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Blacks At Kenyon: Dwinding Numbers

By Jim Rushmore

In the fall of 1964, 51 of the 781 students enrolled at Kenyon were black. The student population grew to nearly 2172, fell to 1819 in 1973, and this fall, out of a total student body of 2127, only 21 are black. Only one member of the faculty is black.

Burr Rabinow, Advisor to the Black Student Union, said, "Kenyon's biggest problem is not the better arts facilities, or the library, it's the student body. It is not as large as it would seem to anyone who has not been here."

Dean Trewheway found that there have been several enrollment declines in the last ten years. Because the college has been growing so slowly, an increase is not as significant as an increase of 10,000 students would be. Rabinow, Trewheway, and others attribute this to a growing national trend of students leaving the arts and sciences to pursue careers in business.

For instance, "Financial aid is a major motivating factor for people to go to business school," said Rabinow. "five of the seven students who left this year for business school left for that reason." Rabinow also inferred that students are "leaving to make more money." The problem of money is especially pressing for black students, "who find that it's hard to get financial aid," said Rabinow. "They also find that it's hard to get loans." The student body is also faced with the problem of black students being able to afford the cost of living in town.

Kenyon freshmen defy national literacy trends

By Bill McCown

A recent TIME magazine article (November 11, 1973) investigated the decline in literacy among college freshmen. According to the article, in 1963, 20 percent of college freshmen had shown increasing difficulty in utilizing basic grammar skills. In its investigation, TIME reported that even prestigious universities, including Harvard, have been forced to include basic composition courses. The article even pointed to "hard core" English classes.

The article concluded with a poll that two-thirds of freshmen agreed that they would not enter college if they were not confident of their reading ability. The article also noted that the national literacy of freshmen is "shockingly low" compared to the national average.

Without Library Study Explained As Inadequate

By Richard S. West

Mystery and rumors have swirled around the College's library during the last ten years. Rumors have included the possibility of closing the library and the possibility of a new building. However, the library was not closed and no new building was planned.

Recently, Mr. Edward Haywood, President of the College, announced that a study would be conducted to determine the adequacy of the library.

Mr. Haywood said that the study would be conducted by a group of experts in the field of library science. The study would be funded by the College and would be conducted over the course of six months.

With the study, the College hopes to determine if the library is adequate for the needs of the students and faculty. The study will also be used to determine if the College should expand the library or if it should remain as is.

The study will be conducted by a team of experts in the field of library science. The team will include librarians from other colleges and universities.

The study will be conducted over the course of six months. It is expected to cost approximately $100,000.

The results of the study will be presented to the College in the fall of 1974.

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The publication of this article prompted the College to reexamine its own policies. They thought Kenyon freshmen face these same problems. Professor Perry Lawton, director of the English 2 program, said that he didn't think that this was true, however. He thought that the College was on the right track.

Investigation Of Fires On Campus Still Inconclusive

By Tom Ford

No conclusions have been reached from investigations of four campus fires earlier this year, according to Dean Thomas Edwards. The investigation "is not yet finished," he said.

Last month, Mr. Ford reported that the investigation of the "voluntary post office" existing at the time of the fire was not yet finished. The investigation was conducted by a team of investigators looking into the fire.

Tenure: Policy And Problems

This article is the first in a three-part series dealing with tenure of faculty and the proposal to evaluate its present status.

By Dick Jefferson

Kenyon, along with many other colleges, has been carefully examining its tenure policy in recent years. The significance of this policy is unknown to the majority of students, although faculty and administration feel that the issue of tenure is important. The policy is based in the library, and the College has no plans to change it.

At present, a faculty member must either receive tenure or be dismissed at the end of the seventh year. This is in accordance with guidelines established by the American Library Association and the Association of University Professors.

If tenure is awarded, the faculty member is assured of contract renewal unless the College finds the member's performance unacceptable. If tenure is not awarded, the College is free to terminate the contract at any time.

Tenure, originally motivated by the need to attract and retain good teachers, has since become a valuable asset to faculty members. Once secured, a faculty member may be more willing to participate in faculty affairs, which are important to the success of the institution.

However, there are many faculty members who believe that tenure should be abolished. They argue that it is an outdated concept that is not in the best interest of the students.

The tenured faculty member is assured of a retirement plan, as well as a pension. These benefits are important to the security of the faculty member. However, they also mean that the College is committed to the long-term success of the faculty member.

In conclusion, the tenure policy at Kenyon College is an important issue that should be carefully considered by all members of the College community. It is important to ensure that the policy is fair and equitable to both the faculty and the students.
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The Blissful Nod

April may be the cruellest month of the year, but for some, the Fall semester in Gambier is the most wearisome. During this three-month span, heads drop into blissful naps, bleary-eyed instructors become demoralized just at the moment when their lectures retreat into the dreamy language of college existence become the mainstays in an environment which precludes rest and recuperation. It is a time of silence in the classroom. As for campus vitality, it too must be smothered when a condition of insidious prevail. And so it goes. Some, no doubt, will refer to this occasion as the golden opportunity—the quest for an ethical way of living. Perhaps it could be.

The traditional problem seems rooted in the fact that between September and Thanksgiving, the school session lasts a duration of twelve weeks—the longest single stretch during the academic year. Once again, Senate has addressed this to problem. Ideally, some sort of reform could be implemented pre-Thanksgiving period, which is an event that is often most welcome.

Council Adopts Attendance Clause

By Tom Ford

The Student Council has adopted a rule which would subject members with no attendance to removal from office.

By Richard Rosenfield

Leonard representative, proposed the rule, after consideration of a motion made at an earlier meeting which requested the replacement of a council member who had missed five of the 7 meetings that had occurred. At that meeting, Rosenfield submitted his proposal, which became the rule.

The motion was seconded by Kenyon Boll, representative from the council. The motion carried after consideration of the motion made by Rosenfield.

The rule now states that any member who does not attend two meetings in a row shall be marked present and the student in whose behalf that member represents shall be held accountable.

Letters To The Editor

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By David L. Bacon

In the atmosphere was eerily electric on Monday evening in the gym, as the 100+ occupants of the audience awaited the start of the annual Fall Sports Banquet. The excitement was palpable, as the band and cheerleaders performed their respective routines, while the audience eagerly awaited the awards ceremony.

The first presentation of the evening was made by Rick Steiner, the head coach of the football team. He congratulated the team on their success throughout the season, highlighting the hard work and dedication that went into achieving such achievements. Steiner then went on to present the awards for the most valuable player, who was subsequently announced as the team's quarterback.

The second part of the evening focused on the track team, with Coach Sarah Johnson delivering an inspiring speech about the team's dedication and commitment to their sport. Johnson praised the athletes for their hard work and resilience, particularly in the face of adverse conditions, and congratulated them on their successes throughout the season.

The evening concluded with a speech by Coach Tom Kimball, who thanked the audience for their support throughout the year and wished the athletes good luck in their future endeavors. The banquet was a fitting conclusion to a successful sports season, and the guests left the gym feeling proud of their achievements and excited for the future.
Muskogum Spiked; Ladies Power Volleyball Record Now 8

By Pam Glys

Two-contents can be made about the women's intercollegiate power volleyball team. They have compiled the best record in any Kenyon year thus far, and second, they have received the least coverage. In keeping with the spirit of competition, the team, coached by Karen Burke, has attracted for its efforts by Constance Chapman and Cathy Robinson, holds an 8-2 record with one match remaining.

The most recent victory was Muskingum in a home match last Saturday. For the first time this season, both a varsity and a junior varsity game were played. After getting off to a slow start and losing the first half of 15-0, the J.V. squad came back to win the final two games in their match. With the win, the lady winds scored five in the second.

The varisty followed with a 2-1 game victory of their own. Completely outplaying Muskingum in the first and third games of their match, the Ladies turned in two of their finest performances this season. The first game started slowly with Kenyon getting a one point lead. Later, the tide was turned and the second game was won, 15-2. The J.V. squad had coach Bill Hickey shining high scorer, coming up with night in the third game, while Kathy Joomie scored five in the second.

During the week Kenyon picked up three more wins. The first of these was a home match against Ohio Wesleyan. Kenyon took a 9-0 lead in the first set, a lead that was preserved by a strong second-game performance. This point from Wesleyan increased the difference, and now stood a 15-4 advantage. Despite an effort which closed the gap, the Ladies fell 15-10.

Rivals were reversed in the second game of the five-match game. The visitors had taken a 9-3 lead but five straight points on Robinson’s serve put Kenyon ahead to stay. Wesleyan threatened, gradually closing the gap to 13-15. Final serve by Julie Grimes gave the Ladies the two points they needed to go over the top as Kenyon earned the match score at 15-12.

Kenyon construction the first game as a win. Robinson scored the second point, however, both sides were in close, the scores being 10-9. Next, Kenyon led Kenyon in the second game. Both sides went for the 15 points in the first game and Kenyon scored the second point by 16.

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