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## FROM THE EDITORS

### Dear Reader:

Almost one hundred years ago Charles Darwin published evidences toward a theory, the implications of which have profoundly influenced Man's thought in diverse fields of inquiry. This theory is just as applicable to student newspapers as it is to sea anemones or Christianity.

All dynamic organisms, whether land vertebrates or newspapers or political institutions, are at variance with their environment. If these organisms fail to change in order to meet demands imposed by milieu, or if their modifications are incompatible, they perish.

Such is the case with the **COLLEGIAN**. The paper last year, we believe, not only failed to fulfill its moral obligations, but was at variance with its environment—you. The present **COLLEGIAN**, in a format and edited according to a different set of journalistic standards, is an attempt to rectify these shortcomings so that the paper may survive.

This year's **COLLEGIAN**, then, will be edited with two basic assumptions in mind: (1) That The Kenyon Man is a mature, thinking human, who expects this publication to reflect and nurture his intellectual maturity; (2) That he wants news and opinions presented in an interesting manner without resort to juvenile nastiness or scatology.

If these assumptions are invalid, if The Kenyon Man is not a man, then the **COLLEGIAN** will try to pander to his taste; as every editor has said for the past ninety-five years, this is "the students' paper."

A Hika editor complained recently: "The only way we could get people to like Hika would be to print an article by everyone in the school." We don't believe this is true. Hika could regenerate itself much more simply by modelling itself on the great, pre-war magazine, i.e., by printing besides the usual poetry and philosophic balderdash articles of local or current interest. We might even venture so far as to suggest an a-m-u-s-i-n-g piece now and then, to offset the subjective moanings and pseudo-Weltschmerz which Hika has offered as steady fare this year. As it is, a well-placed belly-laff or belch could destroy the magazine.

We offer the foregoing as prologue to a statement which the editors of Hika have begged us to print. As is the usual case shortly before student assembly funds are allocated, they are in a despondent mood. Cheer up, boys! Hika will survive, as it has managed to survive in the past, if lunchtime cuts short the appropriations assembly. Anyway, here is the statement:

"Last year **HIKA** almost sacrificed itself completely despite the customary flow of manuscripts. Late in the spring of 1951, however, an organization capable not only of selecting material but also of maintaining financial stability restored the magazine to publication. Such an organization was not effected by subterfuge or any of the methods commonly assumed by campus publications: members of the staff already in existence were pricked into some activity beyond the collection of manuscripts and new people were added to their number. This organization — or reorganization — will continue to produce **HIKA** throughout the coming year. It cannot remain passive or isolated. As graduating members leave, there must be experienced individuals to replace them; and as graduating contributors leave, there must be new contributors, already uncovered, to submit material. **HIKA** will live for the sake of those manuscripts with the quality of of endurance — but it will live precariously unless those most concerned with its existence agree to solicit and examine every available piece of undergraduate writing at Kenyon, and to pass on to others the privilege of association with **HIKA**. Our standards must necessarily be high: the quality of endurance is bitterly attained. Yet enough fine writing is produced at Kenyon to insure a happy meeting of standard and product. The ability to write well cannot be determined by the position one holds in any society within or beyond the campus. Good writing is not reserved to 'literary people.'

"Let **HIKA** be a proving ground for the best work of Kenyon under-graduates. With your help we can assure you of our utmost respect and labor."

*The Editors*

# CAMPUS AFFAIRS

Edited by Mel Plotinsky

## The Groove Deepens

"Freshmen," said Oliver Wendell Holmes, "have the same effect upon a college as an addition of yeast does on a tun of malt . . . Fortunately, this soon ends in a fizzle."

The process which the Autocrat noted at Harvard a century ago foamed away unabated last week in Gambier. This happy rural seat, for the first time in three years undisturbed by a summer School of English, was stimulated to a semblance of life on September 13 by the arrival of a freshman class which in many respects is one of the oddest yet (see below).

Gambier responded to this dose of yeast in its usual way. Beer deliveries increased seven-fold. The Village Inn put on extra help. Dean's received its annual list of underage students. The Commons laid away huge slabs of meat later to appear on supper platters in unrecognizable forms. Fraternities gave the glad hand.

The fizzle was to come later. Kenyon should start going flat, together with most professors, shortly after rushing ends. The Kenyon Man, as he has for the past one hundred twenty-three years, will become colossally bored, then go to work.

## Debt Done In?

Those who feared that Kenyon might fold like her sister Episcopalian school, Canterbury college, did this June, were given reassuring news Tuesday: although it has started the 1951-52 academic year with an expected shortage of receipts below expenses of about \$80,000, the College expects to balance its books.

Last September the College in both the collegiate and theological departments started the year with an expected shortage of receipts amounting to a whopping \$166,700. Over \$90,000 was given to Kenyon then by generous alumni and friends for current operating expenses, and the fiscal year closed on June 31 with an operating deficit of \$71,000. This year's \$80,000 deficit is expected to be met by two fundraising campaigns, the Financial Crisis campaign and the annual Bexley campaign, which have pledged \$70,000 for operations.

What chance is there that the College will fold like Canterbury, which



Max Power

sank under an accumulated debt of only \$86,000 after a last, desperate fund drive in which the president strolled down Main Street in his longjohns accompanied by Senator Capper on an elephant? Dr. Chalmers, with an eye on Kenyon's large endowment and excellent credit, discounts the thought altogether.

## Shoestring Research

When Bernard of Chartres was asked what is the method and form of learning, he replied, "A humble mind, zeal for inquiry, a quiet life, silent investigation, and poverty; these can reveal to many what is otherwise obscure." Bernard's medieval auditors, taken from their alembics and curcubits and set down in Mather hall this week, would find the same humbleness of mind and zeal for inquiry he lauded. They would also find Kenyon's teacher-scientists burdened with a hardship inconsequential in the pre-electronic era, but bothersome today — a dearth of money.

For Kenyon's administration, like those of most small liberal arts colleges, has neither the inclination nor the resources to hand its scientists funds for cyclotrons, electron microscopes, and other instruments necessary for large-scale research. Compared with the

budgets of behemoth, subsidized Caltech and Chicago, Kenyon's sop to her scientists is puny indeed; in 1950-51, no College funds were earmarked for direct research. Long accustomed to scrimping, the men in Mather laboratories nourished their work carefully, keep going on several tiny foundation grants.\*

Far from being disgruntled at the limitations imposed by penury, the Mather men seem to enjoy working under circumstances familiar to Bernard's alchemists, but which would horrify a "kept" researcher. When asked last week if he minded forming his own glass apparatus and performing other tasks usually farmed out to assistants in larger institutions, surprised Dr. Hyman Chessin replied, "Why not? I like to."

Whether they "like to" or not, Mather Ph.D.s are busy now on projects ranging from observing denervated salamander limbs to measuring the expansion coefficient of copper sulphate: ● For the past three years, DR. FRANKLIN MILLER has been constructing apparatus, under a grant from the Research corporation, preparatory to recording small changes of length. His task, "to discover how abrupt is abrupt" by measuring the coefficients of expansion of various solids, requires equipment sensitive enough to measure a few billionths of an inch. Samples must be thermostated within a range of one-thousandth of a degree C.

● Peppy Dr. HYMAN CHESSIN is investigating the functions of additives in electroplating baths, hopes to develop a theoretical approach for selection of additives. He is subsidized by the Air Force Research and Development commission.

● DR. ERIC GRAHAM is studying the reaction of  $\alpha$ -haloketones with heavy metal salts under a grant from the Research corporation. In 1950, he and Dr. A. C. Cope discovered that  $\alpha$ -haloketones underwent a rearrangement when treated with silver nitrate similar to well-known rearrangements, but different in that no compounds had been known to react in this manner with silver nitrate, the heavy metal salt used. The purpose of his present research is to investigate the reaction, discover its scope and limitations, and its applicability in organic syntheses.

\*Totalling \$20,450 last year.

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● Biologist DR. CHARLES THORNTON has completed important work financed by the American Cancer society, concerning the effect of various chemicals (especially beryllium nitrate) on tissue regeneration, now is investigating the importance of the salamander's nervous system in regeneration and repair of limb tissues.

● Geneticist DR. MAXWELL POWER, in his eleventh year of study of the central nervous system of *Drosophila melanogaster* (a common fruitfly), is probing the morphogenetic correlation between the central nervous system and severe deficiency in motor ability, has studied the mechanisms of action of those genes which effect behavior patterns.

● DRS. OTTON NIKODYM AND D. T. FINKBEINER of the department of mathematics are deep in long-range studies of Boolean theory and Hilbert space, for the Atomic Energy commission.

● Good-natured DR. BAYES NORTON has temporarily abandoned research, as veep and chairman of the chemistry section of the Ohio Academy of Science; is now trying to correlate high school and college teaching of fundamental topics by means of joint faculty conferences.

Back at their alembics and curcubits after a tour of Mather, Bernard's medieval alchemists would have to acknowledge that he was right — "zeal for inquiry, silent investigation, and poverty" do reveal to many what is otherwise obscure. Kenyon's scientists offer living proof.

## Fadeaway

The pre-war college freshman—naïf, unsophisticated, eminently eager — returned to the campus last week. His average age was 18, his height, 5 feet 7 inches, his military experience, none.

For Kenyon has finally emerged from the sea of khaki which engulfed her in the years following war's end. The GI tide, which started dwindling in 1947, receded infinitely: only three of the 126 men in the class of '55 are veterans.

The 1951 Kenyon freshman was more cosmopolitan than his post-war predecessors; he came from five foreign lands (Germany, France, Hawaii, Canada, Japan), and continentally from twenty-five states as far west as California. There was a good chance that another member of his family had been a Kenyon Man, one chance in eleven, in fact.

He was well organized and supremely independent, especially where sopho-

## Unwilling Horses & Holy Water

by Ronald Sanders

Last week the student council again discussed what is becoming a perennial question in these parts—the matter of compulsory chapel. The persistent resentment of the greater part of the student body to this ruling may seem to many by now to have mellowed into another one of those innocuous undergraduate clichés lively in their tradition, but otherwise insignificant. We are patted on the head and applauded

The obvious matter of an underlying disturbance within the Chapel itself is not even as significant as the more fundamental problem. It's an old story now that the services are capable of being offensive to students who are not of the Protestant faith, and that resentment and devotion are forced by a set of external rules to sit side by side. That situation is perhaps not academic enough in its implications to merit more than a passing consideration.

But the leading of unwilling horses to the water is something to make any philosopher sit up and take notice. In the past it's had names like "taxation without representation." It's as effective as the admonition, "Be good, boys," and as significant as Mother's statement, "Johnny does it—why don't you?" It defies an underlying theme of the Christianity with which it tries to slap your face, that of St. Augustine, who found the steep and thorny path through his own experience. It seems that Adam founded a tradition of self-discovery and realization, and it's been the only way of knowing right from wrong ever since. Life can't be handed down like a pill, or else we'd all be walking around with a copy of Benjamin Franklin's Autobiography for handy reference, and carefully scoring our virtues each day in order to assure future greatness. The prayer and the ritual, says the good anthropologist, originated within the man, emerging as a common expression of souls. The same words, when imposed externally upon the mouth of an indifferent spirit, became profanities. Perhaps, if left to himself, the undergraduate can find the system that suits him. It may be that of Philander Chase, it may be some other extant one, or he may make one himself. That, after all, is education, or life, and the world is built on it,



"... and I hear they're going to give us extra credit hours for going EVERY Sunday."

for our unique and clever ways of expressing ourselves, like a dimpled infant who has just said "Dada" for the thousandth time, cute but harmless, entertaining though repetitious. After all, we gripe about the food and we gripe about the rules, all in the tradition of wholesome youngsters. But this, we might point out, is different. We are being scraped between the rocks of some very serious moral problems, and may have scars to show for it.

mores were concerned; by the time the COLLEGIAN went to press, his refusal to jump the Marriott park gatepost or sing for his supper had made a farce of hazing.

With 102 varsity letters and 51 National Honor society pins fastened to his shirt, he was well-decorated. He had been a leader in secondary school; seventeen athletic teams, three student councils, and eight classes looked to him

for direction.

He was a good man to have around.

## Dance

The first dance of the year will be held on October 13th, the Social Committee announced recently. November 16th and 17th is the date set for Dance Weekend. Arrangements for other dances are still in the tentative stage.

# SPORTS

Edited by Tildon McMasters

## Cloudy Picture

Kenyon's football picture is clouded with question marks this year. According to coach Dave Henderson, it's too early in the season to make any predictions, but he did say that all our competition will be tough. The Lords, suffering from lack of reserve strength and experience, are concentrating now on the October 6 game with Wooster.

With the assistance of coaches Stiles, Shibley, and Pasini, Henderson is working to build the team around a nucleus of fifteen lettermen. Returning lettermen include seniors Al Ballard, Grant Cooke, and Bob McOwen at tackle; captain Bill Ranney at guard, John Ver-Nooy at end, and Stan Jackson at half. The juniors are represented by lettermen Dom Cabriel at quarterback; Ron Fraley at half, and Norm Nichols at tackle. Sophomore lettermen are halfbacks Hugh McGowan and Don Murphy, and Gene Mio, Charlie Coffee at fullback, Carl Glaser at tackle, Don Marsh at end.

Promising freshmen candidates include Phil Bentley, center; Bill Briggs, defensive tackle; Sid Hudson, guard; Don Mobre, end; Bob Knowland, tackle; and Bud Boyd, guard.

The team will operate off the T formation again, and because of limited manpower will employ a two platoon system for defense and offense.

## Sunny Picture

With eight returning lettermen from last year's winning soccer team to lead the Kenyon booters this fall and a considerable group of talented Freshmen to fill the gaps, Coach Frank Miller has every reason to be optimistic as to the outcome of most of the contests of the six game schedule.

Of last year's lettermen, Captain Si Axtell, Jerry Ellsworth, Joe Pavlovich, Dick Lochner, Bill Camp, Toookie Cole, Bill Aulenbach, and Gil Bryan are back. Dan Lynch, Al Eastman and Fred Burrell, regular substitutes from the 1950 squad, may well find themselves in the starting line-up for the opener against Earlham on October 13. Of the large group of Freshmen who came out for the opening practice session, Bo Mohr at left wing, Hal Axtell at half-back, Dave Cummings at right inside, Steve Fidele at left inside, Bill Smart at half-

back and goalies Wilson Ferguson and Dick Guttmacher should prove to be extremely valuable. The remaining members of a thirty-five man squad, should provide the team with considerable depth.

Following the first game with Earlham, there will be two games with Ohio State, one with Western Reserve, a hard one with Oberlin, and another still to be finally scheduled.

## Net Picture

After completing a brilliant season last year, the Kenyon tennis team is back in full strength for fall practice. Before meeting their first defeat at the hands of Cincinnati's Tony Trabert and Co., the Lord netters had rung up ten straight victories, including seven shut-outs. After the University of Cincinnati match, which was lost by a narrow margin of 4-3, the Lords won their last two matches before capturing the Ohio conference championship. The season was highlighted by the appearance of Kenyon at the Eastern Intercollegiate Championships in Syracuse late in June.

All five members of the Ohio con-

ference championship team, Captain Tim Ryan, Ron Ryan, Tilly McMasters, Dick Harrison and Jack Goldberg, made the trip to Syracuse. McMasters and Tim Ryan got bad breaks in the draw, as they had to play seeded players in the first round. After putting up very good fights, both of them were beaten. Harrison lost in the second round and Ron Ryan was defeated in the quarter-finals. In the doubles competition both of the Kenyon teams were defeated in the second round. Navy was the winner of the team trophy race followed by Colgate, Syracuse, Penn State, and Kenyon.

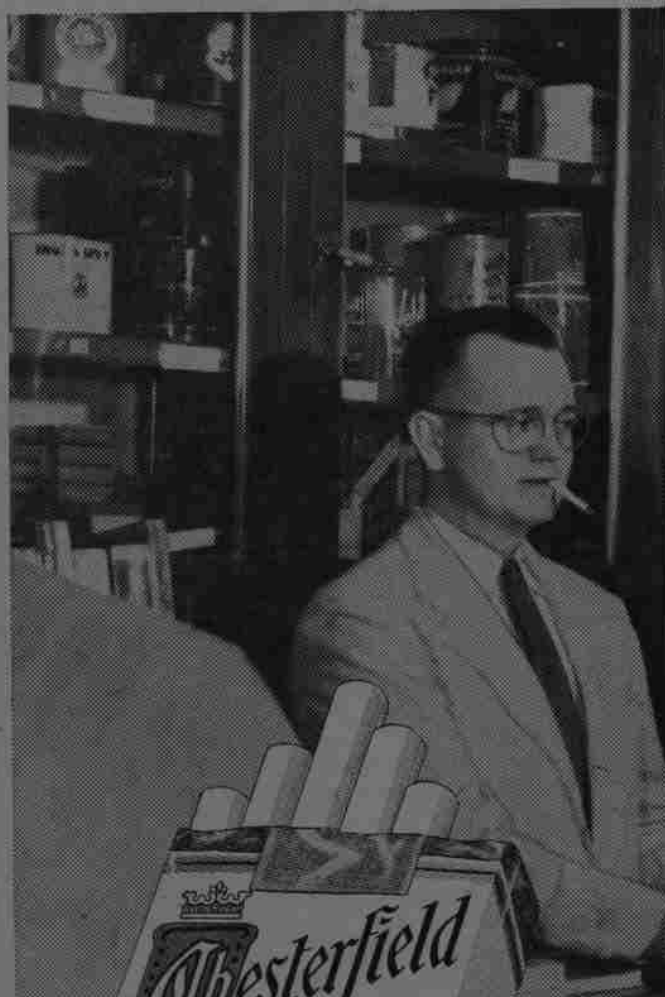
The team is now looking toward this spring and another Ohio conference championship and possibly a trip to the National Intercollegiate Tournament. The team should be very powerful this spring with the return of all six lettermen, including captain-elect Ron Ryan. In addition to several promising freshmen on the campus this year, former Wisconsin State Champion Wayne Cody, a transfer student from the University of Wisconsin, has enrolled at Kenyon this fall. Wayne, although not eligible to play on the team this fall should be a great asset in the future.

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## From My Corner

As we prepare to embark upon another year of sports at Kenyon, let's take a moment to review our athletic situation and determine its merits and shortcomings.

Kenyon is unique among practically all colleges in Ohio, all in the country for that matter, because it gives no athletic scholarships. We are simon-pure in that no boy is admitted, either with or without financial aid from the school, on his athletic prowess alone. The obvious consequence of such a policy is a higher level of students, none of whom are solely athletes, included to relegate the classroom to a position of secondary importance. Although this policy, particularly commendable in view of the present-day stress on collegiate sports, prevents us from having football teams

of the same caliber as Ohio State's, or basketball teams equal to that of Bowling Green, we do manage to have winning teams. Last year, for example, our football team was undefeated in play among small colleges, and had the best percentage record in Ohio. Our swimming team barely missed winning the Ohio conference, and should be an even stronger contender for that honor this year. The tennis team not only won the Ohio conference, but almost beat Cincinnati, one of the strongest teams in the Midwest.

Here's hoping that we'll see a continuation of "De-emphasis" on sports at Kenyon, which, while allowing Kenyon to remain a "literary powerhouse," will fail to impair her success in most sports.

T.H.M.

## The Pinch

The Administration's decision to drop track and golf from the sports schedule for the coming season came as a blow to many aspirants for berths on the two teams.

Bill Stiles, assistant director of athletics, offered two reasons for the stoppage. He mentioned that many schools had dropped some sports, as Kenyon has done, for the financial reasons. The expense of carrying golf as a sport is not proportional to the number of men playing. Therefore, Mr. Stiles felt that the money should be used for sports in which more men can participate.

The other reason for cessation of these sports, Stiles explained, is that there are not enough coaches to handle golf and track as well as the other sports. Kenyon's athletic staff is undermanned, possessing one less coach than normal, yet the intra-mural program must be maintained. Furthermore, three of the mentors have barely enough time to manage their own coaching assignments.

What are the chances of golf and track returning to Kenyon in the near future? Bill said, "I'll do my darnedest to get track back next year," and backed up this statement by mentioning that he was making plans to get a new coach with track experience on the Hill next year. The outlook for golf is quite different, however. Stiles cannot foresee a golf team at Kenyon in the near future, unless some person out-

side of the school would be willing to sponsor it.

## The Tip

This horse was the hottest tip Harry the Horse ever had. Armstrong the handicapper liked him for the short half-mile track. And before the second race at Roosevelt Raceway, Westbury, Long Island, the balmy evening of July 18, he looked good as he marched proudly out onto the track in number five position behind the Marshall's big white horse. He looked good in the scoring and his driver, Mr. Stanley Dancer, was a track favorite. The odds went down from 10 to 1 to 5 to 1 before post time. In his dark brown coat and energetic pace he did look like the best long-shot bet in the race. Then the big Phillips starting gate rounded the far turn with the eight horses running nicely in position behind its long, folding metal arms. "And they're off!" cried the track announcer. What happened to Kenyon? Well, even the two-dollar bettors didn't get a race for their money. He rounded the first turn two lengths behind, fell five lengths behind the field at the end of the first half-mile, and finished, as he had begun, eighth, trailing the field by and eight full lengths.

The COLLEGIAN will carry complete summaries of all Kenyon games, beginning with our next issue.



# DECOR

## Clothes & The Mess

Reports filtering through the Appalachians from the East this month indicated that The Kenyon Man had better think twice before adding to his wardrobe, if he wanted to keep abreast of Ivy league clothes-gods:

- White bucks, formerly the exclusive property of college men and barbers, now shoe everyone from the furnaceboy to Harry Truman, not to mention high school delinquents and former zoot suiters. To replace the verboten buckskins, many Ivy leaguers are reverting to conservative, scotch-grain brogues, or even elastic gore loafers.

- Gray flannel, de rigueur for slacks, is the Big News in suits this fall. Oxford or Cambridge grey are equally fashionable, and although Rogers Peet is pushing a "black black" grey, this last is perhaps more suitable for a clergyman.

- Heavy tweed overcoats are becoming more popular in the East. The Kenyon Man in the market for top-coats will be wise to investigate the "swagger coat" with bal collar.

Were administration officials wise, they would let neophyte Kenyon Men slap a few coats of bright enamel on the scabrous furniture gracing the Harcourt area. Since they're not (at least in this matter), a full generation of freshmen residents seems fated to endure peeling, scarred, and battered furnishings until a new dormitory is raised. "Paint on the furniture could make this cubbyhole presentable," said one discouraged freshman last week. "Even though it can't push out the walls."

## 'Leviathan' Again . . .

Emmanuel P. Varandyan, former OSS agent now teaching at Ohio State, will open the 1951-52 assembly series Tuesday with a talk on explosive Iran, where he spent several years during the war.

Other scheduled speakers this semester:

- Mr. Krishni, representative of six Indian newspapers, both an assembly and faculty lecture, October 9.

- Jackson Betts, Member of Congress, November 13.

- Hans Morgenthau, famous professor of international relations at the University of Chicago, a lecture before the Ohio Conference of International Relations Clubs, December 1.

- Frazer Ream, voluble Member of Congress from Toledo, December 4.

- Louis Bromfield, Ohio author-agriculturist and author of the best-selling "Mr. Smith," December 11.

## English Speaking

Professor Raymond English will address the Kenyon International Relations club on the forthcoming British elections at its October 11 meeting. The club also hopes to have a faculty panel discussion on Russia later on.

## 22% Subsidy

Twenty-two per cent of Kenyon students are receiving scholarship aid this year, according to figures released to the COLLEGIAN by the Dean's office.

Freshman scholarships granted this year come close to the 1949 all-time high. Thirty-three students will net \$17,000, bettering last year's figures by nine scholarships and \$750. Loans and grants bring the total aid to students to the \$70,000 mark.

## 550 kc

WKCG, last year in operation from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m., began the 1951-52 program year Monday on a schedule expanded by four and one-half hours of afternoon and early evening music. The schedule, as released by program chairman Ed Davis:

2:30-5:00 Matinee Musicale (classical music)  
5:00-6:00 Melody Billboard (popular music)  
6:00-7:00 John F. M. facilities  
7:00-7:30 Record Rack (popular music)  
7:30-7:45 Morgan Beatty (news)  
7:45-8:00 Treasury Bandstand  
8:00-8:30 Individual DJ shows  
8:30-10:30 Symphony Hall (classical music)  
10:30-11:00 Curtain Time

Student members of the station's board of directors this year, besides Davis, are Dave Ryburn, chief engineer, and Evan Lottman, chief announcer.

## Unselected

Kenyon men who quivered and quavered before the Selective Service College Qualification Test last June had no reason to worry, according to statistics released by the office of the President yesterday. Of 292 students who took the examination, only twenty-five received grades below the passing grade of 70 (mostly marginal 68s or 69s); of the twenty-five failures, all but one, who enlisted, is back this semester.

## Fantastic?

After losing the scholarship cup to Middle Kenyon by a difference of a hundredth of a point two semesters ago, Archon fraternity regained possession at semester's start by breaking all records in the history of Kenyon, with the fantastic average of 3.29.

According to the statement from the office of the registrar, second in rank was Middle Kenyon with an average of 3.13. The College average for the last semester was 2.76, a slight improvement over last year's 2.65, while the fraternity average was 2.70 and the non-fraternity, 2.89. By classes, first place was occupied by the seniors of Phi Kappa Sigma, the juniors of Archon, the sophomores of Middle Kenyon, and the freshmen of Archon. The latter attained their rank with a 3.45 average, likewise superior to all previous averages in the recorded history of the College.

A complete list of averages of the ten groups on the Hill:

1. Archon Fraternity	3.29
2. Middle Kenyon	3.13
3. Delta Kappa Epsilon	2.78
4. Beta Theta Pi	2.76
5. Sigma Pi	2.72
6. Psi Upsilon	2.60
7. Delta Phi	2.59
8. Phi Kappa Sigma	2.58
9. Delta Tau Delta	2.55
10. Alpha Delta Phi	2.53

## Two Veeps

Added to the board of trustees on July 27:

- Warner & Swasey veep and diocesan trustee Irving C. Bolton, of Cleveland.
- Proctor & Gamble veep (in charge of overseas operations) Walter L. Lingle Jr., of Cincinnati.

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# DIVISIONS

Edited by Bruce Pennington

## Delta Kappa Epsilon

The DeKes returned to their hundredth year in the West Wing of Old Kenyon, with some of the chapter absent due to the actions of Time, Cupid and Uncle Sam. Graduates Jack Moses, James Rice and Tom Davidson are now in the armed forces. Henry Berry Just Plain Graduated, and Alvie Wright likewise, only Hank, as he is jocularly called, has a job.

John Chesnut is back, all right, but he's living with a relative by marriage. Her name is Patsy; Patsy Chesnut, that is. Ceremony took place in Colorado this summer.

Arthur Webb spent a chemical summer, and discovered how to transmute the baser metals into gold. Came back with a television set of his very own.

And "Scoop" Yohe, last year's Collegian editor, instead of mourning all summer for William Randolph Hearst, lost himself in work on the Rocky River Free Press, which he completely revamped, he says.

## Alpha Delta Phi

Everyone is back in East Wing, although several members were a little late. Brother McConnell was the last to arrive and it is rumored that he was treed by a moose. Joe brought back several of the bones to prove to us the wilds of the bush.

Brothers McConnell and Smith attended the Alpha Delta convention at Williamstown this June. All went well, and both brothers seem to have recovered from their experience.

Both Jim House and Reed Andrews were married this summer, and have returned to Gambier this fall to finish their final year.

East Wing has high hopes for a good intramural season this year, and feels certain that its anticipation will hold true.

## Psi Upsilon

Owl-land once again is humming with the activity of the opening of school. Registration, arrangements of rooms, and the rushing season all add to the confusion.

The brothers who attended the Wisconsin Summer School have all come back with weird tales of how they lost their Fraternity pins and their heads. A wealth of new songs was acquired

which should be of interest to all Kenyon men—especially to the Betas. Those who represented the Iota at "Wisconsin-on-the-Lake" were Bill Daley, Bill Ririe, Graf Weller, John Hallenberg, Steve Groves, Charlie Fultz, and the now departed Bill Briggs.

Soccer has summoned some of the owlmen, namely, Dan Lynch and Vink Guandolo. Their presence on the team should aid in the fulfillment of the team's hope of an undefeated season.

Saturday was an eventful day in the beer-stained halls of North Leonard: the occasion was the opening day of rushing. The brothers could not wait the ceremonious tapping of the keg, as they proceeded to test the new tapping machinery at 3:30. A fine time followed, the only cloud being the sobering realization that little refreshment remained for what we hoped would be a thirsty freshman class. Fortunately (as a last resort) a subscription was reluctantly exorted from each of the brothers to buy a new keg.

## Beta Theta Pi

As the new school year begins, the halls of South Leonard once again take on that air of pseudo-scholasticism. While Brother Forsythe resumes his "battle of the bottle," Brothers Gabriele, McGowan, McAllister, and Leach discard the bottle for battle. For all new men who do not know Brother Leech, you more than likely can find him in the library — just look under page 347 in the second volume of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

We are sorry to acknowledge the absence of five men from the Beta scroll this year. Brothers Ottenjohn, Herskowitz, W. Thomas, Russell, and McKavney, have moved on to greener fields—but around dance week-end they should all return to their old grazing ground—temporarily, at least.

You'll all be glad to know that at last someone took the Bull by the horns — and Fred Papsin is engaged to Francis Stone. They plan to be married in Toronto next June. It's hard to imagine what the Beta division will be like without its Bull —??? Our congratulations also to Brother Bob Camp who, as of last Saturday, is pinned to Lean Taylor from Denison — formerly from Cleveland where Bob dated her while attending Western Reserve.

## Delta Tau Delta

With the start of classes we of Middle Leonard find our ranks depleted by five. President Bob Eggert is now attending Western Reserve university and Harry Read is attending a subsidiary of Johns Hopkins university. Bob Warmeling is taking up engineering at Case Institute of Technology, while John Jones is awaiting induction into the Army. Marriage has prevented his return. Pledge Brain Donahue did not return, due to financial difficulties. All of these men except Read were active in athletics.

Eddie Ames of White Plains, New York has returned, though, to help fill the gap. Ed, a Junior, dropped out last year to spend some time at Columbia university and later to work for the Postal Service.

Bill Kinder and Frank Metcalf lost their pins over the summer, and Si Axtell is now engaged.

The boys are all currently engaged in painting their rooms. Nichol and MacPherson have outdone themselves with a red and white striped bedroom.

## Sigma Pi

Sigma Pi has felt the effect of transfers, graduation, and the draft, as have many other fraternities on the Hill. Bob Durbin and George Granger were lost through transfer. Bob is now at Notre Dame and George is taking up his studies at Michigan State. Pat Houston has completed his years here at Kenyon, as has Fred Gutekunst. However, we will not be without the presence of Fred, for he has taken up new quarters at Bexley. Miles Wilson received "Greetings" from the President, and is expected to leave soon.

The first of the rushing parties seemed to be very successful, and the Peep party was no exception. Any freshman who failed to hit any of the parties on the Hill should be sure to do so tomorrow.

## Delta Phi

Twenty Delta Phis returned to Middle Hanna last week and immediately pitched in to refinish the parlor floor in time for the first rushing party last Saturday night. Then last Sunday Bob 'The Magnate' Bornkessel returned from his New Jersey domain, and the 1951-52 poker season officially began in Hanna Hall.

Took Cole, Social Chairman, reports that tomorrow evening Delta Phi will throw its annual Gambling Party to usher in the second week of rushing.

At least one familiar face is absent from the division this year: that of

Dave Zachry, who enlisted in the Marine Corps this summer. Otherwise Middle Hanna is under full steam, and under the leadership of President Olly Gayley and Vice-President Tim Ryan the year promises to be an outstanding one for Phi Chapter.

### Phi Kappa Sigma

After a hectic summer of trying to evade the draft, a surprisingly large percentage of last year's Phi Kaps have returned and are already determinedly engaged in hitting the books.

Dick Sawyer has returned after a semester of study at the University of New Hampshire. Chuck Tranfield is again with us after a summer's tour of Europe. Our "Knights of the Road" Reade and Reese are back again, but minus the car they left in last June. Said car broke down somewhere in Colorado and was sold as junk.

After much debating, Willie Reade has decided to lend his talents to the football squad.

Al Murphy has informed us that he is now pinned to Miss Musty Russell. The big event took place during the summer.

### Archon

At a meeting on September 18 the fraternity elected Bruce Willets president to succeed Fred Neidhardt. John Hagan was elected vice-president. Dick Quick and Pete Wright were reelected respectively to the offices of secretary and treasurer. Joe Pavlovich was elected Sergeant-at-arms.

On Saturday night a party was held for freshmen at which there was plenty of food and beer to feed hungry and ... uh, thirsty fuzzies.

Brother Jim Hoyle spent the summer working in a West Point laundry. It is hoped by his associates that this brush with the dirty side of West Point will leave Jim untarnished. Ron Smith and Al Chappelle were filled with the evangelical spirit during the summer and delivered Sunday sermons respectively at St. Michael's Church, Unionville, Ohio and St. Barnabas Church, Denison. John Hagan spent the summer in a mental hospital, working, that is, and Fred Neidhardt toiled the earth on a farm. Other Archons were employed in equally noble endeavors.

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# THE ARTS

Edited by Dick Francisco

## MND in December

At a recent meeting of the officers of the Dramatic club, the productions for the 1951-52 season were announced. Reflecting its desire to present one historical play each season, the club has scheduled William Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" (November 28 - December 1.) This Elizabethan classic will be followed by Maxwell Anderson's "Winterset" (February 20-23) and John Synge's "The Playboy of the Western World" (April 23 - 26).

Tryouts for the first production are in progress, but stage technicians, as well as actors, are needed. Since "Midsummer" is a large scale project, producer Gil Bryan expressed the hope that the turnout of both actors and technicians will be large and enthusiastic.

## Culture Note:

In a recent column, Hollywood gossip-gusher Hedda Hopper reports that a major studio will sign Irving Berlin to do the score for a film biography of Ludwig van Beethoven.

## Fresh Life

The COLLEGIAN'S free classified ad service, dormant since 1940 except for a brief and quite unsuccessful refacimento two years ago, had fresh life blown into it at a meeting of the publication's editorial board early this week.

Long used by the pre-war Kenyon Man to advertise goods for sale, beg rides to Denison and other uncultured points on the globe, report lost and found articles, and for years a repository of veiled insults to the faculty, the column will again be open, without charge, to all COLLEGIAN subscribers. Ads to appear in Friday issues must be in by Tuesday p. m.

COLLEGIAN editors, besides resuscitating the classified ad column, also:

- Chose a slogan for the revitalized paper, to appear on all stationery and publications. Unanimous choice: "The Kenyon Man's Friend Since 1856."
- Sent off a letter to the student council requesting that a reporter be allowed to attend meetings, or better yet, that they be open to the public.

\*Slogan of the 1856 COLLEGIAN, a readable monthly a la Harper's: "Wholesome Entertainment For The Kenyon Student."

## Rank and the 'Vital Camera'

by George Geasey

Following the international fraternalism of immediately postwar days, the importation of foreign films into this country declined. The foreign market was not considerably reduced, yet continued reshowings revealed a certain cut in the number of films issued here from abroad. To conclude from the months just past, the market, so far as the British are concerned, is open once more.

The most recent production from the Rank studios will function as the body of a discussion to which we can annex remarks on a number of other Rank films caught here and there in the last year. "Oliver Twist" is no grand spectacle: Rank here exhibits a more than creditable piece of work, neatly constructed, noble at moments, and without great flaws. What "Oliver Twist" manages to reveal most richly may be the secret of Rank's technique. I call it the "vital camera": in America, Hitchcock, I suspect, has tried a similar approach without much success. The first ten or even fifteen minutes of "Oliver Twist" pass without dialogue and with a minimum of sound track. The camera first focuses on a mackerel sky, a storm blows up and a heath-like area is enveloped in downpour; the second point of focus covers a hillock, over which something — a girl — gradually emerges. Girl, landscape, and storm are then interposed, conjoined with occasional points of focus on the girl's face, with its expression ambivalent in import. The storm takes control, and the girl gropes: the camera follows at a good distance, focuses on her struggle, and as she reached a doubtful enclosure, lightning flares out the institutional markings of Oliver's birthplace — the almshouse. Through all this no word is spoken; the thunder, the storm noise have formed a perceptible but not obtrusive background. The only flaw could be the use of lightning as revelatory agent. Such symbolism is close to the nature of the pictorial cliché.

The method is decidedly affective. From the outset the audience is with

the camera peering at the points of focus from which it expects significant features to emerge. Rank, however, never overplays "the vital camera." Yet it remains at hand: fluidity at the point where Dickens' arch-plotter confers with Fagin over the kidnapping of Oliver, the sound track is wholly occupied with the roistering of the drunken banditry. The play of events is erected in the features of Bill the thug's mistress: the camera arcs from the crowd center, over the girl's face, at the moment of revelation as to the course of events, and then into Fagin's chamber. Its course is broken only once, when the girl moves to the curtains enveloping the plotters' room. The only indication that events will move to Oliver's destruction is in the total disappearance of facial expression as the girl's head sinks to the table — it is a movement of scrutiny subsuming a gesture of despair.

In the final scene the "chase" is minimized for the sake of a grand gesture impossible without the "vital camera." As the pursuing crowds break through the hideout, Fagin himself descends a large staircase to a point midway between the door and a landing. The crowd pushes into the area between steps and doorway as Fagin, suddenly altered to a Christlike stance with his arms upraised, cries, almost inaudibly, "What right have you to butcher me?" Even the subsequent rooftop scene with Bill cannot equal this moment of Fagin's apprehension. He is caught by the camera through the balustrade of the staircase in a flow of misty light. Even without the words, the scene would be outstanding; with them, it is remarkable evidence of fidelity to some standard apparently unattainable by other film craftsmen. No critic has the right to condemn without evidence; but to praise with good reason is more permissible. It is time that the film — and especially the film as Rank conceives it — gains more notice than inattentive condemnation.



## PEOPLE

### Influx & Exodus

Summer summary:

DR. JAMES F. LEE died June 30 of a heart ailment. Famed more for his reliance on sulfa and scatology than for diagnostic ability, Lee served as College physician for ten years. He was 74.

Gaunt WYMAN PARKER, librarian since 1946, resigned, went onward and upward to become director of the library at the University of Cincinnati. The coveted Parker residence next to the Alumni house was awarded to returning Poli Sci professor RALPH BRAIBANTI.

WINKIE, bitch of undetermined origin who rarely missed a class conducted by CAP EBERLE, was killed by an automobile June 25. She had been auditing German since 1939.

Displaced Red Sox rooter DR. JOHN CHALMERS, member of the department of economics, and DR. WILLIAM TRANSUE, chairman of the department of mathematics, left to fulfillbright at the University of the Philippines and Pisa respectively. Also missing are peppery little DR. DENHAM SUTCLIFFE, chairman of the department of English, off for a year at Harvard under a grant from the Carnegie corporation, and DR. FRANZ MAUTNER, who is studying "the relevance of Lichtenberg to our times" at the Widener.

Able, admired Russian teacher DR. ANDREW MAXIN HANFMAN was dropped by the College. Probable reason: low seniority. Reputed reason: campus politics. "I was too popular," confided modest Andrew to friends. Meanwhile, jovial Bostonian BILL COPITHORNE left his post as professor of English to take a better-paying job as editor of Cooper-Bessemer's Mount Vernon plant newspaper.

### Illustrious Alumni

Equinophile E. E. DALE SHAFFER, '39, resigned as alumnus trustee, also planned to sell his famous Coldstream stud farm, move to Detroit, devote "virtually all of his time" to operation of the Detroit Race Track.

Squelched were rumors that LLOYD BOOTHBY, the only person in recent years to flunk out of Kenyon (1949), then gain admittance to West Point, was listed among the naughty ninety dismissed in August: cadet Boothby is still at the Point.

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