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## DR. BLACK TO RESUME INSTRUCTION

Professor John W. Black, the Chairman of the Department of Speech, has returned from two years of war service to resume instruction in the Autumn Term.

During the past two years Professor Black has organized and directed the Voice Communication Laboratory to conduct research and develop training for both Army and Navy personnel. Dr. Don Lewis, the Director of the Training Research Group of the Army Air Forces, in a letter to President Chalmers, wrote of Dr. Black and his work: "He and the members of his staff made substantial contributions in the field of voice communication training. Fundamental research was conducted and training procedures developed. The procedures were applied not only in the United States but in overseas areas. There can be no doubt that voice communication was greatly improved and that combat crew efficiency was thereby increased."

In another letter which has been received by President Chalmers, Dr. W. S. Hunter, the Chief of the Applied Psychology Panel of the National Defense Research Committee

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## RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS TO REOPEN

The Rhodes Scholarships may be reopened very soon, possibly as early as this fall. Dr. Chalmers announced this week. Before the sudden termination of the war these scholarships, suspended in 1939, were to have been continued in the fall of 1946, but President Chalmers, Secretary of the Ohio State Committee, believes it very probable that a speedier return will be instituted. Dr. Chalmers is himself a Rhodes Scholar.

The Scholarships are administered by the Rhodes Trust established in the will of Cecil Rhodes, British colonial statesman and financier, to provide means to attend Oxford University, for worthy college students of the British Dominions and colonies, United States, and, before the war, Germany. Thirty-two Americans yearly are admitted on this plan; they are usually college graduates but may be in the sophomore class. The three year scholarships pay almost all expenses, and selection in the U. S. is made by three groups. The first of these is the individual college which recommends students to a state committee composed of all past Rhodes Scholars. The state committee in turn recommends two men to the regional committee, and the latter elects four men a year.

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## Wingless Victory Scores Success

*Wingless Victory*, presented on Thursday, August 30th, marked another success for Kenyon's Dramatic Club. The play, one of Maxwell Anderson's most powerful, was performed before an audience which filled all the seats and even the aisles of Kenyon's Speech Building.

The skillful portrayals of the four principals was an especially important factor in the outcome of the production, although the very nature of Anderson's drama contributed heavily to its success. As is always the case, the skill of the unfailing hand of the director, Mrs. Helen Black, was everywhere to be seen.

The story deals with the intolerance and bigotry of a New England town in its relations with the dark-skinned Celebes princess, one of its skipper-citizens brought back as a wife. The sea captain, Nathaniel McQueston, and his wife Oparre were played by James Grudier and Nell Foster respectively. Particularly opposed to the Malay princess is her mother-in-law, (Miss Lillian Chard) and the latter son Phineas (James Hansen), who work in conjunction with two elders of the church (Santo Artino and Sam Plotkin) to rid the town of its unwelcome, dark-skinned newcomer. Easy-going if indolent is another son Ruel, (John Nesbet) who with the aid of a tavern friend, Happy Penny, (Stewart Perry) attempts to save the captain and his wife from the wiles of their enemies.

Also friendly, though somewhat resentful of Oparre, is an early love of Nathaniel's, Faith Ingalls (Shirley Leopold). Audrey Ferrel, Joann Russell, and Robert Mages played the parts of the Maid, Phineas's wife, and Van Zandt, a sailor, respectively.

The stage crew headed by James Russell, included William Solomon and Ira Eliasoph. Robert Golden operated the lighting which was used with great effect.

## I. R. C. Discusses Russia, China

At an International Relations Club meeting on August 31, a poll taken of the members revealed that more than half felt that the United States would be approaching war with Russia in the next twenty-five years. The poll climaxed a two hour discussion on the possibilities of the United States and Russia remaining friendly in the post-

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## AIR EDUCATION SPREADS

(EDITOR'S NOTE:— Although regular pre-war flying activities at Kenyon will not be resumed for some time — until enrollment reaches 250 or 300 — an organization known as the Gambrinus Flying Club is at the present time in operation.)

Washington, (Air Press Service) — Air education among the youth of the country has increased to such extent that additional millions of students and youngsters of both sexes will be enrolled in aviation courses in schools and colleges this fall, it was disclosed in a survey made public today by the Air Transport Association of America.

The ATA also reported that as a part of the spread of air education, more than a score of air-minded organizations are promoting projects in various fields. These organizations, both governmental and civilian, aim especially to advance programs intended to impress adults as well as the youth with the role that aviation must play in the maintenance of world peace and in the development of world trade and amity among nations.

Figures attributed to the Civil Aeronautics Administration show that 96 per cent of colleges and universities in the United States recognize aeronautics as an elective science, and half of these accept it as a laboratory science for college entrance requirements. It was further stated that at least 399 of the high educational institutions have already offered or will offer academic work in aviation or related fields.

During the last school year aviation courses offered in the colleges and universities ranged from a four to five year study in aeronautical engineering to special summer school work for elementary teachers.

Sixteen states and the District of Columbia, representing more than 50 per cent of the population of the United States, have formulated comprehensive high school aviation programs to meet peacetime needs with the assistance of the Aviation Education Division of the CAA, which is working with other states on similar projects.

A large number of obsolete aircraft instruments, engines and complete airplanes will be

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SAMUEL B. CUMMINGS



## Prof. Cummings Returns to Hill

Lt. Com. Samuel B. Cummings has been put on inactive duty by the United States Navy and will resume his duties as the Spencer and Wolfe Associate Professor of Psychology next term. Cummings left Kenyon in the summer of 1942 to enter the navy. He was stationed at Great Lakes Training Base during his stay in the Navy.

For the last year and a half, Cummings was the senior psychological officer at Great Lakes. His duties included selection and placement of recruits, special programs for submarine and under water demolition crews, and research on psychological tests. He also served as consultant in the program for instruction of the illiterates in the navy.

## FUND PLAN TO GO TO ALUMNI

Having been approved by the College Trustee Committee, the plans for the Kenyon Fund Campaign set up by Harry W. Brown, Fund Raising Consultant, will go before the Alumni Executive Council for its approval. Those to head the Campaign have been appointed and are already in action to set the plan on a running basis.

Mortimer M. Stetson is Campaign Director and will take an office on October 1st in Ascension Hall, probably for the duration of the three year undertaking. George Connaughton will prepare the brochure for distribution.

## HERE AND THERE

The Old Barn Conference of the Diocese of Southern Ohio will hold its annual meeting here this year on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 15, 16, and 17.

The Easter Lectures of 1945 at Bexley Hall, entitled "The Sacramental View of Life" and delivered by Dean Lynn Harold Hough of Drew Theological Seminary have been printed as Kenyon College Bulletin, No. 195, copies of which are available at the President's Office.

A Conference of the Clergy of the Diocese of Ohio was held in the College on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 11, 12, and 13.

The Music Institute, Inc. which came to Kenyon for its own Summer Session on July 2 left September 9. It wound up its season here with a very successful program for the

last week including an Opera Workshop and a Piano and Soprano Concert.

Bexley will reopen this Fall, (Dean Roach is already on the campus) and will adhere to the quarter schedule although with three terms a year.

Coming events for next term include a convocation in honor of Robert Frost; a School - College Conference; Founder's Day and Matriculation Service; and Homecoming Day, the latter is not the long-awaited Victory Homecoming which will be held in June.

Jack Sledge's Book Review of the last KC will appear in the Fall Issue of the *Kenyon Review* along with another article of his in the same vein.

Pictures of the campus are being taken this week for a new catalogue.



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## A Glance Backward

Glancing back into several old volumes of the *Collegian*, I found in one an article written by a young girl in the late nineteenth century. The story concerned our present gymnasium, Rosse Hall, which formerly served as the college chapel. The account follows in a somewhat abbreviated form.

One Christmas eve, four young girls went to Rosse Hall to decorate the church for the Christmas service. To get some of the church decorations, one of the girls, Jill, the author of the story, climbed up a ladder to the gallery. As a prank, the other girls took away the ladder and left the church. Waiting for the girls to bring back the ladder, Jill heard a peculiar noise coming up the stairs. It became more distinct and sounded like chains dragging on the steps. Presently, she heard the footsteps of a man. He suddenly appeared out of the dark before her and drawled menacingly, "I like your eyes. They will taste well and slip down very easily." Terrified, she pressed back against the

banister, screamed, and closed her eyes. For a moment the man stood disconcertedly and then shook her pleading: "Bring them back—give them to me." On a sudden impulse, she got a small silver mirror from her purse. She shined this in his face, reflecting a ray of moonlight from a nearby window. He became dizzy but was fascinated by the object. Her hands shook so that the mirror dropped over the banister and the maniac, enveloped by its spell, jumped after it. "Then came a cry and a faint moan or two followed by silence."

Thinking that Jill would find the ladder without any trouble, the other girls had placed it right beside the gallery and returned home. Until the man fell, she had not thought of looking beside the gallery. Finally, she found the ladder, and speedily climbed

## RIDING AND POLO CLUB RECEIVES GIFT

In a letter to Professor Frederic Eberle, Lt. Francis C. Truitt, '42, announces his intention of setting aside an annual amount of \$25 for the use of the Riding and Polo Club here at Kenyon. At the present the sum already amounts to \$100.

Lt. Truitt is now aboard the U. S. S. Sequatchie.

## I. R. C.

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war era. Robert Golden acted as chairman.

This past week, on September 6th, another meeting of the I. R. C. examined the Chinese situation today. The members submitted that the prognosis for China was good, and that she had tremendous potentialities for becoming the Asiatic leader.

The International Relations Club has been reorganized with a unique system of rotating chairmen. This is necessary because of the demands of preparation the meeting put on the discussion leaders. The three chairmen are Robert Golden, Stewart Perry, and Donald Ropa.

ed down it. Feverishly, she closed the door behind her and ran to a neighbor's house where she told her story. Several men left with ropes to find the madman; they returned awe-stricken with the news that he had broken his neck in the fall. They buried him in the college cemetery, and "almost every night, the sound of his chains can be heard dragging up and down those stairs and around the gallery."

## Rhodes Scholarship

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The basis upon which those elected are chosen is the past record and a committee interview in both of which academic standing and leadership are the elements considered.

In the past, two Kenyon men, William S. Bland, B.A. and M.A., '10, William W. Sant, B.A., '14, have held these scholarships, and Kenyon's Carnegie Professor of Poetry, John Crowe Ransom, is both a Rhodes Scholar and a past member of a regional committee.

## Dr. Black

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of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, said of Dr. Black: "Dr. Black has shown an amazing industry and insight into the practical problems of the administration of a large group of fellow workers on his project. He has been praised in the highest terms by high-ranking Army officers for his contribution to the military services. The Panel wishes to add its appreciation and to thank Kenyon College for its cooperation during the war."

## BUS SCHEDULE

Lv. Gambier Ar. Mt. Vernon

9:37 A.M.	9:54 A.M.
12:59 P.M.	1:20 P.M.
5:00 P.M.	5:20 P.M.
7:16 P.M.	7:34 P.M.

Lv. Mt. Vernon Ar. Gambier

8:13 A.M.	8:30 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:47 A.M.
4:25 P.M.	4:45 P.M.
5:55 P.M.	6:13 P.M.

## INFIRMARY HOURS

Mrs. Anne Jopling Lester, Matron at the Infirmary, announces that starting immediately there will be definite hours for Infirmary calls. Hitherto calls could have been made at any time, but they now must be from 9 - 11 every morning and from 1 to 2 and 4 to 5 in the afternoons.

As usual Dr. Lee will be available at 1:15 in the afternoon every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Of course sick students with emergency cases will be admitted to the Infirmary at any time.

The above mentioned schedule must be observed as otherwise the strain will be too great upon the Matron, who has done and is doing a splendid job in that often thankless position.

Mrs. Lester has also announced that the Infirmary will not be open between terms this vacation as it has previously been.

## AIR EDUCATION

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made available to schools throughout the country during the next several months, according to the Air Technical Service Command. Authority to dispose of surpluses to educational institutions now has been transferred to the Education Disposal Section of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

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