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# KENYON COLLEGIAN

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## In Memoriam

by Gordon Greenblatt and Al Spivak

Dr. Maxwell E. Power is dead. To some on the Hill this recalls only a name, but to most of us, the death of Dr. Power brings back many personal and inspiring recollections.

The men not familiar with Mather Hall will remember Dr. Power as the thin, balding man who ate at the Peirce Hall faculty table, slowly chewing his food and surveying the hurried eating habits of the students.

Others will remember singing with him in the Singers and in the Choir, and recall a second tenor with a high, strained, but accurate voice, who always knew the place and was glad to help the man next to him find his.

The faculty will remember him as a brilliant colleague and cherished friend. In his scholastic achievements he had earned the admiration, not only of Kenyon's distinguished scholars, but of men of science and humanities throughout the world. His career was short, but filled with honor and accomplishment.

To his students at Mather Hall, however, Dr. Power represents all that science has to offer. By his meticulous and accurate manner in research and teaching, he showed us that science is not only a system of observation and recording, but that it is also a method of careful and wise interpretation of nature's phenomena.

To him science was a way of life which was not limited to its empirical self, but which spread over all the facets of man's imagination. From this attitude came an appreciation of the eternity of knowledge and an approach to the understanding of life's worth.

There are some who dislike the great demands that he placed on his classes, but they will readily admit a feeling of respect and reverence for his exacting ideals and uncompromising attitudes.

If he were asked, we're sure he would say that his most joyful endeavor was teaching. However, he need never have said this, for the knowledge and understanding he implanted in us could only have come from a deep love of his work.

Thus, instead of plaques or monuments, we owe Dr. Power only one thing: the fruits of his labor. We owe him the care and growth of the seed he planted within us. It would be a sad commentary indeed if we gave less of ourselves than Dr. Power gave to us as our teacher.

In this respect Dr. Power will never die, for in that sincere and earnest regard for science and life that he exemplifies in our heart, he lives even now, as surely as love and truth. Thus we do not say "goodbye" to him; instead we send our promise to work as long as we are able and impart to others his love and untiring search for the truth in knowledge.

## McGrath Concert Pleases Small Audience

On Monday evening, March 8, a disturbingly small percentage of both Kenyon students and faculty were treated to the fine artistry of a serious tenor whose previous appearance last year had provided him with many admirers at the college. Mr. William McGrath, who was accompanied at the piano by Mr. Stanley Sonntag, was cordially received by the vanguard of the Kenyon citizenry.

Mr. McGrath chose a well balanced program of serious and light songs and arias and proved himself versatile enough to master both. While capable of admirable dramatic heights, Mr. McGrath retained control of both the material at hand and his own voice, which resulted in a minimum of detachable sentimentality. The songs and arias that he chose demanded a maximum of understanding and depended largely on the artist's delivery, to which end the audience was not disappointed.

He was warmly and rightfully applauded at the close, as a tribute to his exquisite rendition of the greater part of the program.

## We Goofed; Pastor Cancels

The staff of The Kenyon Collegian extends its sincere apologies for its error in headlining the appearance of Tony Pastor and his orchestra here Spring Dance Weekend. Pastor, after the COLLEGIAN article was published, made known his intentions to stay in the East this year. To date, a band for the Spring Dance has not been decided upon by The Social Committee. We regret any inconvenience to anyone caused by last issue's article.

## ROTC BALL ANNOUNCED AS ALL-SCHOOL FORMAL



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## DIVISIONS CHOOSE PLAYS FOR CONTEST

No less than any other dog at Kenyon, it seems that even the amateur drama-hound will soon have his day — in fact, two days. For on the Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, designated this year as March 23 and March 24, the intramural play contest will be held, to the scarcely-concealed delight of all the would-be directors, authors, and actors who comprise an interesting segment of the population on the Hill. They will then be revealed, at last, in all their glory. All but two divisions have responded to the call of the stage, and there will be, then, nine attempts including that of Bexley.

If anything, life should be positively reeking with spice on the two contest evenings — for a greater variety of productions would be difficult to list, than those which follow: North Hanna will present *If Men Played Cards As Women Do*, by G. Kaufman; the choice of Middle Hanna is an original satire by Robert Greenberger — in which (it is whispered) — the faculty is adroitly lampooned. South Hanna and Henry Fielding together will be chief culprits when *The Tragedy of Tragedies*, or *The Life and Death of Tom Thumb* is given.

Delving into classical lore, Middle Kenyon eventually emerged with *The Wasps* of Aristophanes as their selection.

South Leonard is finding *His Father's Shop*, an original by Bob Forsythe, a work of seemingly unlimited possibilities.

*Freedom*, a satirical episode by John Reed, will be performed by North Leonard.

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## TKA CONTEST MAR. 21, 23

On March 21 and 23, Tau Kappa Alpha, the National Honorary Forensics Society of Kenyon College, will sponsor the annual inter-fraternity oratory contest. The qualifying preliminary contest will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P. M., with each respective division supplying two entrants. The final contest will take place before the Tuesday morning assembly.

The speeches are to be not less than three and not more than five minutes in length on any topic appropriate to a public speaking contest. Content, delivery, originality of thought, and proximity of subject matter to topical interests, will be the criteria of judgment. The fraternity team scoring the highest point total by participating in the preliminary and final contests will be awarded possession of the TKA trophy for the following year.

Commented orator Bob Greenberger, "I hope there will be plenty of enlightened debate."

Blue uniforms, colorful service ribbons, gold braids, and tinfoil badges will distinguish the Air Force Ball from any other dances held here at Kenyon. This musical drill will commence at 2200 hours, Saturday, March 20. Primary object of said maneuver is to provide entertainment for ROTC students recently returned from the battle of the blue books.

Men who do not belong to this exclusive campus club are to consider themselves as much a part of this dance as they would at any other Runyon function. Their attire is to be formal. While the young women will wear formal gowns, corsages are not necessary. This dance obviously was planned to aid the typical empty-pocketed undergraduate by the members of Arnold Air Society. The only fee for those not members of ROTC is \$2 for a ticket.

A certain amount of military procedure will add interest and character to the dance. These gentlemen who have been unjustly dubbed "bird-men" will present an inspiring, exciting, and glorious spectacle. Of course there will be the usual bird-dogs to avoid, but this time they may be organized. Hang onto your year date!

The orchestra is scheduled for flight at 200 hours Sunday morning. All troops will evacuate Peirce Hall at that time. Be careful — your date may be evaluating you for a good conduct medal! See you next week in common hour!

## Dr. Helen Cam Lectures Tonite

Tonight, March 12, Dr. Helen Cam will deliver a talk on the Historical Novel. Dr. Cam, first woman Professor of English Constitutional History at Harvard University, comes under the auspices of the Larwill Lecture Fund, a grant of \$10,000 to provide occasional lectures on subjects of general interest to the student body and faculty of Kenyon College.

The Larwill Fund Committee hopes to bring a scientist to the campus before the end of this semester. Professor Raymond English, Chairman of the Committee, emphasized that he would like to receive suggestions from the student body as to possible speakers from any walk of academic life, especially men versed in those topics that are not offered by the Kenyon College curriculum.



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## Editor's Corner

The Collegian mailbox has been flooded lately with complaints, compliments and commentaries on the paper, and the administration. I have published all that I have had space for, choosing ones which I judged to be of the most current interest to the student body. Two of the letters have been directed at the Collegian, and I want to take this opportunity to answer them.

First of all there is the Dean's letter. I am indeed glad to publish his views on second semester rushing, in hopes that it may clarify matters and perhaps help make a solution to the problem closer. He says that he should like to hear from the freshman and how they feel about second semester rushing, as well as what C. S. and H. S. think. I am happy to report he already has heard from at least one member of the class of '57. H. S. is a freshman!

I would also like to remind the Dean that while it is all well and good to recite the list of college's that have second semester or second year rushing, there is equally as impressive a list of schools that have rushing in the first semester. We are not at Williams or Cornell or Amherst, but obviously, at Kenyon. Our problems are in many ways unique and cannot be compared to other schools.

Therefore we must not look to other schools and say, that because it worked there, it will work at Kenyon. We must examine the problems that second semester rushing causes HERE. That is what we on the Collegian are trying to do. The Dean has not shown how he proposes to deal with the problems which we have pointed out. (See In Our Opinion). His only defense, for example, of the charge that the freshman social committee was met with red tape and passive resistance was a flat denial. If the freshman committee did not meet this resistance, what was the reason they could plan so little in the way of parties and social functions?

I sincerely hope that some positive steps will be taken to remedy the many evils now apparent in the present system. We suggest that a joint committee composed of the freshmen, the Pan-Hel council members and some representatives of the Administration study this problem. This would perhaps be the best way to begin such action. Thus far letters and editorials have been written, but no steps towards finding a solution have been taken.

Secondly, I want to answer our anonymous friend's criticism of the Division Diary. The Diary's original purpose was to tell the news of the various fraternities on the Hill. In many respects, it has deviated from this aim into more of a column concerned with personalities in the fraternities. I am sorry that our friend does not appreciate the good natured kidding found in the Diary.

I must certainly hasten to add that we try our best to avoid anything in the Diary which is bad taste. Some things do get by our critical eyes, however, due to our lack of complete knowledge of the College goings-on. This is unavoidable I am afraid so long as the men who tell our reporters the news of their Divisions give us such information.

May I hasten to add that I was most happy to publish this letter as well as the Dean's. A newspaper cannot improve without criticism, no matter how biased it may be. C. S.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Since the very first issue of the Collegian this year I have watched in silent agony as you and your cohorts ruin what is otherwise a fine newspaper by your continued publishing of the Division Diary. It is abominable to the nth degree. In no newspaper above the high school level have I seen such a childish, trite, slanderous, and petty column. It is obviously a means for the writers of it to "slam" their enemies with vulgar and many times obscene references. It is in short, nothing but the cheapest kind of a gossip column.

If the Collegian is ever going to become the kind of newspaper we can all be proud of, it must grow up and do away with the Division Diary. Kenyon is supposed to be a school where learned, sophisticated men graduate. The Division Diary certainly refutes this idea to any outsider who would chance to read the Division Diary.

Put the "News" back into the Kenyon newspaper and drop the drivel so prevalent in the Division Diary. Gossip is for old maids, not young, supposedly educated, men.

Sincerely,  
ANON

(Name withheld by request)

Dear sir:

Realizing that we represent but a small proportion of the student body, we nevertheless wish to bring a complaint to the attention of the Administration and the Maintenance Department. In short, the roads on campus are in deplorable condition.

Any person who owns or drives a car realizes this fact. The roads are pitted with huge chuck-holes. Where the chuck-holes cease, the bumps begin.

Driving on campus has become a hazzard. In order to safely negotiate the obstacle course, i.e. roads, one must have the skill and ability of a veteran race driver. Roads in such condition cause undue damage to springs, shocks, tires, and front wheel alignments.

There is no reason why the roads can not be kept in repair. Why is it that the only repairs all year were made before Alumni Homecoming?

What is going to be done? We would very much like to know.

Sincerely,  
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## In Our Opinion

The students and administration of Kenyon have estimated and then witnessed the advantages and disadvantages of second semester rushing. Both sides of the issue are supported by valid and sincere arguments. In our last issue we put forth the freshman's reasons for being opposed to this rushing program.

A second argument for the opposition is that of the fraternity man. This year's rushing has forced a definite change in the character of fraternities on the Hill. First — let us realize that the phrase "second semester rushing" is misleading — perhaps we should say "was misleading to some." It actually means rushing is carried on through the entire first semester, and is followed by two weeks of pointless formality.

The fraternity man knows how much effort must be maintained in order to be successful in rushing. No fraternity wants to spend a full semester shaping itself to please the freshmen. Should upperclassmen return to a high school level for one semester each year? Wouldn't it be more profitable for freshmen to associate with older students on the older students' level? If a Kenyon graduate is to be a good influence on society, it follows that a Kenyon upperclassman must have something to offer freshmen.

THE COLLEGIAN supports men of integrity when they object to a program which requires them to be false and cheap in comparison with what they could be.

Perhaps the greatest fault of second semester is one which is least obvious. What will happen to cooperation around the Hill? What will be the effects on school spirit?

Young men working and living together for four years become attached to their environment. Even those who dislike it seek someone to dislike it with them. The undergraduate should take pride in his school and express himself through it. His activities on the campus should bring profit to the school as well as to himself.

In a men's college the size of Kenyon, campus-wide friendship and cooperation is imperative. Second semester rushing has unified the freshman class to some extent, but it definitely has not strengthened interfraternity good will. Competition for rushees can develop into something more serious than friendly rivalry. During the rushing period, regardless of its length, the fraternity man finds it more desirable to serve his fraternity than his school. Interest for the school takes second place.

In past years Kenyon's fraternities have not isolated themselves from each other. The campus enjoyed fraternity life yet was not divided into distinct factions. With rushing and its necessary evils being prolonged through eighteen weeks of school Kenyon will see her fraternities draw apart and begin to drift apart. They will continue to become more and more individualistic. With student interest devoted to the smaller groups, the school can only stand aside and observe talent being spent on rushing.

Fraternities are an essential part of Kenyon. They form the basis for social life, athletic leagues, and a certain amount of student government. It is our intention to rid the school of programs which cause inter-fraternity friction. We want to see interest and activity directed into its former channel. School first, fraternity second.

Organized rushing parties serve no purpose after twenty weeks of school. Each fraternity knows the freshmen it wants to pledge. If it has overlooked any rushees, there is time for nothing but regret. Rushing is over before it officially starts.

We propose that rushing parties be given during the second week in the fall. This would bring about an earlier acquaintanceship between freshmen and fraternities. Then apply closed rushing conditions similar to this year's until after the first deficiency report. The Pan Hellenic Council could then direct the open rushing. Bids would be issued and accepted before Thanksgiving vacation.

We are calling for a new rushing program in an attempt to restore school spirit, to strengthen inter-fraternity ties, and to promote cooperation within the student body. We want the freshmen to become a part of the school and be molded by it as soon as possible. We want to ensure against the cheapening of character which results from long period rushing.  
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# DEAN AIRS VIEWS ON RUSHING

## Answers Collegian In Letter

Tuesday Noon — —



### The College Scene

By Phil Currier

Any Kenyon student who has ever attended a college sponsored smoker, might be interested in a headline from the Harvard *Crimson*. "57 Smoker Chairman Promises Sex Display, No Strip-Tease Acts." The article went on to point out that there would be sex without the strip, a Hollywood movie star providing said sex. I am all in favor of similar action for future smokers here at Kenyon. It might even prove to be a suitable substitute for 3.2 beer and Kenyon songs. President Pusey of Harvard declined an invitation to attend the smoker.

Ohio Wesleyan students recently helped Delaware county exceed its quota but not without the promise of reward. The 139 R.O.T.C. cadets that donated blood each received ten merits. Perhaps Kenyon wouldn't have fallen short by fifteen pints if merits had been the reward.

In a speech before the Executives Club in Chicago, President Grayson of Columbia University spoke of the type of faculty that a University requires. He said, "By hiring more young and capable instructors and paying them higher salaries, by insisting that they take on fewer activities but that they do these well, and by emphasizing above all a teacher's fitness in the classroom, the university can best serve its students and the community. Kenyon welcomes a number of new professors almost every year and if Columbia recognizes a faculty problem, perhaps we can do as well."

Those who find gym class a bore might be interested in Columbia's answer to the problem. They have introduced co-ed gym classes in cooperation with Barnard. The first meeting was attended by only four "athletic Columbia College men" who "had a vigorous two hour session with ten shorts-clad coeds." Take it for what its worth.

A headline from the Wesleyan Argus was thought provoking. "Annual TNE Affair Draws Forty Prospective Athletes — Coaches, Grid Movie Featured at Saturday Evening Banquet." At first I thought the "little ivy league" was ruining a good Kenyon tradition, but the article went on to point out that Theta Nu Epsilon is the Sophomore Honorary Athletic Society. I noticed in a later paper that they present an annual award to the outstanding athlete in the Freshman class. Perhaps Kenyon's TNE could work out a similar award for outstanding freshmen.

The Denisonian recently outlined the method of becoming a real pseudo-intellectual. Some Kenyon students aspiring to such glory might like to polish up on the finer points. You should subscribe to both the New Yorker and Punch and buy all of Walt Kelly's masterpieces. Always have a very bitter expression, even when there is nothing to be bitter about, and study free love, H. L. Menchen and the Democratic party. You must speak disparagingly about almost everything. If you do all this, then you too can join the ranks of the master pseudo-intellectuals.

### MCAT Set For May 8

PRINCETON, N. J. Candidates for admission to medical school in the fall of 1955 are advised to take the Medical College Admission Test in May. It was announced today by Educational Testing Service, which prepares and administers the test for the Association of American Medical Colleges. These tests, required of applicants by almost every medical college throughout the country, will be given twice during the current calendar year.

Candidates may take the MCAT on Saturday, May 8, 1954, or on Monday, November 1, 1954, at more than 300 local centers in all parts of the country.

The MCAT consists of tests of general scholastic ability, a test on understanding of modern society, and an achievement test in science. According to ETS, no special preparation other than a review of science subjects is necessary. All questions are of the objective type.

Application forms and a Bulletin of Information, which gives details of registration and administration, as well as sample questions, are available from pre-med advisers or directly from Educational Testing Service, Box 592, Princeton, N. J. Completed applications must reach the ETS office by April 24 and October 18, respectively, for the May 8 and November 1 administrations.

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Dear sir:

This letter is addressed primarily to "H.S. and C.S." and to all members of the college community who read the "In Our Opinion" column of the February 27 issue of the *Collegian*. This reply is not written with any feeling of animosity toward anyone; on the other hand, it is not an apology for failures of my own or any member of the College. I quite agree that now is the time to evaluate the experiment of second semester rushing, and I herewith present my evaluation for your consideration.

Deferred or second semester rushing is not a new thing. I believe I am correct in stating that Williams College adopted it in 1953, Amherst has had it for almost a decade, and Dartmouth has had second year rushing for a quarter of a century. But it is new for Kenyon and, like anything new, getting used to it is difficult.

I, for one, did not expect perfection in the operation of second semester rushing in its first year, and in this I have not been disappointed. However, the flaws have been minor rather than major and can, I believe, be easily ironed out before another year begins. There has been some out-of-season rushing; there have been some "organized" parties which hardly conformed to the spirit of the rules, even if they were not actually in violation of them. In general, however, the operation has proceeded quite well for the first year, and the fact remains that in 1954, 121 men in a class of 133 received bids, and 116 or 87% accepted these invitations. In October 1952, the last occasion of first semester pledging, 93 men out of 121 accepted bids or 76% of the Class of 1956. It appears, too, from a cursory comparison of the delegations in 1953 and 1954 that the same fraternities received large delegations as under the old system, and likewise that the same fraternities received small ones. So, instead of injustice to the fraternities or the freshmen, the new system appears to have favored both. Even critics "H.S. and C.S." admit that the freshmen undoubtedly know the fraternities better and that the fraternities know the freshmen better, all of which causes one to hope that there will be less depledging than in some previous years.

But to get back to the basic issue — social life for freshmen under the new system — I certainly am not going to deny that it leaves something to be desired. Unfortunately the dormitories were not ready for occupancy when college opened; unfortunately the freshmen were forced to spend several weeks in the barracks where certain habits were fostered which would not have developed if they had moved directly into the new building; unfortunately the resident faculty members were not able to begin their tasks early, at the opening of college, and some initial gain was lost; unfortunately some proctors were more interested in lining up a good delegation for their fraternities than in acting the part of adviser, counselor, and friend to the bewildered ones. And most unfortunate of all, the Dean was not able to provide enough activities to replace the previous social activity provided by the fraternities. The Denison-Kenyon get-together of early October was a good start, but it was not the sort of thing which could be repeated, and from that date on it must be admitted that little was done by the Dean or anyone else. These were all unfortunate incidents which could not be helped and therefore no one should be blamed too harshly.

I do not agree with "H.S. and C.S." that the Freshman Social Committee was "... frustrated at every turn." On the contrary, I do think that said Social Committee expected too much too soon. Such privileges, like all freedom, have to be earned; they are something one grows up to. I still hope that it will not be necessary to have a separate set of rules for the Harcourt area and another for the College in the Park. However, if that should be found necessary, there would be ample precedent in the rules governing the freshmen in the "Yard" at Harvard and in the separate college for freshmen which is maintained at Yale.

"H.S. and C.S." admit they do not know what positive steps should be taken to improve the situation. Nor do I, but I am willing to discuss the subject with any representative group at any time. I think my office has been found fairly accessible in the past to all constructive or destructive critics and it will continue to be so. I sincerely hope to be called upon by some constructive critics, and I hope they will be largely the ones for whom this noble experiment was instigated, i.e., members of the Class of 1957.

In all honesty, I must admit that I probably would not enter a discussion of this subject of second semester rushing without some prejudices. For my part, I do not think the system has been given a full and fair trial; it must be tried at least one more year, modifying the rules slightly and above all providing more social activities for the beleaguered freshmen. Then, and only then, would I be willing to abolish

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# KENYON DROWNS CONFERENCE FOES

## "Winners and New Champions!"



## MATMEN ENTER CONFERENCE MEET TOMORROW

Tomorrow the Kenyon wrestling team will journey to Akron Univ. to compete in the Ohio Conference Wrestling Championships. Also entered are teams from Wesleyan, Akron, and Oberlin. The Lords have met each of these schools in dual matches earlier in the year.

The champions will be decided on an individual basis. The winning wrestler in each weight class will be declared champion. No team prizes will be awarded.

Kenyon will enter a full team, with the exception of Tom Wigglesworth who is ineligible under Conference rules governing transfer students. Coach Roy Styers expects to win at least one event, with chances good in two others.

Eb Crawford, the only undefeated man on the team, is a good bet to win either the heavyweight or 177 pound title. Dave Katz and John Wilkin, according to Styers, are also strong contenders in their respective weights.

In their last two meets of the season, the Lord matmen lost to Akron and Ohio Wesleyan by scores of 29-3 and 18-15 respectively. In the Akron affair, Crawford was the lone Kenyon victor as he won his match by decision.

Against Wesleyan the Lords looked much better as they took three matches and tied one. Wigglesworth and Katz pinned their opponents, while Crawford won by decision. Wilkin wrestled his man to a draw.

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## Three Lettermen Lead Tennis Team

Four veterans from last season will lead the 1954 version of the Kenyon tennis team this spring. Captain Barry Cahill, Dick Yee, and Bob Forsythe are all lettermen, while Bill Ostrander just missed earning his. Several freshmen are trying out for the team, among whom are Pete Hermes and Harry Curtis. Also in consideration are Bob Snyder and Dave Scudder.

When questioning Cahill about prospects of the year, he said that it would be hard to match last year's team record. The 1953 club lost its first match and won all the rest. The team should do well in the conference as usual, but the overall team record probably will not match last year's, due to a heavy schedule of non-conference games. Included on the slate are Ohio State, Akron U., Ohio University, and the University of Cincinnati.

Cahill will probably play first singles, but all other positions are still open. Pre-season practice will determine who will play against Ohio State on the 18th of April. Curtis and Hermes may play together as a doubles combination for future experience.

The first home match for the netmen will be April 24, against Wittenberg. The top home meet of the year will be on the 18th of May when the University of Cincinnati, featuring Tony Trabert, invades Gambier.

## Practice Begins For Baseballers

With a large nucleus of veterans and a promising crew of freshmen, Coach Skip Falkenstine is hurriedly trying to prepare his baseball team for the season's opener against Fenn on April 10. Bad weather and a late winter sports season, which has prevented some men from reporting immediately, have hampered the early practice sessions.

One of the biggest problems facing Falkenstine is finding a replacement for ace hurler Joe Pavlovich who graduated last Spring. Mike Taddonio, Bill Williams, Marty Waldman and freshman Rolly Webb have been showing promise in practice and are expected to fill the gap.

The catching department may suffer a serious blow if Bob Rowe, one of last year's leading sluggers, is unable to play. With Rowe lost, freshman Pat Wilcox would be the only other receiver on the squad.

Despite the loss of two of last year's starting infield, Falkenstine expects not to have too much trouble here. Dick Block and Bill Lowry will return to their old posts, while several freshmen are expected to fill out the other positions. Among the new recruits, Ron Kendrick and Don Fishman seem most promising.

The outfield has remained pretty much intact. Captain Phil Pitney and Frank Hagen lead the parade of returning fly chasers. Mike Taddonio will see a lot of action when not pitching.

## Mermen Break Four Records

In the Ohio Wesleyan University natorium last Saturday, the undefeated, untied, and seldom scored upon Kenyon swimming team rang up an impressive and overwhelming triumph as they walked away with the Ohio Conference championship. The Lords rolled up 82 points, which is believed to be a record.

The meet produced only one dual winner, Ted FitzSimons of Kenyon, who won the 50 and 100 yd. freestyle sprints. Al Eastman, Kurrus, FitzSimons, and the 400 yd. relay team all won first places, along with Phil Payton and Stan Krok, who were declared co-winners of the 200 yd. backstroke.

## Lords Wind Up With 4-12 Mark

Kenyon's basketball squad finished their season last week with a poor 4-12 record. At moments the Lords showed the spark that makes a great team. Most of these moments were on their home court as they compiled a 3-4 mark at Wertheimer Field House.

On the other hand, the Lord's dismal road record of 1-8 illustrated their inability to click on a strange court. The inexperience of the team was also a hinderance that may have been remedied the hard way through a losing season.

The mainstays of the team this year were freshman Dan Bumstead and sophomores Bill Lowry, Pete Keys, and Frank Gingerich, all of whom scored over 150 points. Roland Webb, Ron Kenderick, Dick Fleaser, Bob Ritzl, Chad Vogt, Jack Gammon, and Bob Price all saw plenty of action also.

Probably the brightest spot of the season was the Lord's 58-55 victory over Wooster. The Kenyon five performed the impossible when they held the Woosterites at bay with an amazing seven minute stall.

The other two home victories were equally as thrilling. Games such as the 64-61 squeaker with Oberlin or the 64-63 final second affair with Ashland provided fertile grounds for Coach Falkenstine's ulcers. Against Fenn, the Lords bagged their only lopsided win of the year, 72-58.

Kenyon will lose only two men next year. Missing will be Captain Jack "Spike" Gammon and Chad Vogt. Gingerich was elected captain for next year's squad. With several returning lettermen next year, the Lords can look to a potentially brighter future.

Varsity	Season	Scoring
Bumstead	13	57 39 153 11.6
Lowry	16	58 47 163 10.2
Keys	16	62 38 160 10.0
Gingerich	16	50 57 157 9.8
Webb	11	28 22 78 7.1
Kendrick	15	30 20 80 5.3
Vogt	16	25 11 61 3.8
Ritzl	12	12 13 37 3.1
Fleaser	13	10 13 33 2.5
Gammon	15	9 18 36 2.4
Price	10	9 2 20 2.0
	16	357 302 1019 63.6

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In winning the six events, the Lords broke four Ohio Conference and pool records. Skip Kurrus swam a 2:19.3 in the 220 yd. freestyle, knocking a second off the old standard. Ted FitzSimons flew through the water at a :54.1 speed to tie the 50 yd. freestyle record that he had set earlier in the day, during the qualifying round. Also during the afternoon events, Al Eastman set a new record for the 440 yd. freestyle of 5:04.5. Closing out a completely Kenyon evening, the relay team of Kurrus, Al Halverstadt, Eastman, and FitzSimons knocked better than a full second off the 400 yd. freestyle relay record, pushing it down to 3:47.8.

There was a hint of coming manslaughter during the preliminary round as the Lords kept qualifying two men for each final. They missed qualifying in only two of the ten events.

The closest, and most exciting race of the evening was the 200 yd. backstroke race which saw Phil Payton and Stan Krok duel down to the

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## 'A' League Race In Home Stretch

A battle looms for first place in the "A" Basketball League between Bexley Hall and South Leonard. The two leaders collide next Friday in a game that should decide the championship. A victory for the Betas would practically clinch the title.

With only two defeats against their record, East Wing is still in strong contention. Should Bexley knock off South Leonard, a three way tie seems a strong possibility.

East Division, leaders during most of the season, were bounced from the top perch last week as they lost to the Betas, 40-32, and to Bexley, 35-33. Despite the apparent narrowing of the field, however, no less than six teams still have a mathematical chance of winning or tying for first place.

With the season in the home stretch, the standings are:

TEAM	W	L
South Leonard	9	1
Bexley	9	2
East Wing	7	2
East Division	7	3
West Wing	6	3
Middle Leonard	5	3
Lewis	6	4
Norton	6	4
Middle Kenyon	3	5
North Leonard	4	7
North Hanna	2	7
Middle Hanna	1	11
South Hanna	0	12



# Uncle Vanya in Review

The recent production of Tchekov's *Uncle Vanya* by the Dramatic Club was an occasion for considerable pride. Certainly, it was the best theatre work I have seen at Kenyon and first-rate college theatre on any level. It is a beautiful play, and the actors caught their parts beautifully, giving the right comic accent to the direct line of thwarted passion. Revealed on the stage, the play seems a remarkable theatre piece, a sort of comic melodrama of a high order. The characters, so completely evolved, create an atmosphere of realism brilliantly out of focus.

The director, Mr. James Michael, played the characters against each other for all they were worth and created some fascinating patterns in the process. He intensified the futile anguish of Vanya and Sonya by having each speak his thoughts into the same mirror; and two kisses of Astrov and Yelena were scored and contrasted by placing the action in the same stage position; and other difficult points were made by sensibly placing the actor. Considering the torments one goes through putting a play on at Kenyon, the direction was miraculous. Robert Miller was an effective Vanya, a ruined man of principles, comic, absurd, touching at the right moment. He measured each step as if it would ease the wearisome business of living. Mrs. Mary English gave a remarkably handsome, well-mannered performance. As Yelena, she moved with an adumbrated languor that covered a deep yearning for the unfulfilled; she matched each phrase with the right gesture; and she spoke with clarity, precision, and beauty. Her scenes with Mrs. Marjorie Johnson were the truest in the play. Mrs. Johnson was a shining Sonya and in the scenes where she touched an almost servile dedication with a patch of vibrancy and girlishness, she was agonizingly real. In the last long speech when she mis-directs her life to work, Mrs. Johnson tellingly sounded the themes of the play without a trace of sentimentality. Pictorially, Charles Mignon was the perfect Astrov, and although he faltered during some of the long speeches, some were almost meaningless, his shorter passages had a manly, frayed, sensual quality that was exceedingly apt. On the first night, Daniel Lynch had something of a triumph as Serebrayakov and it was deserved. Rightly making a caricature out of the crudest, although the most galvanizing character in the play, he was hilarious in walk, gesture, and especially expression. In the smaller parts, Mrs. Agnes Camp was charmingly naive as the Nurse; Mrs. Ruth Scudder listened well and spoke her few lines amusingly; and Curt Riessler got on and off stage with fervor. With William Wendt's Telyegin a difference must be taken. Mr. Wendt is a competent actor and he was convincingly aged. As the character was conceived, there was no quarrel with his performance. But Telyegin is not senile and he is not an idiot. He is an aristocrat, pathetically devoted to a worn-out ideal. Standing in sharp contrast with him, he is a cartoon of Vanya, and while he is foolish and stupid, he is not doddering. A difficult character.

Working with a unit set, Jack Brown created some good-looking, if rather too-pretty scenes. For the first time, a harmony of color and design were absent. The lighting and costumes were adequate although a shortage of equipment in both departments was apparent. A hat for Yelena in the fourth act was ridiculously ill-chosen.

That a production so fine and so effective as the recent one of *Uncle Vanya* can be done at this college is evidence that we can stand in the first rank of college theatres.

—Robert Sealy

# WKCO Makes Repairs

Dave Ryeburn, Chief Engineer of radio station WKCO, announces that the station has been off the air for the last few days due to the fact that the console is being rebuilt by Dr. Miller and himself. This is a job that has been necessary for a few years, but is only being gotten around to now. When finished, the station will possess a new console embodying the latest in electronic developments, which will allow more efficient engineering and stronger steadier radio signals. Until the project is completed, a temporary arrangement has been set up whereby broadcasts can be transmitted, and the station will be on the air for a limited number of hours each week.

# MERMAN ROMP

(Continued from page 4) last stroke and finish in a dead heat for first place with identical times of 2:26.7.

The plaudits for the day must go to Ted FitzSimons for an outstanding job during the finals. He won two events and swam the anchor leg on the final relay team. Also on the merit list is Al "Bonzo" Eastman, who closed his collegiate career in a blaze of glory. He won the 440, placed second to Kurrus in the 220, and swam on the final relay team.

After the winning totals were announced, the team tossed Bob into the pool. Upon questioning the coach about the special swim, he replied, "It was the greatest swim of my life."

- 300 yd. Medley Relay — 1. Wooster, 2. Kenyon, 3. O. W., 4. Akron, 5. Oberlin. 3:12.0.
- 220 yd. Free Style — 1. Kurrus (K), 2. Eastman (K), 3. W. Emery (Witt), 4. White (OW), 5. Herron (Ober), 6. Watkins (Ober). 2:19.3 (New Conference Record).
- 50 yd. Free Style — 1. FitzSimons (K), 2. Twining (Ober), 3. Dungan (Woos.), 4. Rudolph (OW), 5. Taba (Ober), 6. Halverstadt (K). 24.7.
- 150 yd. Individual Medley — 1. Lillich (Ober), 2. Payton (K), 3. Tarr (Ober), 4. Newell (OW), 5. Price (Woos.), 6. Armacost (Den.). 1:44.1.
- Fancy Diving — 1. Althaus (OW), 2. Hilty (Witt), 3. Ballard (OW), Johnson (Otter), 5. Foughty (Akron), 6. Taba (Ober). 226 points.
- 100 yd. Free Style — 1. FitzSimons (K), 2. Kurrus (K), 3. Twining (Ober), 4. Dungan (Woos.), 5. W. Emery (Witt), 6. Auten (Akron). 54.1 (New Conference Record).
- 200 yd. Backstroke — 1. Payton (K) and Krook (K) tied, 3. Armacost (Den.), 4. Price (Woos.), 5. Plavean (OW), Davis (OW). 2:26.7.
- 200 yd. Breaststroke — 1. Crane (Woos.), 2. Tarr (Ober), 3. Stewart (OW), 4. Cartledge (Woos.), 5. Newell (OW), 6. Price (K). 2:43.2.
- 440 yd. Free Style — 1. Eastman (K), 2. White (OW), 3. Lillich (Ober), 4. W. Emery (Witt), 5. Ewing (K), 6. Wolfe (Woos.). 5:19.5.
- 400 yd. Free Style Relay — 1. Kenyon, 2. Oberlin, 3. Wesleyan, 4. Wooster, 5. Akron. 3:47.8. (New Conference Record).

## POINT TOTALS

Kenyon	82
O. Wesleyan	49
Oberlin	48
Wooster	41
Wittenberg	14
Akron	12
Denison	5
Otterbein	3

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# CASTING COMPLETE FOR NEW PLAY

## March 23-24 Play Contest

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East Division, East Wing, Middle Leonard and Bexley, refused to divulge their masterpieces at the time this article was written.

The demanding task of pronouncing judgement on the merit of these entertainments will be the duty of Miss Marjorie Johnson, who as Sonya recently graced the Dramatic Club's production of *Uncle Vanya*; Mr. Fred Lorey, editor of the Mount Vernon News; and third expert who is yet to be chosen.

Bob Miller stated officially, "Inasmuch as there will be a diversity of plays attempted — original, non-original, comedy, skit — it was decided in a meeting of the representatives of the various divisions that the only criteria for judgement would be competence; by this is meant the fulfillment of whatever function the play was intended to execute." These presentations will begin promptly at 8:00 P. M. in the Speech Building, where you can form your own unbiased opinions as to their relative worth.

On April 22, 23, and 24 the Dramatic Club will present this year's final play, *The Enchanted*, by Jean Giraudoux — in whose play, *Ondine*, Audrey Hepburn is now captivating Broadway theater-goers. Producer George Feinberg has suggested that *The Enchanted* is the story of a town that is haunted — "Chance seems to know what it's doing."

The most important members of this enchanted community are Isabelle, portrayed by Mrs. Welsh; the Mayor, acted by Emmet Graybill; the Doctor, played by Robert Sealy; the Inspector, performed by David Randell; Joseph Malof, as the Supervisor; and the Ghost, known more familiarly as Cameron Sanders. Other roles are the following: the Mangebois sisters, Hilda First and Mrs. Richardson; the executioners, Anthony Tuttle and Donald Mull; Trevor Barker as Adrain and Douglas Lauder as Tellier. Stage managing the performance will be Daniel Kramer, who will be assisted by Robert Kohn, Leslie Guster and Melvyn Baron. Handling the lighting will be Robert Kelley, with William Wendt executing the makeup and Jack O. Brown and Richard Detlef constructing the sets; Brewster Campbell will be in charge of props.

# Dean's Answer (Cont.)

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the present system if it were found wanting. And I might add that at the moment I have little sympathy for half-way measures such as rushing between Fall Dance Week End and Thanksgiving or between Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations. That was tried several years ago and it was modified before the semester was half over. I believe it must be second semester rushing or it must be done during the first weeks of the fall semester. And, finally, I still have to be convinced that the fraternities do more for the freshmen academically than the freshmen can do for themselves if they are left alone.

I maintain these prejudicial views because of an analysis of the academic successes and failures of the Class of 1957. While it may be true that academically the Class of 1957 is of higher calibre than some recent classes (as the American Council on Education tests show), it is also true and worthy of our consideration that the number of freshmen with deficiencies in November was 9% below the 1952 figure; it is also true that the number of freshmen deficiencies in December was 10% higher in 1953. However, the number of freshmen who received less than 1.0 average (D) in February 1954 was 4.5% less than in February 1953, and the number of freshmen on probation after one semester is 26% rather than 37% of the total. (I have used percentages in all cases to make up for the difference in the size of the two classes.) For these reasons I do not agree that "... its faults (second semester rushing) far exceed its benefits," but I repeat I am willing to talk about it, and I might be convinced — after another year's trial.

Sincerely,  
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# DIVISION DIARY

## Delta Kappa Epsilon

Bartels has switched from Scotch to Gin Rickys. Quoth he: "It's more intoxicating this way." Hatch is rapidly learning the famed 'black-bottom' of Kenyon. Norm has his personality back after an extremely long trip to Cleveland in a hearse. The Dekes now have an authority on the art of embalming; any takers? Benson has a tutor from Mt. Vernon; need more be said? Pledge Swenson requests the return of his roll of pennies; he's broke.

## Alpha Delta Phi

Riggs Miller and Richard Emery, A. D. Phi's perennial pledges, were initiated last week along with Bill Smart and Batch Ollinger. Mr. Miller broke tradition by wearing his pin. Fou-Fou finished his book on migratory birds and immediately took off for Pittsburgh. Up till now he has been plagued with parental infiltration from the family nest. Mc-Afee is getting a new car! Oh, those '53 Buicks, anyway. Emery, Greaves, Fullerton and Fullwood are planning a trip to either Canada or Florida for the Spring holidays; Montreal must have something. Bonzo played sea-lion, porpoise, and blow-fish in toying with his competitors at the meet last Saturday.

## Psi Upsilon

There will be a pledge active party in the Psi U. lodge this weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Lierle will be drinking scotch and sodas to celebrate the arrival of their bouncing baby black Victoria. I. K. Cohen pledges. Headline of the week: Krok collides with crock of wine. The Psi U's are selling sunglasses; who's traveling incognito? It seems that Mr. Hester is trigger-happy these days.

## Beta Theta Pi

The usually calm and collected Bill Lowry recently suggested a turf party on the lawn of Monnett Hall. Last Saturday after the swimming meet, six Betas came forth with a serenade on this same lawn. After Charlie Opdyke and Don Fischman had their chests measured, it was ascertained that Jed Dotson still was the proud possessor of the fraternity's smallest chest. George Thomas's reign of terror came to an abrupt end when Don Fischman used his face as an emery-board.

## Delta Tau Delta

Walch and Gammon have established their supremacy at bridge, making passes at the right time. Hagen is STILL going to Lake Erie to stare at his own fraternity pin. Wendt borrows car with a Bermuda Bell for a precocious siren. Pledge Fang is in love again for the third week in a row. It's Spring again and a young mans fancy lightly turns to

thoughts of baseball. It seems that Mr. Block's girl got snowed over last weekend; quite a drift!

## Sigma Pi

Trone and Archer got pinned to Lake Erie women last weekend — this ceases to be funny! Hallack will decide by next week whether he likes Kenyon well enough to stay. He's looking for his Coast Guard discharge. Dallas and Bennett rode in the back of the jeep on the way to Denison Sunday. Pascarella has been muttering all week about his new Collegian job, and "Buckets" continues to be unmerciful on the pledges.

## Phi Kappa Sigma

The Phi Kaps had a vodka party last Saturday night to

celebrate the death of Stalin. There will be another vodka party this Saturday night; nothing but Moscow mules will be served. Question of the week: When will McCarthy be pledged? Gans and Congdon went to Lake Erie again last weekend. It took them eight hours to get home — nothing like a good snow job. The Phi Kaps have announced the return of several Lake Erie girls (women now) from Europe. Among these girls we find Butch's steady. How bland will vodka be after brandy in pig-alley.

## Delta Phi

Last Saturday's cocktail party's tremendous success as two British gentlemen, one

from Oklahoma, discussed the relative merits of Cambridge U. and Oxford U. Barry Gjelsness has pledged The House of Hapsburg in an effort to join the builders of the built. Fisher went to New York to see a psychiatrist; the psychiatrist went to Bermuda to see a psychiatrist. Scudder and Snyder played Boy Scouts last weekend, building a fire with only two sticks. All day Sunday they were bemoaning the fact that they had forgotten the Boy Scout motto. Ash Burt saw many olives in the bottom of Wesleyan pool last Saturday.

## Archon

Since Saturday night's party the Archons have attempted to

make electricity by flying kites. Imagine the shock when they succeeded in only flying J. A. Frazier; seems there weren't enough rags for a tail. The Archon constitution is under revision; a new regime perhaps. Yashiro finds himself one up on Bennett; has his first date in four years. There is talk of a consciences objectors party the night of the Military Ball.

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