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Nu Pi and Philo Get Under Way

Philomathesian and Nu Pi Kappa Societies are now formally revived after a dinner given by Dean McGowan for that purpose on Friday evening in the Peirce Hall private dining room. The dinner was attended by 18 students selected for their indications of probable interest in the activities of the literary societies, and by two faculty representatives of each of the societies. The students chosen were intended to be only nuclei of the groups which are now planning to increase their membership. Drs. Ashford and Coffin representing Nu Pi Kappa, and Drs. Salomon and Timberlake, representing Philomathesian made several remarks as to the possible functions of literary societies in the Kenyon of 1946. There was a suggestion that the two societies might be combined, but the traditional rivalry led some of the faculty representatives to protest. Accordingly, at the conclusion of the dinner, the societies asked those present to join with them and then separated to have their organizational meetings.

Philomathesian

Philomathesian adjourned to its historic hall and in the presence of its ancient mace and original documents of 1827 proceeded to organize itself. Drs. Timberlake and Salomon formally admitted the ten candidates to membership who then signed the old membership book. The new membership includes Arthur Barton, Richard Bowler, Robert Carruth, Lloyd Derrickson, Robert Golden, Dave Harris, John McKenny, Charles Nutting, Towle Perrin, and Stewart Perry.

Nu Pi Kappa

The activities of Nu Pi Kappa, after the joint dinner, have been kept secret. It is believed, on reliable source, that they are launching a membership campaign which will fill out the quota of this select group. The members, as far as can be learned are Robert Elliott, Robert Snowberger and Ray Ashman. The faculty men who witnessed their first meeting were Drs. Ashford and Coffin.

CONDOLENCES

The Collegian extends sincere condolences to Dr. Richard T. Manning upon his recent loss.

Societe Francaise, New Campus Club

A French Club was organized on May 6th in the parlors of North Leonard Hall, under the direction of Dr. Ashford and Mr. Guiguet. The first meeting of the club was merely an organizational meeting, and plans were made to discuss and to contrast French and American cultures. The meetings are to be held weekly, and will be conducted completely in French. A second meeting was held on May 13th in the West Wing lounge at which time Mr. Guiguet showed the members current French magazines and talked about war-time Paris.

Plans are now being made for a dinner of the French Club to be held in the private dining room of Peirce Hall. Those who have joined the club are Gray Slawson, Bill Starr, Oliver Campeau, John Swope, John Pritchard, Sam Plotkin, Robert Golden, Dick Taggart, Richard Sladky, and Rodney Harris.

Wilde's Play Sees Tame Performance

The Play Production Class presentation of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* drew college, village, and city audiences to the Speech Building Auditorium on May 15th and 16th.

Warming up somewhat towards what might have been a swift climax, the cast came through with a performance obvious in its lack of character. The presentation leaned heavily upon Wilde's entrancing dialogue without taking advantage of many of the opportunities afforded in the script.

James Hansen undoubtedly gave a convincing and lively portrayal in a part which seemed to have been expressly made for him. And John Claypool as the Rev. Chasuble sparked the play with a capable consciousness of his lines. But the rest of the cast failed pretty much with the exception of Howard Stafford and Miss Chard who at times displayed a sprightliness too often lacking in the entire play.

Newcomers Frances Brown and Frances White portrayed the giddy feminine youth of London's '90's. Mrs. Camp took the part of Lady Bracknell.

As the butlers, Lane and Merriman, James Grudier and Ben Collins came through (Continued on page 2)

Still In Need

What has been done about the World Student Service Fund Drive? A committee has been appointed, but no meeting held, no plans made, no concrete help received from the student body as a whole.

The Senior Council members have been expected to "report" on their own divisions and rehash the matter at some future meeting. But no actual work has been accomplished. While we are limping through 'preparations,' fellow students are still in terrible need.

In a letter to Assembly President Carl Cooke, the organizational head of this WSSF District forcefully presented the case when he said: "We as American students, one of the most wealthy and privileged groups in the country and the world, have a real obligation to take our places along side of our suffering fellows. We must do so first, as a simple humanitarian gesture; second, because there is need to build world community and understanding if we are to have the kind of permanent peace which we all desire; and third, for those of us who profess to be Christians — or who at least come from a Christian tradition, we simply cannot sit back and watch thousands of our fellows suffer and die."

Why can't WE DO something?

Senior Council Functions

Deliberates Carefully

The Senior Council, presided on by Dean Stuart McGowan, began its post Dance Weekend series of meetings on Monday afternoon, May 20th. Present were several representatives of several divisions. The Dean began the meeting by saying that on the whole the conduct of the Dance Weekend was very good.

The important subject however, of the afternoon session seemed to be indiscretions about the Beta Rock. The Beta Rock, it was discovered has unusual attractions which ought to be resisted on Sunday afternoons. The Dean remarked that he has a rock near his house which he hopes has no such attractions and also that those who committed the indiscretions be reprimanded.

In the evening session which also dealt with the "episode of the Rock" the council spent one and a half hours in determining that the gentlemen who found the attraction of the Rock irresistible ought to be reprimanded.

Mr. Gilmore, by way of offering a solution to the difficulties suggested that since the Rock was a hazard in the winter, it ought to be removed. But the Dean thought this inadvisable.

The Council, while continually meeting, has found it necessary to postpone consideration of a part of its important business for want of information.

German Club Party Winds Up Season

The German Club entertained Drs. Ashford, Salomon, Timberlake, Messrs. Guiguet, and McGowan at a party in South Hanna Hall Wednesday, May 8th.

Mr. Eberle delivered a short lecture on Beethoven, in which he discussed the musician's life, accomplishments, and philosophy. Knut Christiansen and Sven Swensen read poems, Dick Karkow read a story, and Ed Runge, a monologue. After a "Fragen und Antwort" game, refreshments were served and all joined in a lusty song session.

Dr. Salomon, on behalf of the other guests, wished the Club much success and expressed his personal interest in the organization.

Mr. Eberle was the recipient of a much deserved toast.

Club activities have been suspended during the summer months.

KLAN TO PLAN FOR COMMENCEMENT

At a Kenyon Klan meeting in the banquet room of Peirce Hall on Wednesday evening, May 15th, Mr. Rudy Kutler suggested the Klan hold a breakfast for its alumni during commencement. This breakfast would be sponsored by the members of the Klan now in school. At that time the alumni of the organization will be informed of its current activities and an attempt will be made to organize the alumni into a well-knit group.

TKA SPEAKING CONTEST SLATED FOR MAY 29TH

THIS, NO WAR-TIME WEEKEND

It was generally agreed among the men who have experienced only war-time Kenyon Dance Weekends, that the weekend of May 17th, 18th, and 19th was the most 'satisfactory' they have known.

Dates could be seen on the campus as early as Thursday evening, and almost all were here for the gay parties in the divisions on Friday. Festivities resumed at high pitch with the parties on Saturday evening before the dance in the Great Hall. At ten o'clock, to the music of Barney Rapp and his orchestra the formal dance began. For the first time since the war white ties and tails appeared in numbers.

The Misses Chard and Kimball provided a fine champagne punch in the basement banquet room for the dancers; the Coffee Shop across the hall served coffee and doughnuts.

After the dance, 2 A.M., the parties in the divisions attended by members of the faculty, carried on. Most of these lasted until full daylight to the amusement of the taxi drivers who were sent for at 6 A.M. to take formally-dressed couples to town for breakfast.

At Sunday dinner the attempt to sing was feeble, indicating the condition of most of the revelers.

The committee of the Senior Council arranged, through the dance fee, the appearance of ample delicacies in the way of food and music; the moon shone full despite the generally overcast mercurial weather during Saturday; and although little beer was available, there was a plentiful supply of other refreshment.

Committee Appointed; Holds No Meetings

The World Student Service Fund Committee appointed sometime ago has yet to hold a meeting. The members of this committee as appointed by Assembly President Carl Cooke are as follows: Charles Allen, Robert Johnson, John Swope, Knut Christiansen, Oliver Campeau, Howard Bradley, Richard Dunn, Hal Morgan, and Robert Ballantine. See your representative for results of their work. Faculty advisors are Dr. Salomon and Mr. Welsh.

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Compulsory Chapel

To those of the student body present at the Peirce Hall meeting with President Chalmers it was evident that the questions concerning college affairs were touched upon only superficially. Probably the thorniest, most deeply entered into, settled the least, and most deserving of more thought and discussion is the problem of compulsory chapel. On this subject much is to be said for both sides.

However, the argument against compulsory chapel seems to be propounded by its opponents primarily because of an unreasoning dislike of Kenyon's particular chapel and Church, or religion in general, or, even more arbitrarily, anything compulsory. For this reason it seems that the pro-chapel forces, much less numerous but much more in force, have not only the right but the right — a rare combination.

Be that as it may, in the first place it must be noted that the definition of a liberal education includes Christian education, according to the catalogue. **This conception, indeed can hardly be attacked. However, the means taken to further the object may certainly be questioned.**

Here at Kenyon, a Christian liberal education is compulsorily furthered by one method: insistence upon a certain number of chapel attendances. This greatly narrows down any attack on the objective, the method in use.

Compulsory chapel is to be supported if it attains successfully its intended aim. **Compulsory chapel is insufferable if it does not reach its purpose for being; if it results in an actual reversal of its purpose, in the revulsion of the Kenyon student towards the Christian factor of a liberal education.** Yet how is the worth or worthlessness of our chapel attendance system to be determined?

It is up to the administration, with what help we as students can give, to find the solution to the whole problem—perhaps by a series of questionnaires held over a period of years. But use must be made of some means which will offer a firm basis for a decision—not the basis used now, the remarks of an insignificant fraction of departing seniors and returning alumni. If the college administration desires to fulfill completely its responsibilities to its undergraduates, it must make a genuine attempt towards a sensible solution of this problem.

Nevertheless a complete solution is impossible immediately, perhaps even in our own college generation, but some adjustments must be made soon. From what facts are available from past experience, it would seem as if there is **some** basis for at least a temporary continuation of compulsory chapel. Its success or degree of success now and in the immediate future will depend upon two things: the actual machinery utilized, and the use of the opportunities made by students and the chaplain.

The machinery seems to us to be somewhat inadequate. Attendance at any chapel is a way of either exercising or observing most of the practices of the particular religion. Such experience is indispensable to gaining much of the good afforded in a Christian liberal education.

Yet neither practice nor observation of the practices can be significant if there is no background, no understanding of the meanings involved. For this reason compulsory chapel should be accompanied by a freshman lecture on its object and a 'survey course' or series of lectures and discussions on the meaning of the Church and its relation to other denominations, the latter subject to comply with the individual needs of the class.

The second factor in the efficacy of compulsory chapel is the attitude towards it and the use made of it by the Chaplain and the students.

We are not able to pass judgment upon the Chaplain; any opinion would be almost entirely subjective. But it does seem as if a minister can not have sufficient time and energy to perform his duties as a chaplain and at the same time hold a position as an active member of the Bexley faculty. It is not fair to the chaplain or to the student body.

STUDENTS IN DESPERATE NEED

400,000 students in desperate need of life's essentials; food, shelter, clothing, and medical care, are the potential human objects of the humanitarian endeavors of World Student Relief, according to the careful estimate of Robert B. Tillman, Canadian member of the WSR staff in Geneva, in a dispatch recently relayed from New York to Carl Cooke, who heads the representatives of the World Student Service Fund on this campus.

The minimum needs of these 400,000 students in this agonizing year of starvation and disease are put at \$2,000,000, of which it was expected that \$500,000 would come from American students and profes-

sors. On March 31, however, only \$191,702.43 had come in from 454 colleges and schools, with only three months left in this academic and fiscal year. There are more than 1,000,000 students in 1200 colleges and universities in the United States at the present time.

After World War I, some 75,000 students in distress in the limited areas of devastation in Central Europe were helped from 1920-24 by students from five continents to the extent of \$2,500,000. Today, is not only the universities in practically every European country, but those in Asia, the Philippines, and in the Indies, whose students and professors need help.

Industrial Relations At U. of C.

Chicago, Illinois (I.P.)—The University of Chicago has established an Industrial Relations Center as a means of providing university-wide service in industrial relations for management, executives, union leaders, government officials, faculty members, and students.

The Center, first of its kind in the nation integrates and expands the work touching on industrial relations which has been in progress in the university's schools of business and law and its departments in economics, sociology, political science, education psychology, and psychiatry.

Adopted Awol
Suffers Demise

Though the sun was shining, Mother's Day wasn't very bright for Mothers Fine and Montague, whose three day old adopted baby was on the threshold of death's door. Suffering from an incurable disease which would not allow it to receive nourishment, the tiny infant, called Awol, expired on Monday, May 5th and was buried 'neath the large maple tree in front of its home in Middle Leonard. Its grave was adorned with purple and white iris, symbols of its mothers' grief. Awol's passing away was especially tragic since only a few days before it was snatched from the jaws of a cocker spaniel by the interpid Mothers.

Every effort is now being made to locate the natural mother of Awol to inform her of the tragic demise of her offspring. There is evidence that the family name of the mother is Rabbit, the father's name being Jack.

The *Collegian* extends its fullest sympathy to the foster parents.

He who opposes compulsory chapel, a Kenyon man, must develop a mature attitude towards a matter which is distasteful to him. He must be willing to take advantage of what good even he himself must admit exists. The sermon surely will contain something worthy of thought and discussion. In any intellectual or quasi-intellectual experience there is some good to be derived, be it at times merely the realization and refutation of a poor experience.

But should all the factors here mentioned in regard to this subject be settled to the satisfaction of everyone concerned, there still remains others with which to contend, not the least of which is the favored position accorded to one denomination. **The whole subject needs more clarification and discussion before it can be settled.** For this purpose another meeting of the Student Assembly is necessary . . . among other things.

MEXICO BECKONS

Have you made plans for a summer vacation yet? If not, you might well consider Mexico, that land of paradise and pleasure that lies so close to all Americans. Here you find the old world mingled with the new. Here you will find a land that, in the past few years has become most cosmopolitan, yet has retained all the romance and beauty of the ancient Aztec Indians. If you are searching for new horizons, why not turn your thoughts to Old Mexico.

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TAME PLAY

(Continued from page 1)

with as adequate performances as the roles permitted.

The applause-winner of nights was the stage setting, superb in the best bad taste of Victorian England. Plaudits are due designer Grudier and the rest of the stage crew for a really good job done with the materials available.

Much credit must go to Dr. and Mrs. Black for perfect handiwork in the casting of all parts. The play appeared to have been written particularly for those who played the roles, but somehow there seemed little inspiration in the delivery.

Perhaps the reason for the lack of feeling was the short time (four weeks) allowed for the preparation. It is a big job to perfect a performance in such a limited time on the accelerated program. Nevertheless the results were disappointing.

In the advance article concerning *The Importance of Being Earnest*, it was erroneously stated that the play was the production of the Dramatic Club. Actually, the presentation was the result of the efforts of the Play Production Class of the Speech Department.

CANDID COMMENTS

C. G. Nutting

The tennis season is now half over and the team has six consecutive wins to their credit. They should finish the season undefeated. Derham, Bothwell, and Hershberger haven't lost one singles match. Park and Harris have lost only one singles match apiece. This seems to indicate that we should have little trouble in winning the Ohio Conference meet here on May 25th. The doubles were weak at the beginning of the season but lately there has been little trouble in that category. Credit should go to Rudy Kutler and his fine coaching ability. We hope the Football team under Rudy's coaching next fall, will have the same record as the Tennis team.

Bob Parmelee's track team looked fine in their meet with Mt. Union on May 11th. The Union team was too powerful for our lads but the score should by no means be a disgrace. Although the track was slow, the times were fast, such as the 440, run in 53 seconds. Dave Endsley kept up his string of wins by pole vaulting ten and one-half feet. The field events had many disadvantages, for the grass was slippery and muddy and therefore the distance on the shot put and discus were very short. The team travels to Westerville on the 25th of May and should give Otterbein a run for their money.

The Lords played very fine ball in their game with Oberlin on the 8th of May. Zelinsky pitched well and should be given much credit. What happened to your fielding average, Allen? At last report it was two errors in three years of college baseball. Is that right? The team is becoming stronger each game and by the end of the season the team should jump a few positions in the Ohio Conference.

The intra-mural baseball tournament is well under way and we see North Leonard, Middle Kenyon, and Middle Hanna on top. Due to darkness in the after-supper jousts and bad weather any and all the time, many games have been postponed but will be made up in the future.

Intramural Baseball Scores

	W	L	Pct.
1. Middle Kenyon	5	0	1000
2. So. Leonard	1	0	1000
3. North Hanna	3	1	750
4. No. Leonard	3	1	750
5. Middle Hanna	3	2	600
6. West Wing	1	2	333
7. East Wing	0	2	000
8. So. Hanna	0	4	000
9. Middle Leonard	0	3	000

FOUR STRAIGHT WINS FOR NETMEN

On May 3 the tennis team defeated Muskingum 7-0 on the latter's courts. This made the fourth straight victory for the team. The men who participated in the meet were Derham, Bothwell, Parks, Hersh, and Harris.

Tennis Team Triumphs Again; Sinks Ohio Wesleyan, Capital

On May 1st the Kenyon netmen defeated Ohio Wesleyan 5-2 on our courts. Bothwell, Derham, Hershberger and Harris had little trouble in the singles. Parks went three sets with his opponent but lost. The only other loss was in the No. 2 doubles. Hershberger and Parks were defeated in three sets. This team has really been the only contender of any strength so far in the season.

In their return match with Oberlin the tennis team looked even stronger than their previous engagement. The final score was 6-1. Their previous score was 5-4. The only loss was in the No. 2 doubles. Hershberger and Parks lost to Wolin and King in three sets 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

On May 6th the tennis team traveled to New Concord to play Muskingum in a return match. They had very little trouble and defeated them 7-0. In almost every case the set scores were 6-0, 6-0. This victory brought the teams' wins to five straight.

With very little competition the netters defeated Western Reserve on our courts 7-0. This brought the teams' wins to nine straight. There are about four matches remaining this season and the team should go through undefeated without any difficulty. Derham, Bothwell, and Hershberger have yet to lose a match. They have played excellent tennis through the season, and we should not overlook Parks and Harris.

On May 6th the Kenyon netters traveled to Columbus and with very little difficulty defeated Capital 7-0. The boys were really on the ball and the Capital team compiled very few games. This was the fifth straight win for the team.

In the No. 1 singles Derham easily defeated Sommerfeld 6-4, 6-0. Bruce Bothwell came through to defeat Lundquist 6-4, 6-1. Hershberger filled in the No. 3 singles and had very little trouble with McLangin, outdriving him to the score of 6-4, 6-0. Park downed Evey in the No. 4 singles slot and won 6-4, 6-1. Harris defeated Partridge 6-1, 6-0 in No. 5 singles.

Derham and Bothwell overpowered Sommerfeld and Lundquist in the No. 1 doubles 6-1, 6-4, as did Park and Hersh 6-0, 6-4, over Eberle and Schrider in the No. 2 doubles.

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Oberlin Dampens Baseball Spirits

The Kenyon Lords lost a tough ball game on May 8th to Oberlin to the tune of 4-3. Oberlin had the lead 3-0 until the last half of the eighth and in that inning the Lords scored three runs on well placed hits. In the first of the ninth with a walk, a stolen base and a hit, Oberlin managed to score a run. We came close in tying the game up in the last of the ninth and we ended the game with two men on. Jack Zelinsky pitched a very good game.

It is requested that all men keep off the courts behind Old Kenyon with shoes with heels.

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SEAGRAMS AND THE LOST WEEKEND

Seagrams, in an advertisement following the trail of the motion picture, *The Lost Weekend*, says: "We have always said that **some** men should not drink." The inference is clear.

Who are these men, Seagrams, who should not drink?

Science can't tell and frankly admits that there is no way by which the individual himself, or his medical advisors, can warn him that he is marked for alcoholism if he drinks.

Of even greater significance is the verdict of science that **any man may become an alcoholic**. In the words of Dr. Robert Fleming of the Harvard Medical School: "It takes some people longer than others to attain addiction but no human being can be regarded as immune."

Who, Seagrams, is the man who should not drink?

Seagrams says they "don't want bread money."

But they get bread money. And meat money. And rent and medicine money. They can't help it because of what they sell and they know it.

Seagrams says, "pay your bills first" but the stuff they sell says, "have a drink first and have another; who cares about paying bills."

We haven't the least doubt but that Seagrams would much prefer that no one drink to his own disaster but so long as they sell whiskey they will be dealing in disaster and they can't help it. It's just that kind of stuff.

—The Board of Temperance Clipseet.

DANCE WEEKEND DIARY

THURSDAY EVENING

Dates put in first appearance; it's a good one Pre-festivity corks popped in So. Leonard A few leave the "Hill," for quiet weekends at home. Aren't they silly? Dave Shiller seeks refuge in the Infirmary, finds it has been taken over by the women.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Everyone went Delta Phi during the afternoon. Reason, well shaken Manhattans Sea and breeze mix well in Psi Upsilon Beta rock serves target for, "Dead Indians". Lost Weekend backdrop, perfect for night time revelries in Sigma Pi The Hardys fortify themselves before attending high school prom Bob Branen produces Scotch Mac Frye back on the job, pleased to see every division well chaperoned Alpha Delta Canadian Club Phi being generous to all who might knock Bob Johnson takes his water straight. The wagon really, has a steady customer Tom Reed plays perfect host in Phi Kappa Sigma Delta Tau Delta moves party to lodge

SATURDAY, THE DAY!

The Beta rock's still taking a beating Covert, Heiner, and Claypool, "Pouring for friends." Stafford fails to pin his woman Path to A. D. Phi is paved with glass Nash forgets to pull rip-cord in second story jump Sigma Pi shrimps and sips during early evening Johnson's glass of water disturbs the stalwarts no end Parties all over the campus before the dance

Dance band good songstress not so good punch excellent Mrs. Lester sports D. K. E. pin New, "party parties," in progress after the dance No one gets to bed until after morning and many not at all

SUNDAY

The rising Starr threatened with bankruptcy Four of the braver lads form a Martini club, to meet every Dance Weekend Shemm unsuccessfully attempts to repeat Nash's stunt scattered parties Weird conglomeration of evening clothes and sport attire visible on campus Common's singing a fiasco Beta rock still being used for an Indian burying lot A few strong men continue their pleasant pursuits into the night.

CONCLUSION

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