Order

The singing in Pierce Hall on Sundays is desirable for many reasons. It gives us students a chance to exhibit a little school spirit by entering heartily into "Class of Old '15" or "Give My Regards to Rocky" and also is bound to impress favorably any visitors to the college, if it is done well. But it is impossible that it be done well when the piano, located in the outer lobby of Pierce Hall, is in operation at the same time that "The Thrill" is being sung. The persons who somehow always manage to be playing the piano at this time should remember that they are hindering one of Kenyon's finest traditions, and act (we should say not act) accordingly this Sunday.

And Chaos

The students of Kenyon have more than once registered their disapproval of the library system now in effect, and our columns have often in the past proved hospitable to attacks levelled against it. We regret, however, that rarely, if at all, we bestowed upon the library staff the praise they so much deserve; and we would like to insist, before voicing additional protests, that our dissatisfaction is not with Mr. Moore and his staff (for they are efficient and competent enough), but rather with the system under which they work.

The major complaint concerns the disappearance of books from the reserve shelves, not to mention the stacks. We can not, of course, demand that every student leaving the library be thoroughly searched, for we will soon have all the freedom-craving idealists of the campus on our necks; but we can and will insist that all books ordered by instructors placed on reserve shelves be instead placed on closed reserve shelves. We do not care how the library guards those books; Mr. Moore might, if he wishes, even hire private detectives to protect them; the important thing is that they do not vanish till after the finals, at which time they are (we have been assured) of comparatively little value.

The other matter concerns the replacement of books studied in the stacks; and here we are addressing specifically those students who have persistently overlooked that glaring sign in the stack room which reads, "Do not return books to shelves — Leave on Table — A misplaced book is a lost book." Unless the student is positive where the book belongs, it is best to let a member of the library staff replace it — even though, as it has been recently pointed out, this might take a year.
LETTERS

Foreign Tongue

In these times when Kenyon, like other colleges, is suffering from a drop in enrollment, the College should pay special attention to the courses it offers the students.

I was shocked to find that in the recently published 1952 Kenyon College catalogue Russian 1, 2 and Russian 11, are no longer listed as courses offered on this campus.

On behalf of the student body, I would like to know why, when the armed services and the government are simply crying for people with a knowledge of the Russian language the administration and faculty of Kenyon can throw Russian 1, 2 and Russian 11, 12 out of the curriculum.

If the College's answer is that the Russian language courses had to be cut from the course offering as a matter of financial expediency, I remind the College that with the present wartime situation Kenyon may lose more money, when its enrollment begins to fall because it fails to offer students preparation to meet adequately today's uncertainties. Although we may never get an R.O.T.C. unit here, Kenyon men should not be kept from cultivating a specialty which may lead to easier admission to O. C. S.

Of these administration and faculty members who feel that the Russian language is not part of the traditional liberal arts curriculum we ask how long they expect us to risk our very lives for the sake of worthless tradition. (I do mean to imply by this remark that all traditions are worthless). Or better still, I might ask them if in the course of their liberal education they never heard of such eminent Russian writers as Tolstoy, Gogol, and Dostoievsky? Selections from these and many other internationally renowned Russian writers were read in Russian 11, 12 last year.

If our "paternalistic" administration and faculty really care about us the students, as well as the welfare of our democracy, Kenyon men will be able to take Russian next semester.

-C. D.

Thick Tongue

Dance Weekend of Fall, 1951, is an occasion to be celebrated in a traditionally honored manner. Hereby:

The Polka of the Seabreeze
That night I had a cup of tea
From double broths whom I despise;
My very bones were sick in me,
And fiends and daemons pricked my eyes.
With various evil beckoning sighs
That poured like storms across the air,
I tossed my cookies on the ice.
But Pugatch and the rest were there.

Tom Tenney brought a bottle free
Whose fumes were smoking toward the skies;
John Schmitt approached my teeth to see
If he could loose that brittle vice.
With sure uncommon courtesies
Those people gave me little beer;
I would have strangled on the breeze,
But Pugatch and the rest were there.

The consummation severity
Of careful dean's to Calvinize
Our private virtuosity
With bright elixirs gods would prize
Would bear a moral for the wise
Who sit in corners; prime, and wear
The gowns that promise paradise;
But Pugatch and the rest were there.

Envoy
Doctor, descend and mesmerize
The elephants that munch my hair;
I should have tried the glass for size,
But Pugatch and the rest were there.

Respectfully,
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Cash

President Chalmers has announced that a total of $127,000 in gifts had been received since November 1, 1951. This sum exceeds by over $50,000 last year's year-end receipts.

Several hundred alumni contributed to the Kenyon Fund for current operations, towards various funds for scholarships and for other purposes. A large sum came also from the Diocese of Southern Ohio, which this year paid the last third of its promised gift to the Old Kenyon Restoration Fund.

Those making sizeable contributions include the Norton family of Cleveland, which gave $28,000, and the honorable John W. Ford of Youngstown, Phillip K. Mather of Boston, Charles E. Merrill of New York, and Earl D. Babst of New York. Mr. T. S. Matthews added $7,700 to the Juliana Cuyler Matthews Scholarship fund, and the Firestone Foundation of Akron gave $9,000 for scholarships to Bexley Hall.

Credit

There are three new courses being offered for the second semester. These courses are: Philosophy 26, a new art course; and a new political science section.

The faculty met recently and have revised the regulations regarding fifth courses. The rule now reads as follows: Any sophomore, junior, or senior who will have completed five courses during the four-course plan may take a fifth course without petitioning the faculty or maintaining a specific average provided he is not on probation. This plan is in operation for one semester only as an experiment.

Freshmen, under the new semester hour system, may carry seventeen credit hours. If any wish to carry more than this they must petition the faculty. If any student desires to carry the minimum of fourteen hours, he must petition the faculty. If any freshman has signed up for less than fourteen hours, he should see his advisor before February 5.

Brass Beanies

The Freshman class belatedly put their fuzzy heads together last Saturday, came up with a slate of class officers: Bob First, Beta, was elected president; Jim Wallace, Delta, Secretary-Treasurer; and Don Moore, Pi, and Tim Leach, Beta, were made members of the Social Committee. Being Freshmen, they're only pledges, of course.

Inflation No. 1

Following on the heels of the debate held in the COLLEGIAN of Nov. 2, over the monetary and culinary situation in the Commons, the Board of Trustees last month increased the Commons fee $30 a year. In addition to the cost of "raw foods" rising 17%, the Commons showed a deficit of $14,000 last year, a deficit which will probably increase this year. In making their decision, the Board and Treasurer W. E. Camp noted the higher standards maintained at Kenyon and called attention to the fact that many Ohio schools have increased not only board but other fees. A circular sent to the homes of those students who attend meals in Pierce Hall stated that the raise "was made reluctantly and only after careful consideration."

Fallen Star

Fallen by the wayside: Bob Nolan, freshman football whiz, letterman, and intramural basketball star. Pappy had to leave on account of an artistic difficulty, it was learned recently.
**SPORTS**

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brief pre-season practice period.

Though the whole team regrets the loss of such potent players as Jones, Hollenbach, and Burrows, Bill Stiles shows great confidence in the many capable sophomores who will be returning this year. As well as the large group of lettermen, the success of the team will rest heavily upon such freshmen hopes as Paul Matthews and Bud Boyd.

Perhaps the most highly contested position this year is in the goal. Due to loss of the two great goalies from the 1957 season, Rollo Myers and Tom Ber- lin, Coach Stiles is having to mold a man to fill that position. At present, Al Murphy and Bill Sprague are the main contenders.

The Lords will face a tough schedule this year, including such power-houses as Washington and Lee, Hobart, Hamilton, and Delaware. But the traditional rivalry with Oberlin will remain its position in the spotlight; Oberlin is still looking for its first victory in the Kenyon-Oberlin lacrosse series.

Within three weeks of this publication, the Kenyon stickmen will be out in full force — and the prospects look good for retaining the Mid-West Championship which we have held for three years.

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**Pot, Boil**

The Wooster Scots handed the Kenyon Lords their second loss of the season on Thursday, January 10, at Worthington fieldhouse. It was the Golden Jubilee basketball meeting between the two schools. Wooster has won forty-one of these games, while Kenyon owns just nine victories.

Before the game was five seconds old, Ron Frady popped in a short shot to start the pot boiling. The lead proceeded to change hands many times, giving the fans evidence of a close game. Owing to Don Marsh's accurate long shooting, the Philander Chas men were ahead at the end of the first quarter by a slim margin, 17-16.

The second quarter saw Wooster's star center, Don McCutchen begin to control the rebounds and also regain his shooting eye.

After Wooster took a 35-29 lead late in the second quarter, the scrappy Lords fought back to only be a point behind at intermission, 35-34. The third quarter saw both teams fight nip and tuck, setting the stage for the expected fourth quarter fury. The Wooster Scots still led at the end of the third period 49-47. Kenyon rapidly tied the game up at 59-59, but Wooster fought back with a 53-49 margin. When the Scots took a 69-64 lead, the fans began to leave the fieldhouse.

Suddenly the never-say-die Lords came rushing back with two quick baskets. This was so unexpected that even the Wooster coach jumped from the bench and asked the timekeeper for the seconds remaining. With the score 60-58, Coach Henderson sent in a complete new quintet for the tired first team. The Lords stole the ball and made their way toward the Wooster basket.

Barry Cahill's last-second desperation rimmed the hoop, as the gun sounded, giving the Scots a heart-breaking 60-58 victory.

**Water, Quench**

On Saturday, January 12, at Schaffner Pool, Kenyon's swim team, led by co-captains Ullman and Christ, jumped off to an early lead and was home free in defeating Penn College 46-29. Taking firsts in five out of the six individual races and winning both relays, Kenyon had little trouble with a game, but out-classed, Penn State.

Double winners for Kenyon were Herb Ullman and Al Eastman. Herb won the diving and the 50-yard freestyle in the excellent time of 24.6 secs. He also swam a leg in the freestyle relay. Eastman won the 220 and 440-yard freestyle races.

**Stick, Beat**

The scheduled three weeks of fall lacrosse practice, which culminated in two days of surmaging before Christmas, received coach Stiles' commendation as one of the most successful fall seasons yet. Under the guidance of lettermen such as Culp Abrahams on defense and Pennington and Paisley on attack and midfield inexperience though enthusiastic freshman contingent laid the groundwork of fundamentals in the
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Delta Kappa Epsilon
West Wing residents have retreated to the woods once more, after a two week period of baccanalia. Only trouble seems to be that their isn't quite enough light in u-toro to study by, but the darkness is of just sufficient degree for the showing of movies. Deke party-goers say that in their book, Dance Week started Monday will help to keep the boys there, hope for their return.

Yesterday afternoon, the football team practiced for the football season, and several of the players returned to their dormitories. The team will play at 8 p.m. on Saturday against the University of Minnesota. The game is expected to be close, with the Buckeyes holding the edge.

The Phi Delta Chi fraternity also held a meeting yesterday evening to plan for the upcoming weekend. The fraternity plans to host a formal dinner and dance at the Phi Delta Chi house, with guest speakers and live music.

Alpha Delta Phi
The East Wing is holding a silent disco party tonight in the East Wing lounge. The party is open to all students, and will feature music from the 80s, 90s, and early 2000s. Attendees are encouraged to dress in retro clothing and bring glow sticks.

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At this time, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Robert Brown, and members of the Senior Society wish to thank Kenyon College students for their fine, spirited participation in the recent Republic blood drive in which Kenyon contributed 90 pints of blood.

The next day for giving blood will be April 15, 1952. Please see Senior Society members for any questions you might have. There is no need to stress just how important these blood drives are. Remember, you may be getting this blood back yourself.

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