THE CHAPEL QUESTION...

Compulsory attendance at College Chapel has devolved into a racket. It no longer serves the purpose for which it was originally intended, for it has been coopted and mocked by its accompanying evils. Its continuance threatens the very student atmosphere of the religious path.

The axe is going to fall some day! It is going to fall hard! It will fall on a monitor who wanted to be honest, found that his conscience wouldn’t let him, and was also out for his four dollars. They expected it. They’ve been paid for it. Their college sent them to the paymaster.

The axe will fall and fall. What will happen? It will fall on one student who thinks that he can’t do it, it will fall on another student who thinks that the axe is going to hurt his conscience. They will be caught in the net of their own contrivances!

One axe almost lost its balance. Some of us were gambling four years hard work on what we could have ruined us.

(Without a doubt, The Collegian can remain quiet on the Chapel question but in fairness to the student body—the group The Collegian represents—it seems essential that the situation be brought out in the open. This editorial is written with the hope that the Board of Trustees will give it consideration; that they will realize by the continuance of the present system they are permitting the existence of a petty graft racket; that any method of compulsory chapel which they might set up perpetuates the exploitation of the religious system—it is an illustration of the old law, "you can lead a horse to water but you can’t make him drink." Under the present system, however, they are not even getting the student to Chapel.

The purpose, then, of bringing the Chapel question out in the open is in the hope of abolishing compulsory attendance. The prime cause for the revelation at this time is to save some students, before it is too late, from great embarrassments either this year or next, or any time in the future when they have visions of a coming commencement and to save one student from an inevitable trap into which he is bound to fall.

Sunday chapel at Kenyon is compulsory, as was daily chapel two years ago. The requisite number of Sundays on which a student must attend Chapel is set at nine a semester. The number is small enough to admit that. But to enforce attendance at the Chapel services, the College has placed a monitor to take attendance and give credit to those students who attend the sermons it is intended that the Chapel system will be speeded and grown.

Measurements of knowledge on the Hill that in the past, if a student did not wish to attend the required number of services, he did not have to. The student only had to see the monitor, pay a nominal fee, and an effective proxy was assured. However, the students have never objected to this method. It is an easy way out and "what difference does it make?"

One year, the students were confronted with an honest monitor. At least he was honest until he was beset by dismayed members of the student body that in order to continue a normal attendance on the Hill, he had to sell his conscience, and submit to their pleas and willful false books. Another time in College attendance...

INVITATIONS SENT.

Four Hundred Students
And Guests

Date.—Oct. 23

The inauguration of Gordon Keith Caliman as the sixteenth president of Kenyon College will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23. The presidents of all leading American universities are expected to be in attendance. In all, it is estimated that eight hundred personal invitations have been mailed.

Those desiring special invitations, twenty-five hundred invitations have been sent to alumni. Students may be asked to cooperate with Mr. McNeill in filling the list of prospective alumni. Students may be asked to cooperate with Mr. McNeill in filling the list of prospective alumni.

This is also the date of the usual alumni homecoming.

KENYON NET STAR RETURNS TO HILL

Donald McNeill, shining star of the Kenyon tennis team, returned to the Hill Monday evening leaving a trail of composed and thrilling applause. After receiving his brilliant season at Wilmington, competing in the Delaware State championship, he proceeded to attend the outstanding tournament of his season, and returned with a brilliant record of contention in 14 major tournaments of national significance.

In this brilliant record he included a meeting with the world famous Baron Gottfried Von Cramm of Germany, and two with Jiro Yamasaki of Japan. Although Joseph Hunt, another outstanding player of the season, was included in competing, McNeill upset Don still believes he can compete. However, McNeill’s cooperation, speaking of the Eldorado sportsmanship, attributed the Hunt situation the to California’s fine volleying.

Don’s biggest thrill came at Forest Hills, when his own game thrilled a crowd of over 10,000 fans and beat the best of his hill match against Von Cramm. After winning that set Don went in to thrill his crowd by nearly forcing the Baron to a fifth set. Many in the stands wondered if the younger man would outdistance the Baron, and succeed in scoring an unbelievable upset.

While still knocking back on a long and difficult season, Don is already looking forward to next summer tournaments in which he hopes to gain further laurels.

FACULTY RECEPTION TONIGHT

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Department of Physics Receives
Dr. Wilson Powell

Dr. Wilson M. Powell has just returned to Kenyon college as assistant professor in the department of physics. The vacancy in this department was filled by the election of Dr. Powell's position by the previous position in the Battelle Research Foundation at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, to Kenyon.

Dr. Powell is a native of New England and did preparatory work for college at Newport, Rhode Island. He entered Harvard and obtained other honors noted on the Stanshall hall crew. During his course at Harvard he took part in the Swarthmore Eclipse expedition in Maine and later went to Swarthmore with the same group to observe the eclipse there in 1914. After a year in law school he decided to make his physics and took his Ph. D. from Harvard in 1913. Since then he has been an instructor in Harvard, Radcliffe, and Connecticut college for women. He has also held a fellowship at the Smith Mine Geographical Institute and the Battelle Research Laboratory at Swarthmore. He has published several books on physical measurement: "Chondrite. Measurement of the Absorption of Fused and Crystalline Quartz in the Far Ultra-Violet," "Photometric Measurements of the Transmission of Fluorescein in the Schonland Region," and "The Refraction and Absorption of Light at the Surface of the Ocean."

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

FRESMEN TEACH

Gambler To Lose Antiquated Phones

Gambler's unique telephone exchange system continues on December, or possibly until next spring when the dial system, promised Gambler, this fall, will be completely installed. An unavoidable delay in getting the necessary parts for the new dial exchange is the reason given for the postponement.

Many of Gambler's citizens and most of the Kenyon students prefer the present system, because of which their callers among the exchange merely by asking for the person or place by name. Since, however, the present exchange system has become antiquated, it has become impossible to get new parts for it, so that the dial exchange, whether installed or not, will be a commonplace in the spring, inevitable.

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Schnozz Comes To The Hill

The Schnozz College Bulletin published a few weeks ago, priced at a penny, announced to the professors that if students would agree to protect the health of the campus by refraining from smoking in the chapel, a $500 reward would be given to the student who could be proved to have kept his word. The result was that five students were appointed to act as health officers, and they were instructed to enforce the law. As a result, the number of smokers on the campus has decreased considerably.

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WELCOME RESOLUTION

The Junior Class presents the following resolution: "We, the Junior Class, respectfully address the Board of Trustees to do away with Daily Chapel. Daily Chapel disappeared for a reason: it is reasonable to suppose that if a dormitory had been in the "tuck" Daily Chapel still would be with us.

For the "take" by the monitors, it must be sizable. A record of the income is not available but in one instance we know that one dormitory spent over thirty dollars. It is interesting to note that the campus set the figure at two to three hundred dollars a year.

This year the students are again confronted by a monitor the following want to be "taken" by the monitors.

The problem is this: Does it in the placing of a Professor in the student's seat? Such a step would show the weakness of the Chapel system. The presence of a monitor of any kind is only sheer mockery.

This writing is not intended as a diatribe on religion but rather a condemnation of a system that has no place in an institution of intellectual pursuit. What are we if we must be compelled to worship our God? What kind of an institution is it that in a weak attempt to enforce attendance at Church services lays the groundwork for a nervous racket? What kind of an institution is it that unreasonably unconsciously teaches students who for the most part have never earned a nickel there are easier ways of making a living in this world besides legitimately? To us, it seems such methods will continue to attract those without enough boldness through them across one's entrance? course in the College.

There is only one way in which this nefarious condition can be cured. It is for the Board of Trustees to remove compulsory Chapel attendance. It is for the Board of Trustees to supply the Chapel with a suitable and satisfactory minister who will teach his students useful and personal information about him and make it so that the chapel may be left to those who wish to make it so.

STUDENTS TO MAKE "LETTERS ON WAY"

You can make a phonograph record of your vocal work Monday evening if you choose! Kenyon college is fortunate to have made available for its use a modern recording studio. There are several kinds of similar size booth each comfortably - or as at all times. Different recording devices in connection with their voice courses are in the majority.

It is through the generosity of Professor Paul Herbert Laxton, the Department of Modern Languages, to the students of this apparatus installed in the College. It was he who last year decided that the use of phonograph records made by the students themselves would greatly aid the study of correct dictation in foreign tongues. He also encouraged the Daily Collegian to make of this the machine, with the result that all students of speech now copy those effects of the party to be part of the semester with those of the best. It is hoped to publish one or two such a book of such a book by the college. Students are invited to inspect the exhibit which opens this week end.

REVIVE ISSUES CALL FOR STAFF

There will be a meeting of men all interested, in working on the staff. It is therefore hoped that students will be present. It is proposed to have a staff of five men for the new issue. The staff will be chosen by the work of the previous Staff. The new issue will be published before the end of the year.

REVIVE ISSUES POSITIONS OPEN

11:00 a.m. Registration of guests-Peorge Hall.
11:00 a.m. Sunday School in the Church of the Holy Spirit.
11:00 a.m. The academic procession--Campus.
11:00 a.m. The installation ceremonies--Roosevelt Hall. Addressed by Frank A. D. B. U. (U.O.M.), L.L.D., President of Swarthmore College. President Chalmers.
1:30 p.m. Luncheon for the guests and delegates--Peorge Hall.
2:00 p.m. Afternoon session--Roosevelt Hall. Address by William G. S. Swan, B.D. Director of the Swarthmore Foundation.
5:00 p.m. Reception to delegates and all other visitors--Cromwell Hall.
Sunday, October 24, 1937
10:30 a.m. --Service in the Church of the Holy Spirit.
11:00 a.m. The installation ceremonies--Peorge Hall. Addressed by Reverend Emerson McKee, Rector of George's Church, New York.
1:00 p.m. --Reception to the students of this college.
LACK OF MEN
WEAKENS TEAM
Coach Hatcliff Will Use No-
tries 17 and 18 to Help Fill Lefterback's

A fast running attack with power
of back, cleats, and quickness will play this sea-
son," stated Coach Hatcliff in a re-
cent interview. "But our greatest weakness is still lack of men. The
success of this style of play will
depend largely on the cooperation of
our men. But as we expected, better the chance we have for a
winning team." We went on to
state that all men intending, or
wishing to play football should
come out immediately as he is still
striving fundamentals. He did not
wish to say just what kind of a
season he expected for the Purine,
as it is still too early in the season.

To date, out of 31 reporting play-
ers, nine have been named and six
latter; four back field players, two
forward guards and one offen-
tive. Those men should be depend-
bled upon to form the nucleus of the team.

The men that have shown the most
interest during the morning, for the Fall, are:
fullback ; Jasper, left end; Samuels,
left halfback; Stroemel, right guard; Stelman, center; Schubel,
left tackle; Thomas, tackle; May,
left guard; Elliot, right halfback,
and Quinlan, fullback.

Coach Hatcliff then ended his
statement with a plea for more men
to go to Freshman football.

The Purple will play its first
game against the Yack in more than
three years at Westerville.

RECORDING

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temptation to solve the dreaded dis-
case. The scene, for the most part,
are laid in an American camp in
France. The play itself is fresh from the New
York stage where it enjoyed a long and
successful run and it still re-

tains with it a striking novelty. "Yel-
low Sub" is expected adaptable to
the Kaney Drama Club be-
cause it requires a large cast, in-
cluded in it is Black's direc-
tory skill and Keaney's fond of
tall jokes. It is impossible to
suppose even "Androcles and the Lion"
of last year in popularity. "Yellow Sub" will
probably open the season about November 17 at the Np Hi Kaupa. The exact date for the
play's appearance has not been set but tentatively it will be Oct-
ober 27.

Other plays to be given during the
course of the year will probably
include "Egypt" by Galven-
sky; "Mincemeat" by Plautus, and
one Elizabethan play by either
Shakespeare or Dekker.

Due to the Dramatics club's out-
standing success last year, Dale
Shalzec was appointed chairman of the club, and
apPOINTED a committee of Eric Helfant, Dr. George L. Felix, and
Tom Sawyer to petition the
administration for a special
fund. The money for the special
fund, it is granted, will be the first time in Keaney's history that there has been
a special dramatic fraternity on the Hill.

NEW THEATER
TO BE BUILT IN MT. VERNON

Plans Call For Seating Ca-
cacity of 1,400

Work will be started today on
Saturday on a new $123,000 theater
building to be erected by the Zehon Theatrical company in the
center of the business square in Mt. Vernon.

This announcement was made
following a conference of owners
of which local details of the building plan had been worked out in
the past two days.

Platt to Manage

James A. Platt, present manager
of the Vip theatre, will manage
the new show.

Present plans of the company
are to continue operating the Vip
after the new theater is opened.
In the hands of the Lyric will be
doomed immediately. Remaining for
the seats which has been showing is
the Lyric will be presented at
the new theater. The new theater, which Stieger's
and the building will be in the
seat, will seat approximately 1,450.
with above 500 seats in the balcony,
and the remainder on the main floor
and floor.

It is hoped to open the theater in
February if weather permits ex-
cept speed in construction.

On Public Square

The new building will occupy
the southeast corner of the square
which is now occupied by the Lyric
theater, the Log Cabin restaurant,
and some other business.

The entrance will be
the Lyric theater now
stands.

The Log Cabin, the Log
Cabin, the Log Cabins, and
the Log Cabins are to be torn down.
The Lyric, a small theater, has been run now of the
time since moving pictures
first came in Mt. Vernon. The Log
Cabin has been in its day a store
and a restaurant, formerly one of
the centers of social activity in
Mt. Vernon.

DRAMATICS

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A packed room, site of the reading,
and the type used, whether abun-
dant or ascent.

Many men have recorded pro-
grams directly from the radio with
surprisingly good results. The
sentimental microphones used will pick
up even the faintest sounds, often
putting onto the record the sound of
a speaker's breathing.

To the Freshmen especially, the
invitation is extended to visit the
equipment room in Room 17, Mid-

dle Aeronaut, on some coming
Monday evening to inspect the
equipment. The opportunity should be
used by all interested. Two upperclassmen may be inter-
ested in hearing the record De-

cide on their own, or in light of
views, the thoughts of a member of our staff's year's graduation
class as the left Freshman.

Under the supervision of Profes-
Sor Alvin and Black, Joseph W.
Peake, 35, is in charge of the stu-
dents' Atante commandos. These are
names of the students. After
supervision of Professor
L. W. Leake, 35, and Charles W.
Hande-

Ap pointments for special
recording projects may be
made through any of the three
students mentioned.
Kenyon’s Gala Celebration
Inaugration and Home Coming
October 23