**Conference Bans Hazing**

The National Interfraternity Conference held November 24-25 has suggested the outlawing of fraternal hazing.

In the past the Senior Council of Kenyon has voted in favor of hazing. Bert Stoddard, president of the Council, declared himself in favor of hazing saying, "Hazing at Kenyon is a lot of fun. I think it has a definite place in college life.

However, it is expected that the Senior Council will take action on the following point of the Conference.

All forms of hazing involving mental or physical suffering, including initiation paddling, will be banned and absolutely be by all colleges and universities throughout the country. Both the committee and individual organizations, described for the report of the National Interfraternity Conference is followed.

A resolution declaring such forms of hazing to be a menace to the welfare of educational institutions and the serious organizations which are a part of the institutions, as well as to individual students, was passed unanimously at the 25th annual meeting of the National Interfraternity Conference, held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, November 24-25.

While forms of hazing have been condemned in earlier sessions, this is the first definite request made for action by the administrative officials of educational institutions. For years the National Interfraternity Conference has recommended to member fraternities to refrain from questionable practices among the fraternity members.

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**Dr. Jacques Barzun Compares Neitzsche, Butler, and James**

Professor Jacques Barzun, a member of the History Department of Columbia University, and author of many books on the history of ideas, has, in the No. 15, Pulpit Audible, Annunciation Hall, Kenyon College. The topic of the lecture was, "Theories of Religion: Nietzsche, Butler, and William James."

The audience of some thirty or forty people was comprised of students from the Kenyon College, faculty, and candidates for admission to the college.

Dr. Barzun announced his intention of comparing Nietzsche, Butler, and James, whom he believed had never been mentioned together before.

He developed his theme first by a brief biographical sketch of the three philosophers, showing that although none had known one another's works they wrote and believed in similar things of thought. All three philosophers represented the spirit of their time of gathering graphic revelations which have rebelled against the 19th century concept of the unification and absolutism of thought. Each in his various works: The mind, although in continual contact

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**Blexley Plans Reopening; Will Offer Parish Training**

President Chalmers announced recently that following a decision of the Board of Trustees, Blexley Hall, the Divinity School of the College, returns to Gambier in September, 1945. The decision was taken to terminate the war-time cooperation with the Virginia Theological Seminary on the assumption that a considerable number of students will be ready for work in Gambier by next September. In announcing the President Chalmers said that the association with Virginia has been very pleasant.

At the same time he announced that a Board of Pows for Blexley Hall had been appointed to cooperate with the Trustees and Faculty in developing the resources of Blexley Hall to meet the changes of the post-war period. Those who will serve on this board include the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, the Rt. Rev. Horace E. Bevëley D. Tucker, Bishop of Ohio; the Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, Bishop of Southern Ohio, and others.

**Parish Experience**

One of the more interesting stories of the new Blexley consists in incorporating a full year of parish experience work into the present seminar curriculum. The student will be designated the parish rector's assistant for a period of one year. The student will be required to work with the parish faculty who will help him pursue his practical studies for his academic and pastoral needs and demands of the parish ministry. Experience in a city parish or rural parish will be made available according to the needs of the student. The program will go into effect with the entering class of 1945.

**Hardy Recounts Traditional Party**

It has been decided to continue this famous old Kenyon tradition, the so-called Christmas Party. Perhaps more of this sort of thing would tend to keep Kenyon loyal and active in Gambier rather than in Mt. Vernon, the present center of social life.

I can remember that in the too-distinct past these parties used to be the high light of this time of the year. You would go in dinner at the usual time. The first thing you noticed was that the Great Hall was well decorated with evergreen boughs and sprigs of holly. You sat at your regular table, and were pleased to find beer in the big pitchers, instead of milk. The high point of the whole evening came when the waiters first appeared, dressed in every kind of outlandish costume imaginable. After a parade of these characters, the food was brought and you enjoyed a better-than-average meal. The meal ended and the Great Hall rang with Christmas carols and all of the traditional Kenyon songs. You left the party with a real feeling of "peace on earth, good will toward men."

There is certainly nothing, deleterious about the effects of the Christmas Party. On the contrary, it is a fitting preparation for the coming week.

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**Play Production Class To Give Three Plays**

On December 8, the Play Production Class, under the supervision of Mrs. Black, will present three one-act plays by Charles Kocher, Moody Kaufman, and Stewart Perry will appear in "Laying House," a romantic drama. Herschel Walsh, Bruce Bee, Richard Taggart, and Frank H. Vincent, faculty members, will portray the principal characters in "Land Downey's," a Night of Inn, a romantic drama. For contrast, Charles Himes appears in George Ber- nard Shaw's "Life at Her Husband."

**Singers Plan Concert At Christmas Service**

The Kenyon Singers will present their second concert as part of the Christmas ser- vice in the Church of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, December 17. The service will be held at five o'clock in the evening.

The Singers will begin their program with an old French folk carol, "The Miracle of Saint Nicholas," which is to be sung in French. Oliver Cam- peau and Herschel Welsh have been selected to sing the tenor and baritone solos. The other songs on the program are "Blowing by Michael Prestorius," the Christmas Song by Gustav Holtz, another old French carol, "The Angels Over the Hills" and Peter War- lock's "Adonis lay階段."
The possibility I mentioned last week has come to pass. Mr. Hull has resigned as Secretary of State. Mr. Roosevelt reluctantly accepted his resignation and appointed Mr. Stettinius as his successor.

All things considered, this was a wise choice. I still am afraid, that from the many who will be shouted from the roofs to realize that at this moment, his appointment in Hull's place would be impossible. In the first place, he is still Vice President of the United States. Secondly, Mr. Roosevelt likes to act as his own secretary. Mr. Stettinius will continue the policies of Mr. Hull and the President, whereas Mr. Wallace might have proved hard to swallow.

The fight for academic freedom in the University of Texas flared up anew last month. The older Kenyon men remember this fight resulted in Dr. Fagg Foster's being dropped from the faculty there, along with another Professor of Economics, thus enabling him to come here and teach. In an article by C. E. Ayres, Professor of Economics at the University of Texas, in a current issue of The New Republic, the whole issue is presented.

According to this article, the entire affair is tied up with President Rainey's attempt to move the Medical School. This would effect certain business interests adversely, so the politically appointed hard lasted. Rainey's suggestion was part of his long range plan for the University following the war. He wished to move the Medical School to Austin in order for publicity with the rest of the University.

This whole affair is the result of the appointing the Board of Governors on a basis of politics. It has placed the control in this matter in the hands of Senator, Communist leaning group of men, who are trying to protect Texas from the influx of modern radical ideas.

The affects of this fight are not easy to determine. It seems to me that from this process has been some way to improve public life, but teaching. Indirectly they are trampling on our right of free speech. Possibly we should have a Fifth Freedom, Freedom of Teaching.

The Assembly—Base of Government

At Kenyon we have an elaborate form of student government which guarantees equal representation to the several di-
visions of our Student Body. One process of this government is the Kenyon Student Assembly. It is in this Assembly that the student becomes acquainted with the facts of issues on campus. It is in this Assembly that proposed measures are thoroughly aired. It is in this Assembly that the students gather their information and form their opinions so as to be able to instruct their Council members how to vote for them. In other words, this Assembly is the real source of student government.

For a year the Student Assembly has not been in opera-
tion. During this period the students have had the ex-
ception of issues which have arisen in the Student Council un-
til the meetings were over and it was too late. Obviously, if the hours of the meetings had known what is coming up he is not able to instruct his representative.

Kenyon students, therefore, are not participating fully in the Assembly. This remedy for this lamentable condition is the restoration of the regular Student Assembly. Indeed, it is to the best interests of every student that this restora-
tion be made.

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION TO BE INTENSIFIED

Philadelphia, Pa. (I.P.)—Methods of intensive instruc-
tion in languages which have been successful in the Army
Specialized Training Program will be used on an experiment-
al basis in a language course at civil students at the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Pennsylvania.

An introductory course in German which will include ten
hours weekly and will carry a credit per term has been selected for experiment because of the wide ex-
perience which the Universi-
ty's Department of German has had in conducting courses under the ASTP.

In APTP language courses, major emphasis is placed on conversation and composition. This emphasis has been widely credited with the extra-
tional rapidity with which many of the soldier students have acquired working knowledge of the language studied.

Therefore, seven of the ten hours in the experimental course will be devoted to conversation and composition. In the first term to practice in conversation and composition, while two hours will be allot-
ted to theoretical presentation of grammar and language

Government Interference

The House of Representative's Advisory Committee for the Study of Higher Education met in October to determine the state of the American college in war.

An analysis of the thousand or more confidential replies to its questionnaire indicates that while there is a definite em-
ergency, a percentage of colleges and universities, there are more basic long range problems confronting higher education. Specifically, the num-
ber of colleges and universities that are in so critical a situation as to face the necessity of closing is relatively small, in order to keep alive and to adjust to the effects of the war, the end of four years of such that it is desirable and advisable for the federal government to provide assistance to colleges and universities as a temporary policy. A some-
what larger proportion favor federal assistance as a permanent policy.

The Colleget views with alarm this growing tendency a-
mong the institutions of higher education to seek federal as-
fistan. Can it be that they are blind to the loss of freedom that would almost certainly attend such a move? Certainly they cannot welcome the threat of government interference that state universities must submit to.

It is true that all small institutions are at the moment suf-
fering grievously from war conditions, particularly from re-
duced enrollment. It is true also that there is no prospect for immediate relief. All this is most unfortunate, but certainly does not afford sufficient excuse to give up the light and resign-
edly call for federal aid. It is the American college's duty to its students and alumni in uniform to maintain the independ-
ence they have known in the past, and expect to when they return.

Let Us Have Peace ... for Study

In the previous issue, the Collegian published the last in-
stallation of Duerr's Post-War Planning for Fraternity.

Throughout all his articles Duerr has set forth many worth-
while ideas, but none more tenable than the one which was italicized in our last issue.

The author in his discussion of the relation of the fraternity with the college maintained that although the fraternity is not "under any obligation to assume any academic responsibilities... it is everlastingly under obligation to create in its chap-
ter houses an atmosphere making for ability and desire to gain the maximum benefit from the faculty's instruction."

The rooming system at Kenyon is such that absolute per-
sonal privacy is not possible nor is it expected. But conditions are much worse than they need be. The object of college is to profit from knowledge acquired therefrom. Still how can this end be achieved if the means is not available? It is im-
possible for the student to obtain the most good from his work if he is continually disturbed. To some degree noise and dis-
order accompany every night in division, for the most part even after midnight. When one small group subsides, it seems to be the go-ahead signal for another.

It is the duty of the fraternity and its administration to maintain its division surroundings conducive to concentra-
tion, an environment which will enable the members to obtain the greatest advantage possible from their studies.

Are the fraternities up to this?

ONE MAN'S MEAT

By BILL VOYCE

December 6, 1944

[LETTERS]

This "Letters" column is written by a member of the Kenyon students and faculty.

If you have any information or recommendations for the Collegian, write it down and give it to a member of the Collegian staff.

To the Editors:

The ceremony of matriculation at Kenyon College has been abandoned sometime du-

ing the last two years. I would be willing to bet, however, that there are only a few men here today that know what matriculation actually means. It seems a shame to me that a hundred-year-old tradition should sud-

denly die out, war or no war. Of course, I realize that war-
time conditions present a great problem to the continu-

ance of this ceremony. I also feel that it is of such im-
portance to the Kenyon man that every effort should be expended to revive this old institution. I have experienced this impres-
sive ceremony. It is also beyond question that all of the present undergraduates would feel the same thrill as I did when signing the century-old obligation. Kenyon College is a spirit of age-old tradition, let us not let them die!

NAME WITHheld

(Editor's Note: Evidently the administration has antici-
pated your recommendation. A matriculation service is to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12.)

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ted to theoretical presentation of grammar and language

structure, and one hour to reading.

During the second term, practice in conversation and composition will claim for the majority of the students' time. It is pointed out, however, that the new course should not demand any more of this student's time than does the usual college work. For the large amount of inten-
sive drill and conversation is needed. This will take up 19 hours, but in addition, regular class work is required to make the work to a minimum.

Moreover, if the experiment with the course for the civil students proves success-
ful, the present director of Kenyon's one-year's work in that course will be considered equivalent to two years of the regular course.
Ashland Defeats Kenyon Quintet

On Saturday evening, December 2, the Kenyon Basketball Team lost its second game of the season to Ashland College. The score was 35 to 31. Instead of playing in quarters, the game was played in two twenty-minute halves. Coach Bill Lange sent Allen, Allured, Roberts, Wroth, and Young on the floor to start the game. During the game, Howell, Bell, and McClave saw action. The starting players for Ashland were Brubaker, Bigler, Gilbert, Carr and Levrier. Richman, Detrow, Hanley, Queng, and Suss saw action in the closing minutes.

The fast pace of the players and the great number of personal fouls made the game exciting.

Lords Trounce Shellmar, 66-43

Recovering from their recent defeat at the hands of the Navy Diesel School in Cleveland, the Kenyon team trounced the Shellmar Industrial League team by the score of 66-43 on November 29. Concentrated defense work on the part of the Lords enabled them to maintain their decisive lead throughout the entire game. Kenyon's offensive strategy showed up better than in the season opener with Coach Allen watching his high-scoring forwards for the evening.

Allen was ably supported by teammates who performed more efficiently than in the opener with the Navy Diesel team. Another noticeable feature of the game was the almost total lack of student support.

Hazing Suppressed

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612 undergraduate chapters of the 200 fraternity campaigns in this country. In placing the responsibility for prohibiting enforcement upon the local administrative officers, fraternity leaders hope that the problem will be solved.

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week, among others, were Ken

Glass 39 and Baxley 40, who is rector of a church in

Youngstown, and Joe Rhodes, who also of Youngstown.

with Dean Brown, Dr. Chalmers, Canon Watson, and Dr. Ashford the two prelates visited East Wind to look over the present Delta Tau Delta Chapter and Alpha Phi Omega house.

Don May, Phi Kappa Sig, 1942, visited the Hill recently in the company of his wife, the former Jane Parker of Gambier. Don is a Medical student at Wayne University.

The P. M. has definitely lost his heart to a Denison Bell. Some people live and learn—then just live.

A tea was held Thursday, November 30 at Mr. Western's home for Corp. Thomas Graves, '43, and his bride. They were married in Glen Ellyn, their home, November 26. Tom will return to active duty as an armorer in the Air Corps after a brief furlough.

"Dick" Haraza '44, recently visited the Sigma Phi's after his release from the Marine Corps. A native of Forti- buch, he is planning to go to law school under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Football fans Cordovosky, Osk, from Hinton, Bell, toured to Columbus with the National Tuberculosis Association for the purpose of studying the disease, spreading knowledge as to its cause, treatment and prevention, and encouraging scientific methods of dealing with it.

During the 40 years following the first Seal Sale, 61 countries have used Holboel's idea to support their fight against tuberculosis. Millions of people have been brought into the fight against the White Plague, because everyone who purchases a Christmas Seal enters in the battle against one of the worst diseases which has ever sapped the strength of men.
A Glance Backward — People's Bank Robbed!

S. E. Perry

Very few people would think that sleepy little Gambier was the scene of a sensational bank robbery committed in broad daylight. Yet this is true. It happened some years ago.

A mile out of town on the secondary route from Mr. Vernon to Gambier, three men were seen to emerge from their automobile which had stopped by the side of the road. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield, sitting on the porch of their home, watched with interest as the men changed their vests and coats.

The men were merely well-dressed civilians when they appeared next, walking down Middle Path from Bentley. Those who saw them imagine
d that they were visitors at the College. They proceeded leisurely until they reached the intersection of the two streets upon which the bank is situated. Here they separated. One walked up the street on one side of the building and disappeared over the brow of the hill; the other two entered the building by the double doors in front. They hesitated inside at the table placed there for the convenience of the customers. Suddenly they wheeled around, guns drawn, and rushed the tellers' window.

Customers Involved

There were two customers already at the windows. Mrs. Hall, then an employee of three years, was waiting upon one customer, a Gambier resident, while Mr. Hay Brown, the cashier, had just motored to Grant Dwyer, a Renown student, to come to the other window to get served. One bandit pulled Dwyer toward himself. He thrust his gun through the window. "This is a stick-up! Hand over the money!"

At first stunned and not believing his ears, Mr. Brown did not move.

"I mean business. Come on! Hand over that money!"

As soon as he understood the bandit's intentions, Brown resolved for the hills in the drawer, but his right hand shot under the counter. Rushing to Mrs. Hall to check under the counter, he brought out a Colt automatic, with one hand extended over the counter shooting wildly, he strove to hold off the robbers until help should come. He heard the sound of a car outside, but when it stopped and no one came in, he realized that the whole affair had been planned to the last detail. The wild shooting between him and the bandits continued. Shots narrowly missed Mrs. Hall who was not able to reach sufficient shelter.

Brown Wounded

The second man who had been covering Jay Rigs, the other customer, shot at Brown's exposed hand, splitting the Colt's wooden butt, driving a screw from it into the banker's hand. It was useless to resist any longer; his brave stand was of no avail, both he and Mrs. Hall surrendered. The bandits climbed over the low wall separating the sections of the room. (The doors leading into the inner section were of such construction as to prevent their being opened from the outside.)

The intruder kicking Mr. Brown aside, stuffed bills into a sack. By this time the fracas had attracted much attention. The College students who happened to be in the vicinity sheltered themselves behind trees and watched the struggle. Hagaman, a Gambier plumber, armed by the shots, brought a shotgun to the window above Wilson's store and started pouring shells into the bank. He was soon answered by bullets from a high-powered rifle in the hand of the third bandit who had stopped the traffic outside.

The man aimed above the store sign towards the window at which he believed Hagaman was stationed. Directly below the sign lay a baby resting in its carriage. Awakened by the noise, it added its wails to the melee.

Inside the building, the other two bandits demanded that the windows be broken and take out the reserve stored within it. The vault, however, was operated by a time lock and even Mr. Brown could not open it at that hour. Realizing the futility of further delay, the two robbers seized Mr. Brown and huddling around him for protection forced him into the car and drove off.

The car streaked along the road which runs past the side of the bank, skidded around a corner and came out of Gambier about half way down the hill which rises just below Renown. Here they intended to lose the banker out of the car for he was no use to them anymore, but one shouted, "Not now! There's a car following us!" When they reached the bottom of the hill, they parked the bank car, started up again, and shot over the nearby bridge. Another car whisked by, bearing Paul Ralston and another College employee. "Don't bother about me," shouted the banker. "Keep following 'em!"

Bullet Misses Ralston

The gangsters, seeing that they were being pursued persistently, jumped on the brakes when they reached the other side of the railroad tracks not far from the bridge. They pithed out and one loveled the high-powered rifle at the approaching automobile. The bullet plowed through the hood of Ralston's car, emerging from the dashboard to pass between the two men in the front seat, and being spent, buried itself in the upholstery.

Because the chase was useless without arms, Ralston turned back and picked up Mr. Brown, taking him to Mercy Hospital in Mt. Vernon to dress his wound. Another car continued the pursuit but was outdistanced about eight miles out of Gambier.

When Ralston and Brown came back to the scene of the crime, they viewed the wreckage the men had made. Plast
er littered the floor; bullet holes were everywhere; and debris of all kinds was scattered around the room. By this time, of course, the police had been notified, but the culprits were never apprehended.

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erial action of material things.
Professor Barzun completed his analogy with the obser
vation that although the ideas of Nietzsche, Butler, and
James were discretized, still they took root and appeared
in varied forms in the works of later authors.

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