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Order

The singing in Pierce Hall on Sundays is desirable for many reasons. It gives us students a chance to exhibit a little school spirit by entering heartily into "Class of Old '15" or "Give My Regards to Rocky" and also is bound to impress favorably any visitors to the college, if it is done well. But it is impossible that it be done well when the piano, located in the outer lobby of Pierce Hall, is in operation at the same time that "The Thrill" is being sung. The persons who somehow always manage to be playing the piano at this time should remember that they are hindering one of Kenyon's finest traditions, and act (we should say not act) accordingly this Sunday.

And Chaos

The students of Kenyon have more than once registered their disapproval of the library system now in effect, and our columns have often in the past proved hospitable to attacks levelled against it. We regret, however, that rarely, if at all, we bestowed upon the library staff the praise they so much deserve; and we would like to insist, before voicing additional protests, that our dissatisfaction is not with Mr. Moore and his staff (for they are efficient and competent enough), but rather with the system under which they work.

The major complaint concerns the disappearance of books from the reserve shelves, not to mention the stacks. We can not, of course, demand that every student leaving the library be thoroughly searched, for we will soon have all the freedom-craving idealists of the campus on our necks; but we can and will insist that all books ordered by instructors placed on reserve shelves, be instead placed on closed reserve shelves. We do not care how the library guards those books: Mr. Moore might, if he wishes, even hire private detectives to protect them; the important thing is that they do not vanish till after the finals, at which time they are (we have been assured) of comparatively little value.

The other matter concerns the replacement of books studied in the stacks; and here we are addressing specifically those students who have persistently overlooked that glaring sign in the stack room which reads, "Do not return books to shelves — Leave on Table — A misplaced book is a lost book." Unless the student is positive where the book belongs, it is best to let a member of the library staff replace it — even though, as it has been recently pointed out, this might take a year.



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LETTERS

Foreign Tongue

In these times when Kenyon, like other colleges, is suffering from a drop in enrollment, the College should pay special attention to the courses it offers the students.

I was shocked to find that in the recently published 1952 Kenyon College catalogue Russian 1, 2 and Russian 11, are no longer listed as courses offered on this campus.

On behalf of the student body, I would like to know why, when the armed services and the government are simply crying for people with a knowledge of the Russian language the administration and faculty of Kenyon can throw Russian 1, 2 and Russian 11, 12 out of the curriculum.

If the College's answer is that the Russian language courses had to be cut from the course offering as a matter of financial expediency, I remind the College that with the present wartime situation Kenyon may lose more money, when its enrollment begins to fall because it fails to offer students preparation to meet adequately today's uncertainties. Although we may never get an R.O.T.C. unit here, Kenyon men should not be kept from cultivating a speciality which may lead to easier admittance to O. C. S.

Of these administration and faculty members who feel that the Russian language is not part of the traditional liberal arts curriculum we ask how long they expect us to risk our very lives for the sake of worthless tradition. (I do you mean to imply by this remark that all traditions are worthless). Or better still, I might ask them if in the course of their liberal education they never heard of such eminent Russian writers as Tolstoy, Gogol, and Dostoevsky? Selections from these and many other internationally renowned Russian writers were read in Russian 11, 12 last year.

If our "paternalistic" administration

and faculty really care about us the students, as well as the welfare of our democracy, Kenyon men will be able to take Russian next semester.

—C. D.

Thick Tongue

Dance Weekend of Fall, 1951, is an occasion to be celebrated in a traditionally honored manner. Herewith:

The Ballade of the Seabreezes

That night I had a cup of tea
From double blobs whom I despise;
My very bowels were sick in me,
And fiends and daemons pricked my eyes:
With various evil belching sighs
That poured like storms across the air,
I tossed my cookies on the ice,
But Pugatch and the rest were there

Tom Tenney brought a bottle free

Whose fumes were smoking toward
the skies;

John Schmitt approached my teeth to
see

If he could loose that brittle vice:

With sure uncommon courtesies

Those people gave me little beer;

I would have strangled on the breeze,
But Pugatch and the rest were there.

The consummate severity

Of careful deans to Calvinize

Our private virtuosity

With bright elixirs gods would prize

Would bear a moral for the wise

Who sit in corners, prim, and wear

The gowns that promise paradise;

But Pugatch and the rest were there.

Envoy

Doctor, descend and mesmerize

The elephants that munch my hair:

I should have tried the glass for size,

But Pugatch and the rest were there.

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CAMPUS AFFAIRS

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Cash

President Chalmers has announced that a total of \$127,000 in gifts had been received since November 1, 1951. This sum exceeds by over \$50,000 last year's year-end receipts.

Several hundred alumni contributed to the Kenyon Fund for current operations, toward various funds for scholarships and for other purposes. A large sum came also from the Diocese of Southern Ohio, which this year paid the last third of its promised gift to the Old Kenyon Restoration Fund.

Those making sizeable contributions include the Norton family of Cleveland, which gave \$26,000, and the honorable John W. Ford of Youngstown, Phillip R. Mather of Boston, Charles E. Merrill of New York, and Earl D. Babst of New York. Mr. T. S. Matthews added \$7,700 to the Juliana Cuyler Matthews Scholarship fund, and the Firestone Foundation of Akron gave \$9,000 for scholarships to Bexley Hall.

Credit

There are three new courses being offered for the second semester. These courses are: Philosophy 28; a new art course; and a new political science section.

The faculty met recently and have revised the regulation regarding fifth courses. The rule now reads as follows: Any sophomore, junior, or senior now under the four-course plan may take a fifth course without petitioning the faculty or maintaining a specific average provided he is not on probation. This plan is in operation for one semester only as an experiment.

Freshmen, under the new semester hour system, may carry seventeen credit hours. If any wish to carry more than this they must petition the faculty. If any student desires to carry below the minimum of fourteen hours, he must petition the faculty. If any freshman has signed up for less than fourteen hours, he should see his advisor before February 5.

High Gear

Well refreshed from the Christmas vacation the Dramatic club's production of "Winterset," under James Michael's direction went into high-geared rehearsal last week.

A notable box office success when it was first produced in 1935, Maxwell Anderson's verse play was criticized by some members of the "intellectual minority" at whom it was directed as being "merely a gangster melodrama with pretentious trimming." Despite such views, "Winterset" remains the first verse tragedy dealing with contemporary events to achieve popular success.

Members of the Kenyon cast, which will try to prove the durability of the

Little Man On Campus

by Bibler



"It's a small men's college in Ohio"

Anderson play are: Lee Sutton as Esdras; Paul Wolfe plays Trock; Mort Segal, Gaunt; Mio is played by Lou Everstine; Garth by Ed Koran. In addition, Mark Piel plays Carr; Joe Rotolo, Lucia; Paul Matthews, Hobo; Bill Greaves, a Policeman; Bruce Pennington, the Sergeant; Dave Sexsmith, Herman; Sy Weissman, a Radical; and Jerry Ellsworth plays a Sailor.

The women in the cast include Maria Madias as Mariamne, Irene Berry as Pliney, and Ruth Evans and Caroline Anderson.

Brass Beanies

The Freshman class belatedly put their fuzzy heads together last Saturday, came up with a slate of class officers: Bob First, Beta, was elected president; Jim Wallace, Delta, Secretary-Treasurer; and Don Moore, Peep, and Tim Leach, Beta, were made members of the Social Committee. Being Freshmen, they're only pledges, of course.

Inflation No. 1

Following on the heels of the debate held in the COLLEGIAN of Nov. 2, over the monetary and culinary situation in the Commons, the Board of Trustees last month increased the Commons fee \$30 a year. In addition to the cost of "raw foods" rising 17%, the Commons showed a deficit of \$14,000 last year, a

deficit which will probably increase this year. In making their decision, the Board and Treasurer W. E. Camp noted the higher standards maintained at Kenyon and called attention to the fact that many Ohio schools have increased not only board but other fees. A circular sent to the homes of those students who attend meals in Pierce Hall stated that the raise "was made reluctantly and only after careful consideration."

Inflation No. 2

In a debate on the subject "Resolved: That the Federal Government should adopt a permanent program of Wage and Price Controls," presented in the assembly in Rosse Hall on Tuesday, January 15, and broadcast over station WKCG, the judges awarded the negative speakers a close decision over the affirmative side.

The program was presented under the auspices of the Tau Kappa Alpha Debating Society. The President of the Society, Kenneth Campbell, was also Chairman of the Debate.

The affirmative position was taken by Robert Ashby and James Kennedy. Both speakers brought out the fact that inflation was, at the present time, "running away" with our economy, and that the only way to halt inflation was to lessen the amount of excess money now in circulation. The affirmative proposed a stronger, permanent, more flexible

OPS, reduction of consumer credit, and curbs on the stock market. They emphasized the fact that the supply of goods will not equal the demand for many years to come, as we are now directing the lion's share of our production towards the defense effort.

The negative speakers, Robert Bennett and Roger Swigert, said that the need was not yet great enough for permanent price controls, as the production of civilian goods has not been very much curtailed. It was argued that a permanent OPS would be impractical, as causes other than inflation also have produced high prices. Finally, the negative asserted that the affirmative program would not produce a fair allocation of vital materials where they are most needed.

Intime

(Cover Story)

Kenyon's second informal dance of the Fall Semester opened officially at nine-o'clock last Saturday night, and for the first half-hour threatened to be that well-known entity, the "big nothing." The empty Peirce Hall coat room reflected the condition of the ball room, formerly a notorious chow house. The usual division pre-dance parties ranged from quiet to moribund to deserted.

But at nine-thirty-four the ice broke and the first six couples arrived and the four-piece combo struck up the first dance number. In the next few minutes dozens of couples wandered in as numerous room parties began breaking up, and the latest social hinge was on its way. The swelling crowd quickly filled the dance floor and the incidence of paper hats and other jolly toys increased steadily.

The band engaged for the occasion was an outfit called the Ebony Rhythm Boys (although one of them is a girl), and was imported from Columbus where it had just finished a year-long engagement at the Dutch Club. The quartet consists of electric guitar, saxophone, piano, and drums (whose operator doubled in brass by playing the trumpet with his left hand while beating the skins with his right) and the quality of their music was in reasonable proportion to the quality of their fee, which fee dictated total outlay of \$145 for the dance, \$30 more than the usual allowance for an informal. Joe Rotolo, head of the Social Committee, which planned the dance, explained that even with this additional cost, the Committee has saved \$550 of the \$1900 allowed for its budget and plans to carry that amount over for possible use on the Spring Dance Weekend. Future plans also include another informal dance sometime in February.

As to the outcome of last week's dance, it ended at midnight. Most of the couples attending forthwith revived the intimate room parties begun earlier in the evening, and many have not been heard of since.

Fallen Star

Fallen by the wayside: Bob Nolan, freshman football whiz, letterman, and intramural basketball star. Pappy had to leave on account of scholastic difficulties, it was learned recently.

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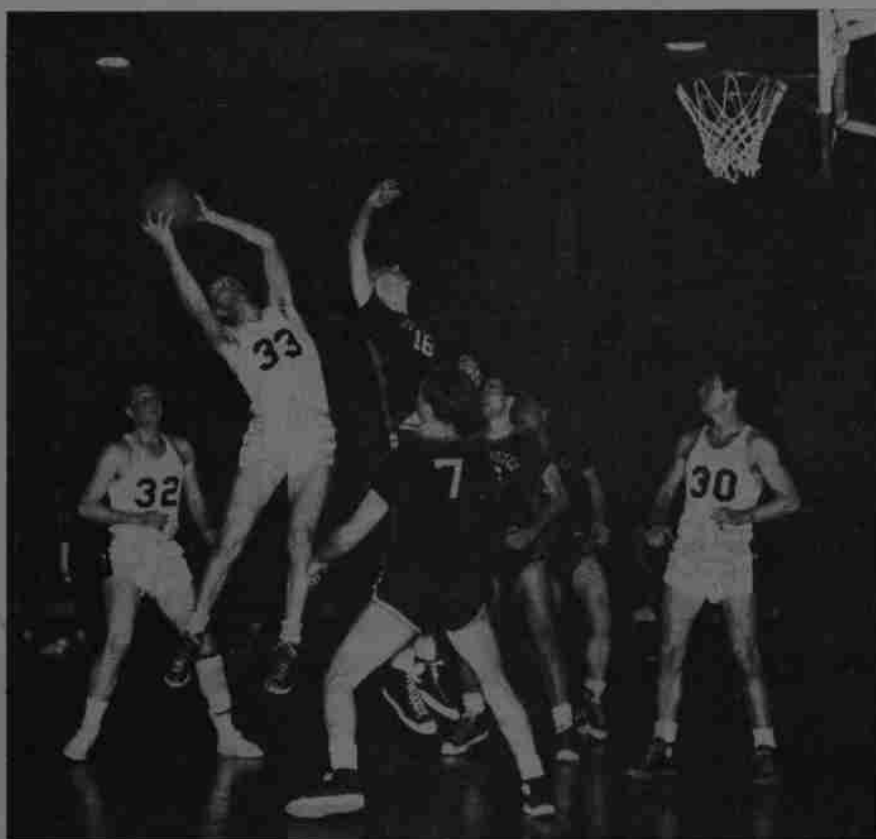
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Willie Reade taking a rebound in the Wooster game.

Pot, Boil

The Wooster Scots handed the Kenyon Lords their second loss of the season on Thursday, January 10, at Wertheimer fieldhouse. It was the Golden Jubilee basketball meeting between the two schools. Wooster has won forty-one of these games, while Kenyon owns just nine victories.

Before the game was five seconds old, Ron Fraley popped in a long shot to start the pot boiling. The lead proceeded to change hands many times, to give the fans evidence of a close game. Owing to Don Marsh's accurate long shooting, the Philander Chase men were ahead at the end of the first quarter by a slim margin, 17-16. The second quarter saw Wooster's star center Don McCutcheon begin to control the rebounds and also regain his shooting eye.

After Wooster took a 35-29 lead late in the second quarter, the scrappy Lords fought back to only be a point behind at intermission, 35-34. The third quarter saw both teams fight nip and tuck, setting the stage for the expected fourth quarter fury. The Wooster Scots still led at the end of the third period 49-47. Kenyon rapidly tied the game up at 49-49, but Wooster fought back with a 53-49 margin. When the Scots took a 60-54 lead, the fans began to leave the fieldhouse.

Suddenly the never-say-die Lords came rushing back with two quick baskets. This was so unexpected that even the Wooster coach jumped from the bench and asked the timekeeper for

the seconds remaining. With the score 60-58, Coach Henderson sent in a complete new quintet for the tired first team. The Lords stole the ball and made their way toward the Wooster basket.

Barry Cahill's last-second desperation rimmed the hoop, as the gun sounded, giving the Scots a heart-breaking 60-58 victory.

Water, Quench

On Saturday, January 12, at Schaffer Pool, Kenyon's swim team, led by co-captains Ullman and Christ, jumped off to an early lead and was home free in defeating Fenn College 46-29. Taking firsts in five out of the six individual races and winning both relays, Kenyon had little trouble with a game, but outclassed, Fenn team.

Double winners for Kenyon were Herb Ullman and Al Eastman. Herb won the diving and the 50-yard freestyle in the excellent time of 24.6 secs. He also swam a leg in the freestyle relay. Eastman won the 220 and 440-yard freestyle races.

Stick, Beat

The scheduled three weeks of fall lacrosse practice, which culminated in two days of scrimmaging before Christmas, received coach Stiles' commendation as one of the most successful fall sessions yet. Under the guidance of lettermen such as Culp Abrahams on defense and Pennington and Paisley on attack and midfield an inexperienced though enthusiastic freshman contingent laid the groundwork of fundamentals in the

brief pre-season practice period.

Though the whole team regrets the loss of such potent players as Jones, Hollenbach, and Burrows, Bill Stiles shows great confidence in the many regulars who will be returning this year. As well as the large group of lettermen, the success of the team will rest heavily upon such freshmen hopefuls as Paul Matthews and Bud Boyd on attack, Al Spievack and Steve Fedele in the midfield, Bob First and Howie Robins at defense, and many others.

Perhaps the most highly contested position this year is in the goal. Due to loss of the two great goalies from the 1951 season, Rollo Myers and Tom Berlin, Coach Stiles is having to mold a man to fill that position. At present, Al Murphy and Bill Sprague are the main contestants.

Regular practice will start February fifth with the first game on April third. The Lords will face a tough schedule this year, including such power-houses as Washington and Lee, Hobart, Hamilton, and Delaware. But the traditional rivalry with Oberlin will resume its position in the spotlight; Oberlin is still looking for its first victory in the Kenyon-Oberlin lacrosse series.

Within three weeks of this publication, the Kenyon stickmen will be out in full force — and the prospects look good for retaining the Mid-West Championship which we have held for three years.

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DIVISION NEWS

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Delta Kappa Epsilon

West Wing residents have retreated to the womb once more, after a two week period of bacchanalia. Only trouble seems to be that their isn't quite enough light in utero to study by; but the darkness is of just sufficient degree for the showing of movies. Deke party-ers say that in their book, Dance Week- and began on or about the twelfth of November, and lasted through this past weekend, aided and abetted by the temporal location of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Bartender Dick Lochner wishes to announce that he is no longer connected with the firm of Randy, Peirce and Co., but that Mount Vernon still holds more than a passing interest for him.

Other interest in the fraternity centers, as usual, around Denison university, where the pin of one William Poe Yohe has found a resting place. Ginger Wilson got it one month ago last Saturday.

The New York City Junior Chamber Of Commerce heaved a sigh of relief last week when the last of the quintette of Clark, Norton, Grey, Speed and McMahon said a rather slurred goodbye to the big town.

Alpha Delta Phi

East Wing christened its new feather Saturday night. The new green rug drank some spilled beer and swallowed cigarette ashes for the first time at the dance party but emerged Sunday looking fine. The rug is the first of a parlor

redecorating plan which will include new chairs, tables, and a sofa.

By this time Jack Peabody is well on his way to provoking a new hurricane season in Florida. He left the Hill after his last senior exam to bask on the beach a bit before returning for comps.

The new romance between Joe McConnell and Ann Wheaton has the social world buzzing. The couple's main interest seems to be the great outdoors. Only the other day they were observed happily slugging rats at the Gambier dump. They make a charming couple in their matching buckskin shirts and breeches.

East Wing is losing personnel at an alarming rate. Not only Peabody, but Jack Furniss also completes his undergraduate career this semester. In addition, Chuck Coffey didn't return after vacation and spunky little Ziggy has gone home to re-enroll in high school. We were moved by Granny Smith's recent comment, "Sometimes I worry about these fine boys who are going out into the cold world but then I know my real task lies in helping the little freshmen."

We are sorry to report that Brother Andrews and his spouse had their first disagreement, Fletcher simply couldn't understand why she would object to his inviting thirty people in for the evening.

Beta Theta Pi

With the battle-cry of, "Let's kill Spaniards," the Betas embarked on the first post-vacation party week end. Friday, January 11th, at 8:00 P. M., we held our faculty cocktail party which was enjoyed by all, though Dr. Cummings spent a great deal of his time trying to reconcile the Martinis and Manhattans with the fact that he had already eaten dinner. But the general consensus of opinion was that the qualities of these drinks were not to be disturbed by any sort of particular temporal arrangement.

Vice-Admiral Tim Leach led the all-out revolution on Saturday which, from all points of view, seems to have been one of the most successful ever. Throughout the various cocktail parties,

dancing, and date-switching was the inspirational undercurrent stimulated by purple hearts and silver stars. And the whole Beta chapter gives a vote of confidence to the Ebony Airs as one of the most danceable groups to play at Kenyon.

The as yet indomitable intramural quintet is still playing a perfect season. The last two games, with the Dekes and the Peeps, were won by 32-17 and 25-16 scores. It's hard to say which men we will be relying on, for they're all equally good. The main load of our remaining contests will rest on Brothers Culp, McCutcheon, McGowan, Thomas, and Knapp, and pledge Vahey. Good luck men!

Just recently six pledges moved into the division to fill it to capacity. The actives all think this was a good move, but pledges Short, McCarthy, Tison, McCormick, Vahey, and Hudson are a little skeptical about its advantages.

Delta Tau Delta

1952 rolled in and Middle Leonard came rolling back. Egad, what's this—the old gang isn't the same—two marriages. Fresh from rice and old shoes are Si Axtell and Dick McPherson. Si and Mrs. Dummy are living in the married barracks. Mrs. Mac will be here next semester. Best wishes.

Somewhere between Christmas and New Years Scooter Ver Nooy got bold and got pinned. The first weekend back Lover Ranney did the same—unattached men are growing scarce in old Middle Leonard.

What was there in the atmosphere last Saturday night to bring out the Charlie Boyer in Dick Miller and the canine (birdog, that is) instincts in Chazzo?

Oh yes, athletics—the Delta Tau Delta bucket-ball machine is rolling right along—both A and B teams are still undefeated. Very pleased, athletic director Hurd says, "I hate this place, but I love my teams."

Bits: Chig Cooke is back from the deep SOUTH—Frank Metcalf, recently of the chapter, has accepted a position in the United States Army. He went in on January 8—Ryano has sworn off Jeans—Jon Urnes has taken up sitting on Prof's laps—Norm Nichol is getting his cigars and fur coats for his semester in Washington—also his copy of Washington Confidential.

Sigma Pi

Women! Did you see them? The "Peeps" were responsible for a number of improvements on campus this past week end. Most of these "improvements" spent Saturday afternoon in Jody Taylor's room where a lively party took place. Following the dance the party returned to the parlor where song and beer were plentiful. A few of the "boys" made an attempt to hold the girls over another day by failing to make the bus.

Basketball! In this department we have not made as great an improvement

although we have won a few games. We lost a couple by one point and a couple more by several. At the moment our defeats outnumber our victories, but we hope to change that in the next few games.

Kenny Campbell is still spending his free week ends at B. G. His room suffers while he is gone. What an R. F. he got last time!

Phi Kappa Sigma

Everyone in North Hanna is back by this time and busily hitting the books in preparation for finals. Pledges Handel and Bell were four days late in arriving from the southern extremities of the state. Their excuse was sickness.

John Gans furnished the girls for the dance and party held last weekend. From all indications, the majority of the brothers were satisfied with what John, "Boy Alcahute" supplied. The party in the parlor was set to the theme of "New Year's Eve Come Lately," and was a huge success. Arrangements were in charge of our new social chairman, Nick Oancea. On Sunday evening, a sherbet social was held in Room 37, courtesy of Mr. O.

Election of officers was held shortly before Christmas vacation. New officers are: President, Art Johnson; Scholarship chairman, Bob Stein; Treasurer, Rich Davis; Secretaries, Jerry Reese and Dave Heck; Pledge-master, Tom Crawford.

Archon

Brothers Busacker and Bennett returned from the Christmas holidays with far-off looks in their eyes. The former ardent bachelors seem to have found something in Milwaukee and Baltimore respectively. Pledge Russell after an uncomfortable brush with the Selective Service returned in high spirits with tales of Mansfield social life over the vacation.

Alumnus Clark Burwell of Cleveland descended on the fraternity last weekend; he undoubtedly smelled the beer for Saturday's party. It was fine having Clark back, however, for what turned out to be a fine weekend. The angel Gabriel appeared in the fraternity Saturday night in the form of Dave Wakefield blowing a horn left over from New Year's Eve which had a blast comparable to the Queen Elizabeth coming into New York Harbor.

LETTERS

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Editor, the COLLEGIAN

At this time, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Robert Brown, and members of the Senior Society wish to thank Kenyon College students for their fine co-operation in the recent Red Cross blood drive in which Kenyon men contributed 90 pints of blood.

The next day for giving blood will be April 15, 1952. Please see Senior Society members for any questions you might have. There should be no need to stress just how important these blood drives are. Remember, you may be getting this blood back yourself.

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