

Despite the evident racism, some of the blame also belongs to President Gordon Chalmers of Kenyon. In an era in which the South had no monopoly on blatant racism, Northern institutions stood on shaky moral ground when they too hastily reacted to racial slights and slurs. After all, Kenyon had only integrated its student body the year before and this was the first year in which African-Americans had competed in football. The game would have represented a small step toward racial tolerance. Though Kenyon would likely have lost, the college could have achieved the far more laudable goal of breaking racial deadlock on this particular gridiron.

Put in perspective, the subsequent squall of controversy amongst observers from both the North and South over the racial issues surrounding the cancellation indicates that something far larger than a dispute between the Sewanee athletic director and President Chalmers of Kenyon was occurring. The canceled Sewanee-Kenyon football game in 1949 was a portent of conflicts and bitterness looming on the near horizon - it marked the beginning of two decades of bitter national debate over the place of "Negroes" in American life. American society stood on the brink of a bitter conflict and it would ultimately reach a level of intensity not seen since the end of Reconstruction.

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One of the recurring and unfortunate aspects of modern life is the continual rising cost of everything and anything. Such a fact of life was brought home to us back in February of this year when we went to the print shop to pick up that month's issue of the College Football Historical Society, only to be informed that they could no longer honor the pricing scheme that had been in effect for nearly five years.

We were told that effective with the May 2006 issue, the cost of making the necessary copies of CFHS was going to have to increase a "whopping" (my word) 40% if we wished to stay with them Coming right at the same time as yet another postage increase -- at least the sixth one we had been attempting to absorb - this was all too much. So for the last two issues we have been taking a financial beating on production costs.

Cost estimates were obtained from several other shops around town and all quoted basically the same price as our printer - which means we probably have been getting a pretty good deal for the last few years. A major reason for remaining with our current copy shop is that they are by far one of the two most reliable and cooperative shops in terms of quality of the many we have done business with over the past 19 years. The last time that it was necessary to increase the membership/subscription cost for CFHS was way back in 1999. Besides absorbing the postage increases since then, we also managed to squeeze out an occasional oversize issue of 24 pages.

To finally get to the point, it will be necessary to reluctantly increase the annual membership/subscription cost of the College Football Historical Society to \$17 annually - an increase of two dollars. I realize that this is an odd amount but we are most certainly a non-profit group and desire to remain such. I considered various pricing schemes to raise it a full five dollars but in the end decided that they were all just too complicated.

So effective immediately, the cost of a membership/subscription to the CFHS is now \$17 annually. This should hold us for the remaining years that your editor intends to produce the publication unless the printers again get some big ideas. I appreciate your understanding of the need for this change and will certainly understand if anyone feels this is just too much.