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SENIOR COUNCIL ACTS AGAIN

Displaying the indecisiveness of a 'talking government' that doesn't know where it's going or what it should do, the Senior Council settled down to some meagre action. The eminent parliamentarians, Arner, Valpey, Wilson, Schmidt, Cooke, Fisher, Vail, Persons, Runge and Gilmore, in the matter of the "Episode of the Rock", declared that those who incited the difficulties were as ungentlemanly as those who did the damage and ought to be lumped together for the same, hardly bearable punishment, the public reprimand. So Tom Shantz will have to grin and bear it, not being able to open his mouth to laugh it off or to vociferate in his own defense.

The attitude of the august Council, not unanimous to be sure, was that there are no degrees of gentlemanliness. You are or you are not. Your punishment for being ungentlemanly will depend on the season of the year; if winter, you may be expelled; if fall, you may be put on social probation, i.e. if such action doesn't cause discomfort to the Council; or if spring, you may be publicly reprimanded.

The council has now decided that perhaps their constitution needs a revision.

Middle Kenyon Leaves Council

Middle Kenyon, the Independents, gave notice of their distaste for Council procedure when they withdrew from the Council last Monday. The action by that division was not unanimous, although strongly felt by those who presented the letter.

Middle Kenyon's letter of withdrawal was read in Council and immediately followed by another letter from a different group of the Independents, not a majority, which said they disagreed with the first letter. Now the matter is pending approval and disapproval from the proper circles, i.e. the matter is traveling in circles.

The Collegian has learned that copies of the By Laws of the Senior Council Disciplinary Procedure may be had from a closet in the Dean's office.

French Club Meets for Discussion

Sandwiched in between the TKA speaking contest and the Philomathesian meeting, on June 5th was a session of the French Club. Led by Mr. Guiget, the chats held in the South Hanna parlor entirely in French except for occasional inadvertant slips into English, dealt with American politics, strikes and unions, the French Constituent Assembly, what each of the group plans to do this summer.

A party for the last meeting has been planned to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guiget.

Those at the meeting were John Pritchard, Sam Plotkin, Bill Starr, Gray Slawson, Dick Taggart and Bob Golden.

TKA Speech Contest Won by N. Leonard

The seventh annual Tau Kappa Alpha Interdivisional Speaking contest was won for the third successive time by North Leonard. The bronze cup will be presented to that division, which will retain it permanently, by Dr. Chalmers at High Table on Sunday.

The four winning speeches given by Stewart Perry and Herschial Welsh concerned "Equality of Justice in Criminal Procedure", "Liberal Arts", "The Aims and Nature of the World Federalists" and "Taking Advantage of Our Educational Opportunities."

Middle Kenyon won second place entering Ken Schempf, William Walsh, and Jack Stamler.

In the final round of the contest last Wednesday, only 4 divisions qualified by having two men speak in both sessions. They were North Leonard, Middle Leonard, East Wing, and Middle Kenyon.

The judges for the first round held in Philomathesian Hall were Dr. Titus, Messrs. McGowan, and Rahming; those of the second round in the Speech Building were Dr. Coffin and an instructor of speech from Bowling Green, Mr. Walsh.

All the speeches showed a remarkable seriousness, some of the subjects being the housing and food shortages, the Draft, labor unions, the Truman Administration, democracy, monasticism, and man's evaluation of himself.

This reintroduction of an almost traditional campus activity was shown only slight interest by the student body at large.

On Seeing Reds

Almost every time that the publication, which nearly everyone in Gambier reads, appears upon the market, we are bombarded with requests to "blast back at those Reds."

This typifies an attitude prevalent in the United States — the Reds must be held down. The Collegian itself is of this sentiment. The Collegian is definitely opposed to the U. S. Communists. It is definitely opposed to any group who desires to overturn by force our present form of government and substitute any other.

However, the Collegian is also of the opinion that the anti-communist attitude often results in a deplorable habit: the branding as Red of any group which may be opposed by the name-giver. This habit has a hold on many Kenyon students who seem to be willing to bandy about terms indiscriminately.

Far be it for the Collegian to defend the PS. It is not the intent of this article. That publication is by no means unable to speak for itself.

But the Collegian refuses to blast any paper simply because unreasoning opinion calls it communistic, calls it communistic without any concrete backing for such an accusation.

The mere inclusion of articles trying to promote better U. S. - Russian understanding, lamenting the Republican Party's choice of their Chairman, and scorching the Hearst-Patterson-McCormick brand of publishing is certainly no basis for tossing around the appellation, 'Red'.

When is a college student mature enough to use his head instead of his emotions in matters such as this? It is more regrettable than amusing to hear from juniors and seniors such statements as:

"The College is getting an awful Red reputation."

"The PS is just a cloak for disseminating Communist propaganda."

The Collegian is perfectly aware that some of its own support comes from those who think that such support is a way of combatting Communism as evidenced in the PS. At a risk of being termed Communistic ourselves (such is the habit of some students) the Collegian renounces support based upon that faulty assumption.

We had one Kenyon student approach us offering his services because he believed us so anti-Communist as to be "Fascist." Our feelings, he believed, to coincide with his!

Why must a liberal arts student always think in extremes? Why is it that a liberal education which aims to promote good thinking habits goes so blatantly unused?

Like all humans, Kenyon men are no more men than their thinking habits proclaim them. Using this statement as a yardstick for measuring maturity, one wonders at the irresponsibility of a few of those who deem themselves 'college men'. Is it now necessary for professors to post placards in their rooms, as in grammar school, saying, "Think before you speak"? — S. E. Perry.

PHILO AND NU PI HOLD FIRST PROGRAMS

The first regular meeting of the newly re-organized Philomathesian Society was held on Wednesday night, June 5th. The topic of the discussion was "Compulsion at Kenyon" which was introduced by three speakers, Dr. Philip Timberlake, Dave Harris, and Stewart Perry.

The meeting was well attended by about thirty interested students and professors since it was opened to all who were concerned with the topic.

The first regular meeting of Nu Pi Kappa was held in their hall Thursday night, June 6th. Dean Stuart McGowan presented a paper upon the history of Kenyon's two literary societies.

Re-decoration in a way befitting the history of the hall was discussed, and the topic for the next meeting was

KENYON WSSF TOTALS \$60

Contributions to the World Student Service fund now total \$60. The response with but little stimulus from the WSSF Committee would indicate how much might be done were there any organized effort put forth.

Contributions turned over to Assembly President Cooke were received from:

Per Spectus	\$10.00
Middle Kenyon	\$20.00
North Leonard	\$30.00
Total	\$60.00

Reveille Issue to Appear

This issue of the Collegian is but one page to enable the Business Staff to swing a six page Reveille Issue for Homecoming.

determined — Dick King to speak on Edmund Waller, 17th Century lyricist.

Chalmers Makes Appointments

President Chalmers in the Assembly on June 4 announced the following appointments to the Faculty and Staff:

Mr. Denham Sutcliffe, as Associate Professor of English, to begin teaching in the Autumn Semester, 1946; B.A., Bates College; B.A. (First), M. A., Ph.D., Oxford University. Dr. Sutcliffe has done research at Yale and Harvard, and has taught English at Bates and at Harvard. He has written many articles and reviews, and is Associate Editor of the *American Oxonian*. He is at present in the College for a few weeks, assisting President Chalmers. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Virgil C. Aldrich, as Associate Professor of Philosophy, to begin teaching in the Autumn Semester, 1946. Dr. Aldrich received his B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan, studied at Oxford University for a year, and earned his Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley. He has taught at Rice Institute in Houston, Texas, at Columbia University, and at Wells College. He has published many articles, and has a book in manuscript, "Outlines of Philosophy of Science." Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich and their son David will come to Gambier to live in the Autumn.

Mr. Kent U. Moore, as Cataloguer on the Library, will take up his duties on July 1. His degrees are A.B., Yale, M. A., Columbia, and B.L.S., also Columbia. Mr. Moore comes to Kenyon from the Accessions Department of the Yale University Library.

Mr. William Berg, as Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics, to begin teaching in the Summer Term, 1946. Mr. Berg received his Ph.D. in Mathematics at the University of Iowa and taught there for three years. He is now studying at Princeton University.

Mr. Walter H. Haines, as Instructor in Economics, to begin teaching in the Autumn Semester, 1946. Mr. Haines has the following degrees: A.B., A. M., University of Pennsylvania, A.M., Ph.D., Harvard University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Ruben Weltsch, as Assistant in the Library, beginning the middle of August. He is at present Serials Librarian in the Amherst College Library. His degrees are A.B., Amherst, and B.L.S., Columbia.

Mr. George B. White, as Auditor in the Treasurer's Office.

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