President's Greeting
To Conference Teams

I am pleased to have this opportunity—the first since my coming to Kenyon—to welcome to our campus the teams which will compete today and tomorrow in the Ohio Conference Swimming Championships. I am told that this should be one of the best and closest championship meets in a number of years, with strong teams coming from several of our sister schools. Of course, we at Kenyon are hoping for a successful and competitive championship, but we are glad to see that swimming is being recognized as an important and demanding Conference activity. It seems plain that the present defending champions will have to extend themselves to win.

March 3, 1959

Shaffer Pool Scene
Of 22nd Ohio Conf. Swim Championship

This afternoon marks the beginning of the Twenty-second Ohio Conference Swimming Championships. The first preliminary at 1:30 p.m. in Shaffer Natatorium will open what promises to be one of the most exciting events in small college swimming. Eight colleges from this part of the country will enter their best men to match skills with each other and with these swimmers of the past who now hold the Ohio Conference records.

The University of Akron, Kenyon College, Mount Union College, Muskingum College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Wittenberg College and the College of Wooster will have men at Gambier today in an effort to participate in this annual event.

This year will be divided into two groups, one of which is being held today, the other tomorrow. The preliminaries of each group will be held in the afternoon, the finals at night. This division is done so that individual swimmers will have the possible chance of winning any of the two similar events being held while there is the possibility of being participating.

Events will take place today. In order of occurrence they are: 200 yard butterfly, 50 yard freestyle, 200 yard breaststroke, 220 yard freestyle, 100 yard backstroke, 200 yard freestyle, 220 yard breaststroke, 100 yard individual medley, and 400 yard medley relay. Between the finals for these events there will be at 1:30 p.m. and the finals will be at 6:00 p.m.

The schedule of the preliminaries for tomorrow will be the same as today's. Events to be held tomorrow are: 400 yard freestyle, 200 yard breaststroke, 100 yard individual medley, 400 yard freestyle, and 400 yard medley relay. Between the finals for these events there will be at 1:30 p.m. and the finals will be at 6:00 p.m.

Scoring of the meet is not complicated but requires some knowledge of rules. Each event, or race, is divided into six places, and the individual events, including diving, first through sixth places are given. In the second place, 3 points; third, 4 points; fourth, 5 points; fifth, 6 points; and sixth, 7 points. It is possible that the individuals will be entered in a total of not over 12 events. The team which is entered in the greatest number of events will win the meet.

At 1:00 p.m. tomorrow the meet will be held in Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. Until then the schools of the Ohio Conference had a team.

The University of Akron, Tom Keef will handle the distance men and Marvin Ferrill looks capable in sprints. Coaching Akron will be Jim Shaw.

Kenyon will defend its title for the sixth consecutive year this weekend. Should Kenyon win again, as is expected but not backed, it will be the twelfth victory for Kenyon in this particular meet, since 1937—an accomplishment of which no other Ohio Conference school can boast.

The Kenyon team coach, Tom Edmonds, gives starting signal to freshman backstroker John Binders. Edmonds is shooting for his fifth consecutive Ohio Conference championship.

In 1958

The first Ohio Conference Swimming Championship was held in 1936 at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. Up until then none of the schools in the Ohio Conference had had a team. Swimming was then established as an official Ohio Conference sport and dual meets were held the following year. The 1936 championship was won by Oberlin College and since that time it has been held every year except 1944 and 1945 when it was canceled because of the war.

This year two colleges, Muskingum and Mount Union, are entering for the first time. Prior to 1950, only five schools have won the championship. Kenyon has chalked up eleven wins, more than Oberlin, who has won eight times. Both Case and Wooster have one victory to their credit. Since 1937, however, when Case won its only championship, the title has been taken by those not entering from the conference.

Fourteen Events

The fourteen events to be held could fill this weekend, all of which promises excitement and top-notch competition in each league.

J.K.R. Lundy

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Statistics Favor Kenyon; 
Wesleyan Offers Emulation

The Ohio Conference Meet results should find Kenyon College again champions, as they have been for the past six years. However, before they win again, the Kenyon swimmers must overcome at least two obstacles, Ohio Wesleyan and Oberlin. Although both of these teams bowed to Kenyon earlier in the season, they will still provide stiff opposition. Wesleyan in particular with their young team will make the meet one of the closest in many years.

Should the close of the meet should find it, Kenyon, Oberlin, Akron, and Wooster, with Wittenberg, Miami, and Mt. Union finishing behind them in the order.c. The battle for third place should be very close between Wittenberg and Oberlin, so both of these schools have teams of approximately the same strength.

Good On Paper

An examination of the results of the corresponding meet shows that on paper the Lords should take a good share of the first place honors than any of the other teams. This chart gives all of the swimming events, and the times posted by the best men for each school. Thus, one can see at a glance how the various events stand against one another.

In the first event, the butterfly, Kenyon's Carr and Mason should come out on top. They both have done about the same time in the meets this year, and it should be a good race. Ohio Wesleyan's freshman star Jim Barron will also be in contention for first place honors. If he can break Kenyon's one-two combination, it will help his team greatly.

In the second event, the 50 yd. freestyle should be a duel bew- tween the defending champions; Poulson of Wesleyan, and Ritter of Kenyon. Both have had excellent times during the course of the season, and the outcome of this race will be very close.

Hopes With Binder

Another close race will be the 200 yd. backstroke, with Fagley of Wittenberg expected to take top honors. Mayher of Kenyon probably will not be in this race, but Fagley will be hard pressed by Birney Geneva.

The 100 yd. breaststroke, the fifth event Friday, will probably be the closest race of all. All three top schools, Kenyon, Wesleyan, and Oberlin, have men whose times are very close. Selman of Kenyon is the slight favorite; but Farran of Wesleyan, and Swanson of Oberlin will be very close in this. Also, the three top schools each have a second man in the event who is almost as good as the first man, or the result of this event is very difficult to forecast. It should be a good race.

If Member of Kenyon wins the 200 yd. individual medley, he should have little trouble settling a new conference record. The next four places should all be close, but Brown of Wesleyan should capture second place.

Ritter vs. Poulson

The 100 yd. freestyle should be another very close race, with de- fending champion Poulson again sitting against Ritter. Also Kenyon's Dave Borman will give these two a battle for first place honors. This race, too, should see a long standing record broken by the swimming winner's Carr, Selman, and Mayher.

Kenyon's 200 Yard Relay

The Kenyon 200 yard relay team has been ahead in every meet this season. During the meet against Rider, Kenyon relay team record with an excellent 36.3. Although this is a world of a second faster than the world record to be held in the Ohio Wesleyan stadium.

House should provide a winning trip in the 200 breaststroke. How- ever, giving these three stiff op- position will be Wesleyan's Bobbi Farran, and Pickley, along with Oberlin's Swanson. If Kenyon could come out on top in this event it would be of great help to them.

Mayher again should have little trouble in taking this 400 yard free- style, and his teammate Phil Post should also place. The fight for third and fourth should be close between Lords of Wesleyan, Past, Leopold of Kenyon, and Steinker of Wittenberg.

Midday Relay

The final event of the champi- onships should find Ohio Wes- leyan setting a new conference record in the 400 yd. Midday re- lay. Their team, of Wobolt, Farran, Brown, who should be an easy victory in the 100 yd. butterfly, and Poulson, has yet to be defeated in conference competition. If Wesleyan can bring the meet down to the final relay, they will have a good chance of win- ning.

However, it appears almost certain that Kenyon will have won the meet by this time, if all runs as expected. But one cannot be too certain, and it would not be at all impossible for the Lords to be upset by either Wesleyan or Oberlin.

The chart gives each team's best time in each event for the 1958-1959 season and the present Ohio Conference records, also given are the individuals who recorded those times.

**Mount Union officially has no swimming team but has entered two men in the meet. Weak and a diver.

**Ohio Conference records which could be broken this year.

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