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The Church of the Holy Spirit Built As a Tribute to Bishop Bedell

Consecrated 1871

Almost on the site of what is now the Church of the Holy Spirit were constructed the first buildings at Kenyon, a group of log cabins, a kitchen and a dining hall. The kitchen and refectory were removed at an early date, but one of the cabins which had been improved upon from time to time served for some 85 years as a residence for professors. Dr. West was the last to use it for this purpose.

The site, then, had an early beginning of usefulness, but the Chapel as we know it was not built until the early days of President Tappan's administration. It was proposed to take the place of Rosse Chapel as a tribute to Bishop Bedell, active in Kenyon affairs for a great many years. The cornerstone was laid at Commencement in 1869, and the completed church was consecrated on Ascension Day, 1871.

The Church of the Ascension in New York, as always, was a large contributor to the funds with which the building was financed, as was Bishop Bedell, who supervised the work. The Clock and Westminster chimes were placed in the tower in 1879. At first Gambier residents had difficulty in accustoming themselves to the chimes which rang every quarter-hour, and hence for a time striking at night was discontinued. But the objectors soon became used to the sound, or moved elsewhere, and once again the familiar bells punctually broke the stillness of the night. The Church will be the scene of the Commencement which will take place this spring.



Church of the Holy Spirit

Correction

In the 1st issue of the *Collegian*, it was incorrectly stated that the funeral of Mrs. J. C. Weaver occurred at Canton, Ohio. The statement should have read Kenton, Ohio.

Mid-Term Necessitates Shorter Issue

Because of the approach of mid-term exams and because of the crowded schedule of our printers, it was deemed advisable to make this issue of the *Collegian* shorter than the ordinary.

AROUND THE TOWN

FRED PALMER

THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER

A social event of such extreme importance occurred last Sunday that it seems only fair to devote most of this column to it and not bother with the trivia of what has happened to whom.

Sunday, March 25, 1945, dinner was served in the Peirce Hall Commons at the usual hour of 1:00 P.M. By 1:20 all students had nearly finished their meals. Dr. Chalmers and guests were at the High Table. At this time the entrance door opened and in walked freshman Lt. L. Bruce MacDonald, resplendent in full uniform escorting a lovely young lady smartly

dressed in Kelly green, which matched the dark green of Lt. MacDonald's uniform.

The attractive couple marched majestically into the Commons, and discovering the High table was occupied, they were content to sit at the Low table overlooking the Kenyon Flying field. Mr. Schiller, Headwaiter, served dinner.

Promise of a gala week end is assured by the signing of Percy Lowrey and his colored band of nine men. A tea dance is planned for Saturday afternoon and arrangements are being made for a hay ride after the Sat. night dance. Sunday afternoon the Cromwell Cottage will be open to students.

SPRING SPORTS GET UNDER WAY

Faced with a tentative schedule consisting of twelve games, six at home and six away, Kenyon's baseball team has for the past two weeks been hard at work at the necessary pre-season drills. The squad is now composed of sixteen players, including seven members of last year's team. At this early date the outfield appears to be somewhat stronger than the infield.

Contesting for starting positions are MacGregor and Allen, who played left and center field respectively on the '44 team, and Allured, Metz, Derrickson and Holthaus. Tentatively, McOwen, Zeller, Wroth, and Willis are contesting for second, short and third with Cauley and Roberts in competition for first sack position.

With the first game scheduled for April 6th with Capital University, the team is now striving to improve the hitting, which has been their main problem thus far.

If the boys can maintain their enthusiasm and spirit throughout the season, this year's team should be as good if not better than that of last year.

As soon as the tennis courts are in playing condition, the tennis team will begin training for its first match on April 18th with Muskingum. Joe Drury has been appointed manager of the group.

Plans are being made whereby the members of the golf team will shortly have access to the Mount Vernon Country Club as members. Meanwhile, the team is practicing chip and approach shots on the campus.

The tentative sports schedule for the three teams is as follows:

BASEBALL

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|----------------|----------|
| Capital (A) | April 6 |
| Ashland (H) | April 11 |
| Capital (H) | April 14 |
| Otterbein (H) | April 18 |
| Ashland (A) | April 21 |
| B. W. (H) | April 23 |
| Muskingum (A) | April 26 |
| Wittenberg (A) | April 28 |
| Otterbein (A) | May 2 |
| Ashland (A) | May 5 |
| B. W. (H) | May 7 |
| Wittenberg (H) | May 9 |

TENNIS

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|---------------|----------|
| Muskingum (H) | April 18 |
| Oberlin (H) | April 21 |
| Wooster (A) | April 30 |
| Wooster (H) | May 4 |
| Oberlin (A) | May 5 |

GOLF

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|-------------|----------|
| Wooster (H) | April 20 |
| Oberlin (A) | April 28 |
| Oberlin (H) | May 5 |
| Wooster (A) | May 10 |

This schedule is subject to the approval of the Athletic Committee.

The Architects of Old Kenyon, Topic Of Assembly Lecture by Dr. Salomon

Dr. Richard Salomon was the speaker at the Assembly Tuesday, March 20. His topic was "The Architects of Old Kenyon."

For many years Dr. Salomon has done considerable research on this subject, and has uncovered much information hitherto unknown. His account, accompanied with slides, of the planning and designing of Old Kenyon was made extremely vivid by his wealth of material.

Rankin of P. D. Assembly Speaker

Taking his cue from the recent warning of the Archbishop of York that the peace programs of the world depended a great deal upon the cooperation of Russia, Britain and the United States, the Rev. Walter Rankin, graduate of Oberlin College, and Union Seminary, and now the religious editor of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, stressed the importance of a cultural understanding between the people of Russia and the United States in his assembly talk on Tuesday morning, March 27.

Rankin declared that all the grandiose political planning on the part of the United Nations, particularly the intentions of Russia and the United States, must be undergirded by a deeper understanding between the people of these nations. He further maintained that a mere political discussion will not solve our problems. "A common sympathy between the Russians and Americans can be best implemented through an understanding of the nations' respective cultures," Mr. Rankin contended.

In Russia there has been a great appreciation for the literature of the United States. The fact that since 1917 there have been over fifty million Russian translations of American works indicates the extent of interest the Russians have for our culture.

The musical scores of Tchaikowsky, more recently Shostakovitch, Gliere, Stravinsky, Rimski-Korsakof and other Russian composers, are familiar to millions in the United States. Although music is a fine and necessary medium to further an understanding of a people's culture, Mr. Rankin maintained that the easiest way in which one can learn to understand a nation is to understand its literature. The works of Tolstoy, Turgeniev, Gorki, Dostoevsky and other well-known Russian literary greats, are common names to the American reading public, but more people should read and understand them.

One of the chief discoveries he revealed to his listeners was that Charles Bullfinch, most famous American architect of the 1800's who has long been accepted as the designer of Old Kenyon, was not responsible for the plans of the whole building, but merely of the spire. One clue to this discovery was that Bullfinch had never built in the Gothic style, of which Old Kenyon is the oldest example among collegiate buildings in the United States.

Dr. Salomon has discovered that it was a certain Reverend Nash who, working in conjunction with Bishop Chase, drew up the first draft, of which an engraving was made. It was with pictures based on this first engraving that the Bishop first publicized the then non-existent Kenyon College. From a letter which he uncovered, Dr. Salomon showed that Bullfinch had designed the imposing tower rising from the Middle Division. It is to be supposed that Chase met Bullfinch in Washington, and showed him a copy of Nash's plans, at which time the noted architect may have substituted his own graceful spire to replace the shorter, bulkier one of Nash.

Those who heard this assembly seem to feel unanimously that it was one of the highspots of the regular Tuesday morning assemblies during the past year.

SENIOR COUNCIL LEGISLATES

The Senior Council has changed its regulations regarding the presence of women in the divisions. Feeling that allowing unchaperoned women in the dormitories after 7:00 P.M. is departing too far from the approved social usage, the Council has passed legislation requiring the divisions to furnish college approved chaperones whenever women are to be brought into the buildings after 7:00. Mrs. Lester, Matron at the Infirmary, and others will be available for this purpose.

The eleven P.M. curfew has also been abolished so that chaperoned parties may continue on later into the evening.

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Commons Seating Arrangements Should Go

It is unfortunate that the Senior Council has seen fit to restore the undemocratic Commons seating arrangement of fraternity tables. Whatever the advantage of such an arrangement to Commons waiters may be, they are more than outweighed by the harm done to Kenyon democracy. They are defeating one of the chief purposes of the Commons. When Peirce Hall was built, those of our educators who feared the growing fraternity problem rejoiced, for now all students would take their meals together, eliminating much of the fraternity exclusiveness that has characterized the Greek organizations in many other institutions. Peirce Hall and the dormitory residence system prevented a fraternity problem from developing at Kenyon. Now the fraternities once again are eating by themselves at specially assigned tables.

It is interesting to note, in connection with this matter, that when Amherst's Alumni Committee on Post War Amherst College recently weighed the assets and liabilities of the Greek letter societies at Amherst, fraternity dining arrangements were placed high on the liability side of fraternal organizations. To quote from their report: "In the recent past, the sense of exclusiveness and of too strong fraternity self-consciousness has undoubtedly been fostered. . . [in part by] . . . the arrangement of eating in the fraternity house or of eating at a special fraternity boarding house or at special reserved tables in the college dining hall."

Thus it is to be seen that other institutions besides Kenyon lay heavy stress upon the value of a common dining hall, where friends may sit together irrespective of affiliation.

It may quite possibly be that undirected seating will result in a few minor inconveniences. But it is worth a few inconveniences to keep Kenyon free from the accusations of the anti-fraternity forces.

ONE MAN'S MEAT

By BILL VOGELY

It looks as if the Dumbarton Oaks Plan, the Yalta agreements, and the San Francisco agreement will be accepted by the United States Senate. There are only 13 die-hard opponents in the Senate, and 13 others are doubtful. The Dumbarton Oaks Plan, as modified at Yalta, is not as powerful as the old League. Not only can any one of the Big Five block sanctions against itself (although it cannot block investigations), but it can also block consideration of disputes in which it is not involved. The isolationists will not be able to pick up much fury around an agreement like this.

The outlook on the economic fight is not so bright. Bretton Woods is under fierce attack in Congress. The tariffs will be the big question. The State Department is asking for more power under the Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act which is coming up for renewal very soon. If we cannot lower our tariff walls, we are going to run into real trouble when peace does come. The tariff question appears as

though it will develop into a first line party fight. However, I feel that Roosevelt will get what he wants with but slight concessions.

This is the last time I will ask you to digest my Meat — too often it has been your Poison. I have enjoyed writing these articles, even though I haven't yet made a deadline. I do not know whom the editors have picked for my successor in *One Man's Meat*, but I wish him all the luck in the world.

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