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Collegian Returns

Almost a century ago, in 1856 to be exact, our predecessors created a journal which was a product of the Kenyon campus. It was called "The Collegian" and has come down to us today bearing the same title. But the title is not the only thing which has been handed down to us from the boys of '56: for in the creation of "The Collegian" a purpose was behind its every step.

One cannot put his finger on one isolated cause and say, "Here, this is the factor which caused the birth of "The Collegian". This issue in itself is not important. After a study of the history of "The Collegian" one readily sees the numerous and vital causes it has fulfilled. It has, in the past, crusaded for many things: moral, political, social. It has also lent itself to the petty, often going from the sublime to the ridiculous. But no matter what its many aspects have been one thing is certain and that is that "The Collegian" has served Kenyon College faithfully and well. It's long history reflects the great love and affection which the men of Kenyon have had and will have for the college on Gambier Hill.

The history of "The Collegian" of the past is like a ghost hovering over the editors of the recently revived "Collegian" Its great accomplishments make us tremble and we hear the voice of the old daring us to attempt to serve Kenyon as well as the past has done. Yes, we readily acknowledge our indebtedness to the past. Let it then be our purpose to serve Kenyon well and faithfully. This war-time "Collegian" will

be a journal of student opinion. Although the war has come to Kenyon nevertheless opinion stays and it would be the most dangerous move to abandon our purpose. We are dedicated to this end. Our editorials will attempt to grasp the general feeling among students concerning issues on campus. In addition to the general reaction we shall present as many sides to each issue as we possibly can. The right and left wing will be given their fair share. In addition to reflecting opinion it will be the duty and honorable function of "The Collegian" to perpetuate and defend the sacred traditions of Kenyon. Our student body will be small in number only; the spirit will loom large and all our hallowed customs can be kept. We would be traitors to Kenyon if we, as most other institutions are doing, would use the war as a scape-goat and not try, at least try, to retain our traditions. Our college had but fifty students yet athletics, hazing, rushing, singing and many other institutions continue. This is as it should be and "The Collegian" shall fight for this policy!

Our foundation is set and we begin. Naturally the wartime Collegian will not create a revolution in the field of journalism. Many skeptics and sarcastic grippers are going to have a field day over the pathetic little two-by-four which claims the title of "Kenyon Collegian"! We, the editors, acknowledge our attempts to fulfill the above purposes may be, in the eyes of most, inadequate and feeble. But we are bound to our duty and we must forge ahead. Please bear with us.

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TRADITION

At the present moment, Kenyon College is faced with an important and very undesirable situation--our long-preserved and zealously guarded traditions are in danger of extinction. With the exception of a very few upperclassmen, there are no students remaining who were here prior to the war.

The fault for the present deplorable state of affairs lies in three places--the present world conflict of course, is the primary reason; but the lack of unity and interest in the present student body must also receive its share of the blame. The third reason for the weakness of traditions at the present moment lies with that small number of people on the Hill who have disapproved of certain customs and occurrences that are a carefully guarded integral part of Kenyon's way of life. Only those among us who have been here for two or more years have been permitted to watch the decline of our prided Kenyon customs, for only these few were on the Hill before that decline set in.

It is not for us to attempt to dictate the status of our sacred traditions, but we may at least defend them.

We point out that if there are those among us who do not favor some of the standards which brought us here, this is no time to renege.

Those traditions were far too strong to be safely bucked in normal times, and anyone who would even consider a change at the present moment could safely be accused of trying underhanded methods. Whether these changes are spontaneous or otherwise, they are with us now. And we must fight them, all of us, not only for our own sakes, but also for the sakes of our many loyal alumni, most of whom are not able to make known their own opinions at the present time. For it is our alumni

who founded our traditions, and they would never be happy to return here after the war to find the best parts of Kenyon life missing, or sadly atrophied.

Many of these alumni hope to enroll again after peace returns, and no more than us, would they like to see gone such sacred rites as the traditional sophomore hazing of freshmen, with its accompanying pyjama parade, freshman crawl, bonfire, and cane rush. And what of the famous campus beer parties, with the Old Kenyon bell announcing the beginning of the festivities? And where are the Peep Nights? For over a year the doorknobs of Ascension have remained on the doors and the Faunce's classroom has been undisturbed. No more are there cows in the Library or cars in Rosse Hall. But undoubtedly worst of all is the lack of singing on the Hill. Kenyon, possibly more than any other college, specialized in comradeship through song. On occasion the sacred songs would resound through the quadrangle. And now they are no more.

This condition must not continue. It is up to us, the student body, to make certain that while we are still here, and after we are gone and long forgotten, the same holy traditions will be carried on from generation to generation, and Kenyon will again attain and rise above its former heights of traditional supremacy.

June 1, 1944

Greetings to the war-time Collegian!

The suspension of publication of the venerable college newspaper two years ago must be set down as one of the important war casualties of Kenyon, and it is a source of much pleasure to all of us to see publication resumed in this new and somewhat abbreviated, but none-the-less adequate form.

The editor, Mr. Allen, who with the consent and blessing of the Senior Council provided the impetus, and all of those in editorial or managerial positions who will be responsible for publication, have the best wishes of the administration and the promise of sustained cooperation and assistance.

We know that, under the present board, the Collegian will carry on through the war, as of old an alert, impartial, and aggressive medium of news and student opinions.

Good luck!

Robert B. Brown
Dean of Students

Parson Stoddard's classic cry "Revolt"!.....Who is the stronger Soph or Frosh? -or maybe the Klan.....
 ...the classic Maple saw several of the Fuzzies return to the Neanderthal state...the victory cry of the bull ape.....it all started with an hour's stroll thru the moonlight...how romantic! and peaceful.....'Tis rumored there's a hell for freshmen.....our kitchen was put to shame on Tuesday by the gastronomic magnificence prepared by local talent.....'tis rumored that Miss Kimble furnished fourteen gallons of milk - and thirteen apple pies, too!.....Skippy Montigney had a close shave during the Student-Faculty baseball game but Kemrade Kutler bravely staunched the flow of Jack's life-blood.....during same game "Ty Cobb" Stamler's batting average took a nose-dive to .001.... Geoffrey Chalmers refused to leap from the broadcasting tower despite the exhortations of the King-Coolidge combo: who advocated the cry of "Geronimo"!.....Bob Montigney made like American Eagle in the 5th..... it's obvious that "Roger the Lodger" appreciated the finer things in life.....where was Rocky's imprompyu speech at the conclusion of a recent serenade....a certain "Hot Lips" John Smith rode the horn..."Tickler" Howie bit off a good slice of his licorice stick...what fool applauded the first attempt beneath the Common's tower.....at a recent high-table Dr. Norton inquired of students when they planned to take cours---received discouraging answer....say, by-the-way, what fool has walked this far??

Phi Beta Kappa Initiation

The Ohio Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa held its annual initiation on the 27th of May in the president's office in Ascension Hall. Three of the present and former Kenyon students who had been elected to membership were initiated at this time. The fourth Jason McCoy '45 is in the Navy Unit at Yale and was unable to attend the ceremony. The three initiates were Ed Coolidge, '45 Bill Cowser, '44 and Dave McCall, '45, who is now in the Army Unit at Chicago studying Chinese.

At an assembly on Tuesday, May 29th, Dr. Coolidge lectured on the possibilities of the use of gas in this war. To begin with, Dr. Coolidge stated that the term "Gas Warfare" is a misnomer, as the materials employed are usually in the liquid or solid state. The term "gas" dates back to the period when chlorine alone was employed.

During the first World War, the only ways of securing information from the enemy were by the use of spys and trench raids. In one of these raids, two German prisoners were captured. These two men raved about poison gas, but died before any additional information was obtained from them. The Allies attempted to uncover the secret, but the first gas attack came too soon. One clear day, the gas was released over a five-mile front. The Allied area was occupied by Canadians and Morroccans. A cloud of gas rolled down on them; the Africans ran, but the Canadians stood their ground and died horrible deaths.

The Allies took immediate steps to retaliate, and out of slightly less than a million materials that were considered only three dozen were found to be of use. The reason for all this elimination will be better understood when one realizes that a "gas" must be toxic, non-corrosive, liquid or solid for convenience, stable to explosions, difficult to decompose, heavier than air, and commercially manufacturable. There are two types of gases, persistent and non-persistent.

There are three ways to distribute gas: by bomb, spray, or shell. Only one-half milligram of gas per quart of air is necessary to be lethal. Some of the most famous gases are: mustard gas, which causes large blisters on the skin and forms hydrochloric acid when taken into the blood stream; Lewisite gas, which causes blindness and disintegration of the kidneys; Phosgene gas, which produces a physical state resembling pneumonia.

Protection consists of gas masks, air-tight clothing, and air-tight rooms. A new development is impregnated clothing, which enables one to perspire readily.

At the conclusion of his lecture, Dr. Coolidge produced several small bottles containing harmless substances with odors typical of the most common war gases.



Prior to the finish of the spring term Kenyon College met and defeated Ashland to the tune of 5-4 and 11-2.

So far, during the summer term, Kenyon has played three baseball games. Before these three contests were started, however, the boys found themselves without their former coach, Chuck Imel. Captain Bob Montigney, that "Grand Old Man" of baseball, and Coach Rudy Kutler have teamed up together to solve one of the many problems which a wartime athletic program encounters. We feel certain that both will do well.

The first experience of the Montigney-Kutler combo was a 14-7 drubbing at the hands of a weak Ashland team. Errors, twelve of them, played a major role in Kenyon's defeat. Some of the brighter spots in this catastrophe were the fielding of "Mac" McGregor and a smash triple by Jack Kasai which knotted the count in the seventh. During the game Platt relieved J'Anthony who was forced to the sidelines by a "bad" arm. Don pitched rather well right to the bitter end. At the next meeting of these same teams, Kasai proved to be a wise choice for hurler. He led the Lords to an impressive 3-1 win. Kasai fanned twelve of the hapless Parsons during the day's proceedings. This game puts Kenyon on the top end of a three-games-to-one series with our friends from Ashland.

Kenyon was then invited to play in the Mount Vernon Amateur League. In our first contest we met Pittsburgh Plate. Again Jack Kasai did wonders and the Lords won a hectic game, 16-6.

The score indicates little as to the speedy competition in the league; our showing of last Sunday was anything but brilliant and a decided improvement in fielding must be shown in order to give Utica a good run. Had the team taken real advantage of the situation on Sunday, the score would have rocketed into the fifty's and the Platers would never have seen first base.

Now let us take a look at the men who represent Kenyon on the diamond. The fine playing of the veteran Montigney twins, Bob and Jack, is well known and established here at Kenyon. Frosh Charles McGregor occupies left field. He is a better than average fielder, and, although sporting only a 214 average, he has proven to be a valuable clutch hitter. Since the last Ashland game regular center fielder, Jack Montigney, has been filling in at various infield posts. He has done a creditable job here as well as in the outfield. Right field is patrolled by Jack "Ty Cobb" Stamler. Although "Ty" is having an unusual slump at this writing, we feel sure that his fielding and hitting will improve, with age at least. A new "Fuzzie", Charlie Allen, has seen action in the field. Allen is fast and has a very strong arm. This, plus an impressive batting average and some heads up base running makes for some hope after the departure of Jack Montigney.

Scanning the infield from third to first we come across an interesting picture. Another freshman appears, this time in the person of

Bob Willis, who, along with Don Platt, tends the "hot corner". Willis is a strong hitter but a poor fielder. Platt has a fine arm, but is a weak batter. Willis is normally a second baseman, but since Kasai has taken the mound, he has been playing at third and short. McClave, who shows some signs of improving in the hitting department, patrols second base area. Leopold has, until recently, been at first base. J'Anthony played this position during the Ashland and Pittsburgh games. The team as a whole is a good hitting college aggregation,

but its fielding is very poor. Improvement along this line is essential to a bang-up season. Another essential is a real "team spirit". Too much griping has spelled defeat for more than one team in the past, and we are convinced that this season's Kenyon team is no exception to the rule that dissension causes division and weakness. When the team has shown pep and fight they really "go"! This lack may also be due to the lack of support which almost every wartime Kenyon baseball team has experienced. Let's get behind them!

INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES

Player	A.B.	Hits	II	III	T.H.	S.O.	Av.
J'Anthony	20	5	5	1	11	3	550
P. Montigney	20	4	3	0	7	4	350
J. Montigney	16	4	2	0	6	1	375
B. Kasai	21	4	0	1	5	2	257
J. Chamberlin	21	5	1	0	6	8	286
Leopold	11	1	0	0	1	6	091
McClave	13	2	1	0	3	4	238
Willis	10	2	0	0	2	1	200
Platt	12	1	0	0	1	6	083
McGregor	14	0	1	2	3	4	214
Allen	5	2	0	0	2	0	400
King	4	1	0	0	1	1	250
Kaichen	0	0	0	0	0	0	000
Chamberlin	0	0	0	0	0	0	000
Team Average	157	30	13	4	48	38	289