in which to look with sympathy and critical precision at men, at right and at tragedy and, at

worship, in short, at the immense corpus of human fact which Professor Einstein by implication deems unimportant

To be concerned about belief is not necessarily to deny freedom. Clearly everyone is as free as Mr. Einstein has been to observe nothing but mathematical hypotheses and physical phenomena. And whoever does will hardly gain better beliefs than his. I urge you to give exacting attention to ideas, to beautiful things, to goodness, and the nature of man, as well as to the nature of the physical world. There is no danger to a man's freedom if he does this; indeed, in a modern college such as Kenyon there is no immediate danger to any given man's fate of democracy, however, is another question. American democ-

racy was developed by men many of whose leaders believed fervently in God. The conception itself is closely related to Christianity. I don't think democracy will last long either among irreligious men or among men who take their religion ready-made from somebody else; so the surest thing a man can do to preserve his own as well as his community's freedom is to find out for himself if he possibly can what beliefs he can be sure of for himself.

The central issues of your editorial last week are important and I am glad they have been raised. They are clearly too extensive in their implications to be treated adequately in correspondence. I hope, however, that we can discuss them further. I shall be at home Thursday evening, the third, and I shall be especially pleased if men interested to talk about their ideas will come to Cromwell House. If that date is not convenient for any who would like to come I hope they will tell me so that we can arrange another time as well.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon K. Chalmers.

## Appointment

President Chalmers announced on Friday that Mr. Charles McKinley, Kenyon 1940, has been appointed an administrative assistant. His special duties will be threefold: to assist Dean Hoag in matters relating to the placement of undergraduates and graduates; to assist Dean Eastman in admissions work and in handling alumni correspondence. Mr. McKinley will have his office in the North End of Ascension Hall.

## New Interest

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special music at a Lenten Evensong. According to Dr. Solomon, the recorded concerts will begin about the middle of October. Each Friday night a selected series of records is played in the Pierce Hall music room. These programs feature many of the works of the masters, most of the familiar and popular classics. Programs last year included works by Bach, Brahms Schubert, Beethoven, Straus, Franck, Tchaikovsky, Verdi, Mendelssohn, Debussy, to mention a few.

Accomplished musicians appear on the assembly programs in Rosse hall. The Mt. Vernon Civic Music Association presents each year several fine artists.

## Frosh Await Cane Rush

Sophomores, duck walking, Frosh caps, and more Sophomores! That is the average Freshman's impression of Kenyon after two weeks of life on the Hill. His nocturnal hours are plagued with visions of leering sophomores and quacking kids in purple caps.

However, as they begin their third week on the Hill, the Frosh are becoming accustomed to jumping poles, touching cap buttons, and sticking to the paths. No longer are they precipitated to the floor at the first sound of the rising bell each morning. They have even mastered rapid eating and passing plates quickly, but only after two weeks of meals in the College Commons.

The first week was hard on the green lads, so recently removed from maternal care. What with sophomores yelling instructions at the already befuddled Frosh, and upperclassmen advising rebellion, one does become a bit disconcerted. But, who knows? Perhaps the meek Frosh will rebel against the tyranny before the cane rush! At which time the sophs are going to be hung!

## Profs Raked Over Coals

The Southern Review and the Kenyon Review will publish simultaneously in their fall issues two groups of papers on the teaching of English literature in colleges, according to a recent announcement by their editorial staffs.

The papers will be written by some outstanding literary men and scholars, and will be under the general title *Literature and the Professors*. They will be prepared jointly by both periodicals, but the two groups will not duplicate each other.

Since the articles will not be edited, they are expected to contain several attacks on university policies. According to John Crowe Ransom, editor of the Kenyon Review, one of the papers is to be submitted by Allen Tate, noted poet, author, and critic, who stated some of his views on the present methods of teaching in the *Princeton Alumni Weekly* of last March 8.

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