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Council Meeting Airs Unrest

by our Council Reporter

The Student council at a meeting with administration heads last Friday aired complaints that have been piling up and which, as one member put it, "have made for the lowest student morale in my four years here." Judicial procedure, the state of athletics, social life, the treatment of publications, and the infirmary were complained about in detail. Some steps were taken to change the worst faults, and the president and dean outlined several of their plans and took careful note of the complaints.

First of the changes was an amendment prepared for the constitution which will correct some of the faults in present judicial procedure. The system where the same men acted as both prosecutors and judges will be removed

by this amendment, if the student assembly passed on it on Thursday, and also a right of appeal is offered to all students who believe themselves unfairly punished. Bob Koke asked the representatives to urge their constituents both to be at the very important student assembly on Thursday and to take careful note of the mimeographed copies of the proposed amendment beforehand.

Then Joe Organ made a speech on the low state of student morale and his idea of some of its causes. He and several other members mentioned in particular the deplorable record of Kenyon athletic teams. Organ said that one of the few times morale has been respectable was after the Capital victory. President Chalmers and Dean Bailey agreed with this and the president told the council that

a plan was being formed for grants-in-aid to cover complete or part tuition for high school athletes who can make the grades to stay in Kenyon but cannot necessarily get scholarship grades. Dr. Chalmers said that the whole question was under investigation and definite steps were being made to improve the athletic record.

Dave Jensen complained about the faculty's rejection of a two-day party request, on the grounds that most other all-men colleges have more than one long party weekend a semester and also that the faculty right to interfere with social life was questionable. Everyone agreed that we do not want to return to country club days, but on the other hand they thought the college had gone too far in the other direction. Organ

stated that he hasn't seen a good party this year.

The dean replied that party weekends could be overdone and that two requests had come within forty-eight hours of each other. However he did state that he would entertain plans for other long weekends in the future.

The great number of evening classes was mentioned as part of the damper on social life, especially those on Friday nights. The council said that, except in advanced courses, these evening classes are little help for the students. The dean admitted that they had "spread like a prairie fire," and promised that things would improve.

Ray Bentman gave an impassioned and fiery speech on the "outrageous treatment" of publications here. He told of his own

experiences trying to put out a yearbook with facilities poorer than most high schools, without typewriters, decent office space, transportation, or any morale backing from the college whatsoever. Ralph Briscoe suggested that editors be given some sort of award, and President Chalmers suggested the formation of a senior honor society.

Other objections were voiced against the infirmary system and some complained that it was necessary often to go into Mt. Vernon at one's own expense for medical treatment.

Throughout the meeting the president and dean took notes and at the conclusion promised that something would be done to improve certain unpleasant conditions.

Rob Trustee Of \$175,000

The current resurgence of American crime cast its shadow directly on Kenyon late last week when William Gwinn Mather, prominent College benefactor and member of the board of trustees, was relieved of \$175,000 worth of uninsured jewelry by seven hooded and gloved gunmen.

In a robbery remarkably similar to the recent Brinks and Billy Rose jobs, the bandits entered the thirty-room Mather mansion at 12407 Lake Shore boulevard in Bratenahl, a Cleveland suburb, early Thursday morning via the servant's entrance. Then they went into the bedroom where Mrs. Elizabeth G. Mather, 59, was asleep, and began ransacking her

dressmaking drawers.

Mrs. Mather saw them, screamed, and was slugged with a gun butt by one of them, who then apologized for injuring her. According to Cleveland newspapers, the gunmen then demanded the combination to the wall safe. Mrs. Mather was forced to let them in twice before two of the robbers succeeded in opening the vault.

Their total loot, originally estimated at \$350,000, was later reduced to \$232,000 by a Mather spokesman. Latest quotation is \$175,000.

Bratenahl police, reinforced by Cleveland detectives and the FBI,

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Lanning Contest Victor

A first prize of \$500 in the College Writers' Short Story contest, sponsored by Tomorrow magazine, was won by Kenyon sophomore George Lanning last week.

"I submitted my story with grave misgivings," Mr. Lanning told a COLLEGIAN reporter. "I hardly thought it was worth the airmail postage to send the manuscript." Nevertheless, on the following day Mr. Lanning received letters from the vice-president of the Creative Age Press asking to see any novels he had written, and from the publicity director of Tomorrow magazine who asked him for a short autobiography to be printed in the next issue.

Mr. Lanning said that his prize-winning short story, "Old Turkey Neck," was written last term, and it received finishing touches while he was enrolled in Prof. Copthorne's creative writing course.

Barrett Musical Ready April 20

The Rev. Mr. Barrett's new musical comedy entitled "Leave It To Horace" is in its first stages of production. Included in the cast are George Porterfield, Bob Davis, Florence Pasini, Marjorie Barrett, John and Mary Jane McLoughlin, Mrs. Frank Bailey, Fenton Goldberg, Fred Gutekunst, and Dr. Schwartz. Words and music for the production, centering about college life in 1960, are by Father Barrett. The dates scheduled for performance are April 20, 21, and 22.

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Pat May Shun Conference

by Jim Keegan

On March 13 the representatives of the Ohio Conference will meet to vote on a resolution that will decide whether Kenyon will remain in the conference. The resolution consists primarily of permission to play freshmen in the two important contact sports, football and basketball. It is a requirement of the conference that a three-fourths majority vote is necessary to pass a resolution. When athletic director Pat Pasini was questioned concerning the resolution he dolefully shrugged his shoulders and said, "I doubt very much if it's passed."

In the event of Kenyon's withdrawal from the conference Pasini

is in favor of allowing freshmen to participate in all varsity sports for an experimental period of two years. The main reason Pasini is so concerned over freshman participation in varsity sports is Kenyon's 'wholehearted' lack of interest in any form of athletics. Mr. Pasini quoted some startling figures to confirm this assumption. Out of 475 students enrolled only 125 upperclassmen are competing for varsity sports. Excluding the freshman class of 175 men this makes the percentage of upper-class participation a little less than fifty. This percentage appears to be rather favorable, but consider the wide variety of sports

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Matthews to Speak at Commencement

The commencement speaker for the one hundred twenty-second commencement will be Thomas Stanley Matthews, the editor of Time magazine, and the Bacca-laureate preacher will be the Reverend William Capers Munds, D.D., the rector of Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Greenville Delaware, the office of the President announced Wednesday.

Mr. Matthews is a graduate of Princeton and of New College, Oxford. He began his journalistic career as a proofreader and makeup man on the New Republic and proceeded to the positions of assistant editor in 1928 and as-

sociate editor in 1929. From 1929 to 1937 he was book editor for Time magazine, becoming successively assistant managing editor, executive editor, managing editor in 1943, and editor on January 1, 1950. He is the author of two books of prose: "To the Gallows I Must Go," published in 1931, and "The Moon's No Fool," published in 1936. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and has been a trustee of the College since 1947. In 1946 he read a paper in the Conference on the Heritage of English-Speaking Peoples.

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Two Members of Faculty Promoted

Two members of the Kenyon faculty, both of whom received their undergraduate degrees from Indiana and their doctorates from Yale, have received promotions recently according to an announcement from the President's office. They are Doctors Maxwell E. Power and Robert O. Fink.

Dr. Fink, who joined the Kenyon faculty in 1946, has been promoted from the rank of associate professor to that of professor of classical languages. Most of his research and publications have thus far been studies of Latin papyri from Roman military archives. At present, he is working on a study of basic Latin vocabu-

lary and an introductory text for beginning Latin in college. Dr. Fink is chairman of the department of classics.

Dr. Power has been promoted from rank of assistant professor to that of associate professor of biology. He also came to Kenyon in 1946 after several years of research and instruction at Yale. During the summers of 1942, 1943, 1944, and 1945, he served as entomologist with the Yale Commission on Neurotropic Virus Diseases, Army Epidemiological board. He is the author of many papers on the Drosophila melanogaster.

Poe Relauzeled

After witnessing the hasty impalement of Poe on the sharp penpoints of such severe critics as Yvor Winters and Aldous Huxley, following his coronation as "prince" of American letters by Edmund Wilson, it has been a great pleasure to read several more sane evaluations of his work published during the past year, including the valuable reconsiderations of Allen Tate and T. S. Eliot, as well as a more academic study, *The Histrionic Mr. Poe*, by Professor Bryllion Fagin, an important book-length treatment of Poe in terms of the theatrical world that he so much admired. The seemingly extravagant respect of French poets and critics for Poe — who is, Edmund Wilson says, an indispensable part of their intellectual equipment as he is not for Americans — has often mystified many English and American critics, unlike the literary "schoolmen" who lost no time in accepting Poe as important or even "great" in order to seize upon an unparalleled opportunity to hunt down obscure sources and quotations and to indulge their faculty for biographical detail and speculation.

The absence of any satisfactory definitive and inexpensive one-volume edition of the "essential Poe" in the midst of this confusing melee of opinion is a misfortune for the large number of readers whose knowledge of Poe is confined to the not always happy pieces read in high school. The best selection is certainly that in the American Writers series (American Book Company), edited by Professors Alterton and Craig. I object chiefly to its unappetizing format, but its introduction is intelligent and illuminating, its selections excellent.

The Modern Library edition of Poe is, on the other hand, erratically selected and burdened with a slight and superficial preface by Hervey Allen. There is also the book which has occasioned this review, the recent *Viking Portable Poe*, edited by Philip VanDoren Stern. Admirable and handsome as many volumes in this series are, this one is disappointing, and I should like to indicate briefly what I consider its deficiencies.

Mr. Stern's Introduction is praiseworthy for its excellent consideration and winnowing of the often overdetailed biography of Edgar Allan Poe, but this and his notes contribute little to our understanding of the importance of Poe's oeuvre and influence. To show that the forte of this critic is not criticism one need only list his casual, cryptic, questionable "insights":—(1) "his stories and poems are timeless, and they gain in timelessness through the very fact that they are so divorced from reality," (2) "the same sombre leitmotif (sic) — the omnipresence of death and the corruption that awaits the flesh," (3) something about "inner turmoil," and finally (4) a curiously twisted concept of Poe's unsuccessful sublimations. That is about all that Mr. Stern offers, all done much better by Ludwig Lewisohn. No, if we wish to penetrate the opacity of Poe's subject matter, we must read Tate's recent essays; to understand his importance, Eliot's study in *The Hudson Review*.

The least comprehensible aspect of the actual selections from Poe is the number of pages given over at the beginning to a group of his letters, which are perhaps more singularly devoid of literary value than the letters of any other important writer. They can possess little interest aside from their autobiographical content, which could have been spared for the purpose of the reader who would find here the intrinsically interesting contribution of Poe to literature and thought. A wholly admirable two-volume edition of all Poe's surviving letters has been published recently for the interested student of Poe.

The tales are altogether well chosen and arranged, despite the editor's use of such shallow rubrics as "fantasy," "terror," "death," "revenge and murder," all very arbitrary groupings unlike the genuinely valid group of "tales of mystery and ratiocination." I miss one or two interesting tales, "The Imp of the Perverse," "Thou Art the Man," but I regret much more the omission of several pieces which must be termed prose

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Ratify New Mu Kappa Constitution

Middle Kenyon Association

At the last meeting of the Middle Kenyon association a new constitution was ratified, as a replacement for the one lost in the fire a year ago. Through this constitution, the Middle Kenyon member retains his independent status, yet he is organized to participate in intramural sports and to hold well-planned parties.

Earle Ellson, M.K. president, invites all other independents to join Middle Kenyon's party on the night of the Mardi Gras dance.

Delta Tau Delta

Twenty-seven Chidelts went to Kent on February 24 and 25 to initiate Gamma Tau Delta of Kent State university into Delta Tau Delta as the Delta Omega chapter. The initiation ceremony occurred on Friday, February 24. The next day the Kenyon visitors were guests at a memorial luncheon, and in the evening at a banquet and a dance. The Chi chapter at Kenyon was instrumental in the establishment of the new Delta chapter at Kent State university.

Ed Ames, Bob Eggert, Caleb Smith, and Jack Martin were initiated February 21.

Beta Theta Pi

Last Tuesday, February 21, Ed Stansfield was initiated into Beta Theta Pi after one of the longest pledgeships in fraternity history. A party was held to celebrate this occasion and the rise of Beta from the depths of scholastic degradation.

Plans are under way for another all-Leonard party on Saturday, March 18. The Psi U's, Delts, and Betas plan, among other things, a combo party that afternoon.

The Beta "Z" basketball team, consisting of all men over twenty-one and un-acceptable for the other teams, has been holding

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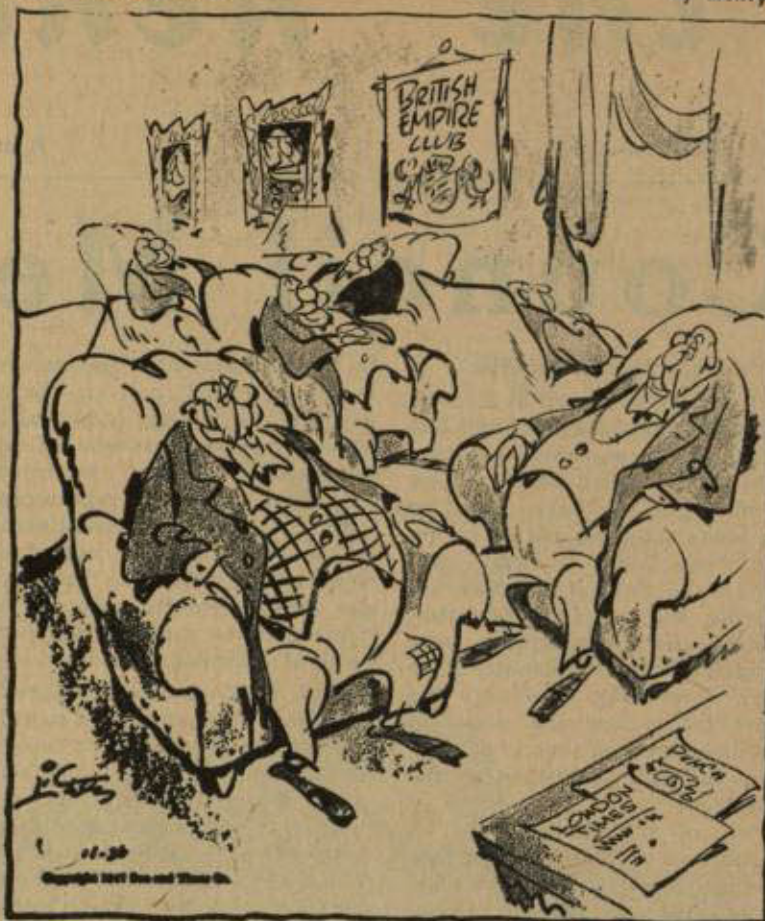
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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I say, Lord Snodgrass, how does the Labor victory affect us? ... Have to stay awake, eh?"

Attlee Makes Tory English See Red

Attlee's victory in the British elections last week stirred various emotions in the members of Kenyon's political science department. Both Professor Braibanti and Professor English were asked to comment on the new government set-up.

Professor English, a former Tory, was naturally a bit miffed that the Conservatives failed to win. As he sees it, Labor's present slim majority must result in one of two things: 1) another election, very soon, or 2) a coalition government. The latter, he added, would be most unsatisfactory since a coalition might eliminate the possibility of debate and criticism. Furthermore, English stated, coalition might strengthen the leftists in the Labor group and aid the Communist push for power.

A shift of the Liberal vote — 2,600,000 strong and with "so little to offer" — might decide any future election. But apparently, says the professor, the Liberals prefer to remain an adamant minority.

Professor English made it quite clear that he adores Churchill. He is, however, willing to admit that Winny has not been entirely successful as a politician and that his career has been occasionally marked by political blunders. As an example, he pointed out Churchill's prediction in 1945 that a Labor victory would result in a revival of Nazism.

Professor Braibanti's statement is so technical, as usual, that we reprint it in toto, without comment:

"The British election indicates the existence of a national consensus as to the role of government in the total societal pattern. Opposing parties have been unable to present polarities of view because of the nonexistence of such polarities in the body politic. The

result has been fundamental likeness in basic party policy but apparent differentiation in the manner of policy administration. In the immediate future, we can look for less emphasis on policy change and greater emphasis on the degree to which techniques of administration are sustained by national opinion.

"The election again indicates the strategic importance of the 'twilight zone voter' — the voter who is not sure how he will cast his ballot until the last moment. Political scientists need to further

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Phi Kaps Lead in Collegian Contest

The standings in the COLLEGIAN Division News Award are as follows:

Phi Kappa Sigma	10
Delta Phi	8
Delta Tau Delta	8
Beta Theta Pi	4
Middle Kenyon	3
Psi Upsilon	2
Alpha Delta Phi	2
Sigma Pi	2
Delta Kappa Epsilon	1
Archon	1
Harcourt	1

These points are based on the last two issues of the COLLEGIAN. Two points were given when the fraternity was mentioned in an individual activity; one, when the fraternity was mentioned in joint activities such as intramural events.

WANTED: WRITERS FOR THE COLLEGIAN

— SEE —

DAVE LOBDELL — ALUMNI HOUSE
WILL PILCHER — NORTH HANNA
GEORGE GEASEY — ALUMNI HOUSE
RAY BENTMAN — MIDDLE HANNA

From Our Corner

by Martin and McMasters

Wednesday's basketball game against Denison university closed the season and also ended the collegiate basketball careers for Dave Bell, Perry Trinkner, and Randy Bucey. Despite the team's losing season, the play of these three seniors was outstanding. Bucey's long set shots, Bell's hooks and corner shots, and Trinkner's sparkling floor play were the bright spots of a poor season. In spite of the team's record this year, most of their losses have been by narrow margins and they did knock a highly regarded Capital quintet from championship contention. Oberlin's Ohio Conference co-champions were lucky to eke out an overtime victory against the Lords and had it not been for a few lucky breaks Kenyon would have come out on top. Although most of us would rather forget the record of this year's Lord quintet they certainly did look good at times and with a few more breaks could have had a reasonably successful season.

Those of you who saw the intramural A game between Middle Leonard and Middle Hanna actually saw the play-off between the A and B league champions. As participants in this game for the B squad we can only say that had we started freezing the ball in the first quarter the outcome might have been different.

Our nominations for the most courageous and daring athletes of the week: Ron Fraley and Don Coulter for their diving performance in the intramural swimming meet.

The intramural swimming meet certainly was an indication of the physical condition that most Kenyon students are in — especially the organized Kenyon students. Two competitors almost required artificial respiration and despite the protests of George Holthaus he was forcibly dragged from the pool after floundering through two lengths in the seventy-five yard breast stroke race.

Harcourt's victory proved to most of us that independents stay in better shape.

Question of the week: where is Harcourt going to keep the swimming trophy?

Frosh Basketball Team Finishes So-So Season

Starting practice about the middle of October, the freshman basketball team recently finished a long but not too fruitful season. Out of the original thirty men who turned out for the squad only twelve survived the many cuts. These were greatly supplemented by the late coming of Ron Ryan and Roger Geeslin. Ryan added a scoring punch to the strong but inexperienced forwards Vernooy, Fraley, Guandolo, and Moore. Geeslin and Wright alternated at pivot, and Rumble, Williams, Thomas, and Masters played the guards.

The season was not too satisfactory although their record

shows four wins and four losses. The wins were over clever, but considerably younger high school teams while their losses were to Capital, Wooster, Oberlin, and Wittenberg freshman clubs. The scores are not everything in these games, for, like the varsity, they lost games by narrow margins.

There are a few bright spots in the basketball horizon for next year despite this disappointing record. Ryan, Guandolo, and Williams may fit in very well with Dave Henderson's plans for next year's squad, and if Fraley and Masters continue to improve there will be more competition for the starting berths than is expected.

University of Pittsburgh Team Swamps Lord Tankers

In their last dual meet of the season, the Kenyon swimming team was swamped by the University of Pittsburgh by a 54 to 21 score. Pittsburgh, in taking all the first places, set a new pool record in the 400-yard free-style relay. The record had previously been set by Kenyon in 1941.

The Lords were swimming much over their heads in this meet, as Pitt has lost one one dual meet in the last three years.

Second places were taken by Harry Lang in the fifty and 100-yard free-style, George Christ in the back stroke, George LaBalle in the breast stroke, Herb Uilmann in diving, and Bob McOwen in the 440.

The Lords finished the season with a very creditable record of five wins and five losses. They travel to Oberlin on Saturday for the conference meet.

Hint Pasini May Withdraw From Ohio Conference To Use Frosh

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Kenyon offers for its size. In our freshman class there lies a large, untapped resource of potential lettermen.

The standing of Kenyon among her athletic competitors will remain very much the same. On the other hand, such sports as golf, tennis, and swimming will not be allowed to take part in the

tournaments. Mr. Pasini pointed out that Hiram, which isn't in the conference, has an excellent reputation and is faring very well. Also Kenyon will compete, for the most part, with the same schools as in the past.

However, Mr. Pasini stressed that nothing is definite and it is too early to tell whether Kenyon college is to remain in the conference.

With the A league basketball season drawing to a close, the time has arrived to set up an all-intramural basketball team. The material in the league this year is not as good as that found in previous years. Each team has one or two good men who are relied upon to produce the victories. After looking over the men, the following teams have been chosen.

First Team			Second Team		
Gillis	MK	F	Hollenbach	BTP	
Brunson	DP	F	Moses	DKE	
Roberts	PKS	C	McCutchen	BTP	
T. Ryan	DP	G	Chase	ADP	
Haskell	PKS	G	Guenther	Archon	

Lords Dump Capital In Semester's First Win

The Kenyon basketball team snapped out of the doldrums with a vengeance last Thursday to whip high-riding Capital, 72-68. The Lords led from the first minute as Willie Reade hit for twenty-one points, Dave Bell for twenty, and Len Burrows for eighteen. Up until Thursday Capital was a contender for the conference championship but the hot-shooting Kenyon cagers convincingly eliminated the Lutherans from the race. Omitting tip-in attempts, the Lords hit twenty-eight out of fifty-eight shots for a startling 48 per cent.

Outstanding on both offense and defense was sophomore Willie Reade. Willie came through with his best performance of the season in leading the Lords to their first victory since Christmas vacation. Perry Trinkner and Sol Bogen held Capital's star, Fred Radloff, to only four baskets in ten attempts, which is not what Radloff

is accustomed to. The Lords were in command throughout the game and the whole team appeared more poised than ever before.

Then on Saturday a tiny but fast Ohio Northern team dropped Kenyon, 83-72. Although Northern played no one over six feet high, they were still able to hit the basket on thirty-four out of seventy-eight shots for 43 per cent. While Willie Reade was having trouble with his hook shots, the other members of the Lord forward line, Len Burrows and Dave Bell, reached their high for the season with thirty-one and twenty-five points respectively. Burrows got thirteen baskets and five free throws out of five tries for his total.

Although they made only one more basket than Kenyon, Northern's winning margin was built up at the free throw line where they sank fifteen out of nineteen.

A Victory at Last

Kenyon 72				Kenyon 72			
	G.S.	F.T.	F.		G.S.	F.T.	F.
Bell	9-23	2- 3	5	Bell	12-32	1- 3	1
Burrows	6-15	6- 8	4	Burrows	13-29	5- 5	3
Reade	6-19	3- 6	2	Reade	2-18	0- 2	4
Bucey	3- 8	2- 2	4	Davis	1- 2	0- 1	1
Trinkner	1- 4	1- 2	5	Bucey	4-11	0- 0	4
Bogen	0- 0	2- 6	3	Schlemmer	0- 4	0- 0	0
				Trinkner	1- 7	0- 0	2
	25-69	16-27	23		33-103	6-11	15

Capital 68				Ohio Northern 83			
	G.S.	F.T.	F.		G.S.	F.T.	F.
R. Radloff	4-22	3- 3	5	Hayden	9-18	2- 5	2
F. Radloff	4-10	6- 9	2	Arthur	10-23	3- 4	1
Boyd	1- 1	0- 0	2	Neal	6-15	1- 1	4
Ortman	4-25	0- 5	4	Strausbaugh	5-19	3- 3	3
Ridenhour	3- 4	0- 0	0	McDowell	4-13	6- 6	2
Fearing	5-12	1- 3	5	Rupert	0- 0	0- 0	0
Barrett	2- 4	1- 1	4	Mayers	0- 0	0- 0	0
Snouffer	5-13	1- 4	4				
	28-91	12-25	23		34-78	15-19	12
Referees: Wriggley and Hockman				Referees: Clark and Bachman			

Intramurals

by Paul Buck

When the last race was over in the finals of the swimming meet last Monday, the score showed that the unaffiliated freshmen swimming for Harcourt had walked away with the cup. All six of the men on the Harcourt team had the benefit of training with the freshmen swimming team, and the conditioning paid off for them. This was the first meet in the last three years in which no new record was set, and the majority of the times were not exceptional. The individual results were as follows:

Medley Relay: 1. Harcourt, 2. Sigma Pi, 3. Delts, 4. Phi Kaps, 5. Psi U.: Time 1:38.3

220 Free: 1. Granger SP, 2. Williams Har., 3. Townsend Har., 4. Carruth DTD, 5. Morgan PKS.: Time 3:00.3

50 Free: 1. DeGruchy DP., 2. Newcomb DTD., 3. Karkow BTP, 4. Koran Har., 5. Keck Har. Time 26.5

Diving: 1. Tallman Har., 2. Perkins PKS, 3. Brunson DP, 4. Hall DKE, 5. Schroeder DP.

100 Free: 1. DeGruchy DP, 2. Granger SP, 3. Williams Har., 4. Koke PKS, 5. Townsend Har.: Time 1:01.9

75 Back: 1. White PU, 2. Newcomb DTD, 3. Lee SP, 4. Tallman Har., 5. Davidson DKE: Time 55.8

75 Breast: 1. Hoeffler SP, 2. Brown Har., 3. Needham PU, 4. Murphy PKS, 5. Repplier DP: Time 53.1

100 Relay: 1. Delta Phi, 2. Harcourt, 3. Betas, 4. Phi Kaps: Time 50.0

The final standing of the intramural swimming meet are as follows:

1. Harcourt	46
2. Delta Phi	29
3. Sigma Pi	27
4. Phi Kappa Sigma	17
5. Delta Tau Delta	16
6. Psi Upsilon	11
7. Beta Theta Pi	9
8. Delta Kappa Epsilon	3
9. Alpha Delta Phi	0
10. Middle Kenyon	0
11. Archon	0

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Beta Scholarship Boost Is Biggest Upset of Year

The publication of the division averages for the first semester of '49-'50 provided several surprises, one of which must be rather galling to one of our larger fraternities. The locals, as usual, walked off with most of the honors. The Archons took the scholarship cup with an average of 3.02. This was not only the highest recorded average, but also the first time in the history of Kenyon that division has exceeded the 3.0 mark. The Mu Kaps dropped from first place in last semester's report to second with an average some .08 below their previous mark.

In the biggest upset of the year, the Betas forgot their parties long enough to move from last to first place among the nationals. The Alpha Deltas thankfully took over their customary places in the cellar as soon as the Betas vacated it. Sigma Pi dropped from second in '48-'49 to eighth this year. Several cases of what appears to be bends have been reported.

Some of the other fraternities swapped positions, but there were no other startling changes. The college and fraternity averages switched places, with the college taking the lead by some five hundredths of a point. Both were lower than last year, having dropped from 2.61 and 2.62 to 2.55 and 2.50. It would seem that the college as a whole is getting stupider with the fraternities lighting the way. This could be related to the international situation, inflation, or the sudden drop in per capita alcoholic consumption as illustrated by the quiet which prevailed during dance weekend. Whatever the cause, the results are hardly worth cheering about.

The Book Shop Awards, announced on the same bill as the

division averages, were given to twelve exceptionally deserving students. The awards are a new institution at Kenyon, being given to those whose work in or outside class is of such a nature as to be worthy of special notice. The individual instructors recommend students for the awards, and the Book Shop Committee reviews their cases. The awards take the form of ten dollars credit at the book shop, to be used for the purchase of such books, other than texts, as the student may wish to add to his permanent library.

The awards this year were given to:

Charles A. Alcorn, Jr. — For "an excellent paper comparing Plato's and Schopenhauer's esthetics."

Ralph O. Briscoe — For an exceptional and penetrating analysis of the basing point system of steel pricing with its economic consequences and shortcomings.

William R. Chadeayne — For "several valuable papers on political theory, in particular a study of 'The Right of Free Speech in the United States.'"

Edwin T. Collins — For a great deal of extra work in mathematics, proving several theorems in a perfectly logical manner.

William R. Hay — By the Department of English for an essay on "Merton Densher and the Hamlet-complex" (James, *Wings of the Dove*). "An extensive, fastidiously documented, and imaginatively assembled study of a purely original idea..." By the Department of Economics for a "substantial and exceptional Senior thesis in Economics 100." By the Department of

Political Science for two excellent papers on 'The Economic Ideas of Plato and Aristotle' and 'The Reformation and the Rise of Nationalism, Individualism, and Capitalism.'"

Herbert Kamins ('49) — For an honors paper on "the Value of Motion" which has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Philosophy* this spring.

David W. Kraemer — For an able study of the subtle and mutually dependent evolutionary differentiation of the host-parasite relationship.

George W. Lanning, Jr. — For two pieces, one on the "Language of Joseph Conrad," and the other on the "Art of Virginia Woolf."

Louis J. Levison ('49) — For a particularly impressive original experiment in support of his honors candidacy.

Harold R. Meier — For a paper on Kierkegaard's Philosophy of Religion which showed much wider reading... than is common for a term paper, and also showed an exceptional amount of independent thinking.

Lloyd C. Parks (Feb. '50) — For a full and incisive study of "Hardy's Image" based on *The Mayor of Casterbridge*.

John E. White, Jr. — For a more than usually thorough examination of Emerson's revolt from orthodox Christianity.

Silas Axtell Frames World Constitution

Silas Axtell, Kenyon alumnus and renowned maritime lawyer, will leave next month for a conference at Ghent, Belgium, where plans for a December convention to prepare a constitution for world government will be discussed. An effort has been made, Axtell said, to obtain United Nations approval for use of the old League of Nations building at Geneva for the session.

He is supporting a plan by which each million residents of United States would elect one delegate for the convention in December. He says he is convinced that organization of a world government is essential to save the world from destruction. Axtell, who has been active for years in the World Federalists' Movement, states that Belgium and France are proceeding actively toward participation in the convention. Preliminary work has been received sympathetically, he added, in Sweden, Finland, and Germany. In a note addressed to the *COLLEGIAN* Mr. Axtell remarked, "Your interest in World Government may be stirred by this. To hold aloft World Government American Style might interest the whole convention."

Poe Relateled

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poems or fanatasias than tales, including "The Island of the Fay," "The Landscape Garden," "The Domain of Arnheim," and "Landor's Cottage," as well as the subtle dialogues of Eiros and Charmion and of Monos and Una.

Mr. Stern has done much better by the small quantity of Poe's verse, reprinting twenty-seven poems and giving us one interesting experiment — two short prose pieces, "Shadow" and "Silence," arranged as verse according to their strong cadences. Here we have the handful of poems which have made Poe a household and schoolroom favorite together with a surprising number of little known but very good poems, "Romance," "The Lake," "Alone." I cannot understand the inclusion of two juvenile imitations of Byron and a miserable acrostic poem to the exclusion of such minor but interesting poems as "Eldorado," "To Zante," or the second "To Helen." I might object to the inclusion of "Lenore," which seems to me one of the greatest failures among Poe's mature poems, or of "Fairylend," a juvenile effort, and commend the exclusion of the atrocious "Eulalie," but this is largely a question of taste rather than significance.

To conclude curtly I must remark the selections from "Marginalia" and the rest of Poe's critical and philosophical prose are totally inadequate and constitute the editor's greatest misrepresentation. We are beginning to recognize that Poe's genius was intensely cerebral; he might even be called, if you will, an intellectual poet. It was as a poet and a theorist that he dominated symbolist literature, but whether poet, writer of tales, critic, or philosopher he is now quite inextricably a part of the American consciousness and the French mind.—N.T.

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7:15 News Review of the Week (with Joe Rotolo)
E 7:30 Gilbert & Sullivan
8:00 Symphony Hall
10:00 Tempo Time (with Eddie Davis and Jack Williams)
*New Shows

Schwartz Wins Oppenheim Award in State Contest

Kenyon's suspicion that Dr. Paul Schwartz is more than just an ordinary music professor has been proved well-founded. Dr. Schwartz's composition, "Overture to a Shakespeare Comedy," was in January judged winner of the Richard Oppenheim Memorial Contest for Ohio composers.

The overture has a short but interesting history. Its main themes were composed about two years ago in response to the speech department's request for incidental music for its production of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew."

So many people expressed an interest in the music that Dr. Schwartz decided to use these themes for a larger continuous

work. The result was found by competent judges — including Dr. Herbert Elwell, music critic of the Cleveland Plain Dealer — to be the finest composition for full orchestra submitted to the Oppenheim Contest.

Dr. Schwartz, who is Viennese by birth, founded Kenyon's music department in 1947. He holds diplomas in piano, composition, and conducting from the Vienna State academy, and a Ph.D. in musicology from the University of Vienna.

The "Overture to a Shakespeare Comedy" will be presented for the first time on Wednesday, March 8, by the Canton Symphony Orchestra.

Mather Robbery

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believe the robbery was an inside job, since the seven entered without difficulty. They are also believed to be experienced jewel thieves, because of their excellent knowledge of gems while pillaging Mrs. Mather's belongings. Whereabouts of the gang at press-time is a complete mystery, although police say the trail seems to lead toward New York City.

Walter Mussell, a male nurse who was at the side of Mr. Mather, who unfortunately has not been in the best of health lately, told detectives that one of the gang spoke with a foreign accent. The 92-year old iron ore and shipping magnate (Cleveland Cliffs Corp.) slept quietly throughout the robbery.

Mr. Mather, a trustee for many years and holder of an LL.D. ('24), is a member of a family whose lives have been closely connected with the College. His brother, the late Samuel Mather, was also a trustee, as is his nephew, Philip R. Mather of Boston. Mather science hall, built in honor of Samuel, is the most concrete example of the close Mather-Kenyon tie.

Lear Looks Like Smash Sell-out

Tickets for "King Lear" to be presented by Kenyon's speech department on March 8-11, have been sold out for Friday and Saturday nights. A few tickets for Wednesday and Thursday performances are still available in the Speech building from 1:30-3:30 on Monday through Thursday. Non-student admissions are 60 cents.

Because the running time for "King Lear" is over two and a half hours, students are requested to be in their seats early so that the performance may begin on time. All performances are scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

The brilliant costumes for the

play were designed by Mrs. Philip Rice, and made by Mrs. Rice, Caroline Bailey, Marjorie Barrett, Lucy Braibanti, Agnes Camp, Mary Davis, Ruth Kink, Jean Hamar, Barbara Hanus, James Keegan, Fay Lansner, Mary McGowan, Florence Pasini, Mary Rahming, Pat Rahming, Joe Rotolo, Winifred Schreiner, Ben Stevenson, Phil Tedesco, Eunice Weisz, Katherine Welsh, and Maurice Adelman.

The incidental music for the play was composed by Mr. Schwartz, and will be played by Evan Williams (flute), Bart Allen (trumpet), Douglas Stewart (horn), and David Paul (drums).

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British Election

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Commencement

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Dr. Munds earned the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Seminary in 1942. He began his ministry as curate at Emmanuel Church, Cleveland; became rector of the Church of the Incarnation, Cleveland in 1929; Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi, Texas in 1934; and of Christ Church Christiana Hundred, his present parish in 1942. He is an alumnus member of the board of trustees.

Division Diary

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secret practice sessions in the bar-room. Although Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Albin Smith have agreed to referee, Delta Tau Delta has persisted in postponing this match until receiving further training from Coaches Rixey and Schneebeck.

Sigma Pi

Once again, with General Stix engineering the master strategy, Sigma Pi has become a night-mare's haven for all those unfortunate souls who seriously endeavor to comprehend the esthetic values of the pictures in Look or those who strive to evaluate the meaning in those small, paper-bound, pocket-book editions.

NOTICE!!!

All division news must have some campus importance, and proper names must be used.

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Three Hika Staff Members Honored by North Carolina

Three members of this year's Hika staff have been honored by the University of North Carolina, which has accepted some of their work for discussion and analysis during the forthcoming arts conference conducted by Coraddi, the University's noted literary magazine. Those whose contributions were selected from the current file of Hika are George Lanning, James Wright, and Richard Gibson. In the past a number of Kenyon undergraduates have been honored by the conference; most of them have been associated with Hika. Among them are Edwin Watkins, who graduated last June, Douglas Nichols, George Hemphill, and former editor Lloyd Parks.

This is the seventh of the an-

nual Coraddi conferences, which consider not only literature but almost all aspects of the humanities as well — music, painting, and the dance.

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Faculty Tribune

Aldrich Essays in Anthology

Two of Dr. Virgil C. Aldrich's essays appeared in the anthology, "Readings in Philosophical Analysis," published by Appleton, Century Crofts, in 1949. Also, Professor Aldrich is sponsoring a philosophical society among the undergraduates.

Maxwell E. Powers

Dr. Maxwell E. Power gave a demonstration of some of the results of his current research before the American Society of Zoologists at Columbia university in December. His demonstration paper was entitled, "A study of the central nervous system of the *Drosophila melanogaster*."

The new president of the Ohio Athletic Conference is Professor Stuart R. McGowan, chairman of the political science department and registrar of the college.

Berg and Nikodym

Supported by a contract with the Atomic Energy Commission, Doctors William D. Berg and Otton Nikodym are doing research with Hilbert Space and the Convexity in Linear Spaces, respectively.

James R. Browne

Dr. James R. Browne is the editor of "Stories of the Spanish-Speaking World" to be released by Ginn and Company this year.

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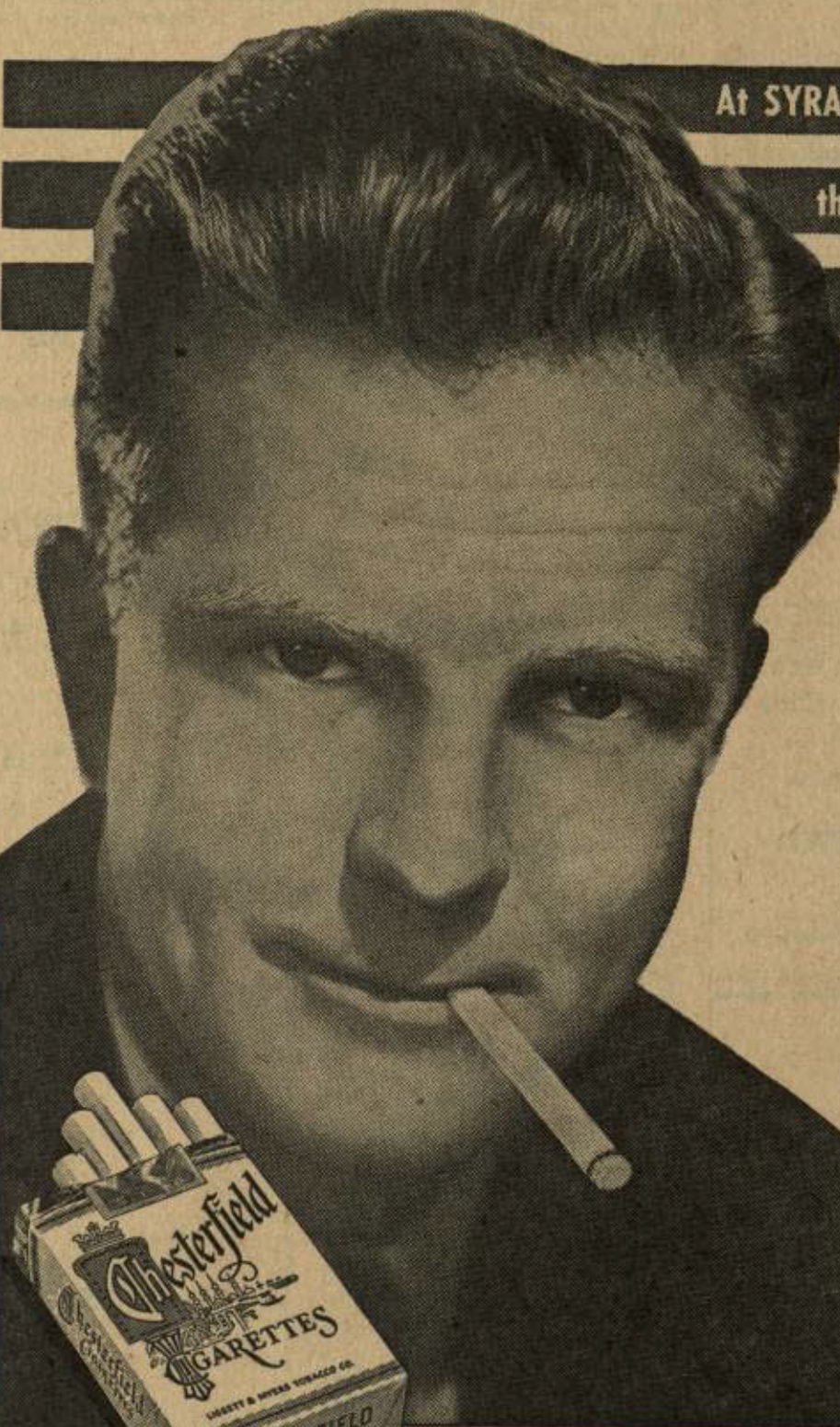
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