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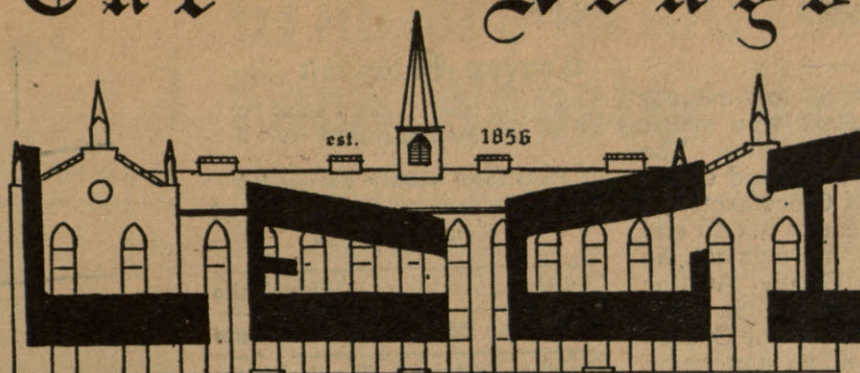
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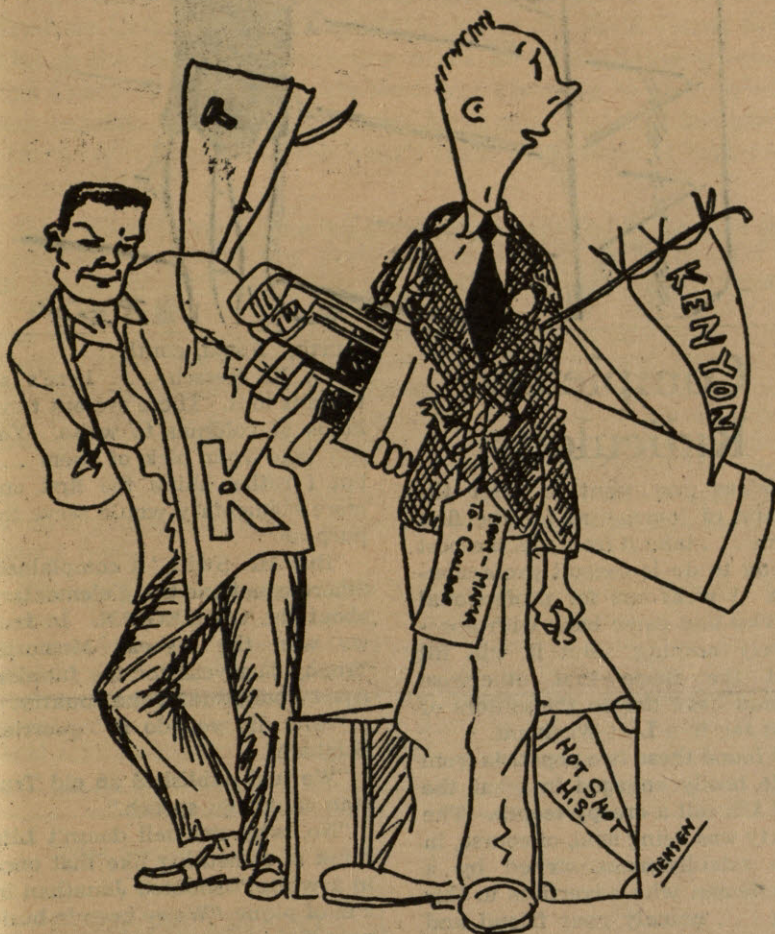
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LIFE Finds 'Abortion' On Campus; World To Be Informed

Exclusive To The Collegian



That Old Kenyon is an "architectural abortion" was the vehement opinion expressed by Eliot Elisofon in an exclusive interview with the COLLEGIAN. In his suave international manner he explained from behind his "English" glasses how the College should have been glad to get rid of the "monster" when it burned. This exceedingly well-informed dignitary thought it was a cardinal sin to have rebuilt what has been the symbol of Kenyon since the early eighteen hundreds.

Any doubt of the prominence of Kenyon on the American college scene will be forever dispelled now that the domain of Henry Luce, in the person of his distinguished emissaries, Donald Wilson and Eliot Elisofon, has

recognized the validity of Kenyon's position by awarding her coverage in the October 16 issue of *Life* magazine. All the various levels of American education, to which this issue of *Life* will be dedicated, are to be included in the article. Wilson cited a number of reasons why *Life* selected Kenyon. In the first place, the liberal arts college is the core of American higher education. Eastern universities, such as Yale, Harvard, and Princeton, as well as the large state universities of the Midwest and West, have had much magazine space devoted to them in the last few years. The staff of *Life* felt, therefore, that liberal arts would be best represented by a small college of superior academic achievement which emphasized the develop-

ment of the individual. Looking over the field, *Life* selected Kenyon.

Wilson admitted that he had some apprehensions about the selection of Kenyon which he knew only as a place of wild drinking and wilder parties. But he now realizes that his apprehensions were baseless.

However, Wilson warned that there is a chance that Kenyon may never reach *Life*, for editorial whimsy may kill the story. But we may be reasonably sure that the October 16 issue of *Life*, which reaches the newsstands, ironically, on Friday the thirteenth, will carry portrayals of the Kenyon faculty, the students, and authentic photographs of our "pseudo-authentic" architecture.

Class of 54 Above Par

One hundred and twenty-four students from three countries and twenty-two states compose the freshman class. Over one-third of the class is from Ohio. The twenty students from New York place it second, while New Jersey and Pennsylvania each have eight students in attendance here. The homes of the students from other countries are Mexico City, Mexico, and Toronto, Canada.

The office on Admission reported that this year's freshman class ranks approximately the same scholastically as last year's freshman class. Seventy-six per cent of this year's class ranked in the upper half of their high school class, and twenty-four per cent were in the lower portion.

The school has been able to assist nearly one-half of the freshmen with either scholarships or grants or in some cases, both. Dean Donald Dubois stated,

Grading System Revised

At the last regular meeting of the faculty last Spring the present grading system was revised to award a plus to high B, C, and D work. In this way a greater reward is given to the student with, for example, a high C average in a course than the student with a low C average. The new plus

"There were twenty-seven scholarships and thirty grants given to the members of the freshman class. This financial aid totals \$27,600."

During the summer the buildings in the Harcourt area were improved somewhat. Three thousand dollars was spent on new furnishings and painting the buildings.

The freshmen have been wearing beanies for two weeks and have been complying with the other requests of the sophomores. After having participated in the pajama parade last Friday evening, they are looking forward to the cane rush and the tug-of-war.

The students are frequently heard saying that they are well pleased with their choice of schools and are looking forward to four enjoyable and prosperous years at Kenyon College.

grades will count one-half point higher than the plain letter grade in the student's numerical average. The over all result will probably be more Phi Betas. Information for this article was obtained from spontaneous comments made by Sam Cummings. No minuses will be awarded.

Frost Festival Opens Bright, New Season For Dramatic Club

After a series of executive meetings, the Dramatic Club has announced that the first two plays to be presented this year will be Clifford Odets's *Golden Boy* and William Congreve's *Love for Love*. The title of the third play is yet undisclosed. Tryouts for *Golden Boy* will be sometime between September 25th and October 2nd, the exact date to be announced later. Opening night will be November 29th and the play will run through December 2nd.

In addition to the regular three plays a year, there are other plays presented that use the Dramatic Club's facilities. An example of this is the *Masque of Mercy* by

Robert Frost which will be presented twice during the Frost festival to be held here October 5th-7th. (There will be free student seats available.) The cast for *Masque of Mercy* is as follows:

My Brother's Keeper Caleb Smith
Jesse Bel Flo Passini
Paul Lee Meier
Jonas Dove Ray Smith

In order to present more polish and finished productions, the Dramatic Club was reorganized last spring. An executive committee was elected whose business it would be to make the final choice of plays and supervise the presentation of them. The members of the Executive Committee

are James House, producer, James Rice, assistant producer, Hal Dur-ye, business manager, John Schmidt, production manager, and Allan Conelly, stage manager. The first two plays will be directed by Prof. James E. Michael who in the last few years has directed a number of excellent shows. Particularly memorable was his artistic staging of *King Lear* last year.

The Dramatic Club has put on some rousing good theatre shows as anyone who has seen one of their plays will tell you, and this year with a smoothly integrated production system, the dramatic offerings should surpass all previous years.

Dr. Braibanti Goes To Washington

Dr. Ralph J. D. Braibanti, Assistant Professor of Political Science, will go to Washington in October on a one year leave of absence from Kenyon.

During his one year stay in Washington Dr. Braibanti will

serve as Assistant-Executive Director of the American Political Science Association's Washington Headquarters and also as Consultant on Far Eastern Affairs to the Commission on Occupied Areas of the State Department.

In his post with the American Political Science Association Dr. Braibanti will have to systematize and organize the research capacities of American political scientists. Dr. Braibanti's work will enable the Federal Government to make better use of the findings of political scientists.

As Consultant on Far Eastern Affairs, Dr. Braibanti will mainly be concerned with the problems of inter-cultural relations between occupied areas and our country.

DRAFT BAIT NOTICE

Students who have not yet registered for the draft may do so at the registrar's office within five days after their eighteenth birthday.

Bonehead of the Week:

The Editorial Staff of the COLLEGIAN is proud to announce that it is prepared to reward any Kenyon student who makes an ass of himself or proves to be an incorrigible dunce. The lucky winner will receive the coveted title of Bonehead of the Week plus the contents of all the COLLEGIAN Office ashtrays.

Last year Arnie Starr was lonesome. This year to put an end to that empty gnawing feeling at the pit of his stomach he bought an automobile. A Desoto, 1946 model. Green. At nine o'clock a.m. on Wednesday the 13th Arnie had his first class. Political Science. He left his car on the bank above the Speech Building, being careful to leave the car in neutral and being even more careful not to put on the emergency brake. As Arnie left the car, the car left the bank, and proceeded to roll quite unconcernedly down the hill finally ending its hegira by smashing into a tree. Dr. Schwartz commented suspiciously that "It was deliberate attempt on the music building!" Arnie Starr's only comment was "Well, I made a lot of friends didn't I?" A salute to Arnie Starr, Bonehead of the Week!

Honorable mention this week goes to Luigi Mellen. Crafty Luigi saved himself one hundred dollars by rolling smooth the rut in the sod by East Wing that he had made the previous day with Reed Andrew's car. Neither the total darkness of midnight nor a cold driving rain kept Luigi from his frugal task.

Little Known Facts about Little Known People

by Sy Weissman

One evening early this autumn while I was strolling about the garbage pit in back of the baseball field with a loaded rifle in my hands I heard a faint rustling at my left. I raised my rifle and took careful aim at the shadowy figure amid the loam and debris.

"Don't shoot!" a voice cried out, "Don't shoot! It's me!"

A funny looking man wearing a ten-gallon hat and bi-focal glasses came out of the darkness and greeted me. "Glad to meetcha, bud. Me name's Sutcliffe; Buffalo Sutcliffe. Care fer a Injun nut?"

He sat down next to me, crossing his legs in an effort to conceal the humiliating slit in the crotch of his trousers. "Been huntin' prairie rats," he said. "Thought I was a goner a while back. A whole mob of 'em, thick as locusts, same swarming up at me with fire in their eyes. Biggest one was the size of a giraffe. Hid myself in a ol' tar barrel so's they couldn't find me. Clever, eh? Sure you don't want a Injun nut?"

"Were you frightened?" I asked.

"Naaah. In my younger days I used to hunt wild boar in the backwoods of Maine."

"Did you ever kill any?" I asked.

"Nope. Got shot in the leg once, though."

"Do you live around these parts?" I asked.

"Yup. I live in Gambier. Teach English at Kenyon College."

"Never heard of it."

"The head of the English department I am," he said proudly. "I keep up with the students by reading my two-volume gift set of Helen Rex Keller." He chuckled quietly to himself, enjoying his hilarious joke on the American college student.

"What made you decide to teach English?" I asked.

"I took a three week tour through England once. Got a suitcase full of hotel stickers to prove it, too. Say, bub, if you ever take a notion to write an article about me you might tell them about the time I worked as a bartender in a borscht circuit country club; or about the time I was working in a shoe factory in Maine: the investigators from the Child-Labor commission came through the plant looking for violators. I spent three days at the bottom of the leather-bin until they had gone. You might make something out of that for your article."

"Yes, I might," I said.

"Also," he continued, "You'd better not use the word 'Profiles' for the name of your article. It's copyrighted by the New Yorker. And the name's Sutcliffe, with an 'e'. Here bub, have a Injun nut." And with this he got up and left, winding his inscrutable way through the darkness of the garbage dump, in search of the Elephant.

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Attention! Frosh

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HEAT TURNED ON

The College reports that Old Kenyon was re-opened recently and that the heat has been turned on.

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Little Man On Campus

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Completely Ridiculous

When you want to enter the realm of journalism for the first time . . . take it from me, the best thing to do is consult professionals. I went out for professional advice and came back with absolutely nothing. But it will fill out the space that otherwise would have driven the editors of this rag to a Lost Weekend.

I found these two nepotists from Life busily engaged in what the Psi U's call a creepy teepee. The party was being held, of course, in the establishment owned by a gentleman who advertises in this rag . . . namely your friend and mine — Randy.

As I approached the table I overheard the reporter, Jonathan Swift, shouting something that sounded like, "So what the hell if it is raining, we still have \$325 left on the account along with those two fifths back in the room. What's got into you . . . you wanna go back to civilization?"

"Excuse me, men," I whispered while attempting to kneel under the low table. "I represent the Kenyon COLLEGIAN and I've got to write a column or else."

"Or else what?", yelled Brigham Young, the photographer.

"Or else write the editors term paper in contemporary nepotism."

"We could help you on that," muttered Swift while slyly winking at Brigham. "What do you drink, son?"

"Well . . . I do rather like Scotch."

"Four beers," ordered Brigham, still asking the waitress if she was really happily married.

"By the way boy, what's your name?"

I stammered for a minute. Should I tell them my real name and have them fall back on the great name I would some day make in the journalistic world. I would hate to support two men just because they offered me the key to success. Oh well, I might as well be honest about it.

"Herschel Finkbinder the

fourth," I said, gently.

"O. K. Hersch . . . here's all there is to it. There are but three kinds of columns to write. You can take your pick of them . . . but I rather think the first and more elementary would serve the purpose."

"But Mr. Swift," I complained, "there is not one thing elementary about the COLLEGIAN. In fact, we won the Fishead Memorial Trophy last year for the funniest April Fool issue in the country."

"How did you do it," queried Brigham.

"We just published an old Truman campaign speech."

"No, why the hell doesn't Life think of something like that once in a while?" shouted Jonathan in a fit of pique. "We've been in business almost twenty years and still haven't won the Fishead Memorial Trophy."

"To get back to the column, sir," I suggested.

"Oh yeh . . . well, like I said, there are three kinds of columns: the Doric, the Ionic, and the Corinthian. The Doric is a simple stitch . . . and since you are too . . . why not try it?"

"Well, I don't know," I said dubiously.

"Oh go ahead kid," said Brigham as he slyly pinched me on the cheek while winking at Jonathan.

"You can't miss on it," said Jonathan. "Nowadays with all the Communist scare it would be a terrific idea."

"Why?", I stupidly asked.

"Well, Doric is from an old Greek expression meaning the only sophist we want is the sophist we got is the old red sophist and Acropolis." Now drink your beer and get the hell out of here."

"Gee thanks men," I said, as I slightly scraped my nose on the floor. "You don't know what this means to my career." Someday you'll be glad you clued me . . . just wait and see.

As I left, Brigham was up front talking to a slightly tipsy individual and from what I overheard . . . there should be a damn good story written soon about a town that sounds something like the opposite of Woman's Acre.

From Our Corner

by Martin and Ellsworth

With summer gone Kenyon again prepares for another season of Fall sports. King football is probably uppermost in everyone's mind but Life is offering some stiff competition. When the Kenyon football squad tackles Wooster in the opener on Oct. 7 Coach Henderson will have twice as many men in uniform as he had last year at this time. With the addition of some very capable freshman to last season's holdovers the Lords will probably give the Wooster's Scots a real tussle. Although Kenyon still has a light team their added reserve strength should give them a big edge over last year's gridgers. Although Coach Henderson has made no definite decision as to who will captain the team it has been rumored that he will select a captain for each game.

The soccer team will open their schedule when they meet the Earlham College booters next Saturday at the Field House field. This is the Earlham team's first crack at intercollegiate soccer and Coach Hanfman and his team are planning to give them a few lessons. With Captain John Jones and a host of lettermen returning to spearhead this year's team the prospects look very encouraging.

Ross Haskell, one of the top halfbacks on the football squad this year and an outstanding performer on the '49 eleven should be in top shape for this season considering the harrowing experience he had during the summer vacation. While driving his cab one of his customers started slamming him on the back of his head with a screw driver. After absorbing several thumps on his nogging Ross recovered sufficiently to overpower his attacker and call a squad car. After the police searched the screw-driver weilding villain they discovered that he had at his disposal an arsenal that could have given Ross more trouble than the screw driver. It was also discovered that the villain was a desperado with a police record and a wanted picture in post offices. Good going Ross!

The golf team went to New Mexico this summer for the National Intercollegiate golf tournament and finished sixteenth in the final computations. Perry Trinkner qualified for the match play but was eliminated in the first round. This is not as bad as it sounds, for several of the nations best teams were represented at this tournament, and Kenyon did finish ahead of several schools much larger than this.

Gridders Grind for Winning Season; Face Wooster Here On October 7

September 14th marked the official opening of the 1950 Kenyon gridiron season when forty-nine football hopefuls turned out for the first practice session held at the Wertheimer Field House gardens. Included in this throng of forty-nine were thirty-four varsity holdovers and 15 freshmen whose participation in varsity athletics was made possible by Kenyon's leaving the Ohio Conference last spring.

Practicing twice a day until classes started and once a day since, then, the entire squad has been gradually pulling, stretching and pounding itself into shape and in all probability will be at its peak to open the campaign with Wooster at Benson Bowl next Saturday.

The Lords loaded with experi-

ence and at last two deep at every position — a most unusual phenomena for a Purple and White aggregation—should provide Kenyon with its first winning team since 1942 when the Lords won 5 and lost 2. No definite "first string" has been named and according to Coach Dave Henderson, "all posts are open and any man can move up or down."

A sure-fingered freshman from St. Ignasius of Cleveland, Gene Mio, and sophomore John Ver-Nooy loom as the starting offensive ends. Two lettermen, Bob Eggert and Al Ballard, have looked good at the tackle slots. Senior Bill Simonds and hard-hitting Bill Ranney are working well at the guard positions; and little Dave Kuhn has had first call at the center post. Veteran guard

Bill Hurd will probably see double duty, but figures more heavily in the Lord's defense. Clever quarterback Dominic Cabriele and hard charging Ron Fraley, two promising sophomores, have stood out in practice. Fleet-footed Stan Jackson and Grant "Chig" Cook round out what appears to be a starting offensive eleven. Coach Henderson hopes to use a complete two platoon system, if depth permits.

Team spirit, which has been a questionable factor in previous years, is running high, and in Dave Henderson's own words, "The boys are determined, working hard, and expect to win."

Bob Parmelee and Bill Stiles have been ably assisting Henderson with the coaching.

Soccer Impressive In Pre-Season Drills

The overall picture of Kenyon's soccer team this season is quickly being drawn up. Over half of last year's regulars are back, and the openings left by graduating seniors are more than being filled by talented Sophomores and Freshmen. This year the team is receiving Freshmen who show unusually fine technique and aggressiveness.

Dr. Hanfman will experiment with some shifting of positions in early practices, but there is definitely an approximation of the starting lineup. The center forward position will be well handled by sophomore, Joe Pavlovich. Pavlovich's accuracy and powerful kicking coupled with his long experience with the game will help the team immensely. The inside positions will be held down by Axtell, Martin, and Day of last year's squad, and by the freshman Lynch, who has had experience at center forward and left inside and seems to be at home in these positions. At right wing will be Ellsworth, whose speed and excellent right foot make him just the man for the spot. One of the major problems is the left wing position. Only after several more days of practice can it be

determined who will play the position. Both Don Hughes and Lochner show ability and aggressiveness, and frosh Cole and Lynch also look very promising at this slot.

Center halfback will be filled for the third year by the old reliable and Captain of the team, John Jones. The absence of John's brother, Bob, creates another problem in the halfback line. The fighting "Milt" Levy will alternate between halfback and fullback positions and Art Johnson along with Cole certainly will see service.

Bryan, Whitcomb, and Tranfield look well in practice at the full-back slot. Another Freshman, Anlenbach, shows that he is well acquainted with the position. Sol Bogen returns to play goal keeper. A new prospect, Brockelman, seems extremely good in the goal in the early practices.

The schedule consists of eight contests for this year's squad. The first game is on Saturday, September 30, against Earlham College at the Kenyon field. When asked about the Earlham game, Dr. Hanfman replied, "This team may surprise us."

Kenyon Football Schedule

October 7
Wooster at Gambier
October 14
Huntington at Huntington, Ind.
October 21
Hobart at Gambier (Homecoming)
October 28
Capital at Gambier
November 4
Hamilton at Clinton, N. Y.
November 11
Hiram at Hiram, Ohio
All home games start at 2:15 P.M.

Kenyon Soccer Schedule

September 30
Earlham at Gambier
October 7
Thiel at Greenville, Pa.
October 14
Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio
October 21*
Ohio State University at Gambier (Homecoming)
October 28
Western Reserve at Gambier
November 4
Kent State at Kent, Ohio
November 10
Slippery Rock Teachers College at Gambier
November 17
Oberlin at Gambier
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* This contest is part of Homecoming celebration, and will be played at 10:30 A.M. since a football game is scheduled for the afternoon.

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The Kenyon Film Society's second full program will get under way on Sunday evening, November twenty-sixth, but subscription tickets may be obtained now at the Bookstore by anyone wishing to charge them on his book card. They may also be obtained by contacting Murray Segal at Middle Kenyon 221. Admission will be by subscription only and no single admissions will be sold. The price for the complete series of five programs is two dollars. The films are from the film library of the Museum of Modern Art in New York. The scheduled films include: "Birth of a Nation"; "Anna Christie"; "Thief of Bagdad"; "Duck Soup" and "Cabinet of Dr. Caligari."

Reveille Hopes High Says Hesse

"The 1951 Reveille will definitely appear on schedule this year," declared editor-in-chief Robert Hesse last week. "Our goal is to have all slop at the printers by the end of March, so that the book will be ready for distribution at Commencement next June. We're already ahead of schedule on our paper work?"

The '51 Reveille is not to be confused with the 1950 version of the yearbook, which will probably ap-

pear in early November, five months late.

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