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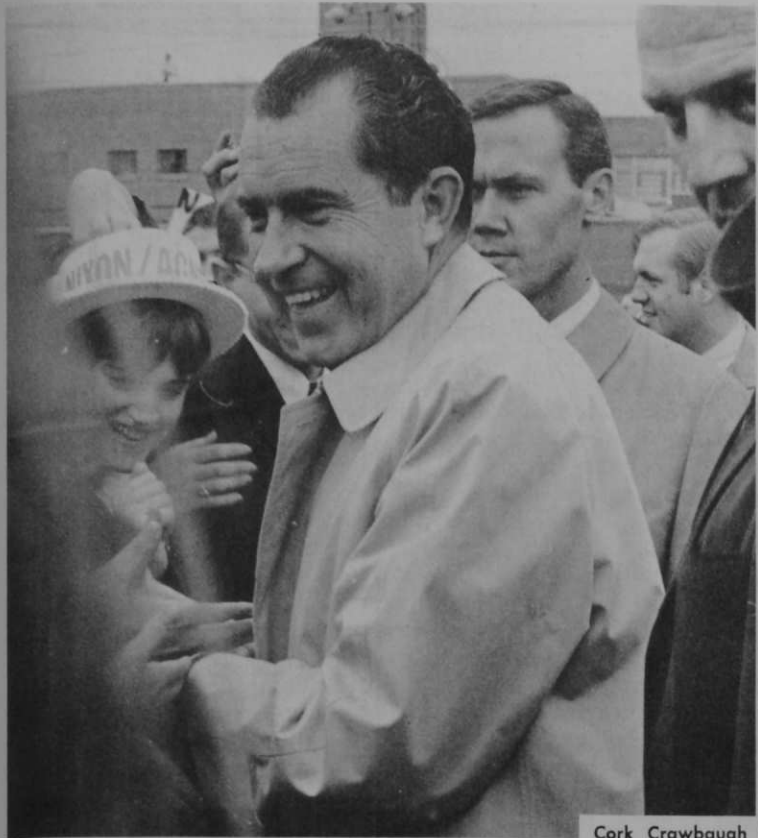
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Cork Crawbaugh

RICHARD M. NIXON campaigning in Marion Tuesday.

## Nixon Wows Marion Crowd

Rock and roll, speeches by local party big-wigs, and cheering teenage girls characterized the rally for Richard M. Nixon at Marion last Tuesday.

It was a big day for the community of 40,000.

A rock and roll band and the public high school marching band provided stirring music.

Nixon girls, high school and college girls with Nixon paper dresses, poured in from all directions into a roped-off area directly in front of the podium. Nothing is more stirring than a cheering, screaming group of 16 to 19 year-old girls.

Red, white and blue was everywhere. So was security, on top of buildings and intermingled with the crowd.

Numerous local dignitaries attempted to "warm-up" the crowd. They were defeated by the rain, which lasted just long enough to cool off the crowd.

Nixon's train was late. When he arrived, the crowd no longer was overly excited but calm and expectant.

Surrounded by Secret Service and a flock of nearly a hundred newsmen, he shook hands with the crowd and then was guided to the platform.

Nixon in his speech that afternoon told the audience what they wanted to hear.

He told how the nation couldn't "afford Hubert Humphrey." He further commented "Do you want your money in your pocket or Hubert Humphrey's hand in your pocket?"

## Sorensen Condemns Politics of Silence

"Even though you are disappointed with the two major party candidates, there is an obligation to work for the man whose views are closest to yours. Refusal to participate because we could not get our way is bad sportsmanship and bad politics." So stated Theodore C. Sorensen in a student-sponsored lecture series at Denison University's Swasey Chapel last Sunday.

The former speechwriter-adviser to John and Robert Kennedy added, "This means turning over our rights and responsibilities to the people we were complaining about. Realities cannot be changed or wished away. There is a necessity to choose."

In selecting a candidate, Sorensen suggested these steps toward participation. 1) study the information in order to make an intelligent judgment. 2) Recognize the difference between the two candidates. "If you study their past record, party philosophy and present positions there is a considerable difference between them." 3) Examine your conscience to see which candidate is more worthy of your support.

After choosing, one should at least vote if not campaign for the candidate. "Strategists count on the opposition staying at home.

If you stay at home it counts as 1/2 a vote for the other candidate. They benefit from your abstention," he notes.

Failure to vote from indifference, laziness or protest accomplishes nothing. "The fewer votes cast for the two major candidates the larger factor in policymaking, Wallace people are anxious to have their votes heard."

Sorensen does not believe that

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## Council President Reacts To Caples' Drug Talk

Council President David Hoster, addressed Monday night's council session in response to President Caples' drug statement of last Thursday. He termed his own speech a "rather extreme reaction" to what he considered the President's "dangrously extreme statement."

Later, Council passed a motion to proceed with a "rice meal" to aid starving children in Biafra. The money saved by serving only rice at one evening meal would be forwarded to UNICEF for use in the war-torn province. The motion included making provision for those students who do not wish to participate.

After committee reports were heard, Mr. Hoster began his 15-minute address. He first directed his comments directly to President Caples' speech. He stated that he agreed fully with the short range import of that speech, adding that the College must go firmly on record as opposing the drug usage of the previous weekends. He cited as dangers arising from such drug usage: the polarization of the community and the breakdown of communications, the possibility of Kenyon's obtaining a *sub rosa* reputation as a drug school, and the tendency for this kind of drug usage to create

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## Workers For Gilligan

Gambier Citizens for John Gilligan for Senate will be canvassing for the candidate in Mount Vernon this weekend.

The workers will canvass the Third Ward of the "All-American City," and Gambier campaign chairman William Heath remarks that they'll "need a lot of people." He is encouraging students to join.

Those interested should gather in front of Peirce Hall at 1 p. m. Saturday for transportation.

## Trustees Call For 175 Girls First Year

Last Saturday the Board of Trustees decided that Kenyon will admit 175 girls in the first year of the women's college.

The first class will include about 10 sophomores and about 5 juniors. Although the 175 girls will only fill half of the dormitory space available, the number will facilitate a steady growth over the next few years. By 1972, approximately 615 girls will be enrolled; the male enrollment will be raised slightly to 850.

After hearing a recording of President Caples' speech to the student body, along with additional statements by the administration, the Board wholeheartedly endorsed the College's position on drugs. By their direction, copies of the speech will be mailed to all parents.

## Senate Considers Ghetto Students

The Campus Senate is currently studying the possibility of instituting a program to prepare and then admit Negro students to Kenyon from underprivileged backgrounds.

At an informal meeting of the Senate on Tuesday, it was stressed that the feasibility of the program involves such general issues as the purpose of Kenyon as a liberal arts college, the academic and social facets of college, and interracial relations. The preliminary discussions indicated, however, that some form of program could be adopted successfully for Kenyon.

Prof. Galbraith Crump, Saul Benjamin, and Barry Goode, who have initiated the proposal, envision summer programs to prepare the ghetto students for college work. Students would be chosen on their desire to attend college and on their initiative. The program would not be designed to "skim off the cream of the crop" in the black ghettos.

Besides giving such students the opportunity to attend college, the program would have the benefit of adding to the diversity of the college community. The program would not represent a "laboratory of life" approach to education, but rather would fit into the basic goal of a liberal education, to give students the cultural background to prepare them for all phases of life.

It was noted that similar pro-

grams at other colleges, such as Antioch and Oberlin, have run into problems with "black power" movements. One Senator expressed anxiety at the thought that black students might want to live apart from white students. Another problem would be the substantial amount of time and effort required of the faculty for the program to succeed.

The Senate agreed to sound out faculty opinion on the project, and to schedule another meeting, at which time community leaders from Indianapolis will discuss interracial relationships.

## Stafford to Read In Lower Dempsey

Mr. Alan Donovan, associate professor in the English Department and acting director of the Poetry Circuit of Ohio, has scheduled a poetry reading for Monday, October 28 at 8:00 P.M. The reading will be held in Lower Dempsey Hall.

The scheduled speaker, Mr. William Stafford, is a well published poet who has appeared in such magazines as *Atlantic*, *Kenyon Review*, and *Harper's*.

The Poetry Circuit of Ohio of which Kenyon, along with many Ohio colleges such as Oberlin and Miami University, is a member, is responsible for encouraging such readings, and for finding responsible and creditable poets for the members.

## Mixer to Flame

The Western Mixer this Saturday has taken on the proportions of a Dance Weekend.

Now Kenyon students can recover from mid-semester exams by either crying on the shoulder of a tender Western girl or flying with the earthy blues sound of the James Cotton Blues Band.

What upperclassman can forget Cotton's Four-hour encore during last year's Spring Dance. What upperclassman can ever forget his first blind date with a Western girl?

The Social Committee has reported that Western will send at least three buses of girls to the Magic Mountain, and Lake Erie has promised to sacrifice at least one busload of young maidens. The "cattle-car" method of picking up dates will again prevail. The young ladies will be ushered to Lower Dempsey Saturday afternoon where Kenyon men will be able to pick up a date.

A ticket to the dance will entitle one Western or Lake Erie date to get in free. Otherwise the charge is a minimal \$2 per couple. Great Hall is the scene for the dance, from eight to midnight, while the free beer in the Ping-pong room — provided by IFC — is a secondary attraction. Nothing — wine, women, or song — is lacking from this weekend.



JAMES COTTON and his Blues Band will return to Kenyon this Saturday.



## The Kenyon Collegian

# Humphrey for President

In recent weeks, the realities of November 5 have become more clear: Americans will elect a new President, and it will be Hubert Humphrey, Richard Nixon, or George Wallace.

Most of us are bitter and disheartened by this depressing choice. But many of us have recovered sufficiently from the shocks of this political year to see that there are differences among these men and to see that clearly, one of them is the best man of the three for the Presidency. That man is Hubert Humphrey.

The vice president has an outstanding record as a progressively-minded Senator and he has sensible proposals for the future. His campaign rhetoric is no more general than any other candidate's, and he refrains from wild promises, recognizing the difficulty of the nation's problems.

Humphrey has long been a proponent of human rights. As President he could deal effectively with the problems of the black Americans and the poor of all regions and of all races.

He favors ratification of the treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, which Mr. Nixon does not.

Humphrey is already beginning to move away from Johnson policies on Vietnam. Yet as President he would retain many of the more advantageous policies of the previous two Democratic administrations, including the Peace Corps, which he proposed.

We believe that the Vice President could redirect the mammoth federal spending, make

significant efforts toward the rehabilitation of the cities, and conduct a reasoned reevaluation of foreign policy.

Nixon refuses to debate Humphrey and too often he refuses to discuss specific issues and solid proposals. Nixon has avoided confrontation on the issues.

The choices of Vice Presidential candidates point up most clearly the difference between the two men. Edmund Muskie's much greater qualifications than Spiro Agnew's are mind-boggling. These choices are a good indication of the way each man would run the Presidency and of the kind of men each would bring into government.

George Wallace and Curtis LeMay offer no alternative.

We have no confidence in Nixon's cure-all pledge to bring new leadership "from top to bottom." More than simple novelty is required.

Humphrey represents a reasoned path into the future. Nixon represents a half-step backward with his harping on law and order and his unwillingness to move to thaw the cold war.

Voting for Humphrey is not endorsing unpopular war policies or repression. Senator Muskie has shown that he particularly is willing to hear dissent.

Voting for the Humphrey-Muskie ticket is supporting two liberals who have fine records in their own right. And it is the only reasonable alternative. —RCB

## Long Range Drug Problem Unresolved

Last Thursday President Caples delivered an address that firmly stated administration policy concerning drug use, and left long-range problems unresolved.

We recognize the need to preserve order, to avoid chaos. We recognize that the actions of a few can destroy the long, hard work of many.

But then the president said that to argue that drug taking is a moral right is "an idle and useless pastime so long as the act is illegal. Like it or not the law establishes the morality or immorality of any act."

To say that the law establishes morality and that to discuss the morality of an illegal act is idle and useless is to cut off the inquiry and free thought that gives a certain nobility to man. It is to say that the law can never be wrong, that the law must always be obeyed, that civil disobedience or anything similar to it is never justified, and, taken to an extreme, that despotism and tyranny could be tolerated in the name of the law.

If we want to resolve this or any moral question, we can do it on an individual basis. Each one of us can use the reason and information at his command to resolve the problems for himself. Then we can go to Columbus, or to Washington, as President Caples suggested, and try to convince the legislature if we feel the current legal system is wrong. And we can continue to write and to talk with other men to try to find answers to, in this case, the entire complex of drug-related problems.

Even the best of societies can enact wrong laws. The United States tolerated slavery for 200 years and still tolerates racial discrimination. Laws were passed against alcohol. Now laws have been passed against marijuana and other drugs, levying harsh penalties.

Within the current legal rulings there are several questions as to correctness of policy. But within the larger realm for us at Kenyon of the role of an educational institution and what it is trying to teach an individual, there are just as many and just as vexing problems.

We regret that the president did not

delve more fully into these problems. We regret he felt compelled to speak so absolutely in favor of unquestioning obedience to law.

We recognize that it was necessary for the administration to act to stem what was a widespread use of the drug known as MDA. But we emphatically do not agree with President Caples that "the extent of violation was such that . . . the president would have been justified . . . in declaring on this Hill a state of emergency and suspending the rules and the student government." Such a drastic step was not at all required.

When we find it necessary to throw out the well-reasoned rules that we have and to replace them with what would amount to the martial law of administration decree, we are no longer members of a collegium, we are no longer thinking, responsible members of the community. Such action would assume that the reasoning processes of students, faculty, and administration had ceased and that there were no course left to save the community from disintegration than suspension of self-government and the installation of what would amount to tyranny.

We regret that President Caples did not remain at Rosse after his address for open discussion of his remarks by the members of the community present. It is the only significant address by a member of the administration in our memory at Kenyon (except freshman orientation) which was not followed by open questioning and discussion.

Once again, it is clear that we must reevaluate our situation at Kenyon. We must analyze our role as a college, we must analyze our roles as students. As a beginning step in this regard, we wholeheartedly support the Student Council-sponsored meeting to be held this Monday evening in Lower Dempsey to foster understanding of what the College should be and to discuss drug use. We hope that this will be the thoughtful beginning of reasoning dialogue about these problems at Kenyon. —RCB

## Letters to the Collegian

### To the Editor:

President Caples' speech last Thursday was not surprising. It reflected a position into which he was forced by the blatant abuse of freedom to which Kenyon students have been privileged.

However, there was at least one very frightening statement—"the law defines morality," and I assume, from the context of that statement, it also defines right. If this is so, the legal poll tax was moral, the legal doctrine of separate-but-equal was moral, and, indeed, the laws of Hitler to promulgate his "master race" were moral. But, we need not go back into history to discover the apparent contradictions in the statement. Let us look here and now, and see that a Draft Law which discriminates against the poor is moral, and that a war in Vietnam which is somehow being supported by the laws of this nation is also moral. One could go on *ad infinitum* with this, but I think the stupidity of this statement is self-evident. I think all of us, President Caples included, should hope that, if the law does define morality, "Walden Pond" (to quote the example used by the President) is not such a small place after all.

Mark L. Denton '71

### To The Editor:

Yes, there is another candidate for the United States Senate from Ohio. He is William B. Saxbe, 51, the state Attorney General, a man of broad and varied governmental experience. He has served in the Ohio legislature, one term as House Speaker, and has served longer than anyone else in history as Attorney General (eight years.) Above all else, Bill Saxbe has proved throughout his public life that he is a pragmatist, a solution-oriented politician.

In light of his interest in solutions, Saxbe has spoken out with forthrightness on the vital issues of the day. In my own possession are several well-considered position papers, covering the following subjects: mental health, farm policy, air traffic congestion, involvement of youth in politics; also, there are especially exhaustive treatises on jobs for the unemployed and the underemployed and on "law and justice" in its several forms. I invite any interested member of the Kenyon community to secure the paper of his interest from me on a lending-library basis. Unfortunately, I have but one copy of each paper on account of recent economies in the Saxbe campaign.

There is one more paper: it See LETTERS, Page 4

### To the Editor:


It is inconsistent for the administration to follow a laissez-faire policy of allowing a large amount of personal freedom, within limits, with regard to drinking and dates, and to follow a strictly prescriptive policy with regard to drugs. Elimination is not possible if the administration intends to respect students, not necessarily as individuals, but as something other than the administration, and as something other than the ideal citizen who never runs stop signs, never drinks and drives. Such a citizen is a convenient fiction.

Drinking and drunkenness are socially acceptable adjuncts to liberal education, where narcotic addiction is criminal. There is a large social subgroup which disagrees. Someone can live his own life for a while. If he becomes a known drug user or draft resister, he is no longer a citizen, but a felon. If the purpose of a liberal education is to develop citizens, the step of turning someone else into the property of the proper authorities, should be taken with care, and there is a need for mediators, not *carte blanche*. Blow his mind, bomb back to the stone age and into the received context of opinion. Meanwhile we all wear our Z Army surplus crewcuts and can hardly wait until the Army gets them long-haired creeps, or, to "use polite language," "unsavory characters."

Obviously, the administration chooses to ignore, except during Rush, the state liquor laws. Drinking is allowed, not because it is a personal right, but because it is a recognized and accepted part of social reality. Drinking is not good, but it is a fact, a "thing done," *factum*. A fiat is an attempt to represent words as deeds. It signifies nothing.

Limits on drug use definitely need to be established. But they cannot be set, they must be worked out. The only way they can be worked out is when opposing parties meet on a basis of mutual respect. Respect was not evident in Mr. Caples' speech. He was disgusted. Disgust and fear are not satisfactory basis for dialogue. Mr. Caples was not interested in dialogue, he wanted to make it clear where the administration stands. If public questioning was an integral part of liberal education in Mr. Liebman's speech, that same part was denied when Mr. Caples walked out of his assembly. Until the laws change and the rivers run dry, he had taken his stand. Any further discussion must take place in the offices, where the problem could be reduced to a personal level.

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# Gridders Clout Hiram; Boost Record to 3-2

by Jim Cuca

The Kenyon Lords boosted their season's record to 3-2 last Saturday by whipping Hiram 31-28.

The game starred Kenyon's end Chris Myers, who broke the Ohio Conference pass reception record. Myers pulled in 10 passes to boost his season's total to 50 with four games remaining. Kenyon's victory was gained by a highly productive first half which gave them their entire 31 points.

Kenyon wasted no time getting on the scoreboard. After stopping Hiram's first series, the Lords took over on the Hiram 47 yard line. After picking a first down, quarterback Bill Christen hit Myers on the three yard line. From there, fullback Jim Schneider plunged up the middle for the score. Scott Huston's extra point attempt was good and Kenyon led 7-0.

After both teams exchanged punts, Kenyon recovered a Hiram fumble on the Terriers' 33 yard line. Christen then connected

with Myers down on the one. Two plays later, Christen sneaked for the touchdown. The extra point was good and Kenyon held a 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

After holding Hiram, Kenyon took over on their own 34 yard line. Christen pitched to halfback Butch Black who ran around right end, stopped and threw a pass complete to Myers for a 51 yard gain. Christen then hit Myers up the middle for Kenyon's third T.D. The extra point was good again and the Lords led 21-0.

Hiram put their first score on the board when they took over on Kenyon's 38. They marched to the 14 and on a fourth down play the Hiram quarterback passed for the touchdown. The extra point attempt failed and the score was 21-6 in favor of the Lords.

Kenyon bounced right back. With the ball on the Hiram 38 yard line, Christen hit Myers again for the score. Huston added the extra point, and Kenyon

led 28-6.

Huston booted a 46 yard field goal to give Kenyon a 31-6 lead at the end of the first half.

The second half was completely dominated by Hiram. The Terriers picked up two touchdowns in the second half, while Kenyon remained scoreless. The margin that Kenyon had built up in the first half was too much to overcome, however, and the Lords were able to run out the clock, thus securing a 31-28 victory.

Kenyon again showed improvement over previous performances. During the first half they completely dominated play and controlled the ball. In the second half, however, Hiram reversed the roles. Lord coach Phil Morse cites two reasons for this — complacency on the part of the players, and some injuries to key players. Injured were Dale Profusek, Gary Hayes, Rick Zagol, and Myers.

Special credit should be given to Jim Schneider who filled in at fullback for the injured Barry Dierenfeld.

Next week, the Lords return to McBride Field for a game against Wooster, a league powerhouse. Coach Morse declared, "We're going to give Wooster all they can handle."

The team will be shooting for its third straight victory, a feat last accomplished in 1953.



THE OHIO CONFERENCE'S top aerial duo, Bill Christen and Chris Myers, click for one of Myers' record total grabs — now 50 and growing.

## Booters Fall In Twin Tilts

by Flip Segur

Last week Kenyon's soccer players traveled to Oberlin and Wooster unfortunately to have two upsetting experiences.

Although both teams defeated the Lords 4-0, Coach Brannum is confident that this blip in their record is no indication of a downfall. And angered by these two matches, the Lords will most likely do their best to justify his confidence in the upcoming Hiram meet.

In Thursday's Oberlin game, lack of offensive punch, less than effective passing, and inability to keep the ball on the enemy's side formed the major problem. On top of this, the team was weakened by the loss due to injury of Tom Northrup and Andy Bersin, both mainstays of the fullback line.

Despite the fact that the opposition made 38 goal shots, in comparison to Kenyon's 3, goalies Ed Pope and Dave Barclay played well and let very few go by. As far as the enemy's offensive depth is concerned, one Oberlin star made all four goals, one at the end of the first and third quarters and two in the fourth (at 8:14 and 19:45).

The Lords fared better against Wooster on Saturday. Again Kenyon's defensive strength surpassed their opposition's, but the lat-

ter's linemen continually maintained the pressure.

After a fluke goal at the start of the game, The Lords held their own against a team thus far unbeaten in the league until four minutes before the half, when another shot eluded goalie Barclay. Then, although Wooster scored twice in the middle of the third period, one of these was extremely close — off a head after a corner kick, at 11:56. Incited, Kenyon moved much faster and took the initiative, but could not fill the net with any of their 13 goal shots.

### STATISTICS

	KC	HC
First Downs	13	21
Yards Rushing	60	147
Yards Passing	202	228
Passes	10-14	19-35
Intercepted by	1	1
Punting	9-33.3	4-36.9
Punt Returns	0	7-54
KO Returns	4-72	6-105
Fumbles (lost)	3(2)	8(6)

### Registration Open

Registration for second quarter physical education classes will be conducted next week at the field house. Courses offered include swimming, basketball - volleyball, badminton - handball, and basketball - bowling.

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Fullback Barry Dierenfeld, sidelined with a knee injury.

## Delts, Phi Kaps Meet for Title

The stage was set in intramural football for Wednesday's championship confrontation of Delta Tau Delta and Phi Kappa Sigma. Earlier in the year the two teams battled to a 20-20 deadlock. Both teams are now 6-0-1.

Monday's semifinal rounds found the Delts topping Delta Phi, 32-13, and the Phi Kaps rapping the Betas, 20-7.

Delt quarterback Steve Bartlett proved to be too much for the D Phi's. The scrambling passer moved his team in the air and on the ground to chalk up the win. Bartlett's running and his accurate tosses to a corps of tall receivers make the Delts a tough foe as they bid to repeat as league champs.

### BULLETIN

The Delts succeeded in defeating the Phi Kaps yesterday to win the intramural championship.

## Terriers Hand Soccer Setback

The Lord booters suffered a disappointing defeat Tuesday as they dropped a 3-2 overtime match on a windy Hiram field.

The Terriers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first half, sneaking in a looper and scoring again on a long free swat.

Kenyon came back to tie the score in the third period. Pete Bersin rammed one in unassisted and Doug Fleming tallied with an assist from Chip Lowery. But

## Injuries Take Toll on Lords

The inevitable problem of injuries has cropped up to present a new worry to Lord football hopes. The team will play without at least two players this week and may get hampered performances from several others.

The number one obstacle is the loss of sophomore fullback Barry Dierenfeld, who sustained a knee injury a week ago in practice. Dierenfeld, the team's top rusher and high on the conference charts, will probably be lost for the season. There is a chance, though, that he could get back into action near the end of the year. His slot is being filled by sophomores Jim Schneider and Roland Parson.

Senior defensive back Greg Alexander is also through for the campaign, again with a knee injury.

Several other starters have minor ailments but will probably be ready to go against Wooster this Saturday. Senior defensive ends Rick Zagol and Dale Profusek are prominent on the list, Zagol recovering from a strained knee and Profusek from a head injury.

Defensive back Gary Hayes has a bruised hip and guard Jim Zar-embski has a bruised heel. They, too, should be ready to play, however.

A big scare could come from the strained elbow of ace receiver Chris Myers. He won't miss Saturday's game — he even played after receiving the injury last week, making his record 50th grab with a bad arm. A serious reinjury would be a big setback for the squad, however.

Lack of depth is a real problem, and the injury bug could be a key factor in the Lords' fortunes the rest of the season.

Hiram broke the tie in overtime with a penalty kick and the Lords couldn't quite catch up as their record slipped to 3-4-1.

The team played well, dominating most of the game, and got off a good many shots, but failed to hit the clincher.

Kenyon hosts Wittenberg this Saturday and travels to Cedarville on Thursday for a non-conference test.

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## Council Reacts to Drug Speech

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a disregard for the rules and standards of the college.

The Council president took issue with Mr. Caples' remark to the effect that legality determines morality. Mr. Hoster said that he could not agree with this kind of reasoning at all. "Should we accept this as a firm truth," he said, "then we would be forced to consider the exclusion of a portion of this country's citizens from the privileges of citizenship on the basis of race as moral." We would also have to allow that Hitler's extermination of the Jews was moral, and we would have to consider all illegal actions taken because of the Viet Nam war as immoral.

Discussing the long term import of Caples' address, Hoster observed, "the policy of legalism that guided the College through a crisis should not be the only policy that continues to guide it." Mr. Hoster saw in the President's comments implications that pose as much a threat to the community as drug use. "What I fear most here," he said, "is a mistaken concept of the nature of this community, Kenyon College." He maintained that Kenyon is not like a manufacturing corporation that turns out a precision tooled product to fit a form, but as a liberal arts college must encourage reasoned questioning and discussion of policy and belief.

Making a general reference to attitude, and not speaking specifically of the drug issue, he said, "... if I thought Kenyon College were really the sort of community that accepted relevant discus-

sion as 'idle and useless', then I would pull out of this College immediately." While it is necessary for any social grouping to establish standards, he asserted that those standards must never be mistaken for absolutes. He stated that in his view our purpose here is not to teach blind acceptance, but to develop critical insight to allow for a reasoned choice.

Any rejection of a law, he added, must have a rational basis and must be justifiable at least in one's own mind. He allowed no room whatsoever for rejection of law based merely on self indulgence. It is necessary, he allowed, for that law to be upheld, but "it must be questioned as well, or this is no college."

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Hoster stated, "The failure of this community in the past has been the failure of our character as an academic community." He cited the need for students to do their part to see that the loss of critical approach does not continue, and that communication does not completely break down. He urged students to promote mature discussion of what this community is all about.

Mr. Hoster suggested, and Council quickly made and approved a motion to suspend the regular agenda of Council this coming Monday night and sponsor a public discussion of the problems facing the community in the wake of the drug crises. That meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. Monday night, Oct. 28th.

Council also passed a resolution endorsing the import of Hoster's statement.

## Hoster Responds To Caples' Talk

Ed. Note: Following are excerpts from Council President David Hoster's address to Student Council Monday night, in response to President Caples' address Oct. 17.

I regard as the key operative phrase in the President's extended comments the following:

... "Like it or not the law establishes the morality or immorality of any act." Believe me, I don't like it, and I don't like that line of reasoning at all.

This is a community where thinking men can come together to question the order of things and hopefully in that process come to understand themselves and their relation to that society, whether they place themselves within it or outside of it. Like it or not, there are no standards anywhere, and that includes the law, that are so perfect that they are beyond question or exclude violation out of hand; and one who asserts that law is an absolute unto itself and in the same breath say there are no easy or final answers has involved himself in a massive contradiction. I believe it may be to the ultimate good of the society to violate demonstrably some laws, and a liberal arts experience at Kenyon should give us reasonable intellectual bases for action in this area.

Having written the law, having established a necessary standard relating to drugs, we must now behave as an academic community. The law should be upheld, by legal action if necessary, but it must be questioned as well, or this is no college.

... suppression in an academic community engenders discord and disharmony killing the purpose of education we come for.

The limitations of punishment must be realized. It must

be accompanied by discussion, discussion that will lead to reasoned acceptance of a standard, or, and I consider this a valid possibility, to reasoned rejection.

The failure of this community in the past has been the failure of our character as an academic community. It is our failure, and it is the absence of a critical approach to the use of drugs as they exist here, and to the absence of a critical approach to the nature of this community...

I should not need to remind you that campus government is the only force standing at any time between students and complete administrative autonomy and fiat, and campus government must continue as a positive force or this place is finished. And I do not need to remind you that campus government is on trial. This is no game we play, and I hope all of us, and that includes the President of the College, take it as seriously as the charge it has brought us here.

## Sorensen

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a loss for Democrats would be beneficial in reorganizing the party or "in teaching the Establishment hawks a lesson."

Sorensen observes, "There has been a regrettable silence on certain issues on the part of the candidates and the voters." He wishes the candidates would answer the hard questions concerning the war. These include: "Will the candidate increase or decrease the U. S. commitment; What are our conditional objectives in Paris; How much freedom of policy should the South Vietnamese have? To what degree are we willing to accept communist participation in a coalition government?"

## Letters to the Collegian

### SAXBE Continued

details Saxbe's position on Viet Nam. On account of the overriding concern of large segments of the Kenyon community with this issue, I shall briefly summarize this position.

- (1) U.S. involvement was ill-considered in respect to Viet Nam; no military commitment to defend a government with so little popular confidence within its own borders should have been made.
- (2) Future American policy regarding any foreign military involvement must be completely reassessed.
  - (a) Aid should be given only to countries whose situations are absolutely and directly crucial to American national security.
  - (b) The country receiving aid must be prepared to bear the far greater share of the effort on all fronts, military, economic, and political.
  - (c) The country receiving aid must openly demonstrate a will and means to be moving toward internal order, political justice, a modern economy, and respect for international agreements.
  - (d) The commitment of American lives should be avoided if at all possible.
- (3) Present American policy should not include an un-

conditional bombing halt in the North as long as 500,000 American troops are stationed in Viet Nam. Bombing should be halted only if the North Vietnamese guarantee a de-escalation of either the fighting in the South and/or the shipment of supplies from North to South. Without such an assurance, the lives of American troops would be put in danger needlessly.

- (4) The next national Administration should have as its top priority the phased withdrawal of American troops from Viet Nam. The U. S. government should announce that the major burden of the war rightly belongs to the South Vietnamese themselves; a definite date by which all major contingents of troops except advisers will be withdrawn should be set; the phased withdrawal should be carried out without delay.

It is Bill Saxbe's position that only if the United States admits its error in going into Viet Nam and purposely takes steps to extricate itself militarily will our government be doing its duty to its own people.

Saxbe is not a man of silence. He states his positions with reason and courage; he merits support.

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### DRUGS Continued

But this is a public issue. The context of the problem is much less simple than President Caples made it out to be. The existing laws on marijuana were conceived, enacted, and enforced by Anslinger, who promoted the image of the drug fiend in direct contradiction to the findings of the La Guardia Commission, published the previous year. In Anslinger and his agency America realized its first native gestapo.

Leaving the right (of) employment of classical political philosophy aside, there is a modern analyst of the polis, William Burroughs, who points out in *Naked Lunch* that, "Control can never be a means to any practical end... It can never be a means to anything but more control... Like junk." And there is his repeated theme, "Wouldn't you?" This is one of the questions administrators should ask themselves before they gratify their desire for law and order. Narcotics are not a part of liberal education. Neither is Narco.

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