Senior Council Acts Again

Displaying the indicence of a “talking government” that it is known where it is going or what it should do, the Senior Council settled down to some meagre action. The content parliamentarians, Arner, Velpey, Wilson, Schmidt, Cooke, Fisnher, Vail, Persons, Bunge and Gilmore, in the matter of the “Epistle of the Book”, declared that those who elected them to power were as ungenerously as those who did the damage and ought to be lumped together for the same, hardly bearable punishment; the public reclaimation, to Tom Shanks, will have to grin and bear it, not being able to open his mouth to laugh it off or to rearguate in his own defense.

The attitude of the agnostic Council was unanimous to be sure, that there are no degrees of gentlemanship, and if you are not. Your punishment for being ungentlemanship will depend on the season of the year. If winter, you may be expelled; if fall, you may be put on social probation, i.e. if such action doesn’t cause discomfort to the Council; or if spring, you may be publicly reprimanded.

The council has now decided that perhaps their constitution needs a revision.

Middle Kenyon Leaves Council

Middle Kenyon, the Independent, gave notice of their distaste for Council procedure when they withdrew from the Council last Monday. This action by that division was unanimous, although strength left by those who presented the letter.

Middle Kenyon’s letter of withdrawal was read in Council and immediately followed by another letter from a different group of the Independents, not a majority, which said they disagreed with the first letter. Now the matter is pending approval from the other members of the proper circles, in the matter is traveling in circles.

The Collegian has learned that the Independent Laws of the Senior Council Disciplinary Procedure may be had from a closet in the Dean’s office.

French Club Meets for Discussion

Sandwiched in between the TKA-speaking contest and the Philomathian meeting, on June 5th was a session of the French Club. Chairman, the Rev. J. F. Guite, the chair held in the South Hanover parlor entirely in French except for occasional inadvertent slips into English, dealt with American politics, strikes and unions, the French Constituent Assembly, etc., each of the group plans to do this summary.

A party for the last meeting has been planned to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guite.

Those at the meeting were: Jean Frichebrat, Sam Flotkin, Bill Sturr, Gary Elswick, Dick Taggart and Bob Golden.

TKA Speech Contest Won by N. Leonard

The seventh annual Tau Kappa Alpha Interdivisional Speaking Contest was won by the third successive time by North Leonard. The bronze cup will be presented to that college, which will retain it permanently, by Dr. Chalmers at High Table on Sunday.


Middle Kenyon won second place, receiving Ken Schmidt, William Walsh, and Jack Stander.

In the final round of the contest last Wednesday, only 4 divisions qualified by having two men speak in both sections. They were North Leonard, Middle Leonard, East Wing, and Middle Kenyon.

Judges for the first round held in Philomathian Hall were Dr. Titus, Messers. Anderson and Ramhild. Those of the second round in the Speech Building were Dr. Coffin and an instructor of speech from Bowing Green, Mr. Walsh.

All the speakers showed a remarkable seriousness, some of the subjects being the housing of the Negro, the war, labor union, the Truman Administration, democracy, monocartism, and man’s trial and their distribution.

This reintroduction of an almost traditional campus activity was shown only slight interest by the student body at large.

On Seeing Reds

Almost every time that the publication which nearly everyone in Green Forest reads, appears among us we are bombarded with requests to "blast back at those Reds."

This typifies an attitude prevalent in the United States — the Reds must be held down. The Collegian itself is of this sentiment. The Collegian is definitely opposed to the U. S. and the Communists. It is definitely opposed to any group which desires to overturn by force our present form of government and substitute another.

However, the Collegian is also of the opinion that the anti-communist attitude often results in a deplorable habit: the branding as Red of any group which may be opposed by the name-giver. This habit has a hold on many Kenyon students who seem to be willing to hang about terms indiscriminately.

Far be it for the Collegian to defend the PS. It is not the intent of this article. That publication is by no means unable to speak for itself. But the Collegian refuses to blast any paper simply because undermining opinion calls it communist, calls it communist without any concrete backing for such an accusation.

The more inclusion of articles trying to promote better understanding, the more agreeing I think the Republican Party choice of their Chairman, and Schaen the Heart-Pattern-McCormick brand of publishing is certainly no basis for turning down the appelation, "Red."

When is a college student mature enough to use his head instead of his emotions in matters such as this? It is more regrettable than amusing to hear from juniors and seniors such statements as:

"The College is getting an awful Red reputation."

"The PS is just a cloak for disseminating Communist propaganda."

The Collegian is perfectly aware that some of its own support comes from those who think that such support is a way of showing themselves as anti-Communist as possible. As a result of being termed Communistic ourselves (such is the habit of some students) the Collegian renounces support based upon that faulty assumption.

We had one Kenyon student approach us offering his services because he believed us to be anti-Communist as to be "Fascist." Our feelings, he believed, to coincide with his.

Why must a liberal arts student always think in extremes? Why is it that a liberal education which aims to promote good thinking habits goes almost bluntly ignored.

Our aim is to retain our intellect; we are more and more dependent on the thought of others, especially the experts, and we are willing to be manipulated by clever propaganda.

The Collegian is a publication of the Kenyon College Students' Union, and since there is no organized group to spread propaganda it is now necessary for professors to post placards in their rooms, as in grammar school, saying, "Think before you speak."

S. E. Perry

Philho and Nu Pi Hold First Programs

The first regular meeting of the newly re-organized Philomathian Society was held on Wednesday night, June 5th. The topic of the discussion was "Communism at Kenyon," which was introduced by three speakers, Dr. Philip Timbaker, Dave Harris, and Stewart Perry.

The meeting was well attended by about thirty interested students and professors since it was well attended by all who were concerned with the topic.

The first regular meeting of Nu Pi Kappa, was held in their hall Thursday night, June 6th. Dean Stuart Mc Govern, and Mr. H. M. A. of the history of Kenyon's two literary societies.

Redecorating in the room begun by the former of the hall was discussed, and the topic for the next meeting was determined — Dick King to speak on Edmund Walser, 17th Century stylist.

Chalmers Makes Appointments

President Chalmers in the Assembly on June 4 announced the following appointments to the year 1946-47

Mr. Denham Saltz, as Associate Professor of English, to begin teaching in the Autumn Semester, 1946; B.A., Bates College; B.A. (First), M.A., Ph.D., Oxford University.

Dr. Saltz has done research at Yale and Harvard, and has taught English at Bates and at Harvard, and has published many articles and reviews, and is Associate Editor of the American Documents, as at present in the College for a few weeks, assisting President Chalmers. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Virgil C. Aldrich, as Associate Professor of Philosophy, to begin teaching in the Autumn Semester, 1946. Dr. Aldrich received his B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan, studied at Oxford University for a year, and earned his Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley, and has been a Visiting Professor at the Institute in Houston, Texas, at Columbia University, and at the University College. He has published many articles, and has a book in manuscript, "Outlines of Philosophy of Science." Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich and their son David will come to Gambier to live in the Autumn.

Mr. Kent U. Moore, as Cataloguer on the Library, will begin in the Autumn Semester, 1946. His degrees are A.B., Yale, M.A., Columbia, and B.L.S., also Columbia. Mr. Moore comes to Kenyon from the Archives Department of the Yale University Library.

Mr. William Berg, as Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics, to begin teaching in the Summer Term, 1946. Mr. Berg received his Ph.D. in Mathematics at the University of Iowa and taught there for three years. He is now studying at Princeton University.

Mr. Walter H. Haines, as Instructor in Economics, will begin teaching in the Autumn Semester, 1946. Mr. Haines has the following degrees: A.B., A.M., and Ph.D., Harvard University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Ruben A. Wachtenheim, as Assistant in the Library, beginning in the middle of August. He is the librarian at Allegheny in the Amberst College Library. His degrees are A.B., and B.L.S., Columbia. Mr. George B. White, as Auditor in the Treasurer's Office.
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