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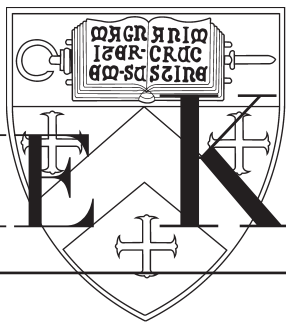
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## Nugent holds meeting for Parents Weekend

BY JO KLOC  
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, parents and administrators gathered in Higley Auditorium for the annual Family Weekend Town Meeting with President S. Georgia Nugent. Throughout the meeting, the president and members of her senior staff fielded questions from parents concerning both academic and student life issues, often supplementing their responses with statistics gathered in a recent survey of Kenyon College first years.

The meeting began with President Nugent announcing that Kenyon had received two substantial grants this year. One of these, from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), is for the establishment of the Center for the Study of American Democracy at Kenyon. The center will hold conferences and invite prominent figures in areas such as business, journalism and leadership to speak at Kenyon. In addition, it will provide research opportunities for both students and faculty. The \$700,000 grant generated particular excitement because it was the second largest grant awarded by the NEH to an academic institution. The only school to receive a larger sum was Harvard.

The second grant, one for \$600,000 from the Melon Foun-



President S. Georgia Nugent addresses a capacity audience in Higley Auditorium.

Tristan Potter

dation, was awarded to fund a program called Teachers Teaching Teachers. Conceived by Kenyon faculty members, the program facilitates the exploration of interdisciplinary fields and enhancing and enriching the pedagogy of Kenyon educators. The president praised the faculty members whose efforts secured this grant for their desire to improve themselves as educators.

Nugent then shared with parents some of the information gathered by the survey of Kenyon

first years. Notably, 99.4 percent of Kenyon first years at the end of their first year strongly agreed that the faculty was helpful to them, and

99 percent felt that the courses inspired them academically, a statistic well received by the audience of parents. Furthermore, 96 percent

of first years said they were satisfied with their experience and the quality of instruction they received at Kenyon, compared with around 80 percent at peer institutions. The president went on to cite that, while 92 percent of Kenyon first years said they were satisfied with their classes, only 52 percent felt the same way about their housing.

In light of this mention of dissatisfaction with housing among Kenyon students, President Nugent announced the trustees' decision to construct two new residence halls on the south end of campus. At a cost of \$20 million, the dorms will house a total of 172 students and eliminate the need for any off-campus housing. In order to cover the considerable cost of the new structures, which will be built in a style befitting south campus, Kenyon is going to allow enrollment to increase over the next three years.

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## Dorms may require swipe cards for entry

BY HANNAH CURRAN  
Editor-in-Chief

This Friday, the Board of Trustees will vote during their annual October meeting on whether to allocate the \$200,000 requested by the administration to investigate the installation of swipe-card locks on all College dormitories.

Assistant Dean of Students for Housing and Residential Life Alicia Douglas announced this on Tuesday at the Housing and Grounds Committee meeting. Administrators will present the request despite the fact that the committee voted in opposition to bringing this matter before the trustees.

"As a member of the Housing and Grounds Committee, I understand the necessity of looking into this as an option," said Megan Shipley '08. "But I think the timing is really irresponsible. No students were notified until three days before it was supposed to be decided, which gives us little time to have a reasonable discussion about the options."

"Honestly, it's just a timing issue," said Dean of Students Tammy Gocial. "There are only three meetings a year. The February meeting is more about professional development and strategic planning, so this wouldn't be appropriate. The April meeting would just be too late. We need to evaluate it this year—we're being pressured extraordinarily by parents."

"The Parent's Committee this weekend was feeling pressured after Virginia Tech and the bomb scares," said Chair of Housing and Grounds Committee Jack Hornick '08. "I know the next meeting isn't until April, but I think it was rather rushed. It was a lot of information in that amount of time."

"This is something that will change the feeling of unity," said Hornick. "Just too much change in general. I have a feeling the idea will not be popular."

The Housing and Grounds committee is sending out emails asking for

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## BFEC OPEN HOUSE



Kate Furllett

This Saturday, the Brown Family Environmental Center opened four more miles of trails to the Kenyon community. The unveiling of the Northern Trail System, which occurred at 2:30 p.m., included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a guided tour of the new trails led by Assistant Professor of Biology Andrew Kerkhoff.

"We were just really pleased with the turnout," said Heather Doherty '98, Program Manager of the BFEC. "There were a lot of people here."

The Northern Trail System runs along the north and west sides of Kenyon's campus. The new trails are needed for educational purposes, Doherty said, but also for environment preservation. These trails provide a "close, convenient opportunity to relax," and reflect the BFEC's hopes to better both the physical and mental health of the Kenyon community. The BFEC is gradually shifting from a focus on nature education to current environmental issues, Doherty said.

The opening of a new trail system was only part of the BFEC's annual fall open house and Harvest Festival. A photography show, a bonfire and local food concessions completed the event. As in past years, all food at the open house was locally grown and sold by farmers within the community. According to Doherty, one of the BFEC's goals is to help Kenyon form stronger bonds with the local community. She said that this open house "was a great opportunity for those two groups to mingle."

As an inauguration of the Northern Trail System, the Mudman Triple, which took place over the weekend, included the new trails in two of its races. The annual event includes three races. Ava Tanton '08 completed all three events—the nighttime 5K, the 10K cross country and the 5K steeplechase. She came in second in all three, and was crowned Mudwoman 2007.

Emily Feleen '08 won the nighttime 5K and the 10K cross country, but did not enter the second race on Sunday. Luke Williams '10 came in first at the night race, but could not participate in the other races due to work obligations at Middle Ground. The Mudman 2007 crown went to Steve Riley, father of Kenyon cross-country runner Matt Riley '10, who won both Sunday races and came in second to Williams on Saturday. David Heithaus, the BFEC Facility Manager, said that many groups such as the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, the cycling club and the men's cross country team offered much-needed volunteer support at this event.

Doherty said she was pleased with the turnout for the weekend of events. Because the activities were supported by both students and the local community, the weekend, she said, provided a "wonderful opportunity to get the rest of the community involved with the College."

—Nick Mohar-Schurz



# Meeting: Nugent reports that campus is content

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When a parent expressed concern that the increased amount of students might negatively impact her child, who is currently a first year, the president assured her and everyone in the room that the increase would be slight, around 30 students, and it would not affect the faculty to student ratio.

In a response to a question regarding the difficulties faced while helping Kenyon move forward, Nugent spoke on the importance of adapting Kenyon to the changing nature of knowledge. Particularly, she said that Kenyon must continue to expand its courses offered beyond the traditional Western curriculum. She also mentioned the importance of diversity at Kenyon, prompting Dean of Admissions Jennifer Delahunty to comment that diversity at Kenyon is a high

priority of the admissions office, and “a main thing to work on.”

In addition, Nugent spoke on the importance of promoting civility and respect among Kenyon students. When a parent asked Dean of Students Tammy Gocial to comment on issues regarding student life, Gocial explained that in addition to problems such as alcohol, more progress needs to be made in the Kenyon community regarding respect for gay and lesbian students, as well as religious issues. She also expressed a desire to make more students aware of student government in order to foster better communication between students and faculty. Gocial added that the survey of first years indicated that a low number of students had what she referred to as “social self-confidence,” and that this was probably a large factor contributing to student drinking.

Regarding these student life

issues, Nugent pointed out that the policy changes used to address them are causing some discomfort among certain students. She states that she sees much of this discomfort as a good thing, because it indicates that the proper changes are occurring.

When the meeting ended just before noon, many of the parents gathered outside of Higley. One parent, who had come to hear the president on previous Family Weekends, referred to this meeting as “the best town meeting.” Another parent said that she was concerned about a practice of the College that was briefly mentioned during the meeting: the College chooses a select few students and encourages them to prepare to apply for grants such as the Fulbright. Despite this, the parent found Nugent to be “honest and forthright about the challenges [facing the College].”

## Village appoints new administrator, councilperson

BY SAM GOODINS  
*Staff Writer*

The Village of Gambier recently welcomed two new government officials to fill positions vacated by resignations in August.

At their September meeting, the Village Council appointed Susan Sukys to fill the seat vacated by Councilman Jamie Gump’s seat on the Council, after he resigned to take a job in Chicago.

In early October, the Village hired Suzanne Hopkins as village administrator, after Rob McDonald resigned from the position to accept a job as Grounds Supervisor for Kenyon College.

In accordance with its regulations for filling an empty seat on council between elections, the Village Council invited prospective candidates to come speak about why they wanted to be on Council. Two candidates came, and the Council decided to appoint Sukys to the empty seat. In addition to her interest in Village affairs, Sukys runs a financial advising firm, so her knowledge about figures and budgets will be an asset to Village Council, said Mayor and Professor of Political Sciences Kirk Emmert.

Sukys was appointed at the Council meeting on Sept. 10, and her appointment runs until the end of this December. Her seat is scheduled to go up for election on Nov. 6, along with

the other seats on Council. Emmert said that Sukys has not filed in time to be a regular candidate on the ballot, and as far as Emmert knows, no one else has filed to run for her seat. So unless Sukys files to be a write-in candidate, the Council will again have to appoint someone to fill the seat in January.

After McDonald’s resignation on Aug. 10, the Village hired Doug Plunkett, an outside consultant, to run the search for a new village administrator. There were 18 candidates for the position, four of whom were chosen by Village Council to be interviewed. Emmert said that although there were some other very good candidates, Hopkins “was just the obvious choice.” Hopkins has worked for the Village since 1990, spending eight years as a maintenance worker before becoming the crew leader, or the supervisor, of the maintenance department. She also served as one of the two interim Village administrators after McDonald left.

According to Emmert, the village administrator is “the chief hands-on officer or administrator of the Village,” who directs work crews, prepares paperwork for Council meetings, works on budgets and much more. In addition, “the Village administrator and the mayor together plan the projects and business for the year and present things to Council for their approval or disapproval.”

Hopkins adds that the Village administrator serves as a liaison between the council, the mayor

and the community. “If residents have a complaint, they come to me, and I try to take care of it or take it to Council,” she said.

Hopkins said that she applied for the position of Village administrator to offer a new perspective, particularly as a resident of Gambier. “We’d had two gentlemen from other communities, and they did a nice job in Gambier, but they didn’t want to stay,” she said. “I’ve been here a long time and I did want to stay, and I thought I could contribute something different as the Village administrator than I did as crew leader.”

Emmert is “very happy to have [Hopkins] in the position; she has lots of knowledge of the Village, lots of practical experience.”

Emmert describes Hopkins as efficient, accessible and courteous. “She has already shown herself to be a very good administrator.” Emmert also points out that Hopkins is probably the first woman to hold this position in Gambier and one of the few female village administrators in the area.

Even as Hopkins and Sukys are welcomed, the departures of McDonald and Gump are still felt by the Village staff and the Village Council.

As a former member of Village Council, Emmert said, Gump “was a good source of information to the Council since he was the bartender of the Grill, and he had a good sense about what was going on in the Village and about what people thought,” he said. “We miss him. He was a nice fellow.”

Emmert said that McDonald,

### ECO LIGHTBULB EXCHANGE DRIVE



Leslie Parsons

An ECO member gives Max Kelly '10 a CFL lightbulb on Middle Path.

BY MARENKA THOMPSON-ODLUM  
*Staff Writer*

On Wednesday, Oct. 17 the Environmental Campus Organization (ECO) began their three-day CFL-Light-Bulb-Exchange drive, to lower the amount of energy used on campus by having students and professors exchange their standard incandescent bulbs for compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. From Wednesday Oct. 17 to Friday Oct. 19, ECO members were stationed on Middle Path from 11:00-1:00 p.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m. handing out CFL bulbs in exchange for the incandescent bulbs that are found in most of the overhead lights in the residence halls and in lamps. This is the organization’s second attempt at the exchange. Last spring during Sustainability Week, they gave away approximately 1,000 CFL bulbs.

According to the fliers which ECO placed in Gund dining hall, “over its lifetime, a CFL bulb will use about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs, last longer, save \$30 or more in electricity costs and save 2,000 times their own weight in greenhouse gases.”

Although the CFL bulbs are three to four times more expensive, Riley Witte '09 of ECO said “the initial cost is inconsequential in the larger scheme of things. Switching to CFL bulbs will not only cut down Kenyon’s energy bill by millions, but more importantly will help significantly reduce the amount of carbon dioxide released in the atmosphere due to the burning of fossil fuels to create electricity.”

Witte is not alone in the quest to decrease global warming. Chief Business Officer Dave McConnell was the one who purchased the CFL bulbs that ECO was handing out. Julia DeNiro '10, member of ECO, said that “the administration has been very helpful in the CFL Light Bulb Exchange drive, and it is the goal of the administration to have the entire campus using CFL bulbs.”

By the end of day one, ECO had handed out approximately 60 CFL bulbs to students on Middle Path, and had done a survey of the number of incandescent bulbs in academic buildings, common spaces, dorms and restrooms. At the end of the three-day drive, the organization planned to swap the incandescent bulbs used in these places with the leftover CFL bulbs.

What happens to the “lame incandescent bulbs”? Well, ECO has decided to donate them to the art department for use in several art projects and displays.

“We don’t want to throw them away, because that just adds to the waste problem, but they should be put to good, but harmless use,” said DeNiro. “Thus the art department.”

the former village administrator, “was particularly important in upgrading the skills and ability of our crew, and he had a lot of knowledge about pipes, water systems, wastewater systems, mechanical equipment,” he said. “We developed some very good techniques under his direction to resign from the Village and accept the position at Kenyon College, McDonald said that he “always had a great respect for Kenyon College ... I also look at the people working at Kenyon,

many of whom are true professionals, and I would be foolish not to associate myself with that environment,” he said. “Finally, I like helping to make Kenyon an enjoyable situation for as many people as possible.”

In his current position as grounds supervisor, McDonald and his staff manage 300 acres of Kenyon’s approximately 1,110-acre campus. His department takes care of the athletic fields, the sidewalks, snow removal and tree care, as well as the general fertilizing, pruning and mowing of the grounds.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Oct. 21, 2007

- Student Council approved the minutes from their past two meetings.
- The Budget and Finance Committee reported on their approvals. ECO received \$1,700 for transportation and registration fees to attend the global warming summit in Washington, D.C. Approximately 30 people are attending and the registration fee is \$20 per person.
- Student Lectureships received \$1,000 to have Paul Gottfried as a guest speaker.
- A new group called Exhibitionists was approved. This organization seeks to facilitate trips to artists’ studios, bring artists to campus, put up art shows all over campus and resell used art supplies to help cut down the cost for art students.
- The council plans to continue hosting forums to get students involved, such as having a forum to discuss the new party policy, a forum on the college network with Vice President of LBIS Mike Roy on Nov. 1 and an Athlete-Academic Forum on Nov. 8 to discuss the issue of athletes missing classes due to practices and games.
- The Housing and Grounds Committee plans to put more bike racks at the Acland Apartments and between Mather and Gund Halls, place condom dispensers in residential buildings so that condoms are more accessible to students, check-in on themed housing to ensure that they are putting on events that go along with having themed housing, take a closer look at the housing lottery, look into the possibility of more off-campus housing in order to relieve on-campus housing pressure and change the application for themed housing.
- Student Lectureships plans to have Bobby Kennedy Jr. speak on Nov. 28.
- BFC plans to hold hearings for club proposals for second semester on Dec. 1.
- The Junior class committee plans to hold a class dinner at the end of the semester and host a pancake breakfast and a bonfire.
- Senate plans to review Greek organizations’ end of year reports and develop better communication between senate and student body on recent issues.
- The sophomore class plans to do more fundraising, as well as hold a date auction and a dinner/dance next semester.
- Greek Council plans to work on official rules passed by Safe Drives, incorporating the PEEPS into the Greek community and to help with the condom-dispensing plan. The Greek constitution ratified by the Senate and Greek Council requires 50 percent of each organization to be in the party monitor pool.
- The Academic Affairs committee plans to work on the future of the Kenyon network, to create a “Bill of Rights” for students and to develop more library orientation program.
- Senior class plans to work on various social events, class gifts and fundraising and to find both a graduation speaker and a baccalaureate speaker.
- Clubs that are inactive or fail to meet their goals will be put on probation, which means that anytime they want to spend money it has to be first signed off. In severe cases of overspending, there is a fiscal probation where the organization receives no money for the semester.
- Dean of Students Tammy Gocial and the Council spoke about trying to increase communication between the administration and the students. The two parties discussed various ways to make the student body aware of the issues being handled by the administration and Student Council.

—Marenka Thompson-Odlum

GREEK COUNCIL

Oct. 22, 2007

- Greek Council discussed the likelihood that after the completion of Peirce, no more registered alcoholic parties would be permitted in residence halls.
- The council stated that every organization should have received an e-mail detailing how many party monitors they have and how many more they need.
- Meetings with the mayor, executive members, Presidents of Greek organizations and residents of Gambier will be scheduled in order to talk about being good neighbors.
- If an organization would like to participate in the Fall Carnival, they should contact Neil Johnston ’08.
- Condom dispensers are to be put in dorm bathrooms, thanks to both the AIDS Coalition and Housing & Grounds Committee. If an organization would like to be involved, they should contact Megan Shipley ’08.

—Hannah Curran

PAC meets to discuss Kenyon

BY LESLIE PARSONS  
News Editor

Last Friday, the Parents Advisory Council (PAC) met to discuss important campus issues such as the CDC, admissions and academics.

The series of meetings began on Friday morning with a meeting with President S. Georgia Nugent. There, the group reviewed the Kenyon Parent Fund, part of the capital campaign that seeks to collect \$230 million for initiatives such as building the Visual Arts Facility and new student residences.

The PAC is composed of a little less than 70 parents, many of whom are parents of alumni or even alumni themselves. The council, chaired by Katie and Charlie Claggett who are parents of Phoebe Claggett ’08, is divided into committees that focus exclusively on single aspects of Kenyon. According to Director of Alumni and Parent Programs Lisa Schott, the presence of the different committees allows the administration “to hear from students and parents in order for them to address different

campus issues.”

“No single constituency is *the* constituency,” said Schott. “And you want to hear from all the different groups on campus.” After meeting with their committees, the heads of those committees reported their concerns and suggestions to the PAC as a whole. After the PAC convenes, they will bring to Nugent and her senior administrative staff the issues discussed.

The advising and career development committee, according to Schott, was most concerned with the new Kenyon Career Network and with ways that parents could be more involved with internships and externships. In addition, some parents brought up the concern that, ever since the Career Development Center moved from Edelstein House to its current location, it is less involved in campus life and “more out-of-the-way.”

The admissions committee, according to Nugent, had no pressing concerns. They did, however, mention that they would like to have the KAC be a regular stop on the prospective student tour. They also hoped

that the College would do more to promote the math and science programs offered.

The student affairs committee, according to Nugent, was pleased with safety on campus and is interested in looking at the first-year experience at Kenyon.

The academic affairs committee, according to Nugent, looked primarily at the relationship between academics and athletics and how the KAC has affected that. “The parents talked about finding an appropriate balance between athletics and academics, things like excused absences for games,” said Schott.

Another major topic talked about at the meeting was the building of new residence halls. Nugent said that the College will begin as soon as enough money is collected to fund the project. “Our ambition is to do it as quickly as possible,” said Nugent. She said that the design for the residence halls is “not complex” and that the construction process should be “not terribly long.”

“My hope is that students here now will see and live in those dorms,” said Nugent.

Safety owns new, unmarked SUV

BY JOE KLOC  
Staff Writer

Since the beginning of the school year, the presence of an unmarked Campus Safety vehicle patrolling the campus has not gone unnoticed by the Kenyon student body.

There has been some discomfort among students regarding this unmarked vehicle. To these individuals, the College’s practice of using a Campus-Safety vehicle that is not clearly identified as such is indicative of a growing number unpopular policy changes at Kenyon.

Director of Campus Safety Bob Hooper assured students that while there is in fact an unmarked Campus Safety vehicle on campus, its intended purpose is not to conceal Campus Safety officers from the student body. The Office of Campus Safety hopes to have a Kenyon College Campus Safety identification label placed on the vehicle as soon as possible. Hooper said that Campus Safety has wanted to have the vehicle identified since the beginning of the school year but has met with some delay.

Hooper said that it takes about three years for a Campus Safety vehicle to accumu-

late 100,000 miles of use, at which point the vehicle is replaced. At the end of last semester one of Kenyon’s Campus Safety SUVs was in just such a position, and it was replaced by the currently unmarked vehicle.

Hooper said that the vehicle has yet to be properly identified because Kenyon is in the process of standardizing the labels for all of the Campus Safety SUVs. The College is still deliberating over what this new label will look like. As soon as a decision is reached, the unmarked vehicle will bear the standard Kenyon College Campus Safety identification.

Cards: trustees to make decision

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student opinions on the matter to accompany Hornick to Friday’s meeting.

“I think the most important part of this is that elected student officials and other interested students will be critical in developing how this could be implemented,” said Dugas. “Groups like the Housing and Grounds Committee

and Safety Committee will be a big part of making these vital decisions. I look forward to working with students on this issue.”

“We are going to do it this year,” said Gocial, “but the question is how. If the issue is access to all the buildings, then all Kenyon swipe cards would open all Kenyon dorms. I think all the implementation questions are going

to be considered by the Housing and Grounds Committee. It’s not like on Oct. 29 we need to install the swipe card locks on all the dorms.”

Any request over \$50,000 needs Board of Trustees’ approval, which means that the process of installing swipe cards cannot begin if voted down. The Board of Trustees meets at 2:00 p.m. this Friday.

VILLAGE RECORD

Oct. 17 – Oct. 23, 2007

- Oct. 17, 2:54 p.m.** — Drugs and paraphernalia at off-campus student house. Underage possession of alcohol.
- Oct. 18, 10:56 a.m.** — Drug paraphernalia/underage possession of alcohol in room at Hanna Hall.
- Oct. 18, 4:05 p.m.** — Vandalism/hole punched in wall at Hanna Hall.
- Oct. 18, 5:25 p.m.** — Theft of items from car at the Remote Lot.
- Oct. 18, 10:15 p.m.** — Medical call regarding injured student at the Art Barn. Nurse Practitioner was notified and student was transported by a friend to the hospital.
- Oct. 19, 1:25 p.m.** — Suspicious person outside Health Center. Officers unable to locate person.
- Oct. 19, 4:26 p.m.** — Suspicious person outside the KAC. Sheriff’s Office was notified.
- Oct. 21, 1:02 a.m.** — Underage possession of alcohol at Norton Hall.
- Oct. 21, 1:33 a.m.** — Suspicious vehicle outside Farr Hall. License plate number logged.
- Oct. 21, 12:32 p.m.** — Suspicious person at Ernst Dining Hall. Person was identified.
- Oct. 22, 8:42 a.m.** — Fire alarm at KAC. No smoke or fire was found and the alarm was reset.
- Oct. 22, 5:15 p.m.** — Vandalism to vehicle parked on Scott Lane.
- Oct. 23, 12:20 p.m.** — Drug paraphernalia found in room at Mather Residence.
- Oct. 24, 2:13 a.m.** — Intoxicated disorderly non-student at the Village Inn. Knox County Sheriff’s Office was notified.
- Oct. 24, 5:34 a.m.** — Smoke detector activated at Davis House, possibly by dust. Maintenance will check detector.



# Student Activities Office to hold open house



Next Monday, Oct. 29, the Student Activities Office will be hosting an open house. The Student Activities Office, which recently moved into new offices across the street from Gund Commons and next to the Gambier Grill, “helps students brainstorm, organize, publicize, and administer social, cultural and recreational events,” according to Director of Student Activities Brent Turner. The SAO works closely with College offices and student organizations, including Community Service, Greek Life, Leadership Development, Social Board and Student Organizations, in order to encourage student involvement on campus, and they also provide students with funding for campus activities and events. In addition, the Student Activities Office runs its own programs and events, including the Gund Gameroom, the Horn Gallery and Philander’s Phebruary Phling.

This past summer, the Student Activities Office moved from the Student Affairs Center to the Denham Sutcliffe Bookseller. With the addition of the new space, the Student Activities Office has been able to add additional positions. The new Assistant Director Kathleen Kieper works closely with the Social Board.

“The office is furnished by an environmentally-friendly company, an issue we feel strongly about, and we pride ourselves in using ‘green’ initiatives,” said Turner. “We really enjoy our new building, and the student spaces are fun and usable.”

There are over 160 student organizations on campus, and Turner said that the Student Activities Office would love to have more. “Hopefully every student can find a group that is right for them ... [every student should] feel free to contact any of the staff members with any questions, so together we can provide wonderful events on campus,” he said.

By hosting an open house, Turner and the rest of the Student Activities Office staff hopes that the students, faculty and staff will come by to meet the new staff and see the new space. “We’ll have computers, games, resources for student leaders, etc., in addition to freshly popped popcorn, light refreshments, free giveaways and a mural-painting contest,” Turner said.

The Open House will be held on Monday, Oct. 29 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the new Student Activities Office, which is located across from Gund Commons and next to the Gambier Grill.

—Lindsay Means, News Assistant





# Families spend weekend at Kenyon

*From music to drama, cross country to campus tours, Family Weekend has something for everyone as parents, siblings and other relatives descended upon campus to visit students.*



Roxanne Smith

Visiting family members explore north campus with their first-year students.



Courtesy of Kathryn Chiasson

Jordan Pederson '09 and his mother enjoy a family weekend meal.

SARAH QUELLER  
Staff Writer

This past weekend, families flocked to campus for what the College website calls "Kenyon's Family Weekend." The weekend usually attracts 1,000 family members each year.

Most Friday classes were open to family members to allow them to experience a day in the life of a Kenyon student.

President S. Georgia Nugent and the Kenyon Parents' Fund held the opening session of the Parents' Advisory Council (PAC) in Gund Commons Lounge on Friday morning. The PAC held committee meeting that afternoon which were open to all parents, followed by its closing session from 2:15-3:15 p.m. in Brandi Recital Hall.

Nugent, along with the College's faculty, held a reception in the Kenyon Athletic Center from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Also in the afternoon, students presented their summer research at the Summer Science Poster Session in the KAC.

Friday evening's activities included the Kokosingers' fall concert at Rosse Hall and the Kenyon College Dramatic Club's production of Tom Stoppard's *Travesties* at the Bolton Theatre. *Travesties* was performed again Saturday evening. The Kenyon Men for Social Responsibility also sponsored square dancing in the Gund Commons Lounge at 8:00 p.m. on Friday. Social Board hosted the Student Band Extravaganza in the Horn Gallery, which began at 9:30 p.m.

Professor of Humanities Timo-

thy B. Shutt shared "mythological stories about the stars" in his presentation entitled "Fall Night Sky," at the Brown Family Environmental Center (BFEC) Friday evening. The BFEC's visitors' center was open all day on both Friday and Saturday.

College Historian Tom Stamp '73 led a historical tour of campus starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Professor of Political Science Fred Baumann presented "Liberal Education and Culture" in Brandi Recital Hall before the Office of Admissions held an informational panel session about Kenyon for current students' siblings and Director of the Career Development Center Stew Peckham presented the CDC's services. Among the informational presentations was "To Seek a Broader View: Off-Campus Study and the Liberal

Arts," held in Olin Auditorium, in which Director of International Education Marne Ausec and students who recently returned from off-campus study discussed their experiences.

Some of the day's hands-on activities included the Craft Center's open house and a trail ribbon-cutting and hike at the BFEC. The BFEC was also home to a harvest festival that included a bonfire, photography show and live music. When the festival concluded at 7:00 p.m., students and family members began the first part of the Mudman Triple, a series of three races sponsored by the BFEC and the KAC.

Saturday's fine arts performances featured an afternoon concert by the Kenyon Symphonic Wind Ensemble, directed by Associate Profes-

sor of Music Dane Heuchemer in Rosse Hall. The Kenyon Musical Theatre/Opera Workshop then performed "A Trip to Emerald City," which included songs from "The Wiz," "Wicked" and "The Wizard of Oz." The students' performance was directed by Adjunct Instructor of Voice Dr. Nancy Jantsch and choreographed by Co-Director of the Opera Workshop and Adjunct Instructor of Music Magic McBride. That evening, the Kokosingers and Musical Theater/Opera Workshop performed again at the Cabaret in Rosse Hall, which featured several of Kenyon's other singing groups.

The weekend's festivities were topped off with the Social Board's guest, comedy hypnotist Frederick Winters, who worked his magic in Rosse Hall at 10:30 p.m.

## Collegian Cartoon

### Beach Viking by Dain Williams



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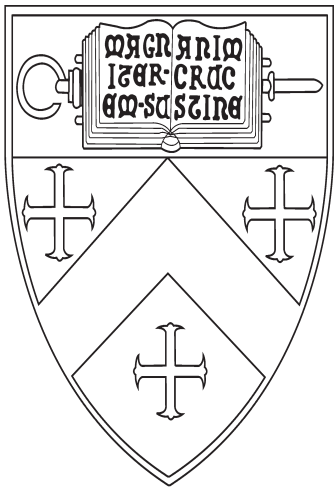


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## Card Locks are anti-Kenyon

staff editorial

This Friday, the metamorphosis Kenyon has been undergoing for the past few years may take another step in the wrong direction.

At their annual fall meeting, the Board of Trustees will vote whether or not to allocate \$200,000 to investigate the installation of swipe-card locks on the outside doors of all College dormitories.

We at the *Collegian* believe that installing these locks is against the philosophy and traditions of Kenyon College. Kenyon is and has always been an open and safe community. As students, we value the ability to never lock our doors and still feel safe. We have existed for more than 180 years without electronically locking the doors to our residence halls, and it seems foolish to start now.

There has been no rash of vandalism, theft or violent attack perpetrated by non-students that would lead us to fear for our safety. The recent vandalism cannot be proven to be the work of non-students. We have always been vigilant in reporting people who are out of place on campus and this has been enough to keep us safe for a long time. Without some sort of precipitating circumstance, there is no reason to break with tradition and spend an unnecessary \$200,000 investigating the proposal and untold amounts more actually implementing it.

Dean of Students Tammy Gocial said that many parents were pressuring the College to add these locks. At the last weeks Parent's Advisory Council meeting, however, the student affairs committee, composed of parents, said that they were pleased with safety on campus.

Gocial said that this proposal is a done deal, that it is going to happen. We at the *Collegian* believe students should not be satisfied with her finality. The vote will happen this Friday at 2:00 p.m. We urge all students who are against this proposal to make their voices heard. Call, e-mail or visit Gocial and other administrators and tell them that this policy is not what is right for Kenyon. Go to the trustees meeting and tell them that this is not what is right for Kenyon.

## Students benefit as consumers



Dain Williams

BY JEREMY LAWSON  
Guest Columnist

In the last article I penned I made the case that the school should lift the regulations dictating that students must eat at the school's dining facilities or must live in on-campus housing. The arguments were relatively straightforward (to an economist at least) but I realize that some out there must be skeptical after reading my article.

After all, it seems a bit naive to assume that proper dining facilities and housing lots will magically appear the moment the College changes its policies. Surely at least some students must be left without a room or without a meal. This is a distinct possibility, and though the free market, in my opinion, would likely lead to better outcomes for the majority of students, in all likelihood some would benefit more than others. Some students would get lots of pleasure out of the new arrangements, while some might not see a palpable difference. Some could even be left worse off—it is not hard to envision a situation where a student from a low-income household who is unable to afford off-campus housing might be left in a dorm room that is less than desirable.

As an aspiring economist I tend to gloss over the negative impacts of any economic policy, because I like to think that

overall, the benefits of switching to an economic system of allocation will outweigh the costs. Economic theory, without going too much into the gritty details, tells me that the more the free market is allowed to enter the equation, the better off we will be as a whole. While this does not mean that the distribution of benefits and costs will be fair, the school, by maintaining central control of these two systems, will assure that students are treated equally. How are we to make sure that every student is fed well and sleeps in a comfortable bed? Isn't it the responsibility of the school as an academic organization to make sure that the minimum requirements of a comfortable life are met?

This distrust of markets is a fundamental belief held by a large proportion of our population. To quote Bryan Caplan's Oct. 2007 article in *Reason Magazine*, "The Top 4 Biases of Stupid Voters (And We're All Stupid Voters)," "The public has severe doubts about how much it can count on profit-seeking business to produce socially beneficial outcomes. People focus on the motives of business and neglect the discipline imposed by competition."

In our case, people might see greedy businessmen taking advantage of poor college students without recognizing the services they provide. And after all, to play devil's advocate, isn't it better to keep the system under school control to prevent those fat-cat landlords from getting rich? Isn't it more fair to assure ourselves that no one gets rich?

If we are seeking a purely equitable college society, where everybody has the same amount of happiness (or lack thereof), then the answer is yes. Better to keep anyone from making profits, so everyone is on the same level. But we must take into account that, in our situation, we

are left in the same position in which we started—eating mediocre food and living in crowded dorm rooms.

Profits, based upon an entirely self-serving greed, are the entire motivation for anybody seeking to open a business, whether it is a new school, car company, airline manufacturer or lemonade stand. "I think that I can do a better job of this, for less money," is the thinking behind the opening of most new businesses. Though it is likely that most people find this greedy, this is a philosophical presupposition and nothing more. Any time that you have sold concert tickets on eBay, accepted a job offer or purchased the last of an item in a supermarket, you have done essentially the same thing.

By choosing to be a voluntary participant in a market, you have been either a buyer or a seller, and by setting a price that people were willing to pay, you have undercut somebody else who would have liked to charge a higher price for his labor time, good or service. The reason no one can get a "fair" wage at his job or a "fair" price for her precious time is that there is usually someone else who feels the negotiated price is more than fair.

So let the businesspeople make money! If they are good at their job, they have every right to do so. By providing a service that is in demand they are making your life all the more livable. If they make a lot of money, guess what—new competition will arise, competition that hopes to get a share of the pie by undercutting their prices (which means you pay less). By providing their services, these businesses—whether in the global market or our Village of Gambier—are able to attract us as customers because we want what they are selling. Our lives are made more livable as a result of their entrepreneurship.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editors,

In response to the article "Peeps O'Kenyon grapple with their Greek status" printed last week, I would like to correct an inaccuracy. Should the Peeps seek to retain their membership to the Greek Council, they will not be under any probation, as, unlike the Archon Society, they never declared themselves to be officially non-Greek. They retain full membership rights and privileges. Also, the lounge pictured above the text of the article is the Independent Lounge, not the Peep lounge.

Best,

Brendan Mysliwiec, Greek Council president

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# Kenyon is more dysfunctional family than Nazi regime



Ellie Jabbour

BY LESLIE PARSONS  
Staff Columnist

Last week, Colin McGuire '08 commented on the tensions felt by many Kenyon students and administrators and how that has manifested itself in gross acts of vandalism. He called the administration a totalitarian regime similar to that of Nazi Germany. While I appreciate the impressive rhetorical strategy he employed by defining Kleinesarbeit at the end of his piece in an attempt to send a spine-tingling message about how trying to control "the little things," in Germany and Gambier, can lead to totalitarianism, I fail to see the truth in his claims that we are being unfairly controlled by the administration.

I think the relationship that some upset students have with the administrators can be likened to that of an angst-ridden teenagers quarrelling with Mom and Dad about what is good for them. They fail to realize that their quieter siblings are pretty content with the way things are going.

McGuire said that we are not "one college under the Nuge." I think that we are, and I appreciate that. We need to be one college under somebody because, as we

are all very diverse individuals, we all have very different upbringings that cause us to behave and think differently. We all can't be at the helm of the Kenyon-ship. The office of the president of a college has to determine the best interests of the college, both present and future. This seems to be such a challenging task to me that I imagine there are people in some circle of hell damned to do it for eternity.

The areas of "campus consolidation" that McGuire commented on had only to do with the alcohol policy and Graham Gund's plan for the College's expansion. On the latter of those two issues, I find that the "Master Plan" is, except for a few minor surprises I've found in studying it, both acceptable and appealing. I'd rather have my college redesigned by a professional that understands what works and what doesn't as far as building layout goes than a student that only knows the will of other students. I mean, I would certainly like my dorm room to be Market-Middle-Ground-Sunset adjacent, but that just isn't fair to the unspoken-for masses. While this may seem a surprise to those who hear the words Master Plan and shudder, there is room for your opinion. Send an e-mail to masterplan@kenyon.edu. I'm being completely serious. Gund himself has even been here to take the opinions of the students into consideration.

The more sticky issue raised by McGuire is that of the college's stance on alcohol. While the new party policy may make it more challenging for students to adequately get their groove on, it was approved of by both Senate and

Student Council which are both composed of students that are appointed to listen to their peers and determine how to best represent those peers. They decided this alternative was better than having Safety Officers make surprise visits at parties, which I'd imagine lots of party-goers have appreciated.

The surge of vandalism on campus has certainly been prevalent since the party policy has been enacted, but to try to say that these policies are somehow responsible for the vandalism as absurd as saying "Dean Gocial made me carve a wang into a freshman's door." The problem here is personal responsibility. No one makes you do anything-it is your decision in the end. Every time I pass a couch in a lounge in Mather, I have to make the decision whether or not to throw that couch out of a window. I choose not to every time. Someone walked past that couch and decided to do so. I'm sure most of the campus can see how horribly offensive it is to draw a swastika on a door, especially the door of a Jewish student. Some of my Jewish friends who have read McGuire's piece have found it offensive, though not to the same degree, that the plight of their ancestors be compared to a college's administration.

I think the greater issue of disrespect regarding the vandalism is that assumptions were made that these acts were committed by students without the consideration that we are not the only people around campus. With the doors of each doom room left unlocked at all times and often propped open, even a stray cat could come in and cause damage. Granted, we would

have to have a Broadway-sized cat problem in order to amass enough feline power to throw a couch out of a window, but I think I'm making my point clear.

While I have no grand answers to solve all of the discontents of the Kenyon population, I would

like to suggest that students simply put their best foot forward. Be responsible for the decisions you make in all aspects of your life. And, if you find yourself displeased, or even pleased, with Kenyon, make your voice heard in a responsible fashion.

## Humor: Family Weekend



Dain Williams

*Things I learned while observing Family Weekend*

BY EVAN WEISS  
Guest Columnist

The leaves turned their classic autumn colors on the very eve of Family Weekend so that the parents could experience the picture-perfect College on every Kenyon brochure. The atmosphere was perfect for family reunions, memories and awkward situations. Here are some things I learned while watching parents swarm:

-Parents who went to college remind their children of it with endless stories.

-The Amish actually sold their baskets.

-When parents meet their children's friends, there is a guaranteed awkward silence.

-Parents of heavy drinkers try to understand what their children do on weekends and heavy drinkers try to remember.

-One parent wanted to see this Radiohead he has heard so much about, and asked if Kenyon has one.

-Students "forgot" what Peeps stands for when asked by their parents.

-The dishwasher in Gund was broken and Middle-ground was closed the day after parents left. Coincidence? I think not.

-Parents are impressed when they think their child understands every joke in *Travesties*.

-Some parents thought that because they pay tuition, they were allowed to participate in class. They were wrong.

-The bookstore had an impressive weekend without selling a single book.

-Parents understood the experience of First-year Orientation after awkwardly meeting 50 parents and remembering the names of about four.

-A parent's love is unconditional, no matter how many scabies you have.

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# Wegman's eclectic art on display through December

BY MARION ANTHONISEN  
Guest Writer

William Wegman has worked prolifically in photography, painting, drawing and video, and the 40-year retrospective currently on display at the Wexner Center for the Arts in Columbus includes an extensive collection of works in each medium. Aptly titled *Funney/Strange*, the exhibit is necessarily vast in scope, if a little scattered.

As a kid in the early 1990s, I was one of William Wegman's biggest fans. Wegman's videos, which my sisters and I watched via *Sesame Street* on PBS, portrayed extraordinarily mild-mannered, slow-moving Weimaraners dressed in human clothes. Wegman's work has also appeared on *Saturday Night Live*, and many sober-minded art critics have wondered if it is possible to take seriously an artist who is best known for photographing and videotaping his pets dressed up in wigs and men's suits.

Others consider the accessibility of Wegman's work to be one of his grandest achievements. I can't imagine that Wegman himself hopes to be seen simply as a "serious" artist. His art is silly but evocative, amusing but melancholy, playful but majestic. His technical ability, creative wit

and intense breadth of work are unquestionably respectable, even more so when the Weimaraner portraits are considered together with Wegman's non-dog works.

The older photography in the exhibit depicts human subjects who gaze into the camera less readily than the animal models from Wegman's more recent work. The compositions are geometrically pleasing, and in some works Wegman discretely slices the photo paper in strokes that suggest a sort of mysterious tension. Other works use text to imply narrative; one such photograph of a cloth-covered hand reads, "Before learning to write with his sweater he learned to write with his hand." A simple drawing of a thermometer is labeled "normal." The readout indicates a temperature of 98.6 degrees, but the thermometer is curly, almost worm-like and thus perhaps quite abnormal.

One particularly interesting video on display is a recording of the informational title page of an old book, narrated by Wegman, who reads directly from the text but adds words occasionally, turning the dry title page into an entertaining, somewhat nonsensical dialogue.

Wegman's paintings from the late 1980s are less realistic and considerably darker than the rest of his work.

In *Fall*, a ship flutters precariously at the edge of a churning waterfall. *Hallmark*, painted vigorously in fluorescent Easter-egg-dye hues, depicts an

complete sense.

His *Museum* piece exhibits subtle Escher-like optical illusions and his references to art history, from Michelangelo's



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egg hunt that seems to have lost its fun and gained a distinct sense of urgency. By contrast, the newest works in the exhibit are a calmer group of paintings. Wegman created these recent works by affixing a postcard to his canvas and continuing the scene with his own paint, adding more postcards as he worked. The resulting canvases are engaging and eerie, with the small, barely-raised rectangles serving as static focal points in an environment that, appropriately, doesn't make

David to Rauschenberg's Angora goat sculpture, are numerous. In these new works, Wegman deftly combines images of ancient and modern art, mountain goats, flower blossoms, plains life, beach girls and hippos. His visible pencil marks and loose painting lend fluidity and personality to the odd sense of nostalgia in the works.

Wegman's trademark 24x20 Polaroid prints of his dogs are the most eye-catching of the still works, and these portraits

develop an ironic commentary by the simple replacement of dogs where humans (or, in some cases, plants, land forms or other animals) would normally be. *Lolita* reclines seductively in a lushly-lit studio, crossing her back paws and meeting the viewer's gaze. The nonchalant model for *Midsummer Night's Dream*—fully butterfly except for an unmistakably canine face—appears to rise through a black void with the use of luminous, elegant wings. From a distance, a multiple-photo piece near the end of the exhibit appears to be a desolate, amber-toned desert landscape. It is made bizarre when further inspection reveals the rolling sand dunes to be one of Wegman's pets in a full belly-rub-hopeful back stretch.

*Funney/Strange* takes its viewers on an all-inclusive tour of Wegman's development, and serves as proof of this artist's breadth of accomplishment. This retrospective covers 40 years of work, and it's exciting to watch Wegman's art change in media and subject matter while maintaining a contentedly unresolved tension between humor and poignancy.

*Funney/Strange will be exhibited until Dec. 30, 2008 at the Wexner Center for the Arts in Columbus, Ohio. Admission is free.*

## Student talent impresses in *Travesties*

BY TAYLOR WATERMAN  
Staff Writer

As a drama student with a class in the Bolton Theater, watching the construction of the *Travesties* set for the past month left me anxiously awaiting



Adam Petherbridge '08 and Japhet Balaban '09 in *Travesties*.

William Cirocco

phenomenal. In such a complex play, it would be easy to gloss over much of Stoppard's message considering how densely it is packed into the dialogue. Each actor, however, presented a dynamic delivery, and Stoppard's

scenes of the play and culminated in a fantastically absurd argument featuring Tzara yelling "dadadadada" (Dada is the modern art movement he was famous for establishing) and James Joyce pulling a live rabbit out of his hat.

Eliza Huberth '08 as Cecily was amazing, both in the scene in which she simultaneously translates the conversation between Lenin (Christopher Guerrerri '09) and Nadya, as well as in her dialogue with Gwendolyn (Lizzy Lee '09) toward the conclusion of the play. Especially in the latter, both Gwendolyn and Cecily put forth amazing performances, blending their conversation flawlessly into poetry.

The eccentric quality of the play itself was well-maintained throughout the performance, with every actor committed whole-heartedly to his or her role (who could forget Cecily's pole-dancing extravaganza?). Unfortunately, the fast-paced dialogue and, in some cases, elitist humor proved to be too much for some, as a good number of seats remained empty after intermission. This was their loss, however, as the second half proved to be even better than the first.

Each actor's ability to multitask was incredible. Considering the construction of the play, though, this was practically a requirement in order for it to be a success, which it absolutely was. Professor Turgeon should rejoice in finishing his career at Kenyon on such a high note.

commentary on art and revolution shone through brightly.

Individual relationships between characters were the highlight of the production; the decrease in chaos allowed each actor to show his or her ability in a one on one relationship with another character onstage. One particularly memorable instance of this was when Carr (Adam Petherbridge '08) had a recurring discussion with Tzara (Japhet Balaban '09) about the meaning (or lack thereof) of art and its applications in real life. This argument progressed throughout a few

last weekend's performance. The apparent dedication put into the stage left me with high expectations, which I am happy to say were exceeded.

The opening scene was an absurd visual assault, typical Tom Stoppard playwrighting. Seemingly unrelated characters darted to and fro across the stage. The action of the scene concluded with a mix-up between two characters' manifestos that, though central to the plot, was unfortunately overshadowed by all the other action occurring simultaneously onstage.

The acting was, on all counts,

## MST3K Preview

BY ANDREW CUNNINGHAM  
Managing Editor

*Parts: The Clonus Horror* brings us safely back into the realm of science fiction, after a number of diversions into movies about teen angst and chubby cowboys. As MST3K films go, this one is not atrocious from a conceptual point of view, though it suffers many of the usual flaws in execution.

Richard is a lumpy young man who lives his life in Clonus, a little place that looks not unlike a community college. The greatest ambition of Richard and all his dull young friends is to go to America, a wonderful place where nothing bad ever happens.

Of course, nothing is as it seems. Richard and every one of his stupid friends are actually clones of the more affluent members of society, and they live their lives in ignorance of this until their older counterpart in the real world needs organs. "Going to America," then, is super-secret code for "going to the back room to get your kidneys cut out." I'm sure it's all very symbolic or something.

Lots of fun facts this week! First, one of the evil overseers at Clonus is played by none other than Dick Sergeant, who the Nick-at-Nite watchers in the audience may recognize as the rather angry-looking second Darrin Stevens from *Bewitched*. Also heavily involved is Peter Graves, who some of our longtime viewers might remember from the giant grasshopper movie shown in episode #517 - *The Beginning of the End*.

Perhaps the most interesting thing about *Clonus* is the lawsuit its creators brought against 2005's *The Island*, which borrows fairly liberally from *Clonus*' concepts. According to one of the screenwriters, a "seven-figure settlement" was reached in late 2006. Who wouldn't want to see the inspiration for what was surely one of Michael Bay's finest films?

Mystery Science Theater 3000 is shown in Higley Auditorium every Friday at 6:30 p.m.





# Philander vs. Brutus:

## A comparison between life at Kenyon and OSU



BY LAURA GOEHRKE  
*Staff Writer*

Over October break, I decided to visit a friend at the Ohio State University on Friday night. It was my first time staying off campus for a night this school year, so I experienced a mild case of culture shock as I explored the unfamiliar territory. I used the skills learned in my anthropology class and began observing both the differences and similarities between life in Gambier and life at OSU. I compiled a list of different aspects of Kenyon and found their equivalents at Ohio State:

| Point of Comparison                         | Kenyon   | OSU  |
|---|--|--|
| Mascot                                      | <i>Lords and Ladies:</i> descended from royalty.   | <i>Buckeyes:</i> descended from a tree.  |
| Main Straightaway                           | <i>Middle Path:</i> a scenic gravel walking path surrounded by trees.  | <i>High Street:</i> a main road surrounded by countless stores and restaurants.  |
| Living Arrangements                         | <i>Dorms or Houses:</i> unusual of to live off-campus.   | <i>Houses and Apartments:</i> unusual to live on campus after first year.  |
| Length of Classes                           | <i>50 minutes, 1 hour 20 minutes or 3 hours.</i>   | <i>48 minutes, 1 hour 18 minutes or 1 hour 48 minutes.</i>   |
| Performance Center                          | <i>Horn Gallery:</i> open to all and free of charge.   | <i>Newport Music Hall:</i> open to people who pay to see performances.   |
| Place to Shop for Clothes                   | <i>Weather Vane:</i> hip store for college moms.   | <i>Urban Outfitters:</i> hip store for college students.   |
| Authority                                   | <i>Office of Campus Safety:</i> they'll write you up.  | <i>Columbus Police:</i> they'll arrest you.  |
| Mode of Transportation                      | <i>Walking, biking and buggies.</i>  | <i>Cars and buses.</i>   |
| Greek Living Arrangements                   | <i>Reside in the side wings of Old Kenyon, Hanna and Leonard.</i>  | <i>Reside in buildings as big as Old Kenyon, Hanna and Leonard.</i>  |
| Nights to Go Out<br>(most popular to least) | <i>Saturday, Friday, Wednesday and Monday.</i>   | <i>Saturday, Friday, Thursday and Wednesday.</i>   |
| Best Party of the Year                      | <i>Summer Sendoff:</i> day-long party where drinking and festivities start as early as 9:00 a.m. Main attraction is the music. | <i>Home Football Games:</i> day-long parties at which drinking and festivities start as early as 9:00 a.m. Main attraction is the football game. |
| Weekend Dress                               | <i>No pressure to dress up,</i> and a spectrum from casual to dressy is worn.  | <i>Pressure to look good and dress up,</i> especially for girls.   |
| # of Beers for Beirut                       | <i>4 Beers, 2 per side.</i>  | <i>6 Beers, 3 per side.</i>  |
| Common Items to Order on Weekend Nights     | <i>Pizza or bread sticks</i><br>from The Cove or Domino's.   | <i>Beer or ping pong balls</i><br>from the Beer Delivery Man.  |

The common thread that ties the two campuses together? Soulja Boy.

# International Acland hosts Venezuelan-chocolate tasting

BY SARAH FRIEDMAN  
*Features Editor*

Jorge Redmond Schlageter P '08, '10 has been *el presidente* of Chocolates El Rey, a Venezuela-based international chocolate company, since he left banking in Switzerland to join his family's real estate business in Venezuela and stumbled upon an opportunity in the chocolate business. His latest voyage brought him to Kenyon's International Acland, where he hosted a chocolate-tasting workshop last Thursday evening.

The first 20 students to respond to the International Acland's all-stu invitation received spots at the workshop.

**Chocolate tasting**

For almost 30 minutes, we cleansed our palates with the bottled water provided in anticipation of the chocolate tasting to come. When Schlageter arrived, he presented an overview of the history of *cacao*, the bean from which chocolate is made. The scientific name *Theobroma cacao* translates to "food of the gods"—Venezuela can be proud of that name because, according to Schlageter, cacao was first discovered in Venezuela's Lake of Maracaibo Basin.

Then came time for the tasting. Each participant received a small box holding five square chocolates; all but one contained 70 percent cacao, but each exhibited very different tastes. Schlageter warned us

to observe the acidity, bitterness, ripeness, aroma, viscosity, "mouth-feel," presence of fungus—luckily for us, not at all in this selection—and taste of spice, fruit or nuts in each chocolate.

The first chocolate was called Macuro. At first, it tasted like chocolate (big surprise). Only after sampling the four other squares could we accurately judge the first chocolate. Although bitter and a little nutty to my palate, to chocolate connoisseurs, "it tastes the way a wet forest smells," which is typical of cacao from the Río Caribe region, said Schlageter.

Apamate, the next sample, tasted sweeter and slightly spicy, perhaps because it was 60

percent cacao and 10 percent butter, sugar and vanilla. According to Schlageter, it is used for "covering bon-bons."

Schlageter saved his favorite of the five for last. San Joaquin was the fruitiest of the selections and, as one participant pointed out, also the creamiest. It can be used to cook "all kinds of wonderful things," Schlageter said.

**Background**

Schlageter fell into the chocolate business "very much by accident," he said. When he returned to Venezuela, he discovered that his family business's lawyer's brother-in-law owned El Rey and entered into partnership with him.

After a year, according to

Schlageter's son Jorge Redmond '10, the two owners were not getting along. Schlageter told his partner, "You can either buy me [out] or I'll buy you out," said Redmond.

Though El Rey is currently a small operation, it is "becoming more and more an international company," said Schlageter.

According to Schlageter, El Rey chocolate is especially popular in Japan. "They're quality freaks there," he said. Countries with less refined tastes also enjoy El Rey's chocolate—the company recently set up an office in the United States to import and distribute the company's chocolates. In Europe, the company uses an outside distributor.



# Gambier to Oberlin to Manhattan and back

On his business's four-year anniversary, an interview with MiddleGround owner Joel Gunderson

BY COLE DACHENHAUS  
Staff Writer

Joel Gunderson and his wife Margaret Lewis own MiddleGround, Gambier's local coffee house and café. The following is an interview with Gunderson about how Middle Ground came to be. Lewis was unavailable for an interview due to her pregnancy—she gave birth to a daughter eight days ago.

### Did you graduate from Kenyon?

JG: I'm a faculty brat. My father [Professor of Art Barry Gunderson] has been a professor here since 1974. I went to Oberlin College, but my family ties are in Gambier.

### Are you married?

JG: Yes. Margaret Lewis is my wife. She went to Oberlin as well. We have two children—two boys—and number three is on the way!

### So how did MiddleGround come about?

JG: We graduated from Oberlin, then went to Cleveland for five years. After that, we went to New York City where [my wife] went to Columbia for midwifery school for five years. We were on a trip visiting my folks and Margaret had an epiphany and decided that we should move to Gambier. I was

like "Heavens no!" My father said that the College was searching for people to start a coffee house. We had a dear friend at Oberlin that had a MiddleGround-like coffee shop there and we talked about how to go about opening one here.

### Do you like Gambier more now than when you were growing up? Especially after having lived in Manhattan for a while?

JG: I certainly miss Manhattan, but I love it here. Gambier is special in its own way as well. I have to say, as a child growing up here, I would've never imagined in my wildest dreams that I would end up here as an adult. I couldn't wait to get out of Knox County when I was in high school but now for my familial and business matters, it's a terrific place.



The owners with their children, Solvi, 6, and Mays, 4.

Courtesy of Barry Gunderson

### How long has the MiddleGround building been here?

JG: The building has been here a long time, but this October marks MiddleGround's four-year anniversary.

### Do you find a college town like Gambier to be good for business?

JG: We love Gambier. It's

a great place to have a family. To be honest, it feels as if there is more going on here in Gambier than where we were living in Manhattan. Doing business in Gambier is sort of like doing business in a fish bowl. It's wonderful in the sense that you have a relatively captive audience but at the same time the customers are so regular that you always have to always keep things fresh and new.

### What about the employees?

JG: We have tons of student employees—22 this year. It's fun for us to work alongside the students. Of our total workforce this year, we have five full-time employees that are not affiliated with the College.

### I have heard that you also opened The Village Inn. How did that come about?

JG: The Village Inn just opened this March of 2007 so it's still in its infancy. We were first approached about opening the Village Inn [by] the couple that owned the building. They don't live around here, but the wife was from Gambier. We told them we'd think about ... buying it because we were worrying about what kind of restaurant it'd be, how to do business, MiddleGround and so on. In the midst of our negotiations with the couple, they just went and sold it to the College. So then we resumed those negotiations with the College instead of them, but we still had to start from square one. It was a roller coaster. Given the number of capital improvements that needed to happen to that building, it was a good thing that the College bought it. Now we have the challenge of running two places.

### Is anything else going to happen in the near future?

JG: Yeah, that was a lot in four years and having no restaurant business experience beforehand, we are pretty tapped out with starting new things. We are ready to just enjoy our family and the two places we have now.

## Gambier Grillin'

### Students



Aaron Hatley '08



Jen Baker '11

vs.



Kate Wilson, administrative assistant



Bob Milnikel, Mathematics

### Faculty & Staff

### Correct Answer

| Question  | Aaron Hatley '08               | Jen Baker '11  | Kate Wilson, administrative assistant | Bob Milnikel, Mathematics      | Correct Answer                              |
|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| What is a gnomon?                                 | Latin for "gnome."             | A type of measurement.   | Small forest-dwelling folk.           | Something to do with printing. | The thing that casts a shadow on a sundial. |
| What civilization wrote the first love poem?      | Whoever came up with Sanskrit. | The Egyptians.   | The Gnomons.                          | Romans.                        | The Sumerians.                              |
| How many seeds are in every strawberry?           | 102                            | None because I think they're all on the outside of the strawberry. | 100                                   | 300                            | 300   |
| Who was the only U.S. president to be a bachelor? | Taft.                          | Clinton (ha!).   | Jefferson.                            | Cleveland.                     | James Buchanan.                             |
| What is Ohio's state tree?                        | Buckeye tree.                  | Buckeye tree.  | Buckeye.                              | Maple tree.                    | The Buckeye Tree.                           |
| Total Correct                                     | One.                           | One.   | One.                                  | One.                           |   |
| Students:13.5 / Faculty: 14                       |                                |  |                                       |                                |   |

BY COLE DACHENHAUS



## Ladies defeat Spartans, prepare for glory

BY HILARY GOWINS  
Staff Reporter

For the past four seasons, the Kenyon Ladies soccer team has been able to rely on their players from the class of 2008: Jean Arnold, Rosie Davis, Elly Deutch, Amanda Drummond, Kendra Pannitti and Brooke Rockwern. The Ladies paid tribute to their seniors last Saturday, hosting celebratory Senior Day events during the halftime of their matchup against Case Western Reserve University.

"The leadership and drive of the senior class is incredible," said Ladies' head coach Kelly Bryan. "They made a decision as a [first year] class to make soccer a true commitment. Since then, they have put the work and dedication into the program and it is evident. They have done a great job of communicating that desire to the younger classes and will be leaving a great legacy for our future teams. They have definitely set the tone for the program."

Perhaps even more welcome than Coach Bryan's kind words was the 1-0 win that the Ladies had put together when time expired. Throughout the entirety of the game, the Ladies were able to stay in control of the ball. Despite this, the Ladies went into halftime without having scored a goal.

The Ladies came out strong in the second half. After about 12 minutes, things really started to heat up when first year Katie Fee kicked a crossing pass to sophomore Rachel Williams. Williams placed the ball so that it soared over the head of Case Western's goalkeeper, finding the back of the net and giving the Ladies the lead. From there on out, the veteran defense kept the Spartans at bay as the Ladies improved their record to 8-5-2 on the season.

The Ladies look to finish their

regular season strongly as they enter into a crucial matchup against conference rival Wittenberg University this Tuesday.

"I am very optimistic and excited for our game against Wittenberg," Bryan said. "We have a great rivalry with them and it should be a great game."

The Ladies' final game could determine whether or not they advance to tournament play. If Kenyon can win, they will most likely advance to the tournament—however, their fate is uncertain if they lose.



Wesley Keyser

Ladies' forward Rachel Goheen '10 drives the ball upfield in this weekend's victory over CWRU.

## Serfin' to a championship

BY ISAAC MILLER  
Staff Reporter

Two weekends ago, Kenyon's ultimate team, Serf, went undefeated, taking first place in the Northcoast Tournament and repeating their successes from their two previous tournaments.

The competition was hosted by Case Western Reserve University and held outside of Cleveland. The tournament featured 16 Great Lakes area teams, including one from Toronto. Serf played some of their best ultimate of the year. Their wins included a 15-1 beating of the Oberlin B team, a 15-3 defeat of Denison University and a 15-1 bowling over of Bowling Green State University in the finals.

"Winning this tournament was big for us," said Serf's captain Mario Nuno-Whelan '08. "These were 16 competitive teams, and some of them, like Ohio Northern [whom Kenyon defeated 15-6 in the semi-finals], are teams we haven't beat since I've been playing ultimate here, so this was a significant win for Serf."

Stand-outs from the team included Russel Wallack '11 and Paul Rutherford '10, who Nuno-Whelan commended as consistently notable this season despite their rookie status, as well as Tom Brown '10 and Peter Johnson '10. Still, the weekend was not just a showcase for the play of a few, but for the team

as a whole.

Nuno-Whelan praised their efforts. "We have some solid players on our team this year, and no doubt without them it would have been hard to do as well as we did, but ask anyone on the team and they will all say it was completely a group effort at Northcoast," he said. Our defense was just untouchable and that only comes with everyone going all out for every point. It was some beautiful ultimate."

Serf's last competition of the season will be this weekend at the Denison Invitational II: Back to the Rabbit Hole tournament hosted by Denison University in Granville. It will be one of the biggest tournaments Kenyon has played in this year. 25 teams from seven different states will compete, including Bowling Green, Case Western Reserve, the University of Kentucky, Western Michigan University, Xavier University and the University of Toledo. Serf went to the quarter-finals of the tournament last year.

"Our only goal for this weekend is that we play as hard or harder than we did in Cleveland," said Nuno-Whelan. "We'll be taking a solid team, the fields are some of the best we play on, and there are going to be a number of quality ultimate clubs coming, so it should be a great weekend. We'll just have to do what Serf do and keep on tilling," he added.

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# Lords stand tall over Little Giants



Wesley Keyser

Lords' captain Nate Prichard '08 refuses to let a Wabash player keep him from the ball as the Lords shut out the Little Giants 3-0.

BY ROBERT DIGNAZIO  
*Staff Reporter*

The Lords soccer team beat the Wabash College Little Giants 3-0 in their final regular season match at Mavec Field on Saturday. Kenyon entered the match at the top of the North Coast Athletic Conference standings. The Little Giants, however, were still looking for their first conference point. The Lords were able to eliminate any possibility of an upset.

Felix Hoffman '11 had yet another strong showing for the Lords, tallying two goals and one assist. Hoffman helped put the Lords on the board in the thirtieth minute of the first half with a strong cross from the left flank to Ryan O'Connor '11, who headed home his third goal of the season. The Wabash defense, however, played tough and stayed within one goal at halftime.

Hoffman showcased his knack for scoring in the second half. Five minutes into the half, he fired a penalty shot past the Wabash keeper to give the Lords a two-goal cushion. Just two minutes later, Hoffman deposited an unassisted goal to secure the Lords' win. The goal gave the first year his 16th of the season, tying him for seventh on the Kenyon single-season scoring list with Tony Mohammed '97, who scored 16 goals in 1996. Jamie White '10 needed only two saves to combine with captain Elliot Forhan '08 for the shutout. Kenyon outshot the last-place Little Giants 25-7.

Although Kenyon boasts a 5-1-1 conference record, the Lords cannot relax. They share first place with the Wittenberg University Tigers, whom they tied on Oct. 10. Wittenberg has not won a conference title since 1993 (when the Tigers shared it

with the Lords), while the Lords have not hoisted an NCAC trophy since 1997. Ohio Wesleyan University and Allegheny College are both just one point back from the Lords and Tigers. In addition, Hiram College could still sneak into the four-team conference tournament. Kenyon will try to secure first place and home field advantage this week. The Lords play at Oberlin College on Wednesday, Oct. 24. If they win, they could secure a regular season conference championship on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Allegheny. The Gators, however, will be chomping at the bit to knock off Kenyon and to secure a postseason bid.

If the Lords can secure one of the top two spots in the NCAC standings, they will host the conference semifinals at Mavec Field on Wednesday, Oct. 31. A third or fourth finish would result in having to play an away game.

# Eagles snatch victory from Field Hockey

BY MEGHAN MCCLINCY  
*Staff Reporter*

Ladies field hockey could not keep up its momentum from last week's win against Ohio Wesleyan University, suffering two overtime losses in the past week.

The Ladies first battled against the Eastern University Eagles. Early in the first half, Caroline Graham '08 put Kenyon on the board with her second goal of the 2008 campaign.

The Ladies were able to hold on to their 1-0 lead until the second half. Eastern kept firing away in the second half, finally breaking through with consecutive goals within 12 minutes of each other. The Ladies fought back. Lauren Keiling '08 came up with a clutch goal, which tied up the game with less than eight minutes of play remaining.

Despite the Ladies' comeback, Eastern struck first in overtime. Follow-

ing a Kenyon foul, Eastern set up a play which opened a passing lane directly to an open player, who had an easy shot between the pipes.

"We were really disappointed after the game," said goalie Karen "The Wall" Thompson '09. "We played hard, but unfortunately Eastern was the first team to capitalize in overtime."

Disappointed after their overtime loss, the Ladies traveled to Slippery Rock University, a neutral setting, to challenge the Juniata College Eagles. Juniata was looking for revenge against the Ladies. Last season, the underdog Ladies surprised the Eagles with a victory in first round of the NCAA tournament, ending their season.

Sunday's match up remained scoreless until the last second of the first half, when Ladies' forward Maggie Gilligan '10 netted one off of an assist from Keiling. The Ladies thought that they could pull off another upset against

the Eagles, who are ranked 13th in the nation. The Eagles, however, were able to rally with less than ten minutes left to play, scoring a goal which took the game into overtime.

The Eagles were able to walk off the field as the victors with an early overtime goal. Juniata out-shot Kenyon 26-7.

"It was a rough week, but we should keep our heads up," said defender Paige Roberts '09. "If we keep giving it our best then eventually the cards will fall in place for us. We have to look forward to move on and prepare for the upcoming conference games."

This past week's non-conference match ups put the Ladies at an 8-10 record.

The Ladies, contending for a playoff spot, close out the regular season with two crucial conference games away against Earlham College and Wittenberg University.

# Football brings noise, forgets funk at home

BY LINDSAY MEANS  
*Staff Reporter*

Last Saturday at Earlham College, a late turnover led to Earlham's 42-35 victory over the Kenyon College Lords football team, despite the attempts of the Lords' offense.

"Offensively, we dominated the game," said Head Coach Ted Stanley. In addition to passing for three touchdowns and a season-high 271 passing yards, QB Rafael Sanchez '08 ran for 76 yards and an additional touchdown, while WR Carlin Shoemaker '08 ended the game with 12 receptions for 71 yards.

The Lords had an explosive first quarter, with two Sanchez passes connecting with his brother, Mikey Sanchez '10, and Shoemaker. Sanchez also had a 1-yard touchdown run.

"We played very well," said Stanley. "But at critical times, we couldn't make plays—and we didn't respond to Earlham's offense with our defense."

Kyle Toot '10 added to the scoreboard with a touchdown, but a failed extra point attempt left the Lords trailing the Quakers at the end of the second quarter. In the last half of the game, Shoemaker received a four-yard Sanchez pass, tying the score at 35-35, but a turnover in the last minute of the game led to a 95-yard scoring drive for Earlham.

"Five out of seven downs, we were doing exactly what we were supposed to do," said Stanley. "And we dominated them in

almost every statistic, except the score. But we make one coverage mistake, or don't pressure enough, or we have a penalty or turnover, and in a game like this where we're so evenly matched, that will decide the outcome."

The Lords finished with 487 total yards offense on 90 plays; while Earlham's total was 416 yards on 67 plays.

"Last week was last week and next week is next week," said Stanley. Next week, the Lords will play rival Denison University. Stanley is convinced that the team will be ready.

"It's a huge game," he said. "It's the seniors' last home game, it's Purple Pride day ... I would love for the whole Kenyon campus to come out. There isn't a good Kenyon person around who doesn't understand the Kenyon-Denison rivalry, and nobody wants to say they lost to Denison."

A win this weekend would ameliorate the sting of some of this season's losses, according to Stanley. "Our season isn't going quite as well as we'd hoped, but a victory over Denison would really help that," he said.

The game against Denison will kick off at 1:00 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 27, at McBride Field.

"We can't dwell on what happened last week or the week before that," said Stanley. "But we can focus on beating Denison. And we'll need the whole school to come down, dress in purple,

# Player of the Week

BY HOLLY KARN  
*Staff Reporter*

Karen "the Wall" Thompson '09 has been playing field hockey since the seventh grade. Typical of most younger siblings, she wanted to be like her older sister, Christy, and become a field hockey goalie. This 20 year-old junior from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, has

made her own mark, however, earning her the nickname "the Wall" among her non-field hockey friends. In 2006, she was named to Kenyon's field hockey All-Region NFHCA and All-NCAC first team.

Because of her abilities in the goal, "the Wall" was also ranked the third best field hockey goalie in all of Division III.

Although she is known for her wall-like abilities on the field, she is able to devote her extra time to other activities and academics. Thompson is an international stud-

ies major with a concentration in West Africa and a minor in history. After traveling to Tanzania last summer, she became enthralled with Africa, especially the feelings that her visit drew out from her. "I just liked the feel that I got from being there, how nice and sincere people were... not everyone was rushing around," Thompson said. Because of this interest, it comes as no surprise that

she is very excited about studying abroad in Senegal this spring.

In addition to her love of Africa and field hockey, she enjoys playing tennis and watching baseball. She is also a member of community choir, a volunteer at the Wiggan Street Elementary School and a member of the Archon Society. Although she is not sure of what she will do after Kenyon, it is certain that she will continue to be "the Wall" on the field and continue to devote her time to academics.



Katie Weber