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# THE KENYON COLLEGIAN

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## Class of 2011 arrives right on target

BY HANNAH CURRAN  
Editor-in-Chief

Since 2001, the number of applicants to Kenyon College has more than doubled from around 2,000 to over 4,625 this past spring and the number of students accepted actually choosing to come to Kenyon grows accordingly. No matter the size of the applicant pool, the College must still make a class out of the students seeking admission.

According to Associate Dean of Admissions Beverly Morris, the process of creating a class does not change in relation to the number of students who apply.

"The process itself wasn't different. What was different was that we could only accept 29 percent of applicants."

The number of students that the College could accept was based on the number that the Board of Trustees established.

"Although we were originally aiming for a smaller number, the Board of Trustees gave us a target of 460 students and we have 460 students enrolled exactly."

Out of that number, 177 were accepted early decision. 185 of the 347 ED applicants were accepted, but not all came to Kenyon. The early decision acceptance rate was 53.3 percent.

292 students chose Kenyon regular decision. 4,279 students applied and 1,149, or 26.8 percent, were accepted. The median combined SAT score ranged from 1870-2130 and the middle 50 percent of ACT remained between 28-32.

These 460 students include 62 ethnic minorities and 18 international students, with the highest number hailing from China. 39 students were the first generation of their families to go to college, a 20 percent increase from last year. Out of American students, 14 percent from New England, 31 percent from the mid-Atlantic states, 10 percent

from the South, 26 percent from the Midwest (15 percent from Ohio) and 19 percent from the West and Southwest.

An equal number of students attended private and public high schools, where their GPAs average around 3.85 and 74 percent graduated in the top ten percent of their class, a record for the College. Less than half of these high schools, however, were ranked nationally.

The Class of 2011 also includes four Davis scholars, graduates of "world colleges"—international schools where no more than a quarter of the students may hail from the host country.

"We have students from world colleges in India, Wales, Singapore and Victoria, British Columbia," said Morris. "We have wonderful athletes, wonderful musicians, wonderful artists. I know its sounds corny, but it's really a wonderful class."

This is Morris' 20th year working in the Kenyon admissions office. She loves the creativity and variety her job allows her.

"We're looking for a nice blend," she said. "If we had a class of 460 male All-State soccer goalies who founded charities and got perfect SAT scores, that would be pretty boring—which the Class of 2011 certainly is not."

## Pre-Orientation gives students head start on first year

BY ANDREW CUNNINGHAM  
Managing Editor

While most first-years will not arrive on campus until this Thursday, many students begin their four year stay at Kenyon a little early by participating in pre-orientation programs.

and coordinators.

Griffin feels that this program is valuable in helping new students make the transition to life at Kenyon, and that it gives them a sense of the College's place in the wider community.

"I did it as a freshman, and it



Elizabeth Johnson

Pre-Orientation students take their thinking to Campbell-Meeker.

This year, two pre-orientation programs began on Monday August 13, one new and the other in its sixth year, and introduced new students to the campus, to the community and to their future classmates.

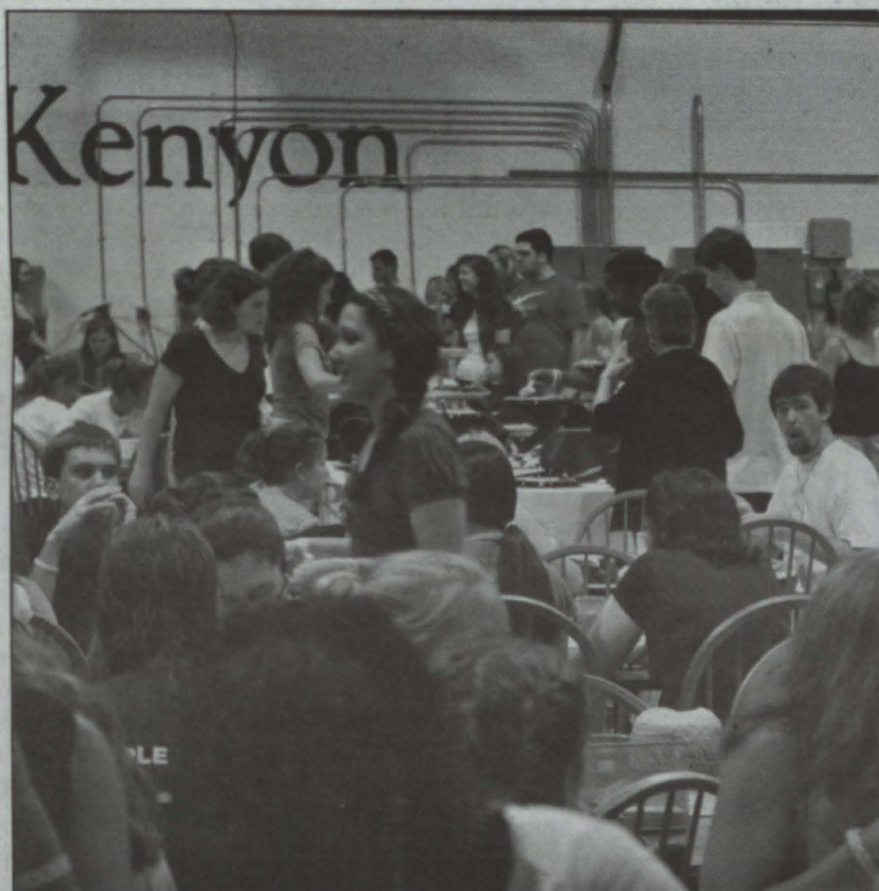
Risa Griffin '09 is involved in the Pre-Orientation Service Program, which runs for five days. It gets new students accustomed to their environment by taking them out to volunteer at places such as the Habitat for Humanity and the Brown Family Environmental Center, and also puts together a variety of activities to help students get to know each other. The program is in its sixth year and hosts some 40 first-years, as well as a number of upperclassmen leaders

did a really good job of introducing me to the campus," Griffin said. "It encourages freshmen to get out in the community and volunteer."

Kirstin Reach '08 is part of another pre-orientation program, Writing and Thinking, which started this year. It hosted 27 students, and got them better acquainted with college life through writing, readings and social activities such as visiting the observatory and swing-dancing.

"A major theme in this ten-day program was the labyrinth: that is, that getting lost is how you find your way," said Reach. "We designed a puzzle based upon Kenyon lore and landmarks that guided the students through the whole campus."

### SHARING A MEAL IN ERNST



Tristan Potter

Athletes, Pre-orientation students, Upper Class Counselors and Community Advisors share a meal in Ernst on Wednesday night, their last before the rest of the first-year class arrives on campus.

## News you can use: Five pressing issues facing Kenyon College

BY DAYNE BAUGHMAN  
Editor-in-Chief

Each year, a new class of first-year students comes to Kenyon fresh-faced and mostly ignorant of the issues facing campus. In the hopes of preparing incoming students for the topics important to campus life, these are five issues that are facing the College.

Peirce Renovations—

Peirce Hall, the august 77-

year-old dining facility and the sometimes home of the *Collegian* offices, has been under renovations since the summer of 2006. The original estimate for the project was \$18 million. Last October, Director of Facility Planning Tom Lepley said that the project would cost \$21 million and would be three months behind schedule.

The renovations included the razing of Upper and Lower Dempsey halls, which were attached to Peirce, and the updating of the wiring systems in the Great

Hall, which was the campus's largest dining space. Also included in the plans are an elevator and new bathrooms as well as a new basement area to replace Philander's Pub, a subterranean eatery that served as a gathering space and a dining area.

The renovation process has caused the College to relocate the dining facilities once housed in Peirce to the Ernst center, which before the KAC contained the College's swimming pool and bas-

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# News: Class Size

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ketball court, as well as workout facilities. All of last year students made the trek down the Hill to eat in the converted basketball arena. Ernst will continue to be used as a dining hall until the Peirce renovations are completed sometime in 2008.

The renovations were spurred by an \$8 million anonymous donation. Albert M. Higley Co., which built the KAC, was given the contract to complete the Peirce renovations.

### Size of the College—

The size of Kenyon's student body has been a contentious issue for a number of years now. A committee headed by Provost Greg Spaid said the College should shrink to 1,575 students, a 150-student decrease from the then total of 1,725.

The goal is to have classes of 435 students for the classes of 2011-2023. The class of 2011, however, has an actual enrollment of 460 students. This is two more than the class of 2010, which had 458 students. The class of 2010 had 18 more than the class of 2009, which was still over enrolled by 5 students at 440 students. 2002 was the last year that a class had fewer students than its target.

This has caused over-crowding in a number of areas including:

### Housing—

The housing problem at Kenyon has many facets. First, because we have had many consecutive over-enrolled classes, the number of students exceeds the number of living spaces. In recent years the College has converted lounge and study spaces into rooms for students and has allowed more students to live off campus. This year, an e-mail was sent out to juniors and seniors asking people to live off-campus, freeing up spaces for other students, including the 25 extra students in the class of 2011.

The housing situation took another hit last week when the Gambier Village Council would not allow Kenyon to house more than four people in houses that the College owns without classifying them as dormitories.

Another problem with Kenyon living spaces is age. Even our "New Apartments" are more than 30 years old. The lounges of Old

Kenyon, Hannah and Leonard, the three oldest dorms on campus, leak beer when there are parties. Plans for new dormitories are in the works, but work will not be started on the dorms until sources of funding can be identified.

### The Bookstore—

Changes at the bookstore have abounded over the past two years, since the arrival of Chief Business Officer Dave McConnell. Bookstore manager Jack Finefrock left the bookstore in 2006 and new lines of clothing were introduced last year, not just the traditional purple and white, but pink, green, brown and even tie-dye.

After Finefrock's departure the College began looking for a new manager. Barnes and Noble and Follet, two of the country's leading managers of college bookstores, were brought onto campus. Neither has yet been contracted to run the Kenyon bookstore.

This summer major changes have been made to the bookstore. Textbooks have been moved from the basement to the main level, a castle that has been a notable feature for years was removed from the front room of the bookstore and the cash registers have been moved from in front of the entrance to a corner of the room.

In addition, the Denham Sutcliff bookstore, which was named after a professor emeritus of English, has been removed from its location to make room for the new student activities office.

### The Captial Campaign—

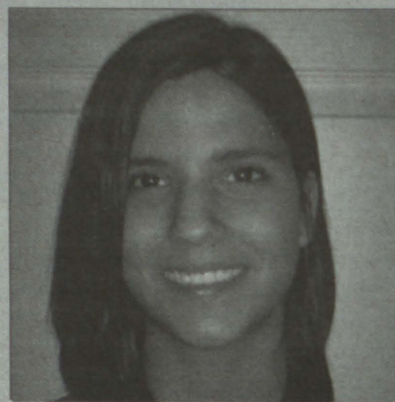
Kenyon has begun a new capital campaign, trying to raise money for everything from the new, \$30 million art facilities to raising the endowment.

The College is looking to raise \$230 million. The campaign began the week after students left campus for the summer. The funds raised will also serve to fund new academic programs that the College would like to implement. Money raised as part of the capital campaign would also be used to fund the Kenyon Review as well as other projects. More on this story in the coming week.

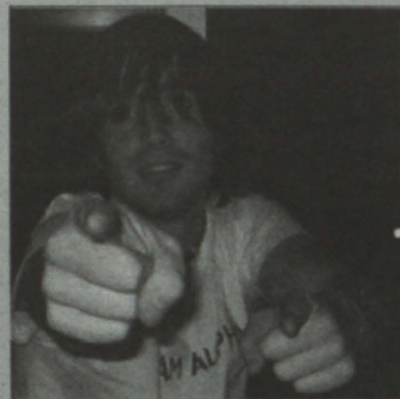
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## MEETING THE CLASS OF 2011

BY LESLIE PARSONS  
News Editor



Jessica Castillo '11  
Elgin, South Carolina  
Favorite Novel: *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner  
Fun Fact: She has been playing softball since she was three years old and will be playing for the Kenyon Ladies softball team.



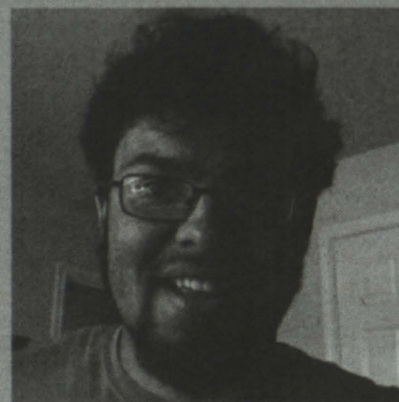
O'Neill Cushman '11  
Outside of Washington D.C.  
Favorite Movie: *The Big Lebowski*  
Fun Fact: He is almost fluent in French.



Casey Lowe '11  
New Orleans area  
Favorite TV Show: *Friends*  
Fun Fact: "I have a lot of different backgrounds," said Lowe. Born in Germany, Lowe is a U.S. citizen who is half Chinese, 1/8 Mexican, and 3/8 white.



Laura Wett '11  
Northfield, MN  
Favorite Band: Sin Candera  
Fun Fact: She has been taking Spanish since the first grade.



Dan Vargas  
San Antonio, TX  
Favorite Food: Chinese food  
Fun Fact: He grew up on a farm in the Missouri Ozarks.

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# Questioning the Master: the Dating Doctor Speaks

BY LESLIE PARSONS  
News Editor

David Coleman, who calls himself the Dating Doctor, will be speaking Saturday at 10:45 p.m. in Rosse Hall. Named the 2006 National Speaker of the Year by *Campus Activities Magazine*, Coleman tours the nation talking about relationships and how to make them work. *The Collegian* had the chance to ask Coleman a few questions about his life and work.

—How did you become the Dating Doctor?  
I used to be a student activities director at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. I started doing programs for orientation on our campus called “Creative Dating.” I went to a convention once and did the program for all the people that attended this big convention and everybody liked it so much that they started throwing business cards at me and inviting me to their

campus and paying me to be there and the rest is kind of history. Since then I’ve been to 2,500 schools and talked to about 2.5 million people.

—What was dating like for you?  
It was pretty normal for me. It was really easy for me to meet people. All of my friends would want to go out with me because they knew I would meet a bunch of people and I could only talk to one or two at a time so they would talk to the rest of them. So my guy friends used to fight to be my wingmen.

—How long have you been touring publicly?  
I have been touring campuses for almost 18 years now.

—At what kinds of venues do you perform?  
Anywhere. A lot of what I do is colleges and corporations, churches, civic groups. I try to avoid high schools because high school

students are more concerned about getting out of class than learning anything and they’re really not quite mature enough to handle the types of things I talk about. Perfect for a college audience. I’ve been to Kenyon probably over ten times now and those students are just great. I mean, your campus is one of my favorite campuses in the country.

—Oh, you say that to all of the campuses.  
No, what I love about Kenyon students is that they’re bizarre, they’re just bizarre. They’re not your normal, run-of-the-mill. They’re very smart, they’re from affluent families, they’ll say what’s on their mind. Almost every show I’ve had at Kenyon has been borderline insanity and those are my favorites.

—What is your most memorable Kenyon Dating Doctor story?  
One thing that happened several years back ... a couple of years ago there was a horrible storm

in Ohio. There were tornadoes everywhere. I was on stage and one of the people from Kenyon, one of the administrators, came up to me and said “David there’s a bunch of tornadoes in the area, just keep talking, speak as long as you can, we can’t run anybody out of here, there’s no basement to run to ... if things get bad and the tornadoes get close, obviously we’ll go to plan B. Lightning hit somewhere and next thing we knew ... the power went out so I had to go back and stand [under the emergency lights]. I did a two and a half hour show without power under those flood lights and it was one of the most enjoyable shows of my career.

—Is it true that the movie *Hitch* was based on your life?  
About 75 percent of that movie mirrors my life or my career exactly. About 25 percent of it is Hollywood-driven. I never dropped-kicked a woman off of a jet ski and I never took a woman to Ellis Island

and showed her that her relative was a mass murderer. But the part where he eats seafood and his face blew up like a balloon, that did happen to me before a show. I had to go do the show looking like that, it was crazy.  
—Who has more game, you or Will Smith?

In real life, it’s hard to have more game than Will Smith. He’s married to Jada Pinkett, his movies always make around 300 million dollars, he’s one of the A-list A-listers. But compared to the average common person, I probably do. ... Obviously people have types, so if you’re looking for a tall, handsome, black man that can dance and sing, he wins. If you’re looking for a shorter, not so thin, white guy that can make almost anyone laugh and have a good time, it would be me.  
More about The Dating Doctor, David Coleman can be found on his website, [www.datingdoctor.com](http://www.datingdoctor.com), and his myspace page, [www.myspace.com/datingdoctorpage](http://www.myspace.com/datingdoctorpage).

## 2007 New Student Orientation Schedule

<b>Thursday</b>	Life on the Hill Rosse Hall	Mathematics Readiness Examination Math readiness: Higley Hall Auditorium Calculus readiness: Higley Hall Auditorium Calculus placement: Hayes Hall 109	<b>Saturday</b>	1:30—4:30 p.m. Community Service Project Vans will depart from the Crozier Center at 1:30 p.m.
8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Registration Gund Commons	10:15 p.m.—midnight Hall Meeting 1 First-year residence halls		8:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Faculty Advisor Appointments and Course Registration Meetings Course registration forms MUST be turned in to the registrar’s office (Stephens Hall) by 1:30 p.m.	2:00—4:15 p.m. The Sporting Life Athletic fields and Kenyon Athletic Center
10:00 a.m.—noon Campus tours Gund Commons	<b>Friday</b>	5:00—6:00 p.m. Shabbat Eve for first-year students Hillel House, West Brooklyn Street	10:00 a.m.—noon Computer—Account Information “Making Connections with People and Information: Using Kenyon’s Network.” Gund Commons Computer Lounge	5:00—6:30 p.m. Academic Integrity Meeting Rosse Hall
11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Parent Orientation Samuel Mather Lawn Rainsite: Rosse Hall	8:00—9:50 a.m. Foreign Language Examinations The packet that you received at registration has information on times and locations.	5:30—7:00 p.m. Picnic. First-year quad between Lewis and Norton residences	6:45 p.m. Convening Dinner for all new students Ernst Center	
2:00 p.m. Opening Convocation of the 184th College year Kenyon Athletic Center	9:00—9:50 a.m. Music Theory Placement Examination Olin Auditorium	7:00—7:30 p.m. Athletes’ meeting. Gund Residence lounge	8:00—9:30 p.m. Life on the Hill, Part II Rosse Hall	
2:45—3:45 p.m. President’s reception for families and the Class of 2011 Ransom Lawn Rainsite: Kenyon Athletic Center	10:00 a.m.—10:25 a.m. Introduction to Academic Life at Kenyon Rosse Hall	8:00 p.m. First-Year Student Sing Rehearsal Rosse Hall	9:45—10:30 p.m. Hall Meeting 3 First-year residence halls	
4:00—5:00 p.m. Parents meet faculty advisors. Locations per information sheet in your Orientation packet.	10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon Academic Department Fair Ascension Hall	8:45—9:45 p.m. Hall Meeting 2 First-year residence halls	10:45 p.m.—12:30 a.m. Creative Dating with David Coleman Rosse Hall	
6:45 p.m. New students meet with faculty advisors and upperclass counselors. As scheduled, according to the information sheet in your Orientation packet.	Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch and reception for new students interested in the sciences and mathematics. Gund Commons Ballroom	9:45 p.m.—12:30 a.m. Bonfire First-year quad		
8:30—10:00 p.m.	1:00—3:15 p.m. Academic Department Fair Ascension Hall 3:30—5:00 p.m.	9:45—12:30 a.m. Casino Gund Commons	1:30—3:00 p.m. Computer—Account Information “Making Connections with People and Information: Using Kenyon’s Network.” (See the program description at the 10:00 a.m. listing, above.)	For more information on orientation activities and a complete schedule of events, see the orientation packet provided by the College. All meal times are listed in the packet. Note that the schedule may change.



# KENYON FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

BY JESSE OPPENHEIM  
Sports Editor

## Volleyball lacks experience, but not heart

"I'm not going to lie to you; it's going to be a little rocky at times," said Ladies Volleyball Head Coach Adrienne Delph of her team's upcoming season. "It's going to be a roller coaster-like season, with lots of ups and downs. But if you asked me to sum up my feelings about the season in one phrase, it would be this: Hope springs eternal."

Delph's mixed feelings about the upcoming season are due to the youth and lack of ex-

perience of her team, which has no upperclassmen and only two returning players, sophomores Hannah Ross and Callan Slavin. Delph, however, is happy to see that her two veterans are helping the newcomers adapt to her style of play.

"It makes me well up with pride to see [Ross and Slavin] step up and begin to take leadership," Delph said. "This team exudes passion—passion for the game, passion for life. We won't

do anything without passion. Students should come down to the KAC, watch us and cheer us on. It's exciting to watch someone who really wants to win. This isn't the kind of volleyball you see at picnics, this is a powerful intense game. There's never going to be a dull moment when watching us. We're going to be working our butts off to win."

The Ladies play their first home game on September 12.

## Football poised for success

"All my years of coaching at Kenyon College have been pointing towards this year," said Lords Football Head Coach Ted Stanley. "Quality wise, we are where we want to be. These first-years are one of our strongest incoming years I've had. Every new player has shown the ability to challenge the older players on the team. Every position is contested, and, as a coach, that's what you're looking for."

The Lords look to improve on last year's 4 – 6 record. "You can't replace an Alby Coombs '07, who holds Kenyon's records for carrier rushing yards with 4,350 and rushing touchdowns with 44] or a Ryan Lacy

['07, who was named a Football Gazette All-American Honorable Mention], but you look to their successors to step up and be as excellent on the field as they were," Stanley said.

Look for QB Rafael Sanchez '08, WR Carlin Shoemaker '08 (named All NCAC Honorable Mention), and OL Yancy Edwards '09 (named All NCAC Second Team) to lead the Lords on the field this year. Edwards, who maintains a 3.5 grade point average, was named an Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports scholar.

"It's all shaping up to be an amazing season," said Sanchez.

For their first game, the Lords'

will be play Grinnell College at home on McBride Field, at noon on September 1. The match-up is an important one for Coach Stanley, who calls Grinnell his alma-mater. "It should really be a fun time," he said. "So I'm looking for Kenyon students to come down and support their fellow students on the field. The louder we cheer, the better."

## KCXC: Takin' it to the streets

The Kenyon College Cross Country team (KCXC) stands poised for another strong year of running.

"I'm really optimistic and excited about what we can accomplish this year," said Men's Captain Jim Boston '09.

Head Coach Duane Gomez also shared Boston's enthusiasm. "I feel like this year is stronger than the past few years have been," he said. "We've recruited the strongest class of runners that we've had in the past few years, so I'm feeling really good about what might happen this year. We're ready to be a team."

Last year, Boston led the Lords, placing ninth overall in the NCAC, earning an All-NCAC award along the way. The team finished in sixth place in the conference.

As for the Ladies, Coach Gomez is looking to junior Jess Francois to continue her excellent running as she leads the team. Last

year, Francois, who held the team's top time in every race, competed in the Division III national meet and finished in the upper half, 137 out of 279. Francois was also named a Division III Cross Country All-Academic honoree.

"It should be a great year," said Francois. "We have tons of talent here. We should be able to excel as individuals and to excel as a team."

Last year, both the Lords and the Ladies were honored by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) for their academic achievements. The Ladies, with a 3.410 cumulative team grade point average, were recipients of a 2006 NCAA Division III All-Academic team award.

The team is always looking for new runners, according to Coach Gomez, so even if you missed pre-season, you can still come run with the team, which has its first meet on August 31.

## Ladies soccer looks to repeat championship

Expect success from the Ladies Soccer Team this year. The team stands in a perfect position to repeat its successes of last year, when it captured its first-ever NCAC championship and made it to the second round of the NCAA Division III tournament. The team, which did not graduate a single player, finds itself in a rare position. No piece of the puzzle is missing.

"We are coming off the most successful season ever in Ladies Soccer history and we have the whole group returning," said Head Coach Kelly Bryan, who was named last year's NCAC Coach of the Year. "If that weren't enough, we've got a group of very talented and hard working first-years, who have already begun to mesh well with the returning players. I'm very excited. This looks like it should turn out to be a great season."

The Ladies return to the pitch with many awards and accolades to their credit. Senior Captains Rosie Davis and Jean "Beanie" Arnold were selected to the All-Great Lakes Region second team by the National Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). Arnold, Davis and Amanda Drummond '08 were named to both the 2006 NCAA Division III Women's All-Ohio Team by the Ohio Colleges Soccer Association and the All-

NCAC First Team. Sophomores Amy Kessler, who led the team in scoring, and Samantha Schoeny were named to the All-NCAC Second Team. Brooke Rockwern '08 and Stefanie Couchman '10 were also named as All-NCAC honorable mentions. Drummond and Davis were also selected to the 2006 NCAA Division III Women's All-Ohio Academic Team by the Ohio Coaches Soccer Association.

Despite the successes, Bryan refuses to allow the team to rest on their laurels. "We have a very hard schedule the whole way through," she said. "We're playing several teams listed as top 25 in the nation. There are no breaks, no easy spots. This season, we will be consistently challenged. This season promises to deliver lots of action."

The Ladies' first game is at home against the Calvin College Knights at 3:00 p.m. on August 31.

## Lords soccer puts forth youthful face

"They're young and they need lots of discipline and practice," said Lords Soccer Head Coach Chris Brown of his team. "But at this point, we're light-years ahead of where we've been in terms of caliber of play in my past two seasons."

The Lords have ended both of their last two seasons with a record of 4-9-4. "In those years, we took small, positive steps, especially last year," said Brown. "This year, we're looking to explode. The new incoming players

have made immediate contributions, and I can't say enough how positive I feel."

While Brown is claiming that he will start at least nine underclassmen, he is still looking to seniors Elliot Forhan, Nate Pritchard, Rob Sussman and Tim Callahan to provide steady leadership and give the younger players the benefit of their experience.

The Lords have a tough season coming up, with their first home game on September 11, when they take on Mount Union

College.

"I can't wait for the games to get started and for other students to come down and support the team," Brown said. "Kenyon College has always had a strong tradition in supporting its soccer team. We have some of the best Division III fans in the nation. I think it's great that Kenyon students appreciate and understand soccer, but we need to earn their support every year, and that's exactly what we plan to do."

## Ladies field hockey feels optimistic

Looking to continue its trend of success, the Ladies Field Hockey team is expecting another great year. Last year, the Ladies won the NCAC championship and made it into the second round of the NCAA Division III championships. The Ladies are returning six All-NCAC players: Lauren Keiling '08, Perrin Legg '09, and Karen Thompson '09 (the Ladies' goalie, who ranked number three in saves over all of Division III) were named to the first team, Sasha Grumman '10 was named to the second team, and Caroline Graham '08 and Holly Bacon '10 earned honorable mention awards. In addition, Head Coach Chrissy Kilroe was named the NCAC Field Hockey Coach of the Year, and was selected as 2006 Dita/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year.

"Last year was great, but we need to keep pushing ourselves," said Kilroe.

Kilroe predicts that the Juniata College Eagles will be out for revenge after the Ladies defeated them in the first round of the NCAA Division III tournament last year. She believes that this game, late in the season, will be the toughest that the team will face.

Captains Graham and Keiling also felt very optimistic about the Ladies' chances this year.

"From the forwards, to the mid-fielders, to the defenders, this team is chock full of leaders who are willing and able to step up when the situation demands it," said Graham.

The Ladies' first home game is on Friday, August 31, at 5:00 p.m.

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