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THE KENYON COLLEGE

The Collegian Survey
Faculty Sampled For Opinions On Downs

I think the COLLEGIAN is doing a valuable job in promoting a serious discussion of academic standards for the benefit of the entering students...a timely topic.

Dr. S. B. Cummings

A compilation of the dorm grades received at the end of the first term show that 244 men received a combined total of 336 downs. While this figure is not, in itself, cause for alarm, it does suggest that the faculty should be more concerned about the students who have received their first downs. Despite the fact that downs have been received in the past, it can be expected that in the future, the COLLEGIAN is of the opinion that faculty members should endeavor to minimize the number of unsatisfactory grades. With this in mind, a sampling of the grading was undertaken to determine the number of students who have received their first downs. Students who were on the week of the grading were asked to answer a questionnaire which included questions about their academic performance. The results of the survey indicate that there is a need for improvement in the quality of instruction being provided by the faculty. Dr. Palmer notes that "the students need more guidance and support in order to achieve academic success." He feels that more emphasis should be placed on providing students with opportunities to develop their academic skills.

Dr. S. B. Cummings, Department of Psychology, adds that "the primary goal of the college is to help students develop the skills necessary for success in a complex world." He believes that by providing students with the opportunity to develop their academic skills, the college will be able to prepare them for success in a variety of fields.

Dr. D. Sutcliffe, Department of English, has also been conducting research on the subject of academic performance. She states that "the quality of instruction is critical to student success." She believes that by providing students with a more supportive and encouraging environment, the college will be able to improve the academic performance of its students.

The following were elected:
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Vice-president: Hen Abro
Secretary: Donny Marjo
Treasurer: Bill Frenaye
Finance Commissioner: Bob Nugent
Senior Class Representative: Tony Youngs-town

Mu Kappa Elects
Wuebker, Abraham

At its meeting on Jan. 14, Middle Kenyon elected new officers who are to serve for the academic year as well as for the spring semester.

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Middle Kenyon announces that all non-affiliated residents of 'Harvour Arms' are cor-

officially invited to attend its meetings.

I. Catesby Jones, Trustee, Is Dead

Kenyon College was sor-
rowed recently at the news of the death of I. Catesby Jones, who served on the Board of Trustees for many years. Mr. Jones was a valued member of the Board and his contributions will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Jones was elected to the Board of Trustees several years ago and served on the Board for over a decade. He was a highly respected member of the Board and his guidance and insight were greatly appreciated by all.

The Brook Memorial Win-

dows in the Church of the Holy Spirit were given by Mr. and Mrs. Jones in memory of Mrs. Jones' grandfather, father, and brother, three genera-

tions of Kenyon men.

$700,000 in 46,

Reports K.D.P.

1947 Campaign: New Underway

The Kenyon Development Fund drive will open on Monday, Jan. 25, and Dr. Ashford urges every student to give generously with an understanding of the needs and the moral principles involved. The campaign should earn the support of every thinking student.

W.S.S. DRIVE OPENS 27th

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor of the Collegian:

An open letter to the editor of HIKA.

HIKA, originally a magazine by and for the students of the college, seems to have deteriorated to an exclusive periodical whose content is subjective to the whims of a very small group of students. It is appreciated that your time for extra-curricular activities is more limited than it used to be, nonetheless you should spend a little of that time selecting the best literary work from HIKA, I am sure that the student body would spend more time reading them.

I do not mean to censure honest creative endeavor (for which HIKA is both honest and good) but I do criticize an editorial policy which permits a large part of the magazine to be devoted to pseudo-modernistic poetry. Is that the only kind of poetry that you care to print, or is it the only kind of poetry submitted for publication?

It seems to me that you should encourage diversification. Surely there are a few critics or essayists or literary-minded people who would not appeal to the student body. Much of the poetry in HIKA is practically impossible to understand. In some cases I doubt if the author explained his poem without his original notes. If you spent more time editing and rewriting your poems, I am sure that the student body would spend more time reading them.

Is it not the intention of the COLLEGIAN to become a franksheet. Far be it from us to act as a loudspeaker for every student with a pet grievance, but when they are approached through communications addressed "To the Editor, Collegian," by a large number of students, each of whom is troubled by the same thing, it is evident that they all comply with good words, words, of course, being the "action" of the fourth estate. We believe that it is our duty to you, the students, to air any serious problems which are troubling you. In our effort to help solve the common situation appear strange to you, and you bring the matter to our attention, we will make every effort to clear it up for you. The size of our staff and the many tasks each member perform will make it impossible for you to operate 100% in any of our undertakings, be they surveys, investigations, or "irras." We want to be able to answer the questions, "Why is that?" and "What is this?" to your satisfaction and ours. If we can, we are certain that all of us will be a whole lot happier than we are.

It is one of the most common things in the world to complain, and, at the same time, it is one of the most justifiable things to complain with good reason. We stand ready to receive your complaints and queries, and expect you to be ready for ours. The COLLEGIAN is your newspaper, and, such as, it will work for you in direct proportion to your cooperation with it. We cannot emphasize too much that all communications addressed "To the Editor, COLLEGIAN" will receive our careful personal consideration.

W. T. HUGHES

HILLTOPICS

By Sandy Lindsey

We have often wondered, while removing stones from our shoes to the accompaniment of appropriate language, why Middle Path has not long since been paved with flagstones or perhaps with the stone of good asphalt. This is a problem that would afford the singing fraternities, the reduction of that crunching racket which accompanies their tuneful marches and more often than not indicates that voices and praises are too true.

Frequent trips to the cobble with our shoes has made us aware of the economic value of paving — but the most convincing argument we can suggest is this: with one of the flags of our bike stuck halfway down in the subsoil and we've got to struggle like an insect on sticky flypaper, arriving at our destinies with a Nuclear kind of "we say" we — Pave the Path!

Grab your hats — here we go again! (Note: Mr. Rankin, please, this is not an indictment of the capitallists' system — merely a passing observation.) We have daily observed the distasteful stumpedie of students into the Commons at mealtime. No quarrel have we with the vigorous display of many energy on field or in gym, but in the dining room one expects the exercise of a minimum of the conventions of polite society. One of the claims of the bourgeoisie to support their elevated position on is the quality of their social behavior. By this definition one is forced to an unpalatable conclusion concerning the so-called adults who daily assault the dining room like juveniles re-earning a re-maing on a landing. Further, the students are the only place in the campus where the spirit which affords occasion for the coming together of all Kenyon men to break bread and sing a spell without concern for the standards of Winona; however, in as such, are supposedly non-existent. We recall a speech in which President Chalmers mentioned the salutary effects of "breaking bread" in the Commons. It is more surprising what interesting people one may meet — if one succeeds in elloowing through the initial stumps of cameras and glares and insults of out-raged brethren who regard the intrusion of "their" table as a colon ablony. Finally, as if this is not enough, the practice of coming to the first noon meal on Sunday to avoid sitting around the dining at the second meal in a sordid commentary on the remaining quality of the student body after the above in-diction. What a school spirit! One of Kenyon's finest traditions, the noon meal was worth more than a dinner in time to see the latest chapter of the Roy Rogers serial at the Vernon Theater. Oh! Reminds us, as usual, of a poem:

A noble order of somber glove.
It was dowered by superior powers
That those who dwell upon ivory towers
Shall have heads of the same material.

We are inclined to have occasion for such a tirade as above
If it irks a few people — I hope so. We've tried being kind and witty — now mobe this will turn the tide.

The College Shop has a sharp advertising campaign. The newsprint page of the noon bulletin board advises: "The College Shop and Kenyon Tobacco — Very Mild!" "Take, you chaps. His Lordship is a radly fellow for a that and a that.

"AIRING" HUNGER PANS

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Ponder on the aforemen- tioned words for a few minutes, and then read the following to see if you are in agreement with my conclu-
sions and suggestions.

Obliquely presented in question is a natural one, one that must be completed according to the laws of nature. Now, I say that if there is to be no change in the quantity of food served in the Commons, the management kindly serve a plate of balloons after each meal.

Bill Cheney

Anonymous

DeGray Returns to Entertain Fans

Julian DeGray, talented pianist and lecturer, is now known as "the Kenyon pianist," and enlivening the resident body with his informally playing and discussion in lounge at Peace Hall. B. DeGray will be remembered by those familiar with DeGray concerts, who were here in Spring '45, at which time Mr. DeGray gave a few days playing and lecturing on the piano and the same name at present.

Graduating from Columbia in 1935, DeGray entered the Cutting Fellowship which took him abroad for two years as a member of the Los Angeles music. This trip was ended a third year while Mr. DeGray studied composition with Jean Hone in Paris, and then with Tobias Matthay in London.

On the Remembrance College faculty since 1932, DeGray went to Washington in 1939, became an Associate in the American Legion and left for service in the First World War. He returned to his native city, and then to his present position.

Mr. DeGray views music as a reflection of society as well as a form of entertainment. "I believe that the world is just as good as you want to make it, and I believe that if music cannot offer joyous entertainment to the people, then it is no better than entertainment offered to the people by the films or the books or the radio, and I think if we can offer joyous entertainment we are justified in doing so. I believe that in the arts of music, poetry, painting, or any other, there is a chance to make the world a better place to live in, and I believe that if the people of this world will use their talents wisely in this way, we can make the world a better place to live in."

DeGray's recital at Peace Hall is sponsored by the College Shop. This is the first time Mr. DeGray has appeared on the peace Hall stage since his concert in 1935.
DEAR PAPA

By Howard Janis

The Note—This is the second in a series of letters written to your son. The first letter was written on January 18, 1947, and describes a trip to Lilliput, a small kingdom in the land of Lilliput, describing the impressions of American college life.

Dear Papa,

I am in answer to your query. I am very happy to report that the foods becoming more plentiful and less expensive, at least some of them have been reported. Whether the meals are provided at Runyon or at another location, the food has improved immeasurably. The diet has become more in line with the appetites and nutritional needs of normal people.

The Commons has been recognized for a long time as the source of dissatisfaction among the students. A survey of the conditions in the student dormitories revealed that the Commons was the center of discontent. The food was considered to be inadequate in quality and quantity. The students were not satisfied with the variety of food available. They complained that the food was overpriced and that the service was slow.

The situation improved after a meeting between the administration and the student body. The administration agreed to make changes in the food service. The menu was expanded to include more options, and efforts were made to improve the quality of the food. The students were also consulted about the changes that they would like to see in the food service.

I am happy to report that the improvements have been effective. The students are now satisfied with the food service at the Commons. They have reported that the food is more plentiful and less expensive, and that the variety of options has increased.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Howard Janis

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RIXEY HIGH SCORER

Kenyon's Lords, boasting a fine conference record but nothing really spectacular, threw the scare of the season into the highly-touted Capital University basketball team here last Monday, but lost to the tune of 71–61.

The game was marked by the number of times the lead changed hands, and the score almost all the way. Both teams scored often and the game proved to be a spectator's delight from the first whistle on.

Kenyon scored the first basket, but trailed at the end of the first half by one big point, after ending the first period in an 18–18 tie. Mid-way in the third period the Lords staged a spurt, and took over the lead for a short time as the quarter ended with Kenyon leading 25–20. Epps Rixey, playing as the center and heart of the Purple and White offensive, went out of the game on fouls with six minutes to play in the last period. With Rixey gone their attack bogged down, and without his height under the basket Capital was unable to control the backboard.

With a steady drive the Lutherans forged into the lead, sparked by Dick Ott, their high-scoring center. Scoring twenty-one points in that last drive, Capital pulled the game out of the fire for its sixth conference win against no defeats.

They now lead all Ohio schools with this record.

Epps Rixey and Dick Ott were embroiled in a hot contest for the scoring leadership throughout the contest. Since both men were the tallest on their teams, they battled under the backboard for the rebounds, and both came out high.

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LORDS TOPPLE OBERLIN, 52-42

The Kenyon eagers regained their 500 average when they overpowered the Oberlin basketball team at Oberlin on January 11, 52 to 42. Grabbing an 8–3 lead in the first period, the Lords were never overtaken by the Yeomen. They continued their scoring spree in the second quarter and held a halftime lead of 11 points.

Oberlin came back in the third quarter with 17 points to narrow Kenyon's lead to 4 points, but in the final stanza it was Kenyon that applied the pressure to win going away, 52 to 42. Barr of Kenyon and Thomas of Oberlin shared the high scoring honors with 15 points apiece.

Mermen Rout Case

Bob Parmedeke's swimmers opened their 1946–7 season by overwhelming the team from the Case School of Applied Science by a score of 52 to 22. A capacity crowd at the Shadier Pool saw the Lords sweep all but one first place in a meet that was thrash-packed from start to finish.

Tomorrow, when the team is pitted against the Wooster Scots, they will encounter stiff opposition, but the team has been making good progress, and their chances of victory are better than average.

200 yd. Medley Relay - Won by Kenyon (Carlson, Clark, and Briel), 1:47:9. 200 yd. Freestyle - Won by Wendler (K), 2:10.5; Carter (K), 2:10.6.

Pastry Driving: Won by Mr. John (K); 3rd, Walker (C); 3rd, Neil (K); 76.8 pt.

200 yd. Free Style Relay - Won by Lang (K); 2nd, Walker (C); 3rd, Neil (K); 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 3rd, 3rd, 5th, 3rd, 3rd.

200 yd. Breast Stroke - Won by Clark (K); 2nd, Mitchell (K); 3rd, Dunn (C); 2nd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd.

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February 3rd
Riding Club Holds Horse Show

After a lapse of activity during the war, the Kenyon Riding and Polo Club held a reorganization meeting on Dec. 11. The 39 members elected Edward Henkel Jr., as president, Thomas Murphy as vice-president, and Robert Wilson as secretary-treasurer. As its first public performance, the club decided that on February 3 at 3:00 p.m. it would hold a small horse show, to consist of 6 classes: Musical Drill Contest, Junior Equitation, Exhibition in Jumping. Intra—Patronymic Equitation, Exhibition by Miss Parker and Miss Gabriel, and Senior Equitation. It was unanimously agreed that Capt. Eberle be asked to judge the show. A dinner will be held immediately following the show for all Riding Club members in the private dining room.

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Knox County Alumni Hold Dinner Meeting

A number of Kenyon graduates of the Knox County Alumni Association were the guests of Dr. G. K. Chalmers at a dinner in Peirce Hall on Thursday, January 9. Among the thirty-two guests were members of the faculty who are Kenyon alumni.

After the dinner Dr. Chalmers discussed the present state and future plans of the College. Mr. Robert Bowen Brown, Alumni Secretary, spoke on the progress of the Kenyon Development Program.

Dr. John Drake, president of the Knox County Alumni Association, announced a general alumni meeting in Mt. Vernon in the next thirty days, and appointed a committee to make plans for a dinner meeting. Dr. Drake also appointed a committee to nominate officers for the Knox County association. The enthusiasm of the loyal group of Kenyon men made the meeting a success.

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