By Daniel D. Bumsed

On July 20 Dr. Charles Monroe Coffin, age 52, died suddenly in San Martin, Calif., of a coronary occlusion.

Students returning to Kenyon this fall are not at all too aware of the loss of Dr. Coffin, who was chairman of the English department, secretary of the faculty, and chairman of a multitude of committees of the college.

Dr. Coffin came to Kenyon in 1927, having received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Ohio State University. Since that date his contributions to the upperclassman curriculum have been continuous. His residence here has been interrupted by study at Columbia University and at Oxford and Cambridge in England. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia in 1937. During World War II, Dr. Coffin served as a Lt. Commander in the Navy.

In academic circles Dr. Coffin was a noted scholar specializing in 17th century literature. He was author of "John Donne and the New Philosophy" (soon to be reprinted). He also edited the Modern Library editions of Donne's works and more familiar to Kenyon students, "The Major Poets." At the time of his death Dr. Coffin was engaged in research at the Huntington Library for a critical interpretation of Milton's "Paradise Lost."

"Coffin's death was a blow to the world of scholarship. There can be no doubt. At Kenyon his classes, particularly the seminars in his home, which both he and his students enjoyed so much, were conducted in what one might call true Coffin tradition. We shall miss not only his scholarship but also the inspiring example he set, the good-humored willingness to give the rare sense of humor that could be so sharp, and the conversation in which he so excelled. For Dr. Coffin was no mere scholar; he was a gentleman first. As such he fitted perfectly into the college community—whether it be at a party, a baseball game, a committee meeting, or in the classroom. His profound knowledge of politics, literature, art, philosophy, student government—to name a few—made him the able judge to his students, colleagues, and friends knew how capable he was in this department.

Nothing establishes greatness quite so definitively and painfully as the death of a man whose life and ideals seemed to give the sense of continuity. Coffin's death may be said to be a blow, in reference to a man, but the expectation of yet more accomplishable work, the memory of all that has been given, and the realization of the term. But death forces us to judge finally. We have to look at the record to see whether a man was truly great or not. Surely, then,

Marquand Lecture

The Rt. Hon. Sir John Marquand, M.P., will speak on the "British and Other Literature: Medicine in the Speech Building Monday, October 2, at 8 p.m.

Mr. Marquand is an Oxford graduate and former professor at the University of Cardiff in Wales. During World War II he served in Under Secretary of the Board of Trade. He later became Deputy Prime Minister of Pensions and then served Ernest Bevin as Minister of Health. In 1946 he was elected to Parliament as a representative of the Labor Party.

Aside Kenyon, a large number of colleges and universities including Oberlin, Cornell, the University of Michigan, University of California, University of Wisconsin, University of Chicago, University of Minnesota, and the University of Illinois, have invited Mr. Marquand to speak. Kenyon will be the first to hear the lectures.

Postgraduate students should make the lecture a must. Socialized medicine will be a concern to them whether they are sympathetic with it or not. Students of political science and other social sciences also will do well to attend.

There was a great man, a man whose many talents were dedicated to the furtherance of scholarship and right conduct. What Kenyon College hopes to do for the Kenyon student has been variously and often very loudly expounded. Let us hope that Kenyon College can cultivate more men of the caliber of Charles Monroe Coffin. His death is a great loss, but the past half year has brought out the truth of a line in John Donne's 'Holy Sonnet XV,' which is addressed to Death:

"And wrench our best men with thee do go."

Charles M. Coffin

A LETTER TO THE STUDENT BODY

Dear Members of the Class of 1956:

As Dr. Chalmers did not have the opportunity to say goodbye to you, he has been on my mind to try to make some statement to you on his behalf, because, however little time he had to spend with you, you were always appreciative in thought, and in his efforts to make Kenyon the best small liberal college in the United States. He said once, 'The minute anyone sets himself to accomplish anything of any consequence, the element of sacrifice will enter in. My sacrifice is just not being able to stay here—and not being with the students.' For awhile, after we first came to Gambier, he taught one or two courses, in order to keep in touch with the boys, as well as an account of his love of teaching, but he soon had to give it up, because of the demands and pressures of his job. It was for the sake of teaching and teaching that he was willing to go into administrative work at all, for thought that he could do more for them and for American education in that capacity than in following his own desires, and he always considered that any professor on the path outbrkund him—be merely trying to make the work of good and independent professors possible, to try to see that they were better remunerated throughout the country, and that at least on this Hill they might be protected from some of the indignities that have come out of mass thinking and 'the spirit of the hive,' and permitted to work fairly and in peace as perhaps the most valuable individuals in the country. Buildings and equipment are all very well,' he said on one occasion, 'We have to have them. It is fine to have good buildings and the best equipment. But if all the buildings fell down over night, so that not one stone was left on another, Kenyon College would still be here if its family were here. It is the teaching 'family' that makes the school.'

It was simply in order that you might have good teachers that he was willing to give his life without rest or recreation to money-raising and advertising the aims of education at Kenyon, (eight out of ten of his appointments was over for this purpose,) which he hoped would bear such fruits that they would be imitated elsewhere, thus serving the ideas of justice and freedom which have informed this country from its beginnings, and which have been so often threatened in our educational and political thinking in recent times. The two citations which Dr. Chalmers received in Washington after his death, which have been

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Kenyon

Bogardus

Kenyon has acquired a valuable addition to the English department in the person of Professor Edgar C. Bogardus, a former student of the college and a resident of Monroe, Ohio.

Bogardus, a good-looking, single man, twenty-two years old, would recall those foolish days at Kenyon in the old freshman barracks, where countless incidents would be said to have been of his contemporaries. Paul Newman, was known as Paul Newpaham.

Bogardus was born in Monroe, Ohio. Professor Bogardus went to High School in Mount Vernon, and spent a year in the Navy. After he left Kenyon, his went to Ohio University, where he in a year as an undergraduate, and two years of graduate work. He then begun to a year at Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, went to work on a Carnegie Fellowship, taught at the University of Connecticut, and spent another year in Europe on a Kenyon Review Fellowship. He has much experience, both in teaching and traveling, for one of his years, but as the sits across the desk, his oldish shoulder, and his rounded shoulders, gives him an almost collegiate look.

When asked for his opinion of Kenyon, Bogardus was unhesitant. "The system of student freedom, he replied that it was one of the things which makes Kenyon the unique and delightful place it is for the beautiful price in responsibility and effort must be given for the privilege.

"Bogardus would not that in his opinion the level of integrity and spirit attained by Kenyon students is attainable equalized in the college of American. He says that this objective of the college is the same as it was nine years ago—to give the top liberal education possible together with the instilling of spirit and integrity, to every student.

"There have been many changes in the time that he has been away from the campus. When he was a Freshman, he wasn't required to wear a tie, and the college was riddled by veterans, since World War II had just been concluded. But the changes have done nothing to alter Professor Bogardus' opinion that college at Kenyon is a rich and satisfying human experience.

"Do you like Yale at all, the natural attitude of Kenyon men and the good student-faculty relation-

When asked whether or not he liked the location of Kenyon in a town the size of Gambier, he replied that it was there that he would have liked to have been. "This allows the student the unique advantage for the student, such as reasonable assurance that no one could be watched, the influence of introducing beverages would be struck by street cars or buses. The students will most likely agree with the Professor on that point.

The new English Professor is indelibly interested and diverse. It is hoped we will enjoy teaching at Kenyon.
FROSH MAKE DEBUT

The SPOKESMAN

One of the sources of disappointment to the editors of the Collegian during the last year, was the fact that the papers, as a "Journal of Student Opinion," was not really living up to its name. When we assumed the editorship last spring, it was decided after many considerations to retain the old title of the paper because we definitely thought that an organ of student opinion was necessary at Kenyon. From time to time issues worthy of student comment must necessarily arise, and the Collegian is certainly a means by which such comment may be aired.

This year we hope we shall receive enough comments from the student body that we may truly live up to that name.

A Current Issue

One issue which we think worthy of comment is that of the programs offered at assemblies during the coming year. In order that the wishes of the students may be reflected in the choice of assembly speakers, a new committee bearing the formidable title of the Subcommitte of the Assembly Committee has been formed and placed under the leadership of Professor Richland Longaker of the Political Science Department.

The committee, composed of both faculty members and students, also includes Dean Finkbeiner, Dr. Aldrich, Dr. Robinson, Ted Bender, Bob Mohler, and Wayne Muir.

The assembly scheduled for this year has not yet been decided upon. If this committee is to serve any useful purpose, it will be necessary that your views are made known to its members.

Questions To Be Answered

The following questions may give some indication of the type of problem which the group is considering:

1. Should it schedule more or fewer members of our own faculty?
2. Is the use of assembly time for student groups, such as the Pan-Hellenic Council, desirable?
3. Would there be sufficient interest in debates between students or faculty members on political or other matters?
4. Should assemblies be used primarily, or are they to be confined to programs associated with academic matters or current events?

There are only a few of the questions on which the committee desires opinions. Since attendance is required at assemblies, it seems only fair that the programs should comply with the wishes of the student body.

Letters of opinion may be addressed to Dr. Lockager, or, if they are of such a nature that they should be printed, they should be sent to the Collegian. Whatever your ideas, this publication will be happy to receive them.

Only One of Many

Here we have only one of many issues which will arise during the year, but it serves as a good example of the type of matter on which we shall invite your comments and criticisms. We don't believe it's asking too much of your time to let us know what you think.

September 29, 1936

WORLEY'S MEN'S WEAR
125 S. Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ohio

Frosh Make Debut

Over 130 beanie-adoring freshmen will make the debut in Gamma Society tonight at the annual "cattle call ball" from 9 to 12 p.m. in Prince Hall.

Sponsors for the coming out event are the upperclassmen who will provide a few pre-dance celebrations and refrain from bird-dogging at the dance, and Assistant Dean Austin C. Henschelger, who is arranging for the finest escorts.

The best of blessings will arrive after supper by bus from neighboring Denison University. The Frosh issues will, in true coats and coats with what may be getting their first taste of the Kenyon social life.

For more than a week the lowerclassmen have been planking down shiny new money and names and descriptions in the Assistant Dean Henschelger may procure them a date. Some have made their bids with a Confidentiert and, if the former are able, of the latter, descriptive name which the event.

Reason for the late hour of arrival is the existence of a football game of some nature at Denison today also. Most upper classmen have chosen to ignore this fact in selecting female companionship for the day, so a goodly crowd of the opposite sex should be present the 2 p.m. Kenyon.Wooster clash.

Football Highlights

Highlights of the football game, which unfortunately the entire class dates will miss, are a performance by Wooster's famous student band, who will play with a gigantic bagpipe and attractive majorettes, and a pie-eating contest between the two teams.

Wooster and Wesley will be chosen to whip the sophomores in the pie contest, whereas the members of the Sophomore class, has issued a royal decree that all freshmen will eat as much as they want of the pie.

Whether this strange order will turn out to be is up to the sophomores who have dates.

Students without dates are asked not to attend the dance and for Meder's combo, four instruments and a vocalist—will provide the music, according to Bruce Lockager, who will be in charge, chairman of the social committee.

There is also a possibility that goodie bags will be dispensed from the coffee shop while the debaters and others engage in the fun up above.

The hours of the dance, some will probably be spent in good habits, have been described to have the age of the, and in addition to the pot-party possibilities that there will be no pot-party parties, according to the latest reports.

The SPOKESMAN

Are They Really Cattle, Waldo?

Starting with the next issue, the Kenyon Collegian will accept regular submissions of headings for those who have no East and Found, For Sale, Wanted, Tippling, Services. The minimum charge is twenty-five cents, which covers fifteen words. For each additional word in the ad, you are charged at the rate of five cents.

Roberta Charters

I seem to remember that if the intent to do so has been there, then you yourselves can never leave any greater consolation to those who survive you, nor any more precious heritage to your own children. The order in the universe, and our ability to understand it, and concepts of justice, honor, liberty, teach us by reason and even without the necessity of faith, to believe in an intelligence which transcends our own. Under his supreme authority, Dr. Chalmers believed in the operation of good and evil, and our free choice between them—that "it be good to be great," and all the honors of the earth lie outside any quiet success in this respect. The reason why, though his burdens were so many, he was always courteous in his own house, and courteous even to infants, it seemed to me, because he valued the individual and his fulfilling as the element which is still continued above all else. I cannot, I have your memory as one who cared very much about yourselves and your destinies, although he could not use as much of you as he wanted to, and I want also to thank you more than I can express for all that you have said to me, and done for me during the past few years.

Secretly yours,

Roberta Charters
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DEPT'N DESIRE DOMINATE AS LORDS OPPOSE WOOSTER

The Kenton College football team opens its 1956 season today at 2 p.m. in Benson Bowl, when they play host to the Wooster Scots. The Scots, from a victory last Saturday over Ashland will be looking for a repeat of that success. However, the Lords, coached by Cliff Smith and Dick Henry, have been working for three weeks in preparation for today's opener; and prospects for a successful afternoon look good.

Forward Wall Strong

The battle for the starting positions has been as close in several spots that, as Coach Stiles stated: "A toss of the coin could decide it." The Lords this year have a team that many feel to be the best center prospects since the graduation of McCalister, in the impressive person of Fred Zelak, a 6'-2", 200-pound freshman from Cleveland. Zelak, a hard worker and good blocker will shift to tackle slot on defense. Flanking Zelak at the guards will be Senior Kurt Beisel, a 190-pound veteran from Fort Wayne, and 206-pound junior Johnnney Boss from Akron. Beise, a willing worker and perhaps the outstanding lineman on the team, will be the team's right guard and specialist on defense, while Riemler will drop back into line back.

By Johnnie Lenore, 205-pound sophomore, and Lenny Whitman, also a second year man. Lenore, is one of the top tackle materials in the Midwest, and with Beise and Zelak, should discourage any attempts at gaining through the middle of the Lords. As a unit, with good reflexes, will play end on the defensive unit.

Depth at Ends

In the running for starting ends are freshman Dick Ficker, and senior Akron lad, Bill Mullinich, sophomore; junior Bob Edington, who has looked good in early season drills, and Co-Captain Cliff Smith, who will definitely be on the first line, but with Burg and Benson, the team is well stocked in this position. Smith, and Fisher were impressive in earlier scrimmages, and will undoubtedly see plenty of action this afternoon.

Assistant coach Skip Fulkertine's backs, led by the quarterbacking of co-captain Dick Fleser and Chubbi Holmes, are in good shape and boast a depth which Kenton has not been blessed with in some years.

One of the closest contests for starting spots is between Marty Berg and Ray Allen for the fullback slot. Berg, a dynamic, explosive runner, who is outstanding on defense, will be playing his third year at half for the Lords, in spite of many previous injuries. Allen, a sophomore from Weymouth is big, tough, and has done too much of punishment to an enemy line. At the halfbacks will be Keith Brown, veteran speedster from Fairport Harbor; Claire Cher and Arrotni Ostraw, a pair of flashy sophomores, and Brian Donohoue, who played on Kenton's 1950 undefeated squad.

Injuries Hurt Lords

Injuries to Fleser, freshman quarterback Bill Whicker, and Bob Shively, may hamper the Lord attack, but with Berg and Benson, leading the ground attack, along with Allen and Donohoue, hopes are high in the Lord camp.

Other Lords are slated to see action today are Paul Bedell, a vastly improved 200-pound tackle, and Jim Conwy, 205-pound veteran tackle.

The overall picture is one of hopeful optimism for this year's season. Sports are high, team spirit right in line with the very special importance of the season. The entire Lords are doing well, but their main claims in fame are on the basketball diamond, both being outstanding players.

Further Sports

As we look to the overall sports at Kenton we find a vast store of talent in the Freshman class. The soccer team added to its ranks two very good players, Loyal Van Dyke and Arrie Peus, who will be of great help to Coach Edward. The football team, who are already a very powerful line will be bolstered by an outstanding stickman from Maryland, Bruce Huber, and the wrestling team, who are already showing great promise in All Walker and Duncan Main. Coach Fulkertine's quarterback is a very fine athlete, who will definitely be a threat to any team that is not well prepared. The broadcasting team will be one of the most unusual in the state of Ohio, all radio and television stations in the state are looking for good men. Especially WOPL in Lancaster.

Each team will be watching closely for the unknowns, and Fulkertine will be the first man out to get these unknowns and entice them to join his squad.

Jack Keynot At Initial Assembly

Dean Daniel T. Fiskbauer, in an informative and humorous address to the student body last Tuesday, has urged good conduct by Kenton men on foreign campuses during the coming year.

Dean Fiskbauer complimented the students of Kenton, but pointed out that its students must conduct themselves like men, and be equal to the standards of the Big Ten when sojourning to other schools. As example he recalled the Den- in meals on Table who, when attending last year's Denison-Kenton football game at Benson Bowl, "acted like the band of a foundry, trying to keep the keepers for the day." The speaker advised that he hoped Kenton men

Would act in better taste at the forthcoming game at Grove City on Oct. 6.

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Fuzzies Fortify Athletic Ranks

During the past two years the Kenton athletic scene has been dramatized glorified by the lack of outstanding performances. It is very likely, however, that the class of 1956 will end the victorious famine that has plagued the Lords, and bring to Kenton a new era of athletic triumphs.

Looking at the football prospects for the coming year, Coach Stiles has a fine group of promising freshman who have filled some of the gap. In the line are Bill Zelak, an All East Senior from Centre and Collinwood High, and Ray Burg, a top passer from Marion, Ohio. In the end position in Vermont, Johnnney Brown, an All American from Ashtabula, will be expected to help the Lords. With Jim Cox, outstanding lineman from Freshman class, should add both new football to a formerly lethargic team. Jim Cox, outstanding lineman from Freshman class, should add new power to a formerly lethargic team.

Coach Edward's secret weapon, who are the defending Mid-West

champions have nine of last year's starters, eleven players plus a few novelty substitutes who are being kept on the bench by two extremely aggressive freshmen. Future star and another starting line men co-captain 6'-3" Dave Opikay, Bill Van Dyke and his brother Bob. The returning half-backs are co-captain John Wilkin, Don Peppers, and Dave Adams. Kenton's 6'-4" half-backs are the probable fullbacks for another year and Bill Wallace will continue to defend the punter nets most of the time.

Open Against Fenn

Spotters who journey to Cleveland to watch the boosters open against Fenn College, expected to see two new faces at each of the wing positions; one, however, has an old recognition for Fenn College in the shape of Van Dyke, third of three brothers, Tom Edward has had the fortune to inherit for his society team. At the other wing will be Arrie Peus sent to Gambier from Canton.

Buckl Fletcher and the other two flashy fullbacks from last year are being pushed by six-foot, five-inch Bruce Huber, a freshman out of Baltimore, Maryland. Huber gives the fullbacks depth all along with Sophomore Ed Roberts and Max Berman. Sophomore Ray Brown is the top substitute for the halfback slot.

Oberlin Seeks Revenge

The Lords meet the only team they beat the previous year when they open the second game of the season when they encounter Elyria College at the Elyria Bowl, Indiana. The score last year was 3-1 in favor of Elyria. The Kenton boosters, as a result, will really fire for the invaders from Indiana. However, the biggest and brightest hope for a Kenton victory this year should take place the Saturday following the Elyria scrap, which will find Oberlin pitted against the
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