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Locust Horde Ready to Hit Campus After 17 Years

Kenyon College today faces a serious problem which the administration has not been concerned with for almost twenty years. A menacing horde of locust invaders is depending upon our fair campus, and no-one has devised a way to prevent their coming.

President Chalmers, Dean Bailey, the Biology and Maintenance Departments have met, requested information from outposts at Wooster and Ohio State, and finally decided to wait and watch the attack which may mar the beauty of Gambier's stately landmarks. Of the two possible methods of defense, both appear impractical. Expense prohibits the one; danger to life, the other, the bodies of the invaders, who have remained dormant so long, will be cared for. Men of Kenyon! Arm yourselves. The attackers are marshalling their forces. It is only a matter of days before they are upon you. Be prepared. They will be everywhere. Kenyon's Commencement is at stake.

From the above, a Biology major probably could surmise that this is the year in which the seven-year locusts emerge. The College Administration, after consulting with the experimental stations at Wooster and Ohio State, decided to do no spraying which would destroy the pests and their eggs. There are two chemical compounds capable of preventing locusts from laying eggs, however, one is dangerous to use around children, birds, and pets while the cost of the spraying with the other would not be worth the benefit derived.

Little damage is expected to be done to trees about the campus, and provisions are being made only for the disposal of the carcasses of the insects. Treasurer Camp stated optimistically in his report to the President: "It seems likely, if we have continued warm weather, that most of them may be gone before Commencement time."

Fore-Edge Painted Book To Be Shown by Library

There will shortly be on display in the library a book exhibiting the old art of fore-edge painting. The painting was done by Fred Cross, '17, of Winnetka, Illinois, on a copy of Smythe's book, *Kenyon College, Its First Century*.

In the seventeenth century, it was the practice of many book-makers to paint a picture on the front edge of the leaves of the volume and then gild pages to conceal the picture when the book was closed. The picture was only visible when the pages were bent back.

Mr. Cross has taken up this old art and has donated the book as his contribution to KDP. The edition reveals a beautiful view of Old Kenyon. It is to be sold and the money turned over to KDP.

Professor Edman To Give Lecture

Irwin Edman, teacher, writer, poet, and Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University will lecture tonight in Philo Hall on "The Life of Reason in a Mad World." He is known to be a fascinating lecturer due to his ability to mingle reflections on the current items of interest with learned references to Santayana, of whom he is said to be the chief American interpreter. His philosophy has been aptly called "a blend of Plato, Santayana and Manhattan — with a dash of Dewey."

Professor Edman has been a member of the Columbia Philosophy Department since 1918, one year after his graduation from Columbia College. He is a national lecturer for Phi Beta Kappa and a few years ago was appointed visiting professor of philosophy at the National University in Rio de Janeiro.

Reinke President Of Newly Formed Socialist League

Bill Reinke, M.K., heard Socialist Presidential candidate, Norman Thomas, give a radio address a month ago and became interested in the Socialist party. As a result of his inquiries and interest, John McCartney, field representative of the Young People's Socialist League, stopped at Kenyon over the weekend of the 14th and 15th. During his two day visit, Mr. McCartney addressed undergraduate classes, held informal discussions, and founded a Kenyon Young People's Socialist League.

The organization which Mr. McCartney organized is now composed of five men: Bill Reinke, M.K.; Tom Ferris, Unaffiliated; Lloyd Hood, N.H.; Roger Whiteman, Arch.; and Peter Crawford, W.W. At a recent meeting, Bill Reinke was elected President and Tom Ferris, Secy-Treas. The group intends to hold open meetings and will try to get a faculty adviser as soon as possible.

Mr. McCartney's stay on the Hill was an active one. Friday night, in the private dining room of Peirce Hall, he spoke before the Economics Honors Club. After dinner, he led an informal discussion in the M. K. Parlor. Both meetings were well attended and lively with debate.

Saturday morning, Mr. McCartney

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Speaking Tonight In Philo



IRWIN EDMAN
Professor of Philosophy at
Columbia University

First Negro Men To Enter Kenyon Next Semester

Two Negro students, Allen Ballard and Stanley Jackson, have been accepted as part of Kenyon's undergraduate body for the first time in Kenyon's history. They will take up residence in Gambier beginning next fall. Both men are excellent scholars and outstanding, all-around men.

Norris W. Rahming, Dean of Admissions, looks upon this recent innovation optimistically. He expressed his belief that both new men will help greatly to break down racial misconceptions and strengthen inter-racial cooperation.

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See Sandy's Stirring Story—

Sneaky Sonotone Snipper Spares Scissors; Sounds Still Stop Sleep

By Sandy Lindsey

It seems that someone (Newman?) was running about Dance Week-end with a pair of scissors, waiting for an opportunity to snip the wiring on my hearing-aid. We heard at least four versions of this story and each was a little more elaborate than the next. The best one brought the story to a howling climax by relating how the old shears went "snip! . . . and Sandy was cut off from the outside world . . . like Gambier is every time it rains hard."

Well, we gotta admit it sounds funny as hell and deserves a little

more attention from one who knows all about having to run about "wired for sound." The hearing aid is a wonderful device! It guarantees the wearer will have never a dull moment. There are all sorts of fictions and jokes about them and almost every individual coming into contact with some poor joker wearing a "loud-speaker" feels obliged to dispense a joke or repeat at least one of the many trite observations. A deaf person "wired for sound" is obliged to have the patience of

Hika Reinstated By Dean, Macauley, Kirby Co-Editors

Ray Bentman Is Managing Editor,
Dr. Coffin Adviser; Prospectus
Appearing In June

Hika, Kenyon's much-discussed undergraduate literary magazine, was reinstated "in good standing" last week by action of Dean Frank E. Bailey and with the approval of President Chalmers.

Dean Bailey, in a letter to the magazine's staff, also approved the co-editors, Cameron Macauley and John T. Kirby, and the selection of Ray Bentman to fill a newly created staff position—that of Managing Editor. Bentman's post was described as that of "coordinator" between the editors, the business staff, and the faculty advisor.

Classes Elect Montague, Sherwood, Hull New Prexys

Class elections were held last week to choose officers for the 1948-49 term. Sam Montague was elected President of the Senior class, defeating Johnny Parks by a lone vote. Jack Carter was voted Secretary-Treasurer, while Parks along with George Striebing, comprise the Social Committee.

On Tuesday afternoon in Rosse Hall, the future Sophomores elected Art Sherwood President, and Ed Sawyer Secretary-Treasurer. Mike Schiffer and Len Burrows were selected for the Social Committee.

Thursday of the same week was the day upon which the Junior and Senior Class voting took place. George Hull was voted to the Presidency of the Junior class, and will be assisted by Secretary-Treasurer Bob Carr. The chosen representatives of the Junior Social Committee are Elliott Ellis and Al Smith.

The duties of the class officers are to call all meetings concerning

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Dr. C. M. Coffin will serve in an advisory capacity, although his selection in no way constitutes administrative "censorship" of the magazine, it was pointed out. Continuing as associate editors are Bill Cheney, Lloyd Parks, and John O. Enders. The business staff, under the direction of John F. Pritchard, remains the same.

In the light of the recent severe criticism of Hika, the new staff has prepared a new prospectus which will appear in the next issue of the magazine, scheduled for appearance about June 8th. Extensive plans have been projected for next year and include the publication of two important "extra-issues" of unusual literary value. They are a "Hika Anthology" to include the best material published in the last ten years, and a new translation by Kenyon students of Andre Gide's highly significant prose parable, "The Return of the Prodigal Son."

But most important in Hika's new policy is the desire to keep the magazine on the high literary plane that it has maintained in the past, the editors told a Collegian reporter this week. In line with this desire, the editors express the hope that more manuscripts will be forthcoming from the student body, and they hope prospective Hika writers will contact them regarding any writing plans they may have for the summer, since next fall's issues are to be developed during the vacation.

Becker Expects Fall Will See Completion Of KC Field House

The Wertheimer Field House will be completed by the fall term or by Christmas at the latest, according to Mr. Becker of the Maintenance Department. To date, construction has been progressing rapidly in spite of frequent showers. The building is completely framed, twenty-five per cent of the sidings and window frames have been installed, forty per cent of the roof is completed, and the masonry and walls on the south side are well underway. The scaffolding was removed from the west end Tuesday and the foundation was poured for the mechanics' rooms in the basement yesterday.

All of the sub-contracts for plumbing, wiring and the like have been awarded.

Mr. Becker expects to conduct an inspection tour of the building as part of the commencement activities on June 12. It is hoped that the roof will be completed by that time.

When asked about student employment, Mr. Becker stated that it all depends on the progress of construction. He went on to say that since the ground was broken on March 4 there have been only fourteen complete days of sunshine up to Tuesday, but in spite of this the first truss was erected on May 4 and he feels that the building will be completely enclosed by July 4. He plans to use student labor on some of the finishing jobs.

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Student Council Making Strides

We congratulate the new student government officers on their sincere and concerted attempts to make our campus government a success. Special mention should be made of Bill Porter, Student Council president, whose knowledge of parliamentary procedure and dynamic leadership make the present Council a sharp contrast to its floundering predecessor, the old Senior Council. Council members, attending the meeting religiously, report that Porter's procedure and attitude make for efficiency in the Council meetings.

The recent decisions of the Council sitting as the judiciary pointed up the honest and impartial efforts of the group to delve into problems on their own initiative, rather than taking some vacillating position with the Administration having to fulfill the obligations in the end. The decisions announced last week were based on a careful investigation of the facts of the case and deliberate and judicial weighing of the evidence presented. It is a healthy sign of the times, indeed, that Kenyon men are really taking democracy seriously, using initiative, and assuming responsibility rather than shirking it.

Three standing committees of the Council have been created to facilitate procedure. They are: the Finance Committee consisting of Don Behm, chairman, Bill Chadeayne, Bob Carr, Ernie Rich, and Chuck Williams; the Investigating Committee consisting of Bill Cheney, Student Assembly President serving as chairman, Don Rothchild, Bill Chadeayne, and Joe Organ; and the By-Laws Committee consisting of Don Rothchild, chairman, John Nesbet, and Ernie Rich. The Financial Committee has the function of the old Executive Committee in allocating the Student Assembly Fee to activities. The Investigating Committee is charged with uncovering the facts of the cases brought up to the Student Council, while the By-Laws Committee is responsible for drawing up organic laws which are added to the Constitution with Council approval. This committee system has only been in operation for a short time but already its utility to the Council operations has been shown.

The student body is fortunate to have such a conscientious group of men in its government.

H. K. J.

Needed: A Dance Weekend Check Room

"I'll take my coat upstairs," said one of our lovely dance weekend guests as she entered Peirce Hall Friday night.

"Don't bother," her escort stated, "I'll hang it up in the coat room."

"Will it stay there, though?" asked the lovely lady, noticeably perturbed at the "informal" atmosphere of our coat room.

"Sure! Sure!" her escort left her no room for fear.

Unfortunately the doubts of this particular girl, though they didn't prove true in her case, very certainly did have some basis.

Nothing about Dance Weekend deserves more strict and legitimate criticism than the almost unbelievably irresponsible way the coat room was left alone, and "left alone" is the only verb which can properly describe its condition. It certainly wasn't "taken care of" or "handled." It was completely ignored. Result: four or five Kenyon men are still wondering if they will ever see their coats again.

Next year, this situation should quickly and completely be done away with. The solution is so simple. The "coat room" should become a "check room." Almost every public building has one. Our new social committee should have no trouble setting one up for next year's dances. Their efforts will be greatly appreciated, and the change should prove most gratifying to a few poor sufferers of this year.

A. W. S.

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"A Misplaced Book Is A Lost Book"

With final exams just around the corner, the library is going to be a very busy place. Certainly you don't want to spend half of your library time just looking for books. Nothing could be more exasperating than a fruitless search through the library for a misplaced book. It takes time to look up a book in the catalogue and when you can't find the book you want you have to be satisfied with a second or third choice.

All of this inconvenience is caused by the inconsiderate few who either walk out of the library without checking out the books or they put the books they have been using away in the wrong place. The library is doing everything possible to make all of the books available for your use. In many colleges the stacks are closed to the students. They have to ask for each book and do not have an opportunity to thumb through books. This privilege is possible only through a great deal of extra work on the part of the library staff in keeping the books in their proper places. Kenyon men should not abuse their library privileges by not observing the proper procedures for taking books out and returning them.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Posed by Pilcher

Recently the Sunday vesper services were discontinued for the remainder of the semester. This leaves only the 10:45 service at which regular chapel credits are given.

Question of the Week: What is your opinion of the abolishment of Sunday vesper services?

Pete Navarre says: "In view of the diminished spring attendance, I feel that the action was justified. The 4:30 chapel did have its place in the winter months, however, when more students were present."

John Mitchell states: "I seldom attend late chapel because it breaks up valuable Sunday afternoon study time. I think regular church is satisfactory and not too early, but personally I prefer the 7:30 service which is short and leaves the whole day free."

George Richmond feels: "The main advantage of the evening service is that it is more convenient. It doesn't really make much difference to me. I think attendance for late chapel would be improved if the service was made more attractive—for example, a choir."

Richard Suchrstedt expresses this opinion: "I have always preferred the morning service because of the time element; I can go directly from chapel to chow and don't have my afternoon broken up. I also enjoy the order of service much better for early church."

C. E. Caulfield says: "Since the attendance is so light for 4:30 vespers, I think the move a wise one. I do prefer later service, however, because it is often more convenient."

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

The following quotations were taken verbatim from undergraduate papers.

That Dr. Johnson, "among his other writings, translated Shakespeare into English."

"Microcosm" and "macrocosm" were being discussed in the classroom. Freshman, eagerly, "Oh, yes. We studied that in Biology." He measures involuntarily with his fingers. "A microcosm is a — a — small worm."

"Would Swift have us become effeminate and babyish? Not quite, but he does picture ideal men as just, not conceited or quarrelsome; men who have intelligent rational ability. An example of these effeminate and babyish traits is..."

Post - Mortem On Weekend

By Art Sherwood

Spring Dance Weekend, 1948, was certainly a success. Everyone said so. Most participants described it as quiet, but not austere; gay, but not to the point of destruction; and even rather sober; no one seemed to know why. One reputable party man probably hit the keynote of the weekend atmosphere rather well. Asked whether he had really enjoyed the prolonged festivities he replied seriously, "I had a date." Amen!

Generally, opinion was well defined on the question of which orchestra was the better. The Saturday night Columbus band won hands down. Many Friday night dancers felt Bobby Sherwood had come with little more than his name, and many more, towards the end of the evening, concluded he had done that considerable damage. No one took much time out to complain though. There's so much more to a party than dancing.

Fortunately, Saturday turned out to be a bright, warm, sunny day. Within a radius of fifteen miles, picnics, centered around thirst-quenching beer-kegs, dotted the countryside. Outings such as these were acclaimed by all as excellent rejuvenating agents besides giving everyone an opportunity to see one another in daylight. In some cases the revelation was astounding.

Division, parties, which filled every spare minute, need no comment. An indication of their sobriety, however, is found in the fact that one division had three kegs unopened Sunday night and a second had just tapped their last after all the girls were gone. Such temperance and moderation must be taken as a sign of real student maturity or, but very unlikely, an indication of overestimating entertainment committees. Anyway, no beer consumption record was set — that is, not accounting for individual competition.

More than anything else, 1948 Spring Dance proved that students and faculty can get along as well socially as they do in the classroom(?) The crowd on campus was large; parties kept up almost continuously; everything moved fast, but nothing went wrong. Last word on festivities came from the President and Dean. They were happy about the whole works, proud, and very pleased.

"To be a man one must not conform to conventionalism but to what his own inert self believes."

OBITUARY

It is with the deepest regret and emotional strain that the *Collegian* editors announce the passing of their beloved and hard-working colleague of many long trying years on *The Kenyon Collegian*, Robert A. Collinge, Editor Emeritus.

Mr. Collinge departed from the current scene of the *Collegian* office shortly after the last issue. Becoming Editor Emeritus after reaching a doddering state earlier this semester, "Uncle Bob" had first served on the *Collegian* as a copy boy. Climbing slowly and painstakingly up the ladder of success, Mr. Collinge attained the coveted Supreme Position within a generation (college generation, that is). His great loss was mourned by his newspaper colleagues and fraternity brothers who weeped considerably over his beer, it is reported. He also leaves a half-brother, "Kenny," a mongrel.

Today's Issue Last This Year For "Collegian"

With today's issue the *Collegian* closes down its operations for the semester. The reason for the early cessation of publication this year and the absence of an issue since April 30 is that the yearly allocation to the paper from the Student Assembly Fee has been used up. The appropriation amounts to only eight-seven and one-half cents per student per year. This year's money has stretched much further than the appropriations of the past several years, as evidenced by the fact that many more *Collegian* issues appeared during the past year than during any year since the war.

Ambitious plans are being made now for next fall, at which time it is expected that the revitalizing of the publication started this semester will go ahead on a much broader and better organized basis with the anticipated help of an increased allocation from the Student Assembly Fee and a number of capable men who will constitute more than just a "skeleton staff," which unfortunately has been the case this semester, as it has been for the past several years.

No attempt has been made to secure additional funds for the remainder of the semester on an emergency basis, according to *Collegian* Editor Howard Janis, because it is so late in the semester and student interest and cooperation are at such a low point. Despite *Collegian* attempts to rouse lethargic undergraduates through various and sundry ways (including a *News Nose Contest* with a keg of beer as a prize which made no impression at all on the student body), an insufficient number of men came out for the staff in all the departments of the paper.

TALK ON WORLD FEDERALISM

Donald S. Rothchild addressed an open meeting of the International Relations Club Wednesday evening in the lounge of Peirce Hall. His subject was "World Federalism."

Lacrossemen Trounce OSU, 6-1 Set for Oberlin Battle Tomorrow

The Kenyon lacrosse team defeated a rough but inexperienced Ohio State squad at Columbus last Saturday to the score of 6-1. Previously the Lords had trounced the Bucks at Gambier 6 to 2.

The State attack could get nowhere against Kenyon's fast and aggressive defense. Al Smith, the Lords veteran goalie, allowed only one goal, and the Kenyon midfielders completely outclassed the Buckeyes, keeping possession of the ball most of the game. Ralph String and George Alliegro had the midfield doing honors for the afternoon with one goal apiece. George Alliegro and Lenny Burrows set most of the scoring plays for the Lords' attack. The attack had a hard day with Pete Weaver getting three and Dick Welty one. The Lords scored easily in the first quarter and were never seriously threatened the remainder of the game.

The Kenyon squad travels to Oberlin tomorrow where they will encounter a rugged and greatly improved team. The Lords defeated the Yeomen in the first game played in Benson Bowl, 7 to 0. Since then Oberlin has split a series with Ohio State and has a powerful Penn State team on the way. A strong Kenyon defense comprised of Marshall, Hollenbach, and Jensen will try to bottle up Oberlin's star attack led by Herman Gabbie Robertson.

Next year the Kenyon lacrosse team will be bolstered by a group of experienced entering men, seven returning lettermen, and a new coach, Bill Stiles of R. P. I.'s Olympic team.

BEST NEGRO MEN

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and understanding. Further, pointed out that Kenyon had inaugurated an admissions policy which will carefully consider applications from worthy negro students.

The first negro ever to be enrolled at Kenyon, Allen Ballard, a graduate of Central High School, Philadelphia. From a school which accepts only top quarter high school students, Allen graduated in the top quarter of his class. Aptitude tests and exams marked him as a "superior" in a superior high school. Besides scholastic proficiency, Allen proved to be one of the best football players in Pennsylvania's secondary school competition. His ability in this line would prove invaluable to Kenyon's team next year.

Mr. Rahming clearly stated that Allen was "perfectly willing to be the first negro student to come out here to Kenyon. He is a good, honest, clean-cut individual from an average, modest family background who wants to represent his race well. Unquestionably, Kenyon will find in him a valuable addition."

Stanley Jackson, second Negro enroll at Kenyon is a graduate of high standing of the Steubenville High School, Steubenville, Ohio. Stanley has proven himself a successful leader. In a school predominantly white, he was elected Treasurer of the Senior class and president of the Student Council. Scholastically, he ranked sixteenth in a class of 242.

Harold L. Gear, Principal of Steubenville High School, wrote Mr. Rahming, "Seldom does one have the privilege which is mine in recommending Stanley Jackson for admission to Kenyon College as one of its pioneer Negro students."

Dance Queen, 16, From Connecticut, Gets Many Gifts

It has become a custom every Dance Weekend for the Collegian to promote the "queen of the dance" contest to which each division contributes a sum towards the prizes. This year, the very beautiful Joan Smith of Westport, Connecticut, who was escorted by Tony Foust of Delta Tau Delta, was crowned queen.

Miss Smith, who is only sixteen years old, is probably the youngest girl ever to reign. She is five feet eight, has light brown hair, blue eyes. No more dimensional statistics could be obtained. She has posed for several illustrations which have appeared in the Saturday Evening Post. Joan, at present, attends the Bolton School for Girls in Westport. She has ambitions toward becoming an artist. Her background is well suited to the pursuit of such a career, since both her parents are artists.

In the ceremony in which the queen was crowned, a task (?) performed by Bobby Sherwood, Miss Smith received a gold compact engraved as follows: "Joan Smith, Lord's Lady, Kenyon College 1948" and which was presented to her by President Chalmers. To go with the compact, a gold perfume dispenser was presented her by Dean Bailey, and a gold choker by Tom Doremus, president of the Pan-Hellenic Council. Bobby Sherwood, in addition to crowning the lovely Miss Smith with white gardenias, also had the privilege of giving her a dozen long-stemmed roses. The gifts and flowers were all products of the whole-hearted support of every division on the Hill.

With such cooperation in the future, this tradition of crowning the Lord's Lady may be successfully perpetuated.

FIELD HOUSE

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A one-eighth of a mile track, which will have its straightways housed in the small additions on either side of the main building, will be a composition of sawdust and clay. This has been used suc-

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COCA-COLA

Stiles Added To Athletic Staff; Will Coach Lacrosse, Football

Football and Lacrosse enthusiasts, as well as all other athletically minded undergraduates, can well afford a smirk of pleasure this week. From the Dean's office comes the welcome news that William C. Stiles, former All-American Lacrosse player, has officially been appointed to the dual post of Assistant Director of Physical Education and Assistant to the Dean. Mr. Stiles will take up residence in Gambier beginning in the Academic year 1948-1949.

As Assistant Director of Physical Education, Mr. Stiles' duties will include line coaching football

and head coaching the lacrosse team. He is well qualified to do an excellent job in both capacities. His lacrosse reputation goes back to secondary school days when he played for the well-known Deerfield Ten. Since then he has starred for the Hobart varsity, coached at Ohio State, and served as assistant lacrosse coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

While at Hobart, Mr. Stiles played end and tackle on the varsity squad. His athletic interests, as well as his talents, seem split between football and lacrosse though he has gained, perhaps, a wider reputation in the latter field.

Pat Pasini, who first learned of Mr. Stiles through Coach Ned Harkness, Rensselaer's famous lacrosse man, and, favorably impressed, invited him to Kenyon, describes Kenyon's newest addition as "a rugged sort of bird. He won't be the sort of guy to be pushed around—either as coach or assistant Dean."

Mr. Stiles' war time records seem to confirm this opinion. As a captain in the United States Marines, he commanded an infantry company in the thick of the Pacific fighting. Wounded three times during his extensive service, he was awarded, besides the Purple Heart, the Silver Star for bravery which he won while in action against the Japanese on the island of Saipan.

Pat Pasini looks forward to Mr. Stiles' arrival enthusiastically. He is sure the new coach will prove himself equal to the most strenuous demands and without doubt "will be quite capable of taking care of everyone and everything which confronts him."

sense of humor stops short of sharing a 15 buck wiring system just to be "cut off from the outside world." If that's all Paul wants I'll be glad to let him flick off the volume control some day (when I'm not breathing) and I feel certain that I shall be able to satisfy his dramatic requirements for the proper reaction of a "deefie" being cut off from the outside world... like Gambier is every time it rains hard." You must come up sometime, Paul, and try it!

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June Graduates To Hear Novelist Thornton Wilder

The Commencement speaker this year will be the well-known author, Thornton Wilder. The Baccalaureate speaker will be the Rt. Rev. Norman Nash, bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Mr. Wilder, a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, was born in Madison, Wisconsin, in April 1897. He spent several years of his early childhood in China, receiving much of his elementary education there. His first two years in college were at neighboring Oberlin. After a year in the Coast Artillery Corps, he graduated from Yale in 1920. He studied briefly in Italy and then became a school teacher in New Jersey for seven years.

His literary fame was but poorly established until his famous novel, *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* (1927), which was an immediate best seller and which netted Wilder the Pulitzer Prize.

In 1930, Wilder joined the English department at the University of Chicago. A later novel, *Heaven's My Destination*, was chosen a Book-of-the-Month in

1935. Mr. Wilder left the University of Chicago, spent a year in Europe, and then settled down in New Haven, Connecticut.

Wilder received his second Pulitzer Prize in 1938 for the extremely successful play, *Our Town*, which was made into a movie. Wilder's controversial play, *The Skin of Our Teeth*, won the Pulitzer Prize for 1943. The play was said by a few critics to be a plagiarism of James Joyce's novel, *Finnegans Wake*; this was given as a reason for his not also receiving the Critics' Award for that year.

During World War II, Mr. Wilder served in the Air Intelligence Combat Force, attaining the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Mr. Wilder's recent novel, *The Ides of March*, has met with much success. Published about two months ago, it has been near or at the top of the best seller list since early April. The book deals with Julius Caesar and ancient Rome.

Bishop Nash To Speak

Bishop Nash, member of Phi Beta Kappa, has been to Kenyon several times before; he took an active part in the conference at the 1943 Commencement.

Bishop Nash graduated from Harvard in 1909. He remained in law school (1910-11) there and then entered the Episcopal Theological School and received his B.D. in 1915. After graduating from Cambridge University, England, he became a First Lieutenant with the A. E. F. in France during World War I. He was an instructor at the Episcopal Theological School until 1939, and rector of St. Anne's Church in South Lincoln, Massachusetts (1916-23). Bishop Nash left the Theological School to become rector of St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire. He was made Bishop of Massachusetts in 1947.

CLASSES ELECT

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ing the class and to take charge of any activities sponsored by the class. The newly formed Social Committee will work with the Student Council in providing social activities for the whole College.

Sophomore officers have already begun plans for next year's freshmen hazing. With cooperation from the Kenyon Klan and student body as a group, they hope to make 1948 freshmen indoctrination more successful than it proved this year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Congratulations on your last issue. It illustrates again your conscientious effort to give Kenyon students a newspaper. You are putting up a stiff fight which is generally unappreciated to accomplish your purpose in the face of strong odds—that is, the same old indifference and lack of interest and cooperation on the part of students.

There is much that should be done with the *Collegian* in making it play a more virile role in campus life. I trust you appreciate this fact. All things considered though, what with your inadequate staff and the general attitude on the Hill, or lack of such, your work is admirable. Carry on!

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SOCIALIST LEAGUE

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ney spoke at a combined meeting of Dr. Palmer's Political Science class, Dr. Aldrich's Philosophy class, and Dr. Titus' Economics class. Bill Reinke reports that the class was a bit too much for the teacher. "He wasn't sharp," Bill says, "nor well informed. His most glaring mistake was not knowing what the 'closed shop' is."

Generally, most of Mr. McCartney's weekend listeners agree that he was neither a proficient speaker nor a good organizer. Some feel his five-man league could have been double or triple that number had he gone about his campaigning in a better way.

President Bill Reinke takes a clear-cut stand on his new organization and its organizer's recent visit.

"First," he says, "I wish to make it clear that the Middle Kenyon Association did not sponsor in any way Mr. McCartney's visit to Kenyon. Completely on my own initiative, I invited him to the M. K. parlor. If in so doing I took unwarranted liberties, I wish to apologise publicly to all concerned."

"The purpose of the 'Young People's Socialist League,' Bill states, 'as the Socialist party and McCartney see it is primarily to spread their theories and doctrines and get new adherents. I feel, however, that our group at Kenyon should be more interested in learning the basic truths and ideals of socialism rather than amateurishly attempting to teach or enlist members. Our purpose is fundamentally self informative. If we can inform others while we are at it, we'll be that much more happy and pleased.'"

LOSE TO WITTENBERG

Running against Wittenberg, one of the most improved teams since last season Coach Bob Parmelee's trackmen gave a very good account of themselves running for the first time on their home track. Kenyon seemed to a slight edge in the running events with Dan Dunlap and Jack

Harcourtmen Capture Intramural Rifle Match

The Kenyon Intramural Rifle Match, concluded last week, was copped by Harcourt with a score of 167 out of a possible 200 points. Middle Leonard was runner up, falling but one point behind the winners. The final standings, as announced by Mr. Williams, are as follows:

Division	Possible Score	200
Harcourt	167	
Middle Leonard	166	
Archon	158	
Middle Kenyon	152	
North Hanna	148	
Middle Hanna	147	
South Leonard	145	
East Wing	140	
West Wing	139	
North Leonard	134	

	Score (Possible 100)
D. Bunnell	85
T. Foust	84
A. Grantham	82
R. Dunlap	82
C. Baker	82

Philosophers Elect Rice and Aldrich

At the annual meeting of the Western Division of the American Philosophical Association, held at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, May 6, 7, 8, Professor Philip Blair Rice, was elected Vice President of the organization, while Professor Charles Hartshorne of the University of Chicago was made President.

Associate Professor Virgil Charles Aldrich, appointed to represent the Western Division on the Publications Committee of the American Philosophical Association.

Sanford both turning in twin victories. The Wittenberg team was superior in the field events, with the exception of Dave Endsley's winning vault, and they managed to get enough points in the running events to score a 67½ to 59½ victory.

Dramatic Club's Taming of Shrew To End Season

The final production of the Kenyon College Dramatic Club will be Shakespeare's boisterous comedy, *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Peg Morgan, who has starred in such sophisticated roles as Judith in Noel Soward's *Hay Fever* and Hesione Hushabye in *Heartbreak House* this time puts on a rough and tumble mien for the lead, mouthed shrew, Katherine. Her tamer, Petruchio, is played by Paul Newman, who will be remembered for his portrayal of Hildy Johnson in *The Front Page* and the old sea captain in *Heartbreak House*.

Kathleen Vernon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vernon, Gambier, a student at Mt. Vernon high school, a newcomer to the ranks of girls whose femininity touch brightens Kenyon's shows, will play the role of Bianca, Florence Pasini, who has had a part in every show this season, is again cast as a tough unladylike character, this time the hostess in the humorous prologue which introduces the play.

Other players in the large cast are Ralph Briscoe, Robert Cole, Robert Davis, Robert Dellheim, Ira Eliasoph, William Ellis, Robert Emerson, Christopher Kotschnig, William Lang, Louis Levine, Meyer Liberman, John Mitchell, Peter Navarre, Virginia Nugent, Paul Russell, Ed Runge, Philip Tedesco, Newton Tschaech, Dave Upstill, and Steve Varnhagen.

The show will be performed May 27, 28, and 29; curtain time at 8:30 p.m. Reservations may be obtained by calling Gambier 277.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Ohio Conference Tennis Championships will be in progress until 7:00 this evening, weather permitting, on the Hart Tru Courts. They will continue tomorrow.



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