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Intercollegiate Competition Appraised by Dr. Chalmers

You have asked me to express my opinion concerning inter-collegiate contests and the welfare of the College. Implied in the question is the opinion popular in many quarters that there is a kind of necessity in the matter, namely, that a college must have good teams in order to be well known. That belief, as we all know, has led to some pretty sorry results in universities and colleges. It has led, for instance, to institutions deciding that they must have winning teams at all costs, even at the cost of excluding from their teams many *bona fide* students of the institution, since hirelings can roll up higher scores than amateurs. Even at the less extreme stage, some colleges labor under a sense of pressure which bids them have intercollegiate teams in order to keep up with the Joneses.

These arguments are not in my opinion impressive. It is true that when Kenyon had a remarkable tennis team or swimming team or polo team or flying team or football team, a combination of things connected with those teams reflected very favorably upon the College. The combination was the fact that the teams were excellent and played well and that their members handled themselves well when in the public eye. They were good examples of Kenyon manhood for the world to see. All that did Kenyon a great deal of good, and as years go on winning teams such as those will continue to do us a very great deal of good.

We do not, however, conduct intercollegiate sports for the sake of the advantage which the occasional championship team brings us. On the contrary, we conduct intercollegiate sports for the sake of the game. All of the games which we play are pretty good games. Some of them are better than others, most are available to a man for some years of his life after he outgrows college. The chief merit of all of them is that they are fun. Most of them are a pretty good test of endurance, courage, humor, and sportsmanship as well.

One might ask why the playing of games could not be satisfied by intramural sports. The answer is easy to anyone who has played many games. No matter how well organized intramural sports may be, no intramural contest has the edge and the importance of an intercollegiate game. Without that edge and importance, the best is not called for from the players. Intercollegiate games with opponents about our size, weight, and ability, make the teams outplay themselves and stretch a little beyond what they thought their best would be. It is for this reason primarily and almost exclusively that we play intercollegiate games. They are good in themselves, so long as a sufficient number of able players want to play them, and we shall see more and more of them at Kenyon as peace-time numbers return to the Hill.

SIX SUNDAYS A TERM

By CLEMENT W. WELSH

I have heard a few faint rumors (no doubt greatly exaggerated) to the effect that compulsory chapel is not universally approved at Kenyon. I seldom attend to rumors; we had a roomer once whom I neglected for two years, and he graduated *summa cum laude*. However, I cannot resist an invitation to put my name in print, and I herewith transmit a reflection or two on the subject.

It is not always clear as to whether one disapproves of "chapel" or "compulsory." No one likes obligations. It was a smart family that fed sugar to their children when they were bad, thus saving the stuff for daddy's coffee. It would be a sad day for Hollywood if movie-attendance were required by law; the way to boost box office returns is

to get the show banned. I am not suggesting that Kenyon make chapel attendance an indictable offense, but rather that our old friend, psychology, has sneaked in again, ready to confuse the issue. (Dr. Cummings: nothing personal in this, you understand).

If this is so, I am of the opinion that it is important, and that the administration, meaning, in part, me, should consider the fact. If all the benefits of chapel are wiped out at one blow by the presence of the monitor, then he has become more important in the service than the preacher, and as a preacher, I am intolerant of competition.

The irritating quality of compulsion is an old story, but in every process of education some measure of such ir-

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Rhodes Elections Resumed; Number of Grants Doubled

The Rhodes Trust for administering Rhodes Scholarships has announced that the first post-war elections will be held in December, 1946, and that applications should reach the Secretaries of the State Committees of Selection on or before November 2, 1946. Scholars-elect will enter the University of Oxford in October, 1947.

The Trustees of the Rhodes Scholarships have also provided for double the usual number of American scholars to be elected in 1946 and in 1947. Half of this total of 64 will be War Service candidates who must fulfill all of the qualifications for the Rhodes Scholarships except that marriage will not be a bar. These candidates may be as old as twenty-nine on October 1, 1946, and are required to have completed but one year of college or university work in the United States before going to Oxford. Regular candidates must be at least eighteen and not more than twenty-four on October 1, 1946; they must be unmarried and citizens of the United States of at least five years' residence, and they must before entering Oxford have completed two full years of college or university work.

Selections are made on the basis of literary and scholastic ability and attainments; qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy, kindness, unselfishness, and fellowship; exhibition of moral force of character and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in schoolmates; and physical vigour, as shown by interest in outdoor sports or in other ways.

An applicant to be considered by the State Committee must have the endorsement of his college or university.

HERE AND THERE

The Play Production Class and the Dramatic Club are producing *Jacobowsky and the Colonel*. The performances are scheduled for the 12th and 13th of December, with Richard Grudier and Herschial Welsh holding the title roles.

Canon Orville E. Watson has been ill and is now at the Mercy Hospital in Mt. Vernon. He is improving but

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Pasini Urges Continuance Of Athletics

In attempting to solve the problem of intercollegiate athletics, we interviewed the man who is closest to them on this campus, "Pat" Pasini. Far from being pessimistic about the state of athletic affairs on campus, he was definitely in favor of increasing the scope of athletics here at Kenyon.

When asked what he thought the chief values of athletics were, "Pat" replied, "They teach a man loyalty, something that he can't get in the classroom, or in any other part of the school but the athletic field. In addition they help to instill in him the Kenyon Spirit, which is as much a part of the tradition as anything else to be found around here."

"With the exception of a few who quit, the men of Kenyon showed exceptional school spirit during the past season," he went on to say, "and it was not until the last two or three weeks of the season that we found out who those quitters were, and told them that they were not wanted unless they wanted to play football."

"The lesson those boys

learned in losing was, perhaps, a more valuable one than they would have gotten out of victory. Anyone can be a good winner, but it takes a man to know how to lose."

We inquired about the possibility of intra-scholastic athletics replacing inter-scholastics.

"A few years ago, I would have been willing to agree with you on the possibility, but today the war has brought football to the front as it never has been before. The use of terms such as end run and flanker movements to describe battles has made the public more conscious of football than ever. The training that those boys got on the athletic field helped them out there on the battle fields."

"You can't think of discontinuing intercollegiate athletics because of the way it stimulates the boys to play better, for, they wouldn't play with half as much spirit if they were just playing against the other boys in the college. Also, I don't believe that the alumni would like to come back for a Homecoming and see an intramural game."

REMOVAL OF TREES NECESSARY

During the past few weeks, the routine of mid-term work as well as the brittle stillness of the brisk November afternoons have been disturbed by dynamiting on Middle Path. No, Secretary Brown and Mr. Stetson haven't begun prematurely to raze Rosse Hall and the Library, the periodical removal of dead maples along the storied path is responsible for the commotion. Like the bell of the town crier, the sound of the blasting would cause students and faculty alike to come hurrying from all directions, to gather en masse about the selected trees. All in all it was quite an affair, Maintenance Director Ralston and his staff putting in creditable performances. Even Dr. Ashford was much in evidence, stalking about the venerable Psi U. tree, defiance blazing in his eyes.

The maple trees on the Middle Path are about a century old, and during the past seven years they have been the subject of careful study by three tree specialists, one of them from the State Agricultural Experiment Station, who have visited the College from time to time and recommended feeding, removal, and replacement. On the advice of Mr. Gordon D. Cooper of Cleveland, a removal and replanting program was instituted in 1938. Periodically, on Mr. Cooper's advice, the College has attended especially to the trees along the Path.

The advice this year concerning removal and replacement of trees along the Path indicated that more trees must be removed than had been removed to date. The present operation has concerned twenty trees, of which seven stood north of the College gates and thirteen south of the College gates. Of the twenty, fourteen were old trees. About seven more must be replaced within the next two or three years.

In 1934 the College planted small sugar maples, and these trees, now about eighteen years old, are being planted in place of those which were dying.

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Kenyon Athletics

In this issue of the *Collegian*, our President and Coach have presented their evaluations of intercollegiate athletics.

These opinions are not the voice of a defeated school groping for alibis, but rather they represent a determined effort to enlighten those cynics who fail to grasp the collegiate spirit toward athletics. To these few the only victory is a winning score. To us the true victory in these times of depleted enrollment is our success in maintaining our teams on the field.

No member of a Kenyon team speaks with deep regret of a "bad" season. He well realizes the benefits of intercollegiate play regardless of what the score-board seems to indicate. As both Dr. Chalmers and Mr. Pasini have shown, intramural athletics, even at their best, cannot adequately replace the competition that comes from facing an unknown and outside antagonist.

With the basketball season under way, it is a fit time for us to take stock of the situation and adopt a true sense of value. It is appropriate here to note that Alumni overseas writing for news of Kenyon, have often inquired, "Did Kenyon have a football team this year?" They are rarely interested in tabulations of wins and losses — it is enough that Kenyon has put a team on the field. And so let it be with us, the students of Kenyon.

X-CHANGES

New York, N. Y. (LP.) — Through a grant of \$250,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation, Columbia University has established a Russian Institute, first of a group of six regional institutes which will arise on the campus for the study of the life and thought of principal areas of the modern world.

The British Commonwealth of Nations, East Asia, Latin America, France, and Germany will constitute the fields of interest of the five other institutes. Formation of a School of International Affairs, which will function in close association with the institutes, and with other faculties of the University which provide specialized training in the international field, was also announced. Through the School of International Affairs, the large existing resources of the University in kindred fields will be expanded, and integrated with the new program.

The curriculum of the School of International Affairs is designed to train graduate students for service in technical and managerial posts in government agencies maintaining a foreign service; in international agencies which may emerge from the war; in American business and banking firms which par-

ticipate in foreign trade; in law firms or the legal departments of large corporations which are extensively engaged in advising on matters of law of other lands; and in such cultural and civic agencies as are interested in international affairs.

A new degree will be conferred on students who have completed two years of study. Graduates will have not only a broad training in international affairs generally but also in a regional specialty, and in addition a knowledge of some functional specialty which will equip them for a variety of practical positions in banking, business, governmental or other organizations.

(The oft-posed suggestion that we establish better relations with the other nations of the world by trying to understand their habits has come to fruition in Columbia's newest venture.)

It would seem possible, although Kenyon does not have facilities Columbia may, that a course of some kind could be arranged towards the end of better international understanding. A seminar on Russia in the field of Political Science, or History, or Economics would in all likelihood attract the most interest.—Editor)

ONE MAN'S MEAT

By CHARLES ALLEN

The recent appointment of the progressive British scientist and economist, Sir John Boyd Orr, as director of FAO (Farm and Agricultural Organization, one of the many sub-committees of the UNO) adds a pleasant and encouraging note to the various hopes and pronouncements for a continued peace sounding from the UNO officials. According to reliable sources, such as the *New Statesman and Nation* (a British weekly of opinion and review), Orr will not tolerate extension of prices on food stuffs, clothing and the like needed so desperately by the European and Asiatic nations during the coming and dreaded winter. Advanced agricultural countries — the U. S., Canada, Australia — are probably going to enjoy surplus of foodstuffs this coming year; Orr is determined to persuade the FAO that these and other material benefits be used wholly for relief of those facing the stark possibility of starvation and depravation. Orr has definitely let it be known that facilities for the relief and rehabilitation of the millions suffering from the aftermaths of this war can be had and profiteering price boosters and nations curtailing output for the sake of further profits shall be exposed.

The presence of such a leader enhances the chances that millions of Europeans and Asiatics have for survival during this coming winter. A Europe free from the fear from want will further implement our program for peace.

Americans will undoubtedly be asked to continue phases of rationing and shortages so that the ravished liberated and conquered territories may escape starvation and mass sufferings. The degree of willingness on our part to continue these sacrifices is a direct indication of the certainty for a genuine peace.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(ED. NOTE—The following article has been contributed by a Kenyon student who prefers to remain anonymous.)

Dear Sirs:

We begin by apologizing to Philander Chase and his good steed Cincinnatus for such indiscriminate use of the poor nag's name. We hasten to explain that our very juvenile reason for assuming this equine appellation is the hope that it may help us feel less piqued over the chorus of horse-laughs which will doubtlessly greet this literary endeavor if ye Editor lets it get past the blue pencil bureau. But we don't care — not really. We just decided that some sucker ought to stick his neck out on behalf of the lesser lights of the campus galaxy and get a twit in edgewise. Mostly we feel sad that the *Kenyon Collegian* lacks one sure-fire element of journalism. They ain't no sense of humor in it — yet. If we can partially fill the void (and it aches!) until some real wit comes along, leave it not be said we didn't give it a gander. As our grandmother was wont to say, "One never knows, do one?"

That last issue, with all due respect for ye Editor's opinions, was a corker. We'll bet a cookie Freud and Marx had a helluva time with it. We did! Charlie Allen's observations were nice. Of course we could have told him that nearly everyone here would heartily approve his concern for the promotion of better relations with Bennington co-eds. Woo. Woo. Sam's Sports Special was everything a sports colyum could be when the home team has took a slight set-back. At least Sam didn't wax enthusiastically intellectual like "Frosty" Balba who went overboard with Webster and Roget. (Add Brittanica.) We will cheerfully hazard a guess that Balda's motto is "There's nothing like a detour for avoiding the main road."

Now we freely admit that this ain't no journalistic triumph either — but who said it was going to be? We complacently assume the outlook of Philander's faithful steed, our namesake Cincinnatus, and permt out that there's no view to mention. (We intend no controversy with muralist Rahm-ing or historian Chalmers.)

And now that we have lost a lot of friends and influenced many more to thoughts of mayhem we close with a homily concerning how our grandmother, when we questioned the wisdom of her Victorian proprieties, once firmly admonished us,

"See here, young fellow, when you get to be my age—"

"We'll be sixty-nine!" we interjected in our most helpful tone of voice.

We never could figure out why she dusted our trousers seat because in that case as is in the case of this article we were only trying to be helpful. (It sez here.)

Ever yours,

CINCINNATUS

Letters to the Editor

November 16, 1945

Sirs:

Since the appearance of Mr. Balda's editorial on intellectual apathy, I have talked with several students about this matter. Most agree that there is too much indifference about education on the campus, but feel that Mr. Balda has exaggerated the situation. It is argued that there is a very substantial number of students who are vitally interested in their work and public problems, but who do not go out of their way to advertise their interest. My own experience in teaching at Kenyon bears this out. I know that there are many students who read beyond the assigned work in books mentioned in class. And students are constantly approaching me with questions that range far beyond the class-room.

However, be this as it may, few would argue that there is no room left for improvement. Far too many students never experience and enjoy the satisfaction that comes from intellectual curiosity and achievement. The reasons for this are many, of course, and most of us are aware of them. Some of the reasons are personal, and stem from the background of the student, whereas other reasons are to be found in the campus environment itself.

I have two suggestions that might operate in the direction of improving the situation. First, an attempt should be made by the Faculty to explain to all incoming freshmen what we are trying to do at Kenyon. This means instruction in the purposes and meaning of a liberal education. This work should be given for credit with appropriate readings, discussions and written work on the idea of a university. The purpose of such a course would be that of orienting the incoming student to Kenyon objectives and provide, if possible, some motivation to intellectual effort in the College.

In this connection, it would be well if the instructor in every course in the College would at the outset of the class-room work endeavor to show the relationship of the materials at hand to a liberal education.

My second suggestion again pertains to freshmen. A way should be found whereby the pledging of freshmen to fraternities can be delayed until either the very end of the freshman year or at the beginning of the sophomore year. During this time freshmen should be housed outside of the fraternities. This move would not only minimize the mistakes of pledging to a di-

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BOOK REVIEWS

JACK SLEDGE

ESSAY ON RIME. By Karl Shapiro. Reynal, Hitchcock, \$2.00

Shapiro is concerned with what has happened to poetry in England and America since Tennyson. It has, according to Shapiro and almost every other critic, become terribly confused. Shapiro sees the confusion as treble: confusion in prosody, in language, and in belief. Browning, Hopkins, Coleridge, Whitman have confused prosody by counting by ear instead of by eye — the traditional manner. Joyce, Eliot, Auden, Yeats have managed the ear count with success; the confusion descends when the small fry try the same trick. Sociology, politics, the tortuous epithet, rhetorical abstraction, perverse scholarship all have confused the poets in one degree or another. This under the heading of confusion in language. The confusion in belief arises out of the attempts of poets to find a substitute for a decreasingly vital religious life. Should the poet follow Eliot to the communion rail or the Marxists to the barricade?

So much for the contents. The faults of the book derive from Shapiro's overlooking an important factor in the confusion: It is nearly impossible for the poet as poet to maintain himself economically. Most of our poets are attached to educational institutions, with the consequence that a poet has difficulty making an unselfconscious liaison with either the social or the religious life of his audience.

It is perhaps worth the effort to note that Shapiro talks as if poetry were derived from prose in both literature and civilization as a whole. The first is just not so and the second is debatable. Poetry as a literary form, and perhaps as a speech form, is the great-grandfather of prose.

One more point. Shapiro in his poem merely states the problem; he does not attempt to offer conclusive solutions. He says somewhere in his introduction that such exposition as he offers has been sadly lacking. Shapiro must surely be out of touch with contemporary criticism, which is extremely aware and competent. Shapiro (who is now in the Pacific) must not be receiving his *Kenyon Review*.

The poem is in steady decasyllables. It beats the similar attempts of Horace, Boileau and James R. Lowell for pleasure in reading and for content; but no poem about poems seems to be able to carry the weight of prose criticism.

CHARLIE BARRETT TO
PLAY DANCE WEEKEND

Charlie Barrett and his band of ten men and a female vocalist will play for the dance, December 1st, 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. This band has, according to SC President Don Platt, a good standing, having played in northern Ohio at Puritas Springs and Euclid Beach Parks and at many of the Ohio college dances. The Senior Council has also arranged for the Coffee Shop to be open to serve sandwiches and coffee from 10 till 12 the night of the dance. There will be beer for those who attend the affair, in the downstairs dining room of Peirce Hall.

Here and There

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will not be back on campus for some time.

An innovation has come out of the Dean's office. There is now a Dean's List which includes students who have 2 or better in all subjects, not just an average of 2 as the Merit List prescribes.

Dr. Oscar S. Adams was the visiting speaker at the Assembly Tuesday, November 20th, on the Coast and Geodetic Survey with which he was long connected. Dr. Adams is a recipient of three Kenyon Degrees.

CANDID COMMENTS

SAM PLOTKIN

The football season is finally over, and as we look back on our record for 1945, we can't help but be dissatisfied. We started the season against our toughest foe, Capital, which ended in a 38-0 triumph for the boys from Columbus.

We were not so discouraged at this loss for we all knew how strong Capital was. On the following week we were hosts to Otterbein. In this particular game we played Otterbein to a standstill for the first period and then they scored their first touchdown. Late in the last period the Cardinals scored their last touchdown and the gun went off with Kenyon on the short end of a 14-0 score. It was this same Otterbein team that knocked the Capital eleven out of the undefeated column. We held them to a measly fourteen points.

Our first game away from home was at Wittenberg. An over-confident Kenyon team took the field and a sadly whipped Kenyon team left that same field 45-0. The following week we ventured to Muskingum and we were drubbed 66-0, a score which will live "till the end of time."

By this time everyone was wondering why Kenyon never scored and so the boys got down to work and made up their minds that they were going to break into the scoring column, and score they did.

Heidelberg was the victim of our scoring spree, but, alas, we could not score quite enough. We were out-classed again 26-13. Jack McFeeley was the first to score for the Kenyon Lords and he plunged six inches into the end zone for the tally. Later Dave Sanders took over the fullback position (Bull Marshall having been shifted to left tackle), took the ball on the thirty-yard line and with a swarm of Heidelberg tacklers hanging on to him he power-housed his way into the end zone. Chuck Allen's conversion sailed between the uprights.

The Home-coming game at Kenyon was a sad affair. Jim Funk, the triple-threat star, running circles around our boys, crossed our goal line three times. With the help of another fellow named Baer, they cooperated enough to make a grand total of 35 points and another loss for Kenyon.

I have been in the locker room after every game, and I have never heard a Kenyon player say that the opposition played dirty football or won by underhanded tricks. At all times our players were good losers, who were not afraid to praise a worthy rival. I don't care what the records show, this in my estimation is a champion calibre ball team.

With the opening of the basketball season, Kenyon's hopes run high. We will have at least three squads, for fifteen men reported to Rosse Hall last Monday. The only veteran among the group was Lane Wroth, a fast breaking guard from last season. Many promising candidates also were there, including Ray Grebey, Dick Bower, Hal Mallory, Bud Herring, and Hank Roberts.

This team promises to be a very fast breaking team and I am sure with the proper backing they will win the majority of their nineteen game schedule.

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AROUND THE TOWN

JACK SHORTRIDGE

Since "Around the Town" has been a traditional title for the *Collegian* Social Column, this feature concerning the three B's, Bull, Baloney, and Beefs, is resumed under that name. The title "Tall Tales by Shorty" is to be dropped; it had no background, either Virginian or Kenyonesque. . . . By the way, Fred Palmer, the last writer under the above heading, is now exercising the privilege, as a newly-turned alumnus, of calling the faculty by their first names. Maybe French was too hot for him, huh, W. Ray? . . . Bev will be missed too. . . . Co-occupants of what was the "Palmer House," Eewee Leopold and wife Shirley, celebrated the former's birthday last week-end and in true Homecoming style. . . . Another feature of the Homecoming Week-end was a certain distinguished personage's excursion into the land of the D.T.'s—urged on by Messrs. Platt, Fisher and Henkel (Murder Inc.) . . . But the highlight of the Week-end was the Commons Smoker where a goldsmith and a pre-theo agreed that the beer was smooth—at least going down. . . . After the beer ran out at the Commons, it began to flow, spout, meander, gush, drip, splash, squirt, trickle, stream, sputter, ooze and regurgitate in the divisions. . . . Faculty, alumni and undergraduates participated in this torrent. As a result the Infirmary beds have been overloaded; I can't vouch for the faculty four-posters. . . . nor those of the alumni. . . .

"And thus they boomed with all their might.

At Kenyon College day and night;

And Kenyon hearts still hold a place

For those old grads who set the pace."

(Ed. Note: The *Collegian* would appreciate student opinion regarding the merits of this column.)

Six Sundays a Term

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ritation is accepted as necessary. School, itself, is compulsory for the very young—even for the medium young. This fact invited the attractive fallacy that the compulsory element in education can be *outgrown*; nothing is more false or more dangerous. Ignorance is always easy and will be resorted to by everyone in some degree. For this reason we must insist, in a state, that ignorance of the law is no excuse. In a way equally harsh, business pays off to the man with the know-how, gives premiums to

brains, and thus in a rather grim way stimulates a man to learn more than his innate lassitude would permit. Being aware of this, a college attempts to prepare a man for such a world by making assignments, giving exams, requiring attendance (the academic version of the time clock), and by prescribing a course of study.

If some compulsoriness be granted as necessary, it will only be so accepted if the *thing required is accepted as important*. An institution can misuse this privilege of making requirements. It can be too strict a parent, spooning

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vision of dissimilar interests and tastes, but would give the freshmen a chance to find their own groups within the freshman class. Perhaps it is not a mere pious hope to expect that some freshmen alignments would develop on the basis of intellectual and cultural interests. These groups could go into fraternities or not as they wished. The point is that congenial groups, intellectual and cultural as well as social, could more readily develop under this arrangement.

Very truly yours,

PAUL M. TITUS.

so much food into a child that the benefits of the vitamins are lost in the ensuing case of indigestion. A college may fall in love with its catalog and require everything from Aerobics 11-12 to Zulu Language and Literature. Of what value is "chapel," and behind this question lies another: How essential is religion? Is God compulsory: that is the question.

You are all aware of my opinion about this, and the majority of educators are beginning to agree with me. This would be flattering, were it not that the idea is not original with me; it is a part of our culture. If the issue is debated on *these* grounds, as I think it should be, note the dilemma of the student: how can he dispute the presupposi-

tions of his education until he is educated? How can he deny the value of chapel until he has gone, and gone rather often? How can he disagree with a God whom he does not know?

Well, in my official capacity, and on the record, I herewith encourage the student to assume precisely that arrogance. He should attend chapel, not annoyed at the presence of the monitor, but critical of the words of the speaker. And to aid him, there should be offered (and there will be next term: adv.) courses to provide information, meetings to provide a chance to argue with men of differing opinion, and a feeling of being free to corner the faculty and to address objections and opinions to them, for they are the custodians of the basic principles on which all requirements are founded.

The hope of the world lies with the educated, and the hope of the educated is always a blending of free speculation and a commitment to

the Good. It is the duty of the college to train thinkers, but also to show that all thought has not been in vain: to summarize with confidence man's progress toward his ideals.

Such basic questions may bore you. If so, perhaps you ought not to be in college, and your dislike of chapel may be a symptom of this. Or such questions may be of such importance to you that chapel seems to be too brief and stylized a treatment of them. Shall we assume a mutual obligation? You, to understand your objection; I, to clarify, even to reconsider, our method of presentation (i.e. required chapel). A sharing of ideas concerning this might well turn into a liberal education in itself.

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