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# KENYON COLLEGIAN

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### Historic Ascension Hall Has Served Many Purposes

The cornerstone of Ascension Hall was laid in 1857 after about three years of planning and discussion. It was in 1854 that the increasing number of students brought to the minds of the Trustees and the President the need of another building.

The money was to have been raised in the Diocese of Ohio, but the greater part of the funds came from the East, especially from the members of the Church of the Ascension in New York City from which the Hall took its name.

Although the cornerstone was laid in 1857, it can hardly be said that the building has yet been fully completed. It was constructed piecemeal as the money came in: first the basement, then the roof supported by a half-finished wall, then the outer walls, and the North and Central part in 1860. The South Wing was finished gradually as the rooms were needed.

Built of olive shale just as is the Church of the Holy Spirit, it houses the Halls of the two Kenyon literary societies both of which contributed much to the construction and completed their respective meeting places themselves.

Improvements were made periodically as the different uses of the building changed with the years and financial condition of the College. Indeed Ascension has served almost all the conceivable college purposes: administrative offices, classrooms, science laboratories, astronomy observatory, even the residence for a period of time of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

This venerable old edifice, covered with ivy and one of the most beautiful on the campus, is a fitting site for the center of the College Administration in the center of the campus.



ASCENSION HALL  
West Entrance

### Alumni Meeting Held

A regular Kenyon Alumni Association meeting was held at Cincinnati some time ago at the University Club. Besides the regular members present there were three undergraduates there: Roger Sherman, '46, Psi U., William Hull, '46, DTD, and E. A. Daneman, '44, Delta Phi. An excellent talk was made on the spur of the moment by Roger Sherman in regard to his feeling for Kenyon. This talk of an undergraduate was avowedly stimulating to the sentiments of those Alumni long out of Kenyon who were of the opinion that the College of their day was no more.

### KENYON SINGING — DEAN BROWN

Of all the traditions that Kenyon has gathered about it in the past 120 years, there is probably none more dear to the hearts of Kenyon men than that of good College and Fraternity singing. Wherever Kenyon is known at all, it is known for this and seldom do three or four Kenyon men get together, anywhere, that they do not burst into song. It is one of the things which has welded Kenyon men together during their student days and as alumni, and it is the thing which is mentioned probably more often than any other in

letters from the alumni—particularly those in service: "How is the singing on the Hill?"; "How I would like to get back for just one Sunday dinner in the Commons to hear some Kenyon singing" or "Are the fraternities keeping up their singing? They must because I want to join them in a march down the path the first thing when I get back to God's country." These are the kinds of questions I get constantly and my reply has always been that considering our numbers, Kenyon

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### Dance Week-End Nears

The Student Council has scheduled the regular term dance week-end for January 20. Francis Carl and his band will replace previously scheduled Gene Beacher, who was forced by traveling conditions to cancel his engagement. The dance will be held from nine to one, with one short intermission. This band is made up of nine men and a girl singer who is reported to be quite an attraction.

As usual, the dinner starts with cocktails in the Lounge of Peirce Hall at 8:00 P. M. and the dinner proper begins at 8:30. Curfew, as last time, is at 3 A.M.

There do not seem to be as many open-houses this time as last. Probably the only parties will be the intrafraternity ones already arranged.

A close vote in the Student Council determined that the gathering is to be semi-formal rather than informal.

### Two Students Not Returning

William Rathman, class of '48, and John Reich of the same class, are not returning for the remainder of this term, having joined the Navy while on Christmas vacation.

Rathman was a member of the football team and active in the Psi Upsilon Fraternity. Johnny Reich was also on the team temporarily and was prominent in the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. Both will be missed by their brothers and classmates.

### Alumni Fund Drive Closed

The Kenyon Alumni Fund Drive for the year of 1944 is closed with the total of receipts up to around \$29,700 (unofficial goal—\$30,000). At the last tallying before Christmas recess the total was about \$26,000.

### Bridge Tournament Tonight

Mrs. Robert Brown is holding a student-faculty bridge tournament at her house at 9:30 P. M., Friday, January 12. All students are cordially invited to participate, and prizes will be awarded.

### Letters Given in Assembly

#### Chalmers and Lange Speak

President Chalmers and Coach Lange awarded Varsity letters in football to the following men at the first assembly since Christmas, on January 4th: Peter Hughes, Edward Young, Neil Pratt, William Rathman, Daniel Dunlap, Raymond Ferrel, Lloyd Derrickson, Edwin Bosworth, Frank Howe, William Marshall, John Hartman, Charles J. Anthony, Charles Koehler, Fred Palmer, John Gulick, Charles Allen, James Branch, Robert Lockwood, Robert Stewart, David Harbison, Richard Roberts, Lane Wroth, and James Dandelles, manager. Richard Taggart received numerals as assistant manager.

### Alumni House Ready for Occupancy

The Alumni House, the residence for the returning Alumni, is now ready for use. Since early 1943 until last summer it was used as a student dormitory. First occupied by the DKE and Alpha Delta Fraternities, it later became the home of the Psi U's and Beta's also. The interior at that time was slightly altered for student use.

Now complete reconditioning has returned it to its original state and readied it for use by College guests.

Those who are bringing dates will be interested to know that these attractive rooms will serve as lodgings for the approaching dance week-end. Those interested in procuring rooms should contact Miss Kimball or Miss Chard. The Infirmary and other houses will also be available for this purpose.

### MRS. BLACK GIVES PARTY

After the play performance December the 14th, Mrs. Helen Black held a party at her home for all those who had participated. Beer and baked ham were the staples, coffee and extras also being served. Records from *Oklahoma!* and other musical comedies were played. Those present were Mrs. Dorothy Hines, Herschial Welsh, Harvey Harrison, Bruce Bell, Moody Kaufman, John Swope, James Hansen, Stewart Perry, Charles J. Anthony, Richard Taggart, Charles Koehler, Lloyd Derrickson, and Robert Golden. The last two, members of Mrs. Black's class, were the ushers at the evening's performance.

Everyone was agreed that the party was a complete success and a fitting end to the work which had been expended on the plays.

(This article was not included in the previous issue due to lack of space.)

Coach Lange spoke briefly, asking for greater student support of the basketball team, and President Chalmers gave a short talk in which he pointed out the obligations which the men in college now have to their country. Assuring us that only with the passing of the years would we come to realize the importance of these obligations, Dr. Chalmers quoted as an example a letter from William Smeeth, an alumnus now with the Marines in the Pacific. Said Smeeth, "College fills a need in the country for a common ground of education . . . Democracy works only as well as the calibre of its citizens permits; education makes the calibre."

Dr. Chalmers went on to say that the bitterest problem of our generation is the problem of agreement between three nations of widely different ideologies, America, Great Britain, and Russia, and that a thorough historical education will be necessary to solve this problem. He pointed out that we must realistically recognize that we are in a world with our allies, an empire and a great revolutionary country, and that we should realize that limited approaches to democracy are better than no democracy at all. "You men must decide this problem within the next fifteen years," he warned in conclusion.

### Don Peacock Returns

Don Peacock, '46, returned to the Hill after more than a year in the Navy during which time he served in V-12 and premidshipman's school. A medical discharge has enabled him to return and finish his college career.

### Chalmers Attends Meeting In Atlantic City

President Chalmers is attending this week in Atlantic City meetings of the Commission on Liberal Education and the National Commission on Christian Higher Education of the Association of American Colleges and the annual meeting of the Association itself.



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## Common(s) Singing

At the first Sunday dinner one attends at Kenyon, he is impressed by the singing in which everyone participates immediately after the meal. Yes, this singing, a worthy tradition notable for the spirit of good fellowship that it inevitably fosters, becomes a feature of the entire day. It mirrors the spirit implanted by the Founders, a spirit we find still existing in these troubled times, and which we expect to see increasing in the years to come. It is an unforgettable part of Kenyon life.

But no one can enjoy music which is not properly performed. We have all been to church services which have suffered from a dragging of the hymns. Such a dragging takes all the pleasure out of the service. Exactly the same condition exists in the Commons on Sundays. Every song we sing is drawn out to the tempo of a dirge. One does not need to be a seasoned music critic to realize that with few exceptions the tunes we sing in the Great Hall should be lively, if not rollicking. The song session is for our own and our visitor's enjoyment, but it seems that our representatives at the Senior Table do not do us justice in maintaining the tempo. *Philander Chase* is not sung the same way as *Nearer My God to Thee*. All the songs should be pepped up. Sung with vivacity, they invite whole-hearted participation.

To cite an example of what *can* be done, all those who saw the movie *Dixie* will remember that at its first performance, Dan Emmett's great melody was not at all well received by the audience, but when the tempo was stepped up, it revealed itself as a really stirring strain. Let's step up our singing in the Commons.

## 1890, The Battle of the Collegian and the Voice

In these days when collegiate editors are apt to bemoan the fact that all is too quiet on the journalistic front, it is refreshing to learn that it was not ever thus. For instance, the other day we were browsing through our old *Collegians*, and we found in the September issue of 1890, that the still-thriving *Wooster Voice* had just made its first appearance. With the kind of respect one would expect from the venerable journal, the *Collegian* hailed the birth in these words: "Volume one, number one of the *Wooster Voice* is a boomer all the way through, and is quite an improvement over its predecessor."

But this, it seems, was just the calm before the storm, the quick handshake before battle. For when the November issue of the *Collegian* appeared, the cannons had already been brought into position, and a frightful volley of verbal gunfire had shattered the serenity. It is unfortunate that we do not have access of the *Voice* of this period. Our observation therefore must be entirely from the Kenyon side.

The spark seems to have been struck by a certain Mr. Bope who, in his exchange article, attacked a *Voice* policy as being "The most contemptible exhibition of monumental gall possible in college journalism."

We can imagine the alarm in the camps of our adversaries, and the retaliations that must have followed quickly on the heels of our initial thrust. But what these may have been we may only conjecture, for they are never referred to in the *Collegian*.

We did not have to wait long for the follow-up attack, which had moved to the sports section of the next issue, in a review of an article from the *Voice* of November 17th. Two days previous, a somewhat bewildering football game between the two schools had been held on our field, and the protests that followed that game found their way into the columns of the *Wooster paper*, and were refuted by the *Collegian* as follows:

"In the start we wish to say, that we recognize that it is hardly in the decent usage of newspapers to call our opponent a liar, or his article a tissue of lies, but in some cases it is hard to stop short of this. Either the *Wooster* writer was densely

## ONE MAN'S MEAT

By BILL VOGELY

The political situation, as well as the military one, is in a state of turmoil, both at home and abroad.

There is a basic decision facing President Roosevelt and the United States. We must decide whether or not we are to assume leadership in the world and prevent the return of power politics, or if we are to back down. We say that Greece is Britain's problem. But any disturbance behind our lines is an Allied problem. If the British can't keep order and establish an accepted government, then the Allies must. Russia, France, and the United States have a tremendous stake here too. Civil war in the first liberated country is not much of an indication that we will be able to establish order in Poland and the rest of the countries as they are liberated.

We will have many problems like those in Greece. At least two conflicting governments, parties, or ideologies exist in every country. We cannot permit civil war to break out as we advance.

I would suggest a commission rule by the Big Four in Europe until some of the war hatreds have died down and the people have been disarmed. Then there will be some chance of settlement by peaceful means.

On the home front, the new man-power program looks as if it would be effective, at least in part. I approve of such control completely, but I see one great flaw. They want to draft 4 F's for labor or limited service, but do not want them to have some of the advantages of combat troops. As far as pensions, insurance, and the like are concerned, this is all right; but the 4 F's should get advantage of the educational provisions and the job provisions guaranteed by the G. I. Bill of Rights. It isn't their fault that the Army can't use them, and it is just as surely disrupting their lives by forced labor as it would be by forced fighting.

## Cuts and Double Cuts

We have often wondered why at Kenyon, a liberal college if ever one existed, faculty rulings governing cuts are so unusually strict. At most schools a student is allowed one cut for every class hour he is taking, at others his scholastic standing determines the number he may take, while at a few of our colleges he may accumulate as many cuts as he wishes.

It is doubtful whether the last named system is practicable for the Kenyon of 1945. With more and more younger students being admitted, with enrollment so low that classes rarely consist of more than six or eight men, and with the ever present threat of the draft bringing more and more of our men to neglect and in some cases all but abandon their intellectual pursuits, unlimited cuts would very likely close every class on the Hill.

However, we do object to the stand that the school has

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ignorant of many facts which should have been plain to him, or else he deliberately falsified. From the article it is hard to judge what was the case, but we give him the benefit of a doubt."

Our writer continues by informing us that the score given by the *Voice* was incorrect, bringing in the State Association and Rule 4 (b) of the Official Rules to back his contention. He then harangues the would-be *Wooster* timekeeper who reported that only 43 minutes were played, and concluded by demanding "a fair report of the game, and no hashed up affair to suit *Wooster* palates."

In the next issue our Mr. Bope had taken up the refrain, and was making the world conscious of the evil nature of our foes.

"Oh, bah! . . . *Wooster Voice* go off and shake yourself. Your kiddish discussions, carried on in the past month or so in your editorial columns about trifling matters pertaining to football and baseball . . . may have seemed sharp and cute to yourselves, but to your readers they have been nauseating. . . . Who on earth cares whether John Left Tackle hit Bill Quarter Back in the mouth or not?"

And he rounds off his column by stating that "The *Voice* exists for the University, not the University for the *Voice*."

Then something happened. Just what it was is not evident, but almost over night battling Bope and the *Collegian* began to ease their pressure. The cannonading fell off to a rumble, and then ceased altogether. Bope tried to patch things up with a rather embarrassed explanation that papers like the *Voice* who "do not conduct exchange columns 'have it up their heads' so much that they deserve to be hauled over the coals all the more vigorously when they fly off on a tangent."

And apparently satisfied with its explanation, the *Collegian* settled down for a period of peace and good will once more.

## X-CHANGES

Ashland, Va. (I.P.)—After a survey of the requests made by the professional and business men and women of this community, Randolph-Macon College is offering four classes for adults with a total enrollment of 38.

The courses which are being taught are in the Life and Letters of Paul, Greek Tragedy, Introductory Anthropology, and elementary Spanish. They are non-credit courses offered as an additional contribution to the cultural life of the town and college. The students meet for a two-hour period one evening each week for ten weeks.

Chestertown, Md. (I.P.)—The American college fraternities, which numbered nearly 60,000 active members on the college and university campuses of the country at the outbreak of the war, contain only 20,000 in their chapters at present, according to a study recently completed by President Gilbert W. Mead of Washington College.

The actual figures show 58,320 active undergraduate members in 1940-41, and 19,920 at present. It is noted that while the membership rolls have declined 65.38 percent, the national offices of the fraternities have been able to keep 64 percent of their chapter organizations functioning.

Pittsburgh, Pa. (I.P.)—Future students in the College of the University of Pittsburgh can be graduated with a "major" in aviation, that is, with at least 24 of the 120 credits required for graduation earned in navigation, meteorology, or geography.

In recommending that aviation be made a subject in which students can specialize, the curriculum committee reported: "Past and present experience both in civilian courses and in Army training programs can be a sound basis on which an expanded aviation program can be built."

Besides the aviation "majors" a number of elective courses are open to students specializing in other fields. These electives include civil air regulations, elementary meteorology, geography for aviation, the history of air power, navigation, physics and flight and climate.

## CUTS

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taken in allowing but three or four cuts each term. We are tempted to suggest that if the faculty were to compromise by allowing twice this number, we of the student body would not expect special favors from the few professors who at this time send in very few of their

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## CANDID COMMENTS

By JOHN HARTMAN

The Kenyon Lords five, now in the heart of their schedule, find themselves a more potent aggregation than at the onset of the season. Although their record still shows a high percentage of losses, their passing, shooting, and defensive work has steadily made an improvement — an improvement of which the majority of the student body is unaware. The strengthened defense particularly, has consumed the major part of Coach Lange's efforts. Lange has also realized that a speedy offense is an excellent defense, and in view of this has been constantly shifting and juggling the first team in order to discover the most effective combination.

At present the squad is completing a number of its away engagements. Ashland being the next opponent to be met.

In regard to the individual members of the five, several of the fellows have become outstanding in various phases of performance. Chuck Allen has developed a steady eye for the basket on long shots. Lane Wroth, a speedy guard, has been driving through in fine form on the "fast break" for his under-the-basket tallies. The team has discovered an accurate pivot-man in Dick Roberts, lanky center. Eddy Young has been outstanding in his breaks for the basket; while Allured sports the highest average on foul shot completions.

On January 9, the Purple and White swishers invade Ashland in hopes of avenging their earlier defeat by this team. However, Kenyon is on her home court for the next game after this. Let's see a good turnout, to cheer the team to a win.

## 1945 SCHEDULE

Here is the schedule of terms for this year, requested by several of the Alumni. Additional copies may be procured at the Registrar's Office.

### Spring Term, 1945

February 26, Monday	Registration.
	New students, 10:00-12:00 a.m.
	Returning students, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
February 27, Tuesday	Good Friday. No afternoon classes.
March 30, Friday	Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.
March 31, Saturday	Mid-Term reports.
May 11, 12, Friday, Saturday	Final examinations.
May 12, Saturday	Spring Term ends.

### Special Spring Half-term, 1945

May 16, Wednesday	Registration, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
May 17, Thursday	Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.
June 22, Friday	Final examinations.
	Special Term ends, 3:30 p.m.

### Summer Term, 1945

July 9, Monday	Registration.
	New Students, 10:00-12:00 a.m.
	Returning students, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
July 10, Tuesday	Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.
August 15, Wednesday	Mid-Term reports.
September 3, Monday	Labor Day. No classes.
September 21, 22, Fri., Sat.	Final examinations.
September 22, Saturday	Summer Term ends, 12:30 p.m.

### Fall Term, 1945

October 8, Monday	Registration.
	New Students, 10:00-12:00 a.m.
	Returning students, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
October 9, Tuesday	Classes begin. Opening of the 122 year.
November 1, Thursday	Founder's Day and Matriculation Services.
November 14, Wednesday	Mid-Term reports.
November 22, Thursday	Thanksgiving Day, No classes.
December 21, 22, Fri., Sat.	Final examinations.
December 22, Saturday	Fall Term ends, 12:30 p.m.

## Wittenberg Repels Lord Invaders

Slaving off a spirited third quarter drive by the Kenyon Lords, the Lutherans of Wittenberg College came through on the long end of a 50 to 30 score.

Wittenberg piled up a top heavy advantage in the first few minutes of play, sporting an 11 to 4 lead. The Lutheran attack was sparked by Vucovich, center, who caged a total of 16 points. He was followed by Stetler and Recker with 10 points apiece.

Pivot-man Dick Roberts tallied 10 points to lead Kenyon's quintet for high-score of the evening.

Wittenberg exhibited red-hot ball-playing at the opening of the contest and were leading 9 to 0 early in the first quarter. This was followed by a seven point spurt by the Purple and Whites until the Lutherans regained their stride to build up a half-time lead of 22 to 9.

Both teams stepped up the scoring pace in the third stanza of the game. Wittenberg registering 14 points to Kenyon's 12; but in the final period the former swished another 14 while the Lords were able to tally only nine.

Wittenberg's early start and their deadly under-the-basket shooting were two very important factors determining the outcome of the game.

### Kenyon

	G	F	T
McClave, f	0	1	1
Allen, f	1	1	3
Allured, f	0	1	1
Oda, f	0	0	0
Roberts, c	4	2	10
Young, g	3	0	6
Howe, g	0	2	2
Wroth, g	1	5	7
	9	12	30

### Wittenberg

	G	F	T
Steter, f	5	0	10
Reckler, f	3	4	10
Vucovich, c	7	2	16
Shaffer, g	3	3	9
Piper, g	2	1	5
Traicoff, g	0	0	0
	20	10	50

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### VERNON

Fri., Sat. — Jan. 12th, 13th  
Bowery Champs  
Abroad with Two Yanks

Sun., Mon. — Jan. 14, 15  
Nat'l Barn Dance  
March of Time

Tues., Wed., Thurs. — Jan. 16, 17, 18.  
Naughty Marrieta  
Hairy Ape

Fri., Sat. — Jan. 19, 20.  
Something for the Boys  
One Body Too Many

Sun., Mon. Tues., Wed., Thurs.  
Jan. 21, 22, 23, 24 25  
Winged Victory

### MEMORIAL

Fri., Sat. — Jan. 12, 13.  
The Mad Ghoul  
Mystery Man

Sun., Mon., Tues. —  
Jan. 14, 15, 16.  
Fast and Loose.  
Youth Runs Wild

Wed., Thurs. — Jan. 17, 18.  
Four Girls in White  
Johnny Doesn't Live Here  
Anymore

Fri., Sat. — Jan. 19, 20.  
Delinquent Parents  
Chan in Secret Service

Sun., Mon., Tues. —  
Jan. 21, 22, 23.  
Sing, Neighbor, Sing  
Fast Company

### CUTS

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cuts. But we have seen some of the faculty "compromises" before, in the instance that we suggested finals be replaced by weekly quizzes. Some of our professors slyly slid into weeklies in addition to finals. We hesitate, therefore, to suggest another compromise, fearing that the faculty might only be brought to clamp down further on what cutting we are able to do at present. Another strange feature of our system is the double cut imposed by each instructor in his first class period preceding and following a vacation. It is the contention of the stu-

dent body and the *Collegian* that if a man must be limited to only 4 cuts, he be allowed to use them as he would, without additional penalty. It is inconceivable to us that post-vacation absences could rise to any appreciable extent if this unisance law were abolished.

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## ALUMNI NEWS

Knowles Livingston Pittman of Winnetka, Ill., has completed training as a Navy weather observer at the Aerographer's school of the Naval Air Station at Lakehurst, N. J.

The school trains sailors, marines, coast guardsmen and Waves in a three-month course. Women reservists are assigned to duty at shore bases, relieving men for sea duty.

Robert Berkshire Pennington, Jr., from La Grange, Ill., has completed training as a Navy weather observer at the same aerographer's school as Pittman.

The course includes meteorology, weather codes and mapping, map analysis, balloon sounding and typing. In a weather observatory maintained by the school, students stand watches just as they will do later on active duty, with expert aerographers directing their work.

Pennington was president of the Senior Council and the Psi Upsilon fraternity here and he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.

Cpl. Robert R. Coxey, class of 1942, has been overseas for many months and is now stationed in Assam, India in the jungles near the air terminus.

for supplies which are flown over the Hump to China.

Pfc. William C. Wilson, A.B. 1942, the first winner of the Robert Bowen Brown, Jr., Prize in Biology, is completing his work at Northwestern University Medical School, has served as a volunteer assistant in neurology and has undertaken some investigative work in this field. Bill has consistently maintained a very high average in his work in medical school.

James D. Guthrie, '44, now overseas was billeted in a 300 year old baronial mansion in England, his mother writes. There were eight men to each room, equipped with a fire place. "England is just as one imagines it to be," he said. "Stone houses covered with ivy and stone fences trailing with vines." He is now in Belgium, however, in quite a different scene after a hasty retreat from Germany.

#### Chalmers On Governor's Committee on Veterans

President Chalmers, appointed this summer to the Governor's Committee on Veterans, has recently been appointed to its sub-committee on education and counselling.

## AROUND THE TOWN

By FRED PALMER

Vacation over, no excitement, no cars, no Conkey's, no Sunset, no beer, no parties, no nuthin' — 'cept snow, cold, and work.

Denison cuties are waiting patiently for the thaw so the boys can hit the trail south again.

Everyone is relaxing and waiting for the big blow at Dance Week-end, Jan. 20th. Allen to have another date. — "Society Page" Shortridge is a question mark—everyone waiting to see if he repeats his last dance date, a walking Varga girl with clothes and boy! what . . . clothes.

No double cuts for the day after vacation as snow-filled roads and slow trains brought many students back late.

Young, Roberts, Hardy, Koellicker, Hartman, Shortridge, Perry, Elwood, the Palmer's and guest, Marylin Reese seen on the Jan. 2nd triple C train which took seven hours to come from Cleveland. Busenburg flagged the same train down at Danville and climbed on.

Reverend Welsh, helpful as ever, carted everyone's baggage from the R. R. station, a deed deeply appreciated by all.

Dr. Ashford spent a miserable vacation in bed most of the time and still "under the weather" at present. Asked about New Year's Eve, he

## Kenyon Singing

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and fraternity singing is much what it always was.

I was much pleased with the singing around the piano at the Christmas party. It was excellent and no returning alumnus, hearing it, could have had any fears for the future of the singing tradition at Kenyon. On the other hand, I was much disturbed to learn the other night of the attitude of some of the men in college toward Sunday singing in the Commons.

If a student does not like to sing, no one can make him like it or make him sing. On the other hand, I think that we might all consider this as we do some other old Kenyon customs, namely that the few of us who are here are custodians of them during the war and that we will take some pride in preserving them for the Alumni and in handing them down intact to future generations of Kenyon students. The large majority of present Kenyon students, I believe, like to sing and particularly like the singing on Sunday in the Commons.

said, "Oh, I made quite a rally for the occasion, but had a relapse the next day."

Sorta quiet "around the town" but it is just the quiet before the storm of Dance Week-end — the boys have not had time to break their New Year's resolutions.

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mons. Certainly the overwhelming majority of Kenyon alumni like it and want to see it continue. I could not quite understand from the discussion the other evening just what objection there is to Sunday singing on the part of those who do not like it but after all it lasts only a short time and it does not seem to me that it is much of a hardship on the few who may not enjoy it to sit through it courteously—better still to participate in it.

I hope that the entire student body will give itself wholeheartedly to the maintaining of this very nice and somewhat unique Kenyon custom and do all that it possibly can to improve it and thus make it more enjoyable for ourselves and our guests.—Robert B. Brown, Alumni Secretary.

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