Jordan Announces ‘Twin Programs’ To Boost College’s Caliber

By DAVID MCDONOUGH

On Monday, November 17, President Philip Jordan announced "twin programs," he has initiated, designed to bring back students and faculty of a high caliber to the college. Jordan said he hoped Kenyon would become "more closely associated in the public mind with the highest quality institutions".

Oustanding high school seniors who apply to Kenyon will be worthy of a special designation of honor from the college, as well as a financial award. According to Jordan, men and women who have distinguished themselves in their academic careers at other colleges and universities, will visit Kenyon and temporarily replace members of the faculty on leave. Jordan said he expected to see some "very distinctive courses offered" through this program.

The Board of Trustees has allocated $25,000 for each of the programs from the school’s General Fund, money that remains unspent after the college budget has been planned for each year. Both programs will go into effect in the 1976-77 academic year.

Although honored freshmen will receive a monetary award from Kenyon, Jordan said that the system would not be a "financial aid program, properly speaking," but "a reward for excellence." Its purpose is to recognize academic achievements in incoming students. The award would be given upon the student’s entrance into Kenyon, and would not constitute continued support from the college.

Jordan said that the college will select "certain schools" to whom the program will be made known. He said that this would be better than a "broadcast announcement." A candidate for the award would require a "special nomination by his or her school," according to Jordan.

Jordan said that "The Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid" agreed that Kenyon should seek ways to sustain, and if possible, improve the quality of the student body.

The visiting professors program, said Jordan, "is an experiment . . . possibly renewable . . . Its single purpose is to add to the quality of people at Kenyon and to call the attention of the public to the quality of the college."

The $25,000 allocation will be used to provide "salaries that might be obtained with funds that would be significant reputation . . . to persons in different fields who have achieved or will likely one day achieve" reputations," said Jordan. Such people "would bring to the college distinctive courses not currently taught here."

Health Service
President Calls For Investigation

Responding to criticism made by parents and alumni concerning Kenyon’s Health Service, President Jordan has called for the convening of an investigative panel comprising alumni, parents, and friends of the college to provide what he termed a "proper assessment" of the matter.

Jordan said he will "call the lists of alumni and parents, past and present, who have an interest and knowledge of college health care,"

Prominent in the president will be Dr. James Neidermen, who is an alumnus, parent, and trustee. He said he was on the selection committee that chose a physician for Smith College and is currently on the faculty of Yale Medical School.

The panel’s conception happened after Jordan’s “hearing of concerns about the present character and level” of Kenyon’s Health Service from parents and trustees. He said that the source of information for those who had expressed their concerns had been the continuing coverage of the issue in the Collegian.

Jordan raised several questions that he said were the primary points of investigation by the panel. “Given the resources of Kenyon College and needs of students,” he asked, “does the Health Service have the facilities it ought to have? Are there other facilities which will require modification?”

He said that any changes recommended by the panel that were financially practicable will be implemented “as soon as it is conveniently possible.”

Although he said that the panel could look into the possibility of providing some sort of in-patient care, Jordan claimed that “my experience tells me that a full-fledged infirmary is unnecessary.”

The chief concerns of the panel will be the questions of "hours, staffing, and physical responsibility" in the Gambier-Mt. Vernon area.

“I am aware of criticism,” Jordan said. “I want to look carefully at those questions that have been raised . . . I feel concerned and hope to have some appreciation of the situation.”

Haywood Urges Colorado Plan ‘Academic Calendar’

By DAVID BUCKY

President Jordan discussed new academic, medical and educational programs with the Collegian this week.

Provest Bruce Haywood said after this week that parents, students and faculty are dissatisfied with the present academic calendar, and said that the calendar used at Colorado "would bring about a sea of time use." "The fundamental problem is to account for the major holidays of Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas without imposing a week leading to tedium and indifference," he said. He said that his proposal, introduced to Senate on November 5, effectively deals with the problem.

The proposal calls for the opening of classes after Labor Day in the fall, thereby satisfying the many parents who feel the college opened too early in the fall, allowing students to commute themselves to jobs terminating later in the summer. The fact session would feature enrollment in three hours, with classes meeting in fifteen-week periods, four days a week, and would continue uninterrupted over a week-long Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanksgiving break would become an ending instead of merely an interval, the provost noted, "it’s difficult to cope with the interval between opening and Thanksgiving, showing that you have to get back to work right after the holiday." Haywood said this session would have to instill a positive ethos while solving the many problems created by this year’s October break. The second session, lasting from the Thanksgiving break until Christmas vacation, would provide in-depth study in one course, with home meeting five days a week for five weeks. An examination day at the end of this session would complete the first semester.

"We’ve found that the interval between Thanksgiving and Christmas is one in which a lot of people aren’t doing their work," the provost said. "This system would provide time concentration in one course.

Mama Saga Plans Many Big Birds

By JOHN MAYNARD

For those of us who shan’t be flying back to Jamaica or Europe over the Thanksgiving holidays for the Big Bird, Mama Saga will have twelve of them on hand—along with fifteen hams, ginger gravy, raisin sauce, four or five salads, sweet potatoes, a green vegetable, bread dressing, rolls and butter, topped off with pumpkin and minced meat pies; ALL, for your dining pleasure.

Meal hours will be changed Thanksgiving Day. Instead of the three regular meals, there will only be two. Thursday morning, there will be a Sunday style brunch from 9:30 till 11:30. Le Grand Bouffe will start at 13:30 and go until 5:30. The decision to have only two meals on this day was not to starve the eaters before the feast, but instead to make it more of a family affair. Saga Steve explained.

"At my house, we always had a Thanksgiving dinner around three. I thought it would be a good idea to do the same here at Kenyon to help bring the affair closer to home." Candlelight, white table clothes, and the aisles of cafeteria trays was also enhanced the event.

The dinner will be open to all students remaining at Kenyon during the break and to any interested faculty members and their families.

The Collegian
Council Troubled

Over Collegial Controversy

By JEFF DAY

Recently-elected members of Student Council, under the chairmanship of President Jerome Minds, met for the first time last Sunday evening. After hearing outgoing President Kim Strauss' farewell address, the council discussed the proposed changes in the school calendar, passed two constitutional amendments, and debated two proposals concerning what was termed the "controversy surrounding the Collegian".

The council was briefed by Serena Paulsen on the Senate discussion of Provost Haywood's plan for revamping the college calendar. The plan, which is only in the discussion stage now, would divide the academic year into three sessions of varying length. The Provost will attend the next meeting (Nov. 21 at 4:00) to elaborate on the system and entertain questions.

Michael Sperino, Finance Committee chairman, nominated five council members to serve on the committee, who were accepted. Voting for these and all other Student Council Committee positions would take place tomorrow afternoon.

Sperino then moved to make two revisions in Council Statutes. The first was to suspend sitting council members. The second proposal was to make the President and Vice-President of Student Council and the Chairman of the Finance Committee non-voting members of the Finance Committee. Both proposals were accepted and sent on to Senate for ratification.

The most heated discussion of the evening took place when representatives debated the Williams Committee's proposal that an ad-hoc committee of Student Council be formed to "investigate controversy pertaining to the Collegian". None of the representatives said what the "controversy" was, however. The proposal was defeated: 13-10 with six abstentions. A compromise plan, suggested by Paul Lukacs, recommending to the Media Board that it create a sub-committee to look into this matter, was passed unanimously.

On Tuesday, the Media Board passed a motion 6-2, saying the Drama Club did not have a legitimate right to publish a "supplement to the Collegian", using the newspaper's nameplate without Collegian's prior consent. The Drama Club submitted the Board's recommendation and Mary Anne Brownlow, Student Government Chairman along with Mark Holub said the name of all future supplements published by KCDC would be changed.

McHugh To Direct

New Athletic Activities

By CHUCK SCHUSHEIM

In an effort to revamp the languishing physical education program, Associate Director of Athletics Thomas F. McHugh has been appointed to coordinate Kenyon's physical education activities and facilities.

While no specific plans have been outlined yet, Vice President McHugh described the direction the new program will take. "We want to make physical education more attractive to our students and, where possible, involve the Knox County community in our programs."

The new program is expected to include instruction by outstanding athletes, clinics and summer school for the local community in various sports. "Possible activities to be included in the program are golf, tennis, gymnastics, swimming, basketball, archery, canoeing, cycling, field days, and physical fitness," McHugh added. "We will basically try to develop our programs to meet student needs and interests."

Director of Athletics Phillip J. Morse summarized, "We want to devise a program that better fits the students' time pattern. We feel more concise instructional and recreational programs will accomplish this. This is true as far as community participation in our programs is involved as well." Morse does not expect instant success, but hopes to arouse student interest.

On his new appointment McHugh said, "I am anxious to await the challenge of involving more individuals, both from the college community and from the Knox County community in recreational instructional programs. I find this new assignment particularly invigorating with respect to the expanded personal contact it affords me."

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"This calendar would create three different rhythms," Haywood concluded, "thereby keeping people on their toes and interested."

Senate recommended that Mr. Haywood be invited to discuss his proposal with Student Council and Freshman Council, but he has thus far been asked to converse with either of the two groups.

"I'm eager to assess student feelings about this," Haywood commented, "I don't want to go further until I hear from the students, although Dean Wilson is looking into the problem, such as availability of teaching space." Stressing his discontent with the present calendar, Provost Haywood added that he would also like to discuss other alternative systems, especially that of a calendar consisting of two semesters of uneven length.

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Federation Squirrel Colony
Endangered In Gambier

By ANN MALASPINA

William Bates Douglass, renowned biologist and president of Kenyon College in the 1840’s, went in search of the source of the Mississippi River. During this expedition, he brought a family of ground squirrels to national attention by officially naming them Federation Squirrels. Ironically, Kenyon has been on a five month campaign to exterminate a small colony of these animals residing on campus.

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Last spring, when plans for the new soccer field were drawn up, the animals were brought to the attention of the college. Because they are burrowing animals, they leave the surface of the field full of holes. This could potentially cause some inconvenience for the soccer players. However, Tom Tech of the soccer team was quoted as saying that "No one had any injuries this season due to ground squirrel holes." Coach Zak said that, after filling in the holes on the field, the animals "move off of the field when the players are out."

Yet, both Zak and Maintenance agree that filling in the holes is not a final solution. "Eventually, we'll have to get rid of them," conceded Zak.

Thus, during the summer and early fall of this year, the grass on the field was cut short (this has a severe effect on diurnal animals, who use the grass as cover), and the campus exterminator was called in to chemically clear the field. Neither method was successful. In addition, a crew from Maintenance has rolled the field a couple of times, uplifting the new grass. Maintenance claims that "it's going to be very difficult to get rid of them entirely," but, come spring, when the animals emerge from hibernation, they will continue to try.

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Leadership At Its Best

Good leaders today are few and far between. In politics, business and education, leadership that commands the times and moves along a steady course is very rare. Kenyon College is fortunate to have a leader who responds to events with purpose; who, by example, gives direction to the community.

President Jordan has acclimated well to life at Kenyon. He has immersed himself in the affairs of the college with the verve of a man dedicated to getting things done. Three months have passed in the academic year and President Jordan has put forth initiatives that will strengthen this institution and give power to the claims of liberal education. The "twinc programs" intended to bring students of superior achievement and visiting scholars who have made distinguished careers to this college, are clear statements of what Kenyon’s interests are now. A goal has been set. It is hoped that it will be achieved.

Beyond keen academic sights, President Jordan has personally taken the responsibility to investigate the alleged inadequacy of the Health Service. The establishment of a panel of physicians, including parents, alumni and friends of the college, to evaluate Kenyon’s health care system is long overdue and very much in order. But, it is more than curious why no one within the administration responded with the compassion and wisdom that President Jordan has so clearly manifested in this case.

Perhaps, President Jordan’s example of dedication to the interests of students and faculty alike, to the welfare and prosperity of this community, will be learned and followed. The Jordan years should be fruitful ones, for this college has a strong president of the highest caliber.

-M.A.W.

Minority Recruitment

The Kenyon political science department has five full-time professors, including President Jordan. Senator Conrad requested that Senate set an agenda last week for the investigation of minority recruitment at Kenyon, and will probably devote several days to discussion with concerned students, faculty and administrators.

Discussion of the issue with representatives from the Committee on Equal Educational Opportunities, the Admissions Department, and the Black Student Union at the Nov. 12 meeting was postponed due to scheduling problems. A total of 12 call for help from students and faculty. Senator Conrad expressed the need for dialogue and the need to address the issue in a timely manner. The Senator requested that the College office be invited to the next meeting of the Admissions Committee.

Paul Michel, one of the professors who has been recently appointed to the Political Science Department, suggested that the college’s commitment to diversity be clarified. He stated that the college needs to do more to attract and retain minority students.

Abandoned Trust

To the Editor:

Having served as a member of the Interim Council’s Executive Committee, I wish to highlight the Collegian’s incompleteness and complete abandonment of trust in its recent disclosure of election results. Prior to the election, it had been decided amongst the executive officers that precedent would be adhered to in the upcoming election. In other words, as is commonly done, the numerical results would only be made available to the candidates at their request. We felt that in order to save embarrassment of a losing candidate among his peers, the vote tallies should not be released to the campus at large.

Collegian editors obviously did not agree with the Interim Council’s Executive Committee. In a recent note to the Council, the facts should be reported in their entirety; in short, the staff feeling was that there is no news that can be rightfully withheld from the student body. We are a community of students after all, and therefore any journal should exist for the students.

Agreed; everyone is entitled to their opinion on the issue. However, by the very fact that the Council had requested the usual discreet disclosure of the results, rather than a widespread publicity campaign (figures included). I am suggesting that the Collegian was at fault. The Executive Committee advocated one viewpoint, and the Collegian (naturally) opted for the other. The next question which follows is who has the final say in this situation?

I would offer that since election disclosures are always left to the discretion of the Elections Committee, and that the Executive Committee members were constitutionally fulfilling their role in providing the results to the Council (thereby becoming the election officers for that particular election), then the Executive Committee should also have the right to determine how the results are to be disclosed to the student body. In deciding that the results should be released in a certain way, the Executive Committee becomes the body that rightfully makes the decision on disclosure of results.

For the Collegian to supersede the decision by disclosing full results is ethically wrong and unjustified. Note the contrast within the issue. "Straus says tallies are private" vs. "Pengra notes that, indeed, such accusations against the college are not very reasonable." Let us be reasonable.

Rick Rosenfeld

Let’s Be Reasonable

To the Editor:

Being rather stubborn in interpreting the measure of Kenyon’s accomplishments, I am, for instance, a well-defined community. The "Magic Mountain," a place that offers the chance to avoid superficiality of relationships, shallowness of thought, as didistically positive attributes, is being perceived to re-evaluate the immersion every Thursday evening when the Collegian appears at dawn to inform me that Gambier can be as awkward a reality as the rest of the world. I have yet to comprehend how a school of such eminent human proportions operates with so many cross-purposes: misunderstandings between the KCDC and the College staff, our former Student Council president making thoughtless accusations against the Collegian, contributing editors, necessitating a silly rebuttal from the editor, students and faculty unhappy with the confused vacation reshuffling, feelings of resentment over charges made without being consulted, complaints that Student Council divorces student programs from daily life, and the other divergent instances of a lack of dialogue between students, faculty, and the administration; the list is very long.

Why does a communication gap have to exist in a school whose physical size should, in theory, lend itself to understanding and compatibility? Why do the representative heads of our student government engage in battles of correspondence, usually letters that result in the making of the intended appear equally as facts instead of discussing matters sensibly and with the decorum that we expect they assume with their position? Let me keep it that way.

Daniel Kronenthal

Student Council Representative

A marathon SIMSOC session is planned for the first weekend after Thanksgiving break. An organizational meeting is planned during the coming week. Interested? Phone Prof. Sach for details.

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To Die in Madrid

The Spanish Civil War Remembered

By JUAN J. GILBERT

As an American student of history, I have always been fascinated by the Spanish Civil War—let us only mention José Camps' "Homage to Catalonia," but at last they were being resisted. The fact that these already low numbers are steadily dwindling and that body that talk is pretty, but it is always a bit tragic." After the "Children's Crusade" of sons as the European history. As in the old days the far left (Anarchists, Socialists and Communists) wholeheartedly supported the liberal ideology of the new republic, one of whose "founding fathers" was the philosopher Ortega y Gasset. The economic "Great Depression" of the thirties and the continuous strife of literall political forces did the rest. Turmoil and instability prevented the new regime from enforcing the very social and economic reforms that were its "raison d'être," and additionally provoked the old oligarchy to the point of armed insurrection. So, on the 18th of July, 1936, the bulk of the armed forces sided by the Falange (the Spanish version of Fascism) and other rightist groups revolted. The new government lost the opportunity of crushing the revolt militarily but the people of Spain, now united in front of a very real "enemy," went to the streets and wrote some of the most gallant pages of twentieth century European history. As in the old days of the "Basile" they stormed military barracks all over the country to the point of reducing the right strength to some isolated provices of the mainland and the army of Africa, stationed in northern Morocco and commanded by Francisco Franco. Isolated, without popular support and without a large supply of ammunition, Franco turned to Hitler and Mussolini; they provided men, guns and aircraft, the modern arms of the world at that time. Thus Franco's army, newly provisioned, was satisfied in the first massive airlift in military history and it rapidly advanced toward Madrid.

At this point the Spanish Civil War became a truly international conflict, militarily and intellectually. With Franco's armies at the gates of Madrid and "Sicka" and "Heinke" naval bases pounding the city, the old cry of Vergara was revived: "They shall not pass!" (No pasarán). The war had reached its climax and everyone knew that not a line was drawn; the poet Auden put it, "I am your choice, your decision. Yes, I am Spain." Abandoned by the Western democracies, Spain's struggle will be Manchuria's "Blood Hope," and so the International Brigades was formed. It would be the last time in Western history that women fought valiantly and totally unselfishly for a cause they thought to be just. The International Brigades also taught that convictions and bravery were no match for disciplined armies, carded in, and modern weapons (machine-guns, anti-tank missiles, Hitler-Stalin non-agression pact, etc. No other conflict, in the twentieth century, has produced such a great literature, in both quality and quantity, with the plastic art not far behind—Picasso's Guernica is an example. As recently as last August the French writer Max Gallo stopped counting the books that dealt with the subject to write: "5000 pocket books." The Spanish Civil War was also the last time of heroic, hopeless, intellectual outcasts from East and West, massively, exchanged pens for guns and books for schools. Some of their Bible to the battlefield, the other Literary was staggering. As Hemingway wrote: "Texas' got nothing now, old timer, old comrade. You've a bridge blower now. Not a thinker." The old spirit of the medieval crusades was revived. They were even called "Children's Crusade" of sorts as the famous. "One must not recall, a company of Polish Eagles." The average age was no more than 16 in spite of what official papers said. Incidentally, they were killed almost to the last man, in action at the battle of Madrid.

Rossif's film, to my mind, is also an argument, to justify simply bloodshed, hatred and destruction in humanistic, not political, terms. Therefore political and military defeat do not preclude moral heroism. Malraux, better than anyone else, in his "Man's Fate" shows that the Spanish tragedy of the thirties: "each of the problems you are up against is a moral one: the struggle of life is linked up with a moral code, it's always a bit tragic." After all, Don Quixote was not a man who loved all absurd or foolish enough to be remembered without nostalgia. If the world of the past 30 or 40 years has become increasingly ugly with the specter of cynicism, Mourn Pour Madrid reminds us that it has not always been that way.

As far as the survivors are concerned (one of them, Mr. Saul Walfisch, was here at Kenyon two years ago), the Spanish experience marked them for the rest of their lives. Many, most of them, were not forgotten like the dead but rather "kept on file" or in jail by McCarthy & Co. Metaphorically they also died a little bit in Madrid. Rossif's film again reminds us of their fate, though indirectly. We owe the unforgettable farewell parade in the streets of Barcelona on a sunny, late autumn day to a man named Dali, who had saved that "unforgettable parade." Those men had learned to fight before they had learned to parade. They were not clad in spick-and-span uniforms; they had not arms, and they could not seem to keep in step or in line. But everyone who saw them—and above all those who fought against fascism in Spain before such a meaningless war—will always remember them as true soldiers."
Look Back in Anger

By ROSEMARY BRADEN BURG

Tomorrow night, the Kenyon College Dramatic Club will present Look Back in Anger, by John Osborne, in the Drama Annex. The well known theater theorist, Theodore J. Sanks, calls the play "an angry protest against postwar English life."

Look Back in Anger was first presented in London in 1956 at the Royal Court Theatre under the direction of George Devine and provoked such a controversy that John Osborne was promptly labeled leader of a new generation of English playwrights. He was called a "Roaring Literary Lion of the Welfare State", and this success was quickly followed by the New York Drama Critics Circle Award as the best foreign play of the year. In 1961, seven years after its first appearance in London, Look Back in Anger was presented at the Hill Theater.

The play is the story of Jimmy Porter, a young man in England shortly after World War II whose ideals have been violated. The values which are examined with alternating cruelty and compassion lead an audience from quick, easy laughter to a guilty, shocking glimpse of things as they really are—not as they should be. It is a full length, three act play, and it has always provoked strong reactions, either negative or positive.

This production is a Senior Thesis Production, which fulfills part of the requirements of the integrating exercise for students majoring in Drama. The exercise consists of three parts: a series of written examinations, an oral examination, and the presentation of a creative project or scholarly paper. Look Back in Anger incorporates the presentations of four seniors: E. Anne Dougherty, James Fenhagen, John Gilliss, and Douglas Lotspeich.

Performances will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 21, 22, 23 at 8:00 p.m. in the Drama Annex on Chase Avenue next to the Post Office. Seating is limited to 75 seats per performance, and seats cannot be reserved. General admission is $1.00; there is no charge for student presenting ID. Tickets are available at the Student Center or Hill Theater box offices from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. weekdays or from one hour before the performances in the Drama Annex.

Fans Rock To Young In Packed Fieldhouse

Between 1600 and 1800 people packed the floor and bleachers in Wertheimer Fieldhouse on Saturday night for Jesse Colin Young and his five-man back-up band.

"The concert was in every way a complete success," Steve Taylor, Social Committee Chairman said. "In terms of the staging, his people were very understanding of the problems we face owing to the special limitations of our facilities."

Taylor was optimistic about the operation's finances: "As of the night before the concert, we had made up what we would have had to make in order to pay for what we wanted for the rest of the semester and provide a comfortable buffer zone." He added that a financial statement would be released as soon as ticket sales had been counted.