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RUDY KUTLER ON TRAINING
Recently there has been a unison of whines such as, "Kenyons certainly isn't what it used to be; it's going to the dogs; we never have any good times."

Why don't we have any of the college spirit we had two years ago? Many would say because the college and the individual fraternities were larger than and more activity was stirring everywhere. What a sloppy excuse! The college wasn't any larger than the 78 we are today when the student body experienced some of its golden days under Pat Pelbroe's administration. Those days were rich with Kycnian spirit, as is proved by the colorful testimonies of sources of alumni.

Today our situation is strikingly parallel, and the administration has shown itself anxious to cooperate with us by undertaking to maintain the good old tradition of singing through the Kycnian singers and similar organizations, and even by discreetly withholding comment on our sally "Pep Night" of last week.

But let's not be content to sit back and wait for the College to find activities for us. Let's get out and create our own and restore a Kycnian spirit that 900 alumni will respect and be proud of.

IS KENYON A POLITICAL ANIMAL?

Interest concerning such vital factors as economics and politics lies dormant on our campus. An aggressive, enthusiastic curiosity about these activities must be resurrected. There are many causes for its death. There are many curses.

Until last semester the International Relations Club was a thing of the past. How it is here once again with new leadership. We are firmly convinced that once its president, William Wegley, is given a free hand to organize programs (for discussion and perhaps mock conventions and elections) a definite interest will follow. The I.R.O., with student leadership and subtle faculty sponsorship, can forge ahead to success.

It might be an extremely healthy move to make political discussion and debate a part of all clubs and classes in order to broaden our outlook. Another suggestion would be to import a crack-pot-or more-from certain Eastern schools of learning. The latter would at any rate stimulate discussion. But its action we need— the faculty, the I.R.O. and you, the students, can satisfy this want.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

To the editor:

In the last issue of the COLUHIA I read with interest the article suggesting elimination of finals. I've heard little comment on this idea on campus, but suppose the apparent lack of interest stems from the presumption that such an innovation would be impossible.

Actually there is no reason why it should be. Couldn't the matter be brought up at a meeting of the Senior Council for discussion? I think, too, it would be well to find out just how the faculty feels about it.

After all, we're all here at Kenyon to learn, and the fact of the matter is that final examinations contribute little to the process. It's a well-known fact that the midnight oil is burned continually at the end of the term, and it is equally true that knowledge thus gained is lost soon after the final examination is completed.

As the writer of the editorial proposed, weekly quizzes could give the instructor of the course a much better estimate of what the student has learned than would the final examination, and would help the student retain more permanently the knowledge he is trying to acquire.

Oliver Campeau

Dear Editor:

... how about a COLUHIA Fall to determine student opinion concerning their attitude toward food in the Commons...

Sincerely yours,

Gabe Cauley

Editors note: The above reader's request has been answered. See new article, "Students Criticize Food."
Elimination of Finals

In the last issue of the Collegian an article appeared suggesting the elimination of final examinations. It was offered as a possible solution to the problem of cheating at Kenyon, and was seriously written and intended. The staff of the Collegian, taking their stand against the Honor System, hoped that the student body would seriously consider this alternative; this latter being somewhat radical at first glance, we expected it at least to cause considerable comment. Even comment was lacking. Therefore, if the students' inertia is to be overcome on the matter, it must again be brought to their notice as a serious possibility.

The final examination is an ancient tradition, handed down to us from ancient foreign universities, where, even at the present time, a student's grade depends entirely on his mark in this test. It therefore serves two purposes; it gives the instructor an easy basis for grading, and it shows the over-all grasp of the subject attained by the student. These are its advantages, and in theory they are strong.

In practice, however, we see them fall to pieces. The average student, taking a certain course, thinks of the final as a nebulous horror, but one that is fortunately a long way off. As a result, he lets things slide, and finds himself in a dangerous situation when exam week arrives. He crams frantically and often cribs, for a lot is at stake. When he enters the exam room he is suffering from loss of sleep, too much recent concentration, and often an unreasonable terror that may easily wreck his weakened chances completely. He is positively demoralized.

Now let us see how this student would act if he knew that there was no final to be faced. His professor tells him that there will be an exam every week over the immediate work covered. The average of these tests will be his final grade in the course. The student must be alert and study carefully, for even the most stupid can see that such weekly work helps determine his ultimate grade. Yet a bad showing on one test does not ruin him, and he is not erased by the ordeal, nor is he forced to cram or cheat, and in the end, he probably has a better grasp of the subject than he would otherwise have.

Here, then, is the solution. Consider it and criticize it, but at least take it seriously, for your vigor and insistence can bring Kenyon to a new era of educational thought, and can rid you of your mantle, the final exam. Your insistence can take the form of petitions to the Senior Council, letters to the administration and marked displays.

Opportunity is within your grasp.
Pre-theology Christened

After speculating for a period of three weeks over a title for their newly created group, the pre-theo's finally decided to call themselves The Speculators.

The steering committee of Bertram Stoddard, Oliver Campau and Allen Hank developed a general program for the club. Plans include outside speakers who will cover various topics particularly concerning the Church. It is hoped, however, that such a group as the Speculators will at future meetings widen their perspective, including for instance the all-important correlation of the work of the Church with the economic, political and social aspects of life. Such an organization as The Speculators can be highly effective, let's hope so.

Fuzzies Exposed

On the night of September 5th, the freshman class held a clandestine meeting in the bowels of old Kenyon. The purpose of the gathering was, first, to decide on policy concerning hazing, William Marshall, Bruce Bell and Oliver Campau were selected president, vice-president and secretary respectively. The Fuzzies formulated a Gambian policy of "passive resistance". From the results of the first two encounters, we judge that it is the Sophomore who need to organize. Or is it the Klans? Or is it the Junior class? Say, by the way, who is running hazing?

Klans Organizes

The Kenyon Klan,usty demons of the athletic field, held elections of officers during the past week. These honors included: Richard Roberts of football fame, president; Fred H. Loopold, vice-president; Charles J. Withyman, football, and baseball flash, secretary. Apparently the Klan decided to engage in a bit of hazing. But now, rumors have it that this decision has been radically altered.

I.R.O. Elections

Without any fuss of flurrry the International Relations Club elected the following men for the remainder of the quarter: William Vogley, president; Bertram Stoddard, vice-president; and John Krichen, secretary-treasurer. It is hoped that with the inauguration of the new leaders, a more far-reaching program will be developed.

This Friday, September 8th, 1944 at 7:30 P.M. in Pierce Hall Lounge there will be a meeting concerning the Good Neighbor policy of the Americas. The entire question of the relationship between North and South America is an important one about which little or nothing is known by the students. Here is an opportunity for us to learn something.

Kenyon Singers Revived by Senior Council

Under the stimulus of the Senior Council, the Kenyon Singers have been revived. The first results of the membership drive are satisfactory. If quantity is a sign of quality, the Kenyon Singers should be first-rate.

Students Criticize Food

On September 7, a student poll was taken by the Collegian; the subject was the Commons' fare. The question was, in general, do you consider the quantity and quality of food served in the Commons to be: excellent, satisfactory, or unsatisfactory?

Forty-six of the students polled answered, unsatisfactory, six replied satisfactory, and two believed the food to be excellent. Thus, 85% of the students polled insisted that the food served at the Commons was not satisfactory. Almost unanimously, they agreed that the quantity was quite sufficient, and all insisted that it was quality that was lacking. Some went even further, and based their dissatisfaction on the fact that, with the enrollment so small, the food should be better than elsewhere.

Assembly Speaker

On Tuesday September 5th, Mr. Julian Bryan held the undivided attention of the assembly by a fascinating address. His topic was, the philosophy behind photography. He spoke for a length of time on the filming of Bolivia describing the social conditions of this country. Colleges of America took a brow busting from Mr. Bryan for failure to recognize the extreme importance of visual education. Mr. Bryan said that greater understanding between nations may be had through the camera is an excellent one.
Dewey by Landslide

Last Tuesday, September 5th, Franklin D. Roosevelt was dethroned by the student-body of Kenyon College. Asked by the Collegian Poll whom their favorite would be if the election were held that day, the students replied, "Dewey", by a vote of four to one.

Several obvious factors can be attributed to the results of the straw vote. A great percentage of the student-body comes from homes of the middle class economic bracket. A decisive number are from Ohio, a state which, although Democratic at the last election (because of labor vote), is a strong hold of Republicanism in to middle and upper classes. Obviously the students are a result of their home environment. A factor worthy of vote in connection with the aforementioned is that most of the student-body are very new Freshmen, and have not had as yet the necessary exposure to the more liberal approach to the fine art of politics under the tutelage of certain faculty members.

Although Mr. Dewey was favored several incurable malcontents demanded that Earl Browder and his communist party be given a chance to run the country. Others mentioned included: Norman Thomas, Eleanor Roosevelt and a new group under the name, The 4th Reich.

Collegian Poll Figures

"If the presidential election took place today, who would receive your vote?"

Roosevelt-13
Dewey-49

Germans to quit in three months-Japan destined to defeat by 45:

In answer to the Collegian Poll's question, "then do you think that World War II will end?" 40% of the student-body was convinced that by the end of Dec. Herr Hitler's horses would be no more. Some members of the school were quite optimistic and believed that Danzweck-end would be celebrated with the downfall of Germany.

Then queried about Japan's chances, Kenyon men expressed the belief that Japan will be a tough nut to crack. One gloomy chap was firmly convinced that we would never defeat Hirohito!

Collegian Poll Results

When do you think that World War II will end?

a-with Germany
3 months- 20
6 months- 11
1 year- 1

b-with Japan
6 months- 6
1 year = 29
2 years - 5

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The Collegian received this ditty "Late in the Night". The author received his inspiration from a dubious source. However, we believe him to be a follower of one Gertrude Stein.

Late in the night
sadly we fight
our numbers are legion
the Kenyon Collegian.
early the next day
the new issues on display
throughout Gambier region
the Kenyon Collegian.

Our readers are frantic
tutorial paedic
arguments stygian
the Kenyon Collegian.

G.o.c.
letters are already coming in from various places in the various parts of the world requesting information about the present football team and its prospects for a successful season. Likewise, as football scores begin to appear in the sports pages of the newspapers and are included in the sports reports over the air, the new freshmen and alumni of the college will be anxious to learn how their team, the Kenyon team, fares on that particular day. The faculty and the students are watching with interest the development of the team and its individual members. Being in close contact with the men, they are in a better position to see and observe the potential possibilities as well as the limitations, strength of character, and physical make-up.

It is obvious that a football team is a unit of college life, and the duties of college life extend far beyond just the football team. Each member of the team, whether considered individually or as a group, is responsible to the college and to these standards of conduct. The team cannot consider itself as a group of men playing merely for the sake of playing and for the exercise derived from it. That type of play is confined to the intramural field and to the purely recreational phase of sport. Intercollegiate athletics require that the players, through hard work and self discipline, get into excellent condition to play the game. In a sense, the football player is really a college servant, a college entertainer, a college figure. He is the object of admiration or criticism, according to the way he plays. Not only his form as a player is noted, but his habits, morals, and avocations are of college interest.

The football teams of today recognize and accept the responsibility they automatically assume. True, now and then one or two members of a team will consider it easy to break training, consider themselves so good that they do not have to keep training, or are so selfishly individualistic that they do not care to conform to actions and behaviors consistent with the best interests of the team and its responsibilities. These men, however, are soon found out and are either dropped by the wayside or are corrected by the members of the team whose efforts they are sabotaging. Since the success of a football team, of any team, is dependent upon the behavior and actions of every member of that team, the antics of those nonconformists are deplored by the members of the team as well as by every man who is in any way connected with the college.

I sincerely hope that we have no men of that type on our team, but that we all do everything possible to demonstrate that Kenyon is a college for men. The results we will thus accomplish will be commensurate with our efforts and the pleasure we will derive from a job well done.

SPORTS, BY HANAHAN

The Kenyon football squad of the 1944 season has been practicing diligently for the past four weeks; in a rather hectic manner, however. There are as yet numerous rough spots in the squad's manipulations which should be smoothed and precisioned as the days of practice lengthen.

An outstanding quality characteristic of every man on the squad is, no matter how inexperienced he may be, his willingness to want to learn. Some of the men have never donned football togas before the fall grid sessions, and even more are light— that is, they are not exactly reminiscent of the gigantic Minnesota lines of pre-war days. However, although they have weaknesses these are compensated for by that relatively rare quality in human nature—the ability to admit an error and the desire to attempt a formation once more.

The line itself is tall, rangy, and rugged. From end to end the Lords average 6 feet and tip the scales at 170. The forward wall is sparked by holdover material such as towing Dick Roberts and Fred Palmer. The remainder of the line is fresh material which is showing up well to date.

The backfield—the ploughman of the squad—is slightly smaller and lighter. Its main asset is speed and maneuverability. In fact, to a bystander, it must appear as a four-engined P-30 pursuing air assignments.

Although Coach Kutler must still be suffering from nocturnal nightmares in which the Kenyon aggregation vies with Otterbein, Capitol, and Rio Grande; the outlook is brightening.

It seems logical, however, to predict that Kenyon will be the underdog this fall; yet, although they may be outplayed, they will never be outfought.