In America just after the beginning, there were men who had demanded for comfort. Later the college students who inherited those desires from their fathers who were here just after the beginning. Soon the fraternity was formed to secure the most comfort in the most economical way. The right of fraternities to be as they are in American colleges without pretense to intellectual or moral value lies in their economic advantage.

Here, reconstructed in the beginning of the modern social fraternity. At the time when the genius took place college were populated by the sons of the well to do, the comfortable class. By our standards, living conditions in colleges were poor, were uncomfortable.

History
John Stewart, on arriving at Kingman University discovered that he had to take his meals at a small restaurant. Because he did not like what was served there he occasionally joined with three others so that he might ask the chef to prepare something special for them.

John in his second year at Kingsman, having many more friends, realized that if enough of them banded together at board they might ask Mrs. Sprage, a kindly gentilewoman, with a most excellent table, to prepare their meals for them. This they did and were very satisfied with the results. Thus the first two years at Kingsman passed.

The third year was important in the history of American Fraternities. John found he had to give a number of whist, tea, and beer parties. Of course, to all the parties came his old friends of the first and second years. By spirit, unswerving argument he convinced them all that they could have far bigger and better parties if they shared expenses by pooling a certain set amount each month. The following month (May) the fund was set up.

II. It's Rolled
Now these friends over the course of the years had managed to secure the best rooms of the dormitory for themselves and were living in the same vicinity. It occurred to them all at once that if they would each "chip in a little" they could secure a party room which might double as a reading or living room. This they did feeling proud of their new economic arrangement and their added comfort. Indeed, John, preparing for the party that year at Kingsman and with the arrangements he had made over the three years. He was really living better for less. Well not for less really but for

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Negro Political Aspirations are Subject for Assembly
The Reverend W. Payne Stanley, head of the St. Augustine Mission in Youngstown, Ohio, was the college assembly speaker on Tuesday, Jan. 22. A active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and an interested observer of the student in all phases of international affairs, the Rev. Stanley spoke briefly about political aspirations of the Negro.

In this area, all western races have much in common with the Jewish civilization. He maintained that the dreams of world peace are being based upon their concept of the brotherhood of all mankind. Their vision, used against each other in the world, and they have been a barrier to the progress of the world.

The Reverend Stanley has been a member of the League of Nations and the United Nations Organization.

The Kenyon Singers and choir have merged as one group, for the time being, with a formal organization. The revamp of the chorus and band is the most important question in America today, and emphasized his premise by posing the question: Shall the one Negro move, it was hoped, would improve the quality of the singing. Oliver Camp was chosen to be the first president.

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ONE MAN'S MEAT
By CHARLES ALLEN

It appears as though Capital's program for maintaining its prerogatives over control of the hierarchy of the United States economic system has gained many warm followers; particularly among the Kenyon student body which seems proud of its heritage as entrepreneurial capitalists of our country. A convention held this past month here at Gambier is that the necessity for governmental control of prices and production has passed; the green light must again show clearing the path for the return of the system wherein the devil takes the-handmaid and an 'enlightened' reason guides the markets to a 'just' level where the share of the nation's wealth is distributed 'fairly' through competition; where there are no problems of a submerged laboring class; where the 'American way of life' safeguards everyone's happiness.

During recent months the above opinion and others similar to it have been expressed each day in a bitter struggle which has taken place as September 10th marks the beginning of the U. S. Steelworkers' demand for a 10% an hour increase was rejected by the beneficiary, United States Steel Corporation. Action was taken by Direction of Fairness in order to prevent "his customers and American business in general".

A Fraternity Man can hardly be expected to read books or even tap them, when to do so would mean a smooth front (no see his back) in his other responsibilities.

Entering men have had the task of accepting or trying to avoid invitations from eight different groups each evening and every night in the week. True, there has been a cosmopolitan atmosphere in the newly occupied studies. The men enjoiyed, or tolerated representatives from the several organizations during most of their dormitory hours, each attempting to glorify the holy virtues of his home division.

The problems of a one week rush session have not been solved, but rather emphasized and made more obvious during the week. It is doubtful if an entering man has been able to know the fraternities and their members better than the freshmen of the fall or summer term. Decisions of affiliation have been made as superficial an evaluation of fraternity assets as those in previous classes. The intensified technique of pretentious amicability has nullified the possibility of a genuine freshman investigation into the society of Greek letters.

A pledge trunk be en been the first Sunday after the opening of school, new men would have been observing the traditional evening study hour for the past two weeks, a help to grades, and might be now more secure members of the Kenyon community, not persons to be "looked over".

Accultination to college living is difficult, and three weeks of observed but undirected drift do not aid.

Until theexistence of a freshman dormitorypermits us to completely reconstruct our policy of rushing and pledging, it is best we revert to the shorter rushing period.

Good Revival

With its first meeting since 1944 the Student Assembly joined those other Kenyon activities whose war-forced dormancy is now over. Like the other activities it also still needs the interest of the student body to function in full. As an example, the Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Senior Council, the three components of the established system of student government are now all in use. For many teams however, the well known mentioned bodies have not taken any action at all. The Senior Council has from time to time performed the duties of the other two as well as its own. As a wartime exigency, this arrangement was satisfactory, but as was incapable, the Council was often accused of misrepresenting its constituents until the Assembly in operation such complaints will disappear, for in the Assembly is the opportunity for discussion and action upon any and all measures which may bear upon campus matters.

All students may take satisfaction in the re-establishment of the Student Assembly, and should by their concern make it function successfully.
ANOTHER MAN'S MEAT

York Journal" of January 15, 1946, and like all editors must be read critically. Evans Notte.

Dudall R. Richberg, former chief of the National Recovery Administration, charged that unstrung labor warfare was "destroying economic security, undermining governmental authority and sowing broadcast the seeds of civil war."

Richberg told the Sales Executive Club at the Hotel Roosevelt that the present situation demanded legislation to prevent or at least minimize strikes.

The American people, including the majority of union members, would overwhelmingly favor such a law, he said.

Richberg blamed present industrial unrest on leaders of both labor and management "who are hoping they can win a few big battles and then dictate the terms of peace."

He reserved his most scathing criticism for labor leaders, specifically naming AFL President William Green, CIO President Philip Murray and John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers.

The strike situation, Richberg said, is a "national disgrace" which "shames us before the world in the very hour of a worldwide triumph of the strength and courage of the American people."

"Yet when public spirited men, public officials and private citizens, strive to reestablish domestic peace and justice under the law, the leaders of this vicious labor warfare spout their venom like angry snakes," he said.

"They even have the arrogance to charge the President of the United States with 'abject cowardice' because he has the courage to disregard their frowning displeasure."

"UPON WHAT MEAT," he asked, "HAVE MURRAY, GREEN AND LEWIS PEP THAT THEY HAVE GROWN SO GREAT? THEY WERE NOT EVEN ELECTED BY THE WORKERS WHOM THEY CLAIM TO REPRESENT. THEY WERE CHOSEN BY DELEGATES TO CONVENTIONS WHO ARE THE PRODUCTS OF BOSS-RIDDEN LABOR MACHINES."

Richberg charged that "every secret poll taken" shows that union members themselves want strikes prevented.

"They don't want to fight and suffer in a constrict army to maintain the power and the glory of the Murrays, the Greens and Lewises who misrepresent them and lead them in wars in which everyone but the labor politicians and racketeers suffer irreparable losses," he said.

Richberg admitted that industrial leaders are not blameless. But he said they have the "saving grace" of believing in a free competitive economy "even though as individuals they frequently see political favors and yield to the temptations of materialistic politics."

Walters Tackles

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Robert Golden and John Gilmore.

The newly organized Wraggers club is the domestic counterpart of the International Relations Club and meets on alternate Mondays.

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The Collegian

This issue of the Collegian comes out on Tuesday instead of last Friday due to printing difficulties.

All through the war the Manufacturing Printers Committee, where the Collegian is printed, had to use an out-worn linotype machine which greatly increases their printing problems.

However, a new and modern machine has been on order for some months and will probably be installed in a few weeks.

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And Gather Moss

Then, he suggested that to continue their new institution there would have to be a system of admitting new men, a system not subject to the capricious affections of the men already in. It had to be a formal thing and in order to insure that new men would enter to bolster the treasury and make better living through combined wealth, certain criteria for admittance were set up to apply to no one but to impress everyone and imbue them with the spirit which Robert labeled "fraternity."

The group within the space of three months became thoroughly enamored of their "fraternity", their device for living expensively so that the expense didn't hurt.

"They added to it and one day in February, Robert, now in his senior year, conceived the notion of uniting under the secrets all the past members of the group so that they might more easily be made to contribute to the treasury of the institution and so they could make more comfortable the the ever present members of the institution. This union was straight away accomplished and embellished in later years with reunions, home-coming letters, exhortations, demands, pleas, flatterers, compliments, friendships and expressions of high ideals. Thus in five years the institution essentially as we live with it today was generated.

So long as the institution of fraternity enabled its members to live better for apparently less it maintained its right to exist. The institution could not have been set up in a more favorable country, materialistic America. In a land where a premium is put on possession, the fraternity is the prize possession of ordinary college men."

Moral

We can be certain that fraternities basically require economic justification by noting their disappearance when they could no longer provide economic advantages. Fraternity population declined severely during the Spanish American War, during the World War and during this last war because there were not enough men on the campi to keep the treasuries full. Fraternities suffered tremendous losses through the extinction of many chapters during the depression of 1929 to 1938 because there was not enough money on the campi to keep the treasuries full. Fraternities were driven from the campi of Princeton, Harvard, Yale and other schools because they no longer presented economic advantages. They had over-expended and were burdening their members with debt rather than providing remuneration.

To all those then who ask the fraternities to demonstrate their right to exist all that need be done is to show a hand-some debt-free parlor, some floor lamps, an up-stuffed chair, inner-spring mattress, happy parties, an imposing lodge, and a large bank account. That is sufficient. Whatever attendant good there is, intellectual or moral, may be dispensed with entirely without jeopardizing the right to exist of the fraternity institution. Because the universities did sanction a wholly non-economic institution, they are committed to allow its preservation so long as it fulfills its economic ends.

Even today, the reasons for each concerted and standard activity of the fraternity may be easily traced back to the original theme, the now-present raison d'être, "better living through common economy."
Negro Political Aspirations
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Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and white continue to be a magic touch to these same privileges. He said that the Negro wants only to live in a society which makes real the democratic doctrine as stated in the Declaration of Independence.

The political aspirations of the Negro are nailed to the mastheads of every one of their 360-old papers in the United States. They want, in short, full representation in the presidential cabinet, the Supreme Court, in Federal and state governments, in all legislatures and government services. Mr. Stanley stressed the point that these aspirations are necessary for the survival of the United States, and that as a nation we will sink into mediocrity if we remain divided.

The purpose of Negro politicians and statesmen is to help all races to live heroically together in the peace that is to be.

crowds than at the Varsity games.

Well I’ shall be seeing you next issue, and until then, remember to turn out to those home games and let the fellows on the team know you’re pulling for them.

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Curtain Going Up
BY THE MAD DANE

The curtain has just gone up on the 1946 dramatic season and Kenyon College is starting out with a bang. The Play Production Club, together with the Dramatic Club is putting on William Shakespeare’s most famous play, Hamlet. The play has been cast tentatively, but it will probably suffer no important changes in the leading roles.


I have always had the theory that Hamlet is an ambitious and in some cases a foolish undertaking for amateur theatrical groups. I can’t help admiring the Kenyon thespians for having courage to attempt it... a big bouquet of roses and my sincerest wishes for a fine performance to all of you.

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