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DIVISION DIARY

BETA

Active: South Leonard, as usual has passed another unusually busy week. In the field of intramural activities the Betas so far have had an undefeated season. On Wednesday several Brothers risked their lives at another "pre-dance party" north of Gambier. Though apparently is still suffering from a loss of his direction sense, Paul found is having trouble meeting his morning commitments. Toothless the Terrible has succeeded Innocence XXIV. The week reached its climax Saturday evening when The Wells College delegation descended upon South Leonard. Other notable Knox County personalities were also in attendance.

Alumni: Shady Beattie was sick Saturday with his usual "you've never had it so good" sermon. George (the Beak) Whitaker writes from Gredington Manor, where he is at present "collating," that Lord and Lady Kenyon are the proud parents of a four month old heir apparent. Willy Knowles Pittman, who is inspecting the British Isles, has accepted a government position which will send him either to Germany or Austria. An international incident is anticipated.

PHI KAP

North Hanna was comparatively quiet all last week, but the storm came with all its fury over the week end with the arrival of James B. "Sixty" Persons. Needless to say, a very lively time was had by all. The boys agreed that "Sixty" doesn't arrive on the 11th every day, a party was the thing to have. It was had. . . . It is reported that Beach and Pappy Morrow return to Gambier from Mexico next February. . . . Metaphorically speaking, the Phi Kaps are rolling along under "Long Arm" Andy Bowers. Both the Mu Kaps and the Delta Phi's are the grim precision of the Phi Kaps steamroller last week. Walt Wozdewich, the sideline fiddler, pellets that the North Hannaites will have an undefeated season. . . . In favor. . . . Note to Mr. Schwartz: The North Hanna Cultural Society now includes such well-known musical figures as H. Bradley (hot piano), S. Volpe (Blumach Steinway), W. Seiberling (two string giter) and Pledges Shepherd and Allen (the Trumpet Man), W. Hwozdewich (you know), R. Lindberg (he claims to play sax), and featuring, with every number, a grand finale by the entire fraternity playing "AT LIBERTY," and is it any wonder? . . . Diaper Diary—nominate Susie Vissler and Pentz as the "couple of the week." The fraternity approves the match, and the young folks cordially invited to the big

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Homecoming Activities

Friday Night—7:30 Football Rally in front of Old Kenyon

Friday Night—Frosh Bonfire.

Saturday—9:30—Meeting of the Executive committee of the Alumni Council.

Saturday—11:00—Joint meeting of the Executive and Alumni Athletic Committees.

Saturday—Noon—Judging of the division decorations.

Saturday—2:00—Soccer—Kenyon vs. Western Reserve Academy—Away.

Saturday—2:00 Mass Meeting of student body, Old Kenyon.

Saturday—2:15—Kenyon vs. Ashland, football.

Saturday—Halftime—Presentation of the decoration Award.

Saturday—Frosh-Soph Cane Rush.

Saturday—4:00—Meeting of the Alumni Council.

Saturday—7:30—Kenyon Movies.

Saturday—10:00—All-College Dance, Rosse Hall.

Decorations, Dance Feature This Year's Homecoming

Homecoming . . . 1947 . . . a new idea faces the students and alumni of Ole Runyon. For the first time in the history of the Park, divisions are decorating for homecoming. There is a contest underway which will end with the presentation of the Homecoming Decoration Award to the division deemed by the judges to have the most original and best decorations for the day of homecoming.

The rules, set up by the Collegian-Dean's office committee, specify that not more than ten dollars can be used in preparations for the decorations. Also, the decorations must be done and ready for judging by noon, Saturday, November 1. These are the only rules for the contest.

Other activities not seen on The Hill for many years include a mass invasion by the Ashland band, and a pre-game parade of students to Benson Bowl. The undergraduate body of Kenyon will meet in front of Old Kenyon before the game, and march down the hill to the field together. It is hoped that a manifestation of spirit will occur which will be shown in the singing of "Philander Chase", or some other traditional Kenyon song.

Scheduled for Saturday are the usual alumni meetings and reunions, but Saturday night something new is planned again. This is an all-college dance, to be held in Rosse Hall directly after the Kenyon Movies are over. A token admission of twenty-five cents will be charged per head, and the dance will last until one o'clock. Music will be furnished by a small dance orchestra from Mansfield. The refreshments will be handled by the Kenyon Klan, at a slight fee to all those who care to indulge in "Cokes." The Dean's Office is underwriting the ex-

penses of the dance in hopes that it will fill a hole in the social life of the undergrads. These all-college dances will be held at varying intervals during the school year.

Pre-Medical Club Gets Under Way

The Kenyon College Pre-Medical Club Executive Committee, comprised of the chairmen of the Club committees and the officers of the organization, held its initial meeting in the Sigma Pi parlor on Friday, October the 17th. The primary purpose of the meeting was to formulate plans for the coming year and to establish the operational procedure of the Club.

The groundwork for the drafting of the new constitution was laid, and this document has since been completed and awaits only ratification by the members of the Club.

A tentative schedule of the year's activities was set up and includes such items as: speakers, movies, trips, banquets, socials, and study and project work. An over-all picture will show the most active and diversified program ever undertaken by the Club, and one that should prove extremely interesting and benefi-

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English School Slated Here Next Summer

The new approach to the study of literature, which is expressed in a handful of "little magazines" of literary criticism, such as the *Partisan Review*, the *Sewanee Review*, and the *Kenyon Review*, will be given a wider diffusion with the establishment of the Kenyon School of English, to open at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, next summer.

Dresden Talks Please Students

Kenyon was fortunate in having as its guest last Monday and Tuesday Dr. Sam Dresden, director of the Royal Conservatory of Music, The Hague, Holland. During his stay at the college, Dr. Dresden lectured twice and held several informal discussions.

On Monday night, from eight till nine-thirty, Dr. Dresden lectured in the Commons of Peirce Hall. His subject was contemporary Dutch Composers and their music. To illustrate his talk, Dr. Dresden played various selected recordings which he had brought to this country from the Netherlands. As he himself is one of Holland's finest contemporary composers, he was able to further enlighten his audience by playing two of his own compositions.

The following morning Dr. Dresden spoke at the student assembly in Rosse Hall. Proving himself a versatile lecturer, Dr. Dresden switched his topic from music to his own personal war experiences in German-controlled Holland. Though he spoke without any keen bitterness, his audience was made to understand how abnormal and unpleasant an existence a citizen of the lowlands was compelled to live under German conquerors.

During the war, Dr. Dresden was permitted a little opportunity to follow his normal pursuits. At one time he was made to walk for two and a half hours to work, shovel all day for eight hours, then return home again on foot. For a young man, such a schedule would have been extremely difficult; for an elderly man it was a real feat of endurance. But even with such rough treatment and extreme lack of food, Dr. Dresden was very much alive when the Germans departed.

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Wanted . . . One Roll Top Desk

BY JOHN BORDEN

The other afternoon your reporter wandered by the Speech Building and heard a groaning noise emitting from within. Always being hot for news, he followed his nose into the sacred portals and found Bill Perkins sobbing on the shoulder of Mr. Michaels. Being a sympathizer, he inquired into this scene of pathos. Perkins had failed in his search for a roll top desk,—well almost. He found three of them, BUT—one in "Pappy" Ransom's office, one in Dr. Coffin's office, and one in President Chalmers' office (what was he doing there?). Because of the *Kenyon Review*, Mr. Ransom's desk was ruled out. Because of concern for an English grade, Dr. Coffin's was ruled out. And even Miss Parker would not ask for the President's desk. So Mr. Michael, on the behalf of the

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The plan for the school, which will be supported largely by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, was announced today by Gordon Keith Chalmers, President of Kenyon College. A distinguished board of senior fellows will preside over the school: John Crowe Ransom, the Carnegie Professor of Poetry in Kenyon College and editor of the *Kenyon Review*; Francis O. Matthiessen, Professor of History and Literature in Harvard University, whose book, *The James Family* has recently been published; and Lionel Trilling, Associate Professor of English in Columbia University, author of the new novel, *The Middle Of The Journey*. Professor Charles M. Coffin of the Kenyon faculty will serve as Dean.

The new Kenyon School of English will differ from other summer schools of writing and literature, John Crowe Ransom says, because the whole approach of "the new criticism" is different.

"We have studied literature bibliographically, deciding which lines in *Hamlet* have been amended by the acting troops who played the show," he said. "We've studied it as a mirror of the history of the period, digging out its references to current events of Shakespeare's day. We've treated it as a psychological study of *Hamlet's* personality, with Freudian interpretations. We've studied the philosophy in the lines 'To be or not to be'. But once all that is settled, we still have a work of art which creates a profound emotional effect. This is the basis of 'the new criticism'—to study a piece of literature as a work of art."

There is among liberal arts colleges and universities an increasing demand for men so trained, Ransom says, as more curricula are being revised to include this less pedantic approach to our literary heritage. The new Kenyon School of English will give graduate students and others at an advanced level of writing, teaching, and scholarship, this essentially humanistic point of view. Historical, philological, or ideological analysis will be only incidental to the fundamental study of why a work of art is great.

The board of teaching fellows of the Kenyon School of English will be announced soon, and ap-

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Sutcliffe On List To Pick Rhodes Scholars From Ohio

Dr. Frank Aydelotte, American Secretary of Rhodes Scholarships, has appointed Dr. Denham Sutcliffe, Associate Professor of English at Kenyon College, to serve on the committee to select Ohio applicants for Rhodes Scholarships. John Crowe Ransom of the Kenyon faculty has served on the committee for a number of years.

Opinion and The Advocate

The *Collegian* is in accord with the profound sentiment expressed in the *Advocate* that "there is some reason why people think what they think and why they say what they say, why they do what they do and why they are what they are." The article continues with dramatic intensity: "And while it may not seem sensible to you and to me, all of these things form a part of the world we live in, part of the color and framework of our day and generation, part of the very air we breathe." It is our belief that such blobs of circumlocution and metaphors attain neither literary effect nor present a concise thought for digestion by the reader. We think that the central thesis of the article is that "opinions are important, sound or unsound" and for the benefit of those readers who may have not immersed themselves in the *Advocate's* running prose, we offer that as a summary of the first article in the last issue of the *Advocate*.

It is apparent that the writer of the *Advocate* article went to great lengths (of words and space) to justify the existence of his journal. It seems as if he had doubts as to whether the student body is broadminded enough to receive all points of view. The *Advocate* is "hopeful" that the student body will support "a sounding board for student opinion." The *Collegian* is more than hopeful. We are sure that Kenyon men will take advantage of any free press to express their opinion. And again we invite the expression of constructive opinion in our columns.

H. K. J.

Hilltopics

by Sandy Lindsey

Undergraduates are overlooking a very important segment of their social life at Kenyon by not responding more graciously to the "at home" invitations extended by the faculty on Sunday evenings. One of the most gratifying and worthwhile aspects of life in a small college is the close association which is possible between students and professors. The faculty members have been at considerable pains to prepare their homes for an influx of students making social calls and students have not responded very graciously. It is in the interest of individuals and the college as a whole that the "at home" spirit shall not fail for want of proper student cooperation. It really ought not be necessary to tell any group of men to go and visit their profs, particularly since so many of the faculty ladies are such excellent cooks and hostesses. Ask us—we made a full round last Sunday and we wouldn't miss doing it again next Sunday. Let's go Kenyon men—be sociable! The Camps, Coolidges, Pasinis, and Salomons are "at home" to you on Sunday next after 8 p.m.

"NEVER HAVE SO MANY OWED SO MUCH TO SO FEW!" Winnie's immortal words may well be applied to our Football Team and we do not feel chary of doing so. Our unreserved admiration goes to the men on the Team who beat their hearts out on the field, their brains out on the books, and deserve far more credit than those of us who sit around writing about ways of doing Kenyon some good. They are up and doing and we salute them with a grateful accolade!

We urge the International Relations Club to take up the World Student Service Fund Drive at the earliest possible moment this year. With good old Chick Pauly and Comrade Stew Perry gone it will be something of an uphill drag to put the WSSF across. But it was an arm-twisting chore at best, even for those stalwarts of yesteryear, and the IRC is the logical group to take over. To Albert (Cardinal) Mason and Bill Chadeayne we look for leadership in the drive to keep Kenyon's name high on the list of colleges supporting the World Student Service Fund. Last year \$1700.00! This year \$2,000.00!

We apologize to our friends on the *Advocate* for our remark in the first issue of the *COLLEGIAN*. "Words, words, words!" was not precisely what we meant. We revise our statement, in the light of the latest issue of the *Advocate* and say: "VOLUMES, VOLUMES, VOLUMES!" And while we're on the subject, we'd like to know how the latest Ropapoll came out. It had to do with the student-body opinion of the *Advocate*, didn't it? Ought to provide interesting statistics, if properly reported.

Elsewhere in this *COLLEGIAN* our able editorialist Howard Janis has neatly analyzed the latest issue of the *Advocate*. We think it well worth reading and very much to the point. We really believe in organs for the expression of student opinion but we cannot see that the *Advocate* represents much more than the opinions of N. Leonard with a few Archons thrown in for spice. Take for example, the only article in the paper which might have had something worthwhile in it, namely the discussion of the futility of class elections. What little was said was enough but the article is best answered by the question, "Who called the class elections?"

Hear the ever-lucid Tentmaker Omar:

"Myself when young did eagerly frequent
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Came out by the same door wherein I went."

Amen!

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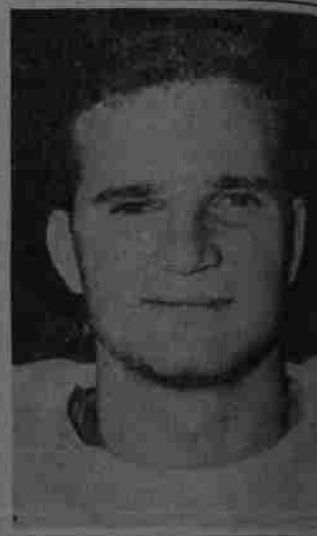
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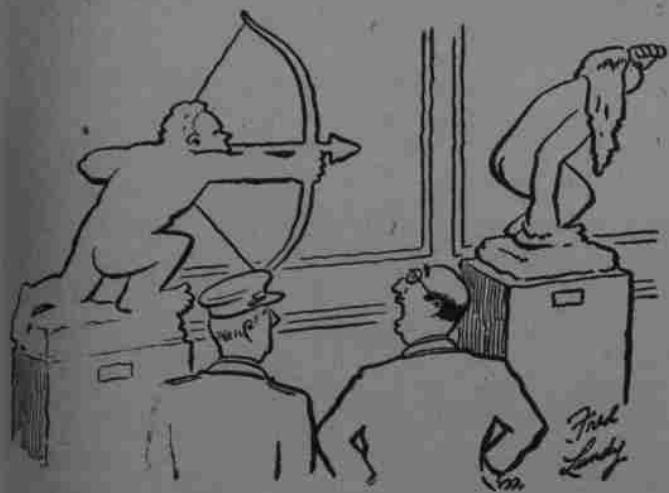
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"I think one of these statues should be turned around"

Soccer Now Is Varsity Sport

Kenyon is now one of the few mid-western colleges able to boast of having a soccer team. Since soccer is usually played in Europe and Eastern United States, it has had an uphill battle to become recognized in this section of the country.

Last year, several interested undergraduates began to practice in the hope of starting soccer at Kenyon, but their efforts proved to be a bit premature. This year Professor A. E. Hanfman has made soccer into a varsity sport at Kenyon.

Dr. Hanfman has played a great deal of soccer in Europe. He has participated on various big-time European teams, and is fully acquainted with each detail of the game.

Practice began the first week of school, and has been in progress daily. The boys report to the old polo field at 3:30, go through numerous calisthenics and plays, and then have an hour's rough scrimmage. At 5:15 the "Chin-Diggers" limp off the field and run up the hill.

Since this is Kenyon's first year at soccer, only four games were scheduled, as follows:

Oct. 25—Oberlin T
Oct. 29—University School T
Nov. 1—Western Reserve Academy T
Nov. 20—Oberlin H

The first team consists mainly of men who have had previous experience in either European or Eastern schools. They are Captain Hank Abraham, L. Hirsche, J. Young, C. Thomas, S. Newell, K. Brooks, J. Kaichen, C. Williams, D. Keener, R. Goldsborough, L. Hoedt, C. Parton, R. Frenkel, B. Fuller, W. Strasser, J. Robinson, J. Carter, and G. Tilton. Other players are J. C. Gregory, D. Harbison, D. Workum, J. Keyes, R. McFarland, E. Collins, M. Latta, J. Bates, T. Jennings, A. Rich, W. Walsh, and P. Metaxas.

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SPORTS

Kenyon Lords Topple Before Hard, Fast Wabash Team

The Kenyon Lords took it on the proverbial chin last Saturday, when a fast and powerful Wabash team beat them 33-0. The Lord offensive, stymied since the Bluffton game, hit the Wabash line time and time again for no gain, and there was no passing attack to get them over it.

All K-Men Back As Cagers Start

Once again Rosse Hall is the scene of activity as the Lords basketball team eagerly prepares for the coming season which begins December 10th. Prospects are good, as all of last year's lettermen are back. These men are Jack Mooney and Dave Bell at forward, 6 foot 6 inch Eppa Rixey at center, and Perry Trinkner, Chuck Barr, and Bill Schneebeck at guard. Other men returning from last years' squad include Sam Montague, Jim Clark, Randy Bucey, and John Schlemmer. With these men as a nucleus Coach Pasini should have no trouble building a winning team.

Last year's squad won nine and lost eight, while averaging almost sixty points per game. Leading the scoring was Rixey with twenty points per game, followed by Mooney and Bell with twelve points.

Schedule

Dec. 10—Wooster at Gambier
Dec. 13—Hiram at Hiram
Dec. 15—Heidelberg at Tiffin
Jan. 8—Denison at Granville
Jan. 10—Otterbein at Westerville
Jan. 12—Capital at Bexley
Jan. 17—Oberlin at Gambier
Jan. 24—Wooster at Wooster
Jan. 29—Heidelberg at Gambier
Feb. 9—Illinois Wesleyan at Bloomington, Ill.
Feb. 10—Wabash (Tentative)
Feb. 11—University of Chicago at Chicago, Ill.
Feb. 12—Illinois Tech at Chicago
Feb. 14—Marietta at Gambier
Feb. 17—Wittenberg at Springfield
Feb. 19—Ashland at Gambier
Feb. 21—Kent State at Kent
Feb. 23—Capital at Gambier
Feb. 26—Otterbein at Gambier
Feb. 28—Denison at Gambier
Mar. 4—Ashland at Ashland

Wabash played the entire first quarter deep in its own territory, but only because the Little Giants were quick-kicking often, and were being out-punted by Hec Eschenbrenner, who booted out of bounds on the Wabash two and on the Wabash six at different times in that initial period. But the Wabash offensive was not stopped by Esch's punting. Bob Alban broke over right tackle late in the period and raced 86 yards for the first score of the game. This was to be the pattern for things to come, because every touchdown scored by runs in the game went the same way. Long runs were the order of the day, with Allerdice, Wilson, Alban twice, and Montgomery scoring on plays of over thirty yards.

The Kenyon line played its best game of the season, but still was out-charged by the very fast Giant line. The Lord backfield worked more smoothly than in the Sewanee or Marietta games, but couldn't make any headway through the line. The line proved to be the determining factor in the game, opening holes which closed quickly, just after the ball carrier was gone. The teams played on terms that were close to even during most of the game, but the Wabash backs were able to shake loose and the Kenyon men couldn't. In spite of the large score, the game could have been close if Kenyon had a fast set of breakaway backs.

Penalty Takes Kenyon Booters

In its very first game, Kenyon's newly organized soccer team almost scored a stunning upset against Oberlin's experienced and seasoned soccer squad at Oberlin last Saturday.

Until ten minutes before the end of the game, Dr. Hanfman's hard-battling Kenyonites managed to conserve a 1-0 lead. With 90 seconds to go, Oberlin was awarded a free kick (penalty), second and winning goal.

The Kenyon team fought valiantly throughout the gruelling 80 minute contest. The defense

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Homecoming party which Dick Stadler assures us will be as Hallowe'enish as possible. Comment: The Corn is Green.

EAST WING

Scott Morrill, AD Phi's social function engineer, reports that last Friday evenings cocktail party with the faculty as guests was most successful.

Bruce Bell is the new Vice President of East Wing. He succeeds Don Martin who withdrew from school last week.

Thursday night witnessed the initiation ceremony for Dick Fornoff, Perry Trinkner, and Ray Petersen.

A constant parade of "music cats" pass into Tiger Seoane's sanctum, pay their respects to the hills oracle of saxophoney, and listen to his be-bop records.

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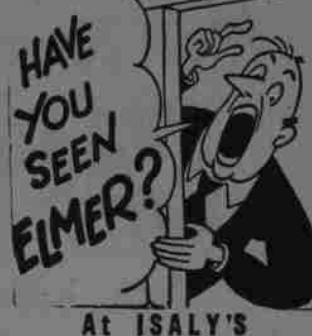
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