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# 15 students had scabies, more expected

BY NICK MOHAR-SCHURZ  
*Staff Writer*

Approximately 15 Kenyon students have been treated for scabies and about 40 more have been checked since an outbreak first began about two weeks ago.

The microscopic scabies mites cause rashes most commonly found between the fingers and toes, on the wrists, elbows, waist, thighs, buttocks and groin, and under armpits and breasts, said Nurse Practitioner and Acting Director of the Student Health Center Rebecca Metcalf. Itching results from the female's laying of eggs underneath the skin. This subsequent burrow can easily be mistaken for poison ivy although the symptoms of scabies, such as itchiness, often take four to six weeks from the time of exposure to be noticeable. The itchy red

dots or small red lines created by these mites can exist on any part of the body, but sometimes only appear on the extremities. The rash varies from one person to another.

The origin of the outbreak is unknown, though it has been attributed to one resident of Norton Hall. While the resident did have scabies, the resident denied being the source of the outbreak.

"I definitely did not have scabies before coming to campus," the resident said. "I just didn't realize what it was, so I didn't worry too much about it." The period between contraction and treatment is one of the main causes of outbreaks, Metcalf said.

The Norton resident originally thought the itching was due to "mosquito bites and scratches ... it didn't seem like I should be

worried. And then I found out it was scabies."

One student who came into contact with the Norton resident also contracted scabies. "I noticed a few bumps on my stomach," the student said. "I went and got it checked out in the Health Center and they said 'Those aren't scabies,' then I went back and they said 'those are scabies.'"

The student was treated after it was confirmed that the rash was scabies. "The health center was accommodating," the student said. "They had some good advice [and] good pamphlets."

The student, however, said the reaction to the outbreak on campus, which has included a number of all-stu messages, has been unfair. "I feel a little victimized ... [the] whole scabies thing is funny, and the all-stus are funny, but I don't want to be

known as [the student with scabies]," the student said. "I went through the whole treatment, so I'm actually more scabies-free than anyone who hasn't been checked out."

The student also said that the scabies had nothing to do with personal hygiene. "It has nothing to do with cleanliness."

"Contracting scabies really requires body-to-body contact," said Metcalf. "It cannot be transferred through a condom, but if you're in such close proximity or in such a position as to need a condom with a person that has scabies, you could be infected. If I gave you a hug, I wouldn't be worried about it—but then again, I'm not giving you a hug for 5 to 10 minutes."

Not all the students on the hall of the first scabies case were treated, Metcalf said, but all the couches and furniture

in first-year lounges received extra cleaning. Laundry—both of clothing and bedcovers—as well as frequent hand washing and showers are good ways to prevent infection.

Cleaning clothing, towels and any other fabrics that have been used or worn by the infested person before they were treated for scabies must be done with hot water and detergent or soap. The clothes should then be put into a dryer, not hung up to dry. Mattresses need to be cleaned with Lysol or a disinfectant solution before the sheets may be put back on the bed. Upholstered furniture must be well vacuumed, as the mites can survive for two weeks without human contact.

Any students concerned that he or she might have scabies

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## AVI workers collect support over contract

BY TEDDY EISMEIER  
*Staff Writer*

A labor dispute between Kenyon's foodservice provider AVI Foodsystems, Inc. and its employees became public this week as union members released details about ongoing negotiations. Negotiation committee member Rochelle Arck said wage and insurance issues are slowing the negotiations to a standstill.

AVI's employees are members of UniteHere, a labor union representing workers in restaurants, hotels, casinos and other industries. Members of UniteHere Local 84, the union affiliate for AVI workers at Kenyon, raised several contractual complaints related to wages and health insurance coverage.

Representatives of UniteHere Local 84 claim that AVI's management has declined to raise the wage negotiated two years ago. Union members said that the raise would adjust their wages for inflation and other increased expenses including high fuel and heating costs.

"Everything goes up, so you need to adjust wages to prices," Arck said. "We're not really asking much more than a decent wage increase to offset that."

The current contract states

that AVI must help pay for their employees insurance even while on vacation. As part of the new contract AVI would like to stop this practice.

"The committee is still negotiating a contract," Arck said. "We have a meeting on November 2 with a federal mediator. We want to keep insurance paid."

According to the negotiating committee, the foodservice workers conceded their pension in favor of a 401(k) when they negotiated a new contract with AVI after Aramark was let go. Under a 401(k) plan, employees contribute a certain amount of their monthly salary to a savings account, which is then matched up to a certain percentage by the employer. A pension guarantees a set amount following retirement.

"AVI saved \$80,000 by switching to a 401(k) plan," Arck said. The negotiating team said that after giving up their pensions, AVI's employees are holding their ground on wage issues and health benefits.

"They're offering less than the previous contract, decreased wage and health insurance," Arck said. "We have to follow union guidelines, but we might be heading towards the strike

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### STAND UP FOR KENYON



Ted Herod

This past Tuesday, around 500 members of the Kenyon community gathered by the College gates to "Stand Up for Kenyon," express solidarity with the community and make a statement against the vandalism, discrimination and destruction that has occurred on campus this year.

Over the past few months of school, swastikas and slurs have been drawn or carved on students' doors and furniture has been used to destroy windows, in addition to other events of vandalism. In order to publicly speak out against the event, a committee composed of students, administrators, faculty and coaches "came together without anything specific in mind, but wanting to have an avenue to show our support for our community," said committee member Jonathan Meyers '10.

Faculty, students, administration and other members of the community lined Middle Path so that those walking on Middle Path were doing so between two lines of people. For Jenny Fitzgerald '11, the organization was somewhat uncomfortable. "It was kind of weird having everyone watch you," she said. "The sense of community was stronger than the discomfort."

Committee members, according to Meyers, were "very happy with the turnout ... it was a bit over what we were expecting," he said. "It really showed that people had an interest in keeping this community strong and comfortable."

For Fitzgerald, however, "Stand up for Kenyon" was a disappointing experience as well as a fulfilling one. "It really showed a sense of unity, but at the same time I was disappointed that we even had to do that in the first place," she said. "It shocked me that we had to speak out against Kenyon students' behavior, that Kenyon students are capable of doing that."

The committee that organized "Stand up for Kenyon" is not finished with events, according to Meyer. "We got our message across—we stood up, and now it's time to break the silence," he said. "We want to create those discussions amongst students and faculty, in Gund or Ernst or bookstore or on your way to class. It doesn't end after standing up—we need to keep talking."

—Lindsay Means



# Scabies: origin of outbreak still unknown to campus population

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appointment with the Health and Counseling Center, as Metcalf said that this is not something to be ashamed of, nor is it a problem related in any way to personal hygiene.

Positive contacts, those who have been in direct skin-to-skin contact with an infected person, are encouraged to receive medical treatment, even if the symptoms have not yet become visible.

Treatment for scabies involves applying a lotion. Before applying the lotion, however, the infected person should first wash his or her entire body with soapy water, dry completely and allow the body to cool off. Then, the lotion should be spread in a thin layer onto the entire body from the jaw down. The remedies are somewhat toxic, though Elimite, a newer medicine, is less so that its predecessor Kwell. The medicine must be worn for 12 hours be-

fore it is washed off the skin.

Itching, which often intensifies at night, can continue for several days after treatment, despite the death of the mites themselves. The same lotion application process is commonly suggested seven to ten days after the first treatment. To prevent the spread of scabies, roommates, sexual partners and household members should be treated, regardless of whether they show any of the symptoms. If possible, one should avoid contact with infested persons until they have received treatment.

At the beginning of the school year the College handled a case of head lice and another unrelated case of scabies. These kinds of incidents, Metcalf said, are normal for schools like Kenyon, where many of the students are camp counselors during the summer months. She said camp mattresses—indeed, bedding of any kind—are notorious for harboring outdoor critters, but that these infestations are usually

eradicated at the beginning of school. Scabies is not uncommon at the beginning of any school's fall semester, she said, especially now that harmful chemicals, such as DDT, are no longer ridding the environment of such pests.

"Housekeeping has been wonderful to work with," Metcalf said, because they are making a real effort to ensure the eradication of all mites around campus, especially those that could be surviving on the furniture of residence halls.

The Office of Residential Life and the Community Advisors are equipped with the proper disinfectants should a problem arise in one of the dorms, Metcalf said. According to her, the problem has been almost completely eliminated, provided that students willingly continue coming to the Health and Counseling Center to be examined if they feel they have been exposed to scabies or if they are experiencing itchiness.

# AVI: contracts may not include full-coverage health insurance

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area if the next meeting doesn't go well."

AVI's employees are currently working on an extension of their original contract while the negotiations take place. The workers would have to give a ten-day notice in order to terminate the extension.

AVI took over for Aramark as Kenyon's foodservice provider in January 2006. Many of the current AVI employees also worked for Aramark prior to the change. In the months leading up to the transition, AVI's management made assurances to the College and to Aramark employees that any existing employees would have the opportunity to continue work.

Although they work in College-owned dining halls, the foodservice workers are employed by AVI, not by Kenyon College. Chief Business Officer Dave McConnell declined to speak on the matter, saying it would be "inappropriate to comment on an active negotiation between AVI and its employees at this time."

Throughout AVI's association with the College, issues surrounding foodservice workers have garnered the attention of Kenyon's student body. In December of 2005, the *Col-*

*legian* reported that between 50 and 70 Kenyon students attended a contract negotiation between AVI and UniteHere representatives at the Mount Vernon Holiday Inn.

In light of the newest round of negotiations, several student groups have organized events in support of dining hall employees. Nu Iota Alpha, a local sorority, held an AVI Employee Appreciation Day yesterday, asking students to show support for the foodservice workers by signing a

petition.

The AVI employees' negotiating team is hopeful that the upcoming meeting will lead to a favorable resolution between the two sides.

"We hope that on Nov. 2 we can get this thing wrapped up," Arck said. "We appreciate the support of students."

See <http://www.unitehere.org> for more on UniteHere and <http://www.kenyon.avifoodweb.com/> for more about AVI and Kenyon's dining services.

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## STUDENT COUNCIL

Oct. 14, 2007

- Three new clubs were approved.
- The debate team's budget was approved. Greek Council asked for money for Safe Drives and were approved. Horn Gallery received 9 percent of their requested budget, because their proposal did not state where the money was to be allocated. Renegade Theater received 89 percent of money requested. WKCO received \$3,600 to purchase a new soundboard, because their last one was extremely old, and of co-sponsorship for a band.
- Six letters of intent for Campus Safety Committee were approved. More letters of intent from independents were requested because the committee is so far mainly made up of Greeks, and more involvement from independents would be appreciated.
- The Food Committee needs people from each class committee to be on the food committee. The representatives should be of varied dietary needs so that there are multiple perspectives on the committee. The committee will discuss AVI issues and also students' issues with AVI, such as increasing disposable flatware and silverware so that the amount of wares being lost will decrease, and re-starting the reclamation of wares from dorms.
- 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.
- Matters involving the housing lottery will first be handled by the Housing and Grounds Committee, and then brought back to Student Council. One suggestion is that an on-line poll be sent out to students about the housing lottery in order to get feedback.
- The council suggested having a student from each class committee on every Student Council committee to increase communication and participation between groups. A concern about this idea was that it recycles the same people and that there are no new people participating. One suggestion to get students more involved in the committee meetings was; to send out the minutes to each class committee so that they discuss any issues that they find interesting.
- The council discussed the reaction to and the effectiveness of the fact that there may be swipe cards for Peirce Hall when it re-opens.
- The council plans to raise issues at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting such as replacing furniture in some of the residential halls, swipe cards in Peirce and the fact that changes seem to occur with or without student input.
- Suggestions were made for the council's web site. These suggestions include a comment box on the web site, a page for each Student Council committee that tells students which issues are being discussed in those committees and a place where meeting times can be posted so students can attend meetings.
- Committee chairs/class presidents will come to the next Student Council meeting with a brief summary of their committee's plan for the rest of the year.

—Marenka Thompson-Odlum

## GREEK COUNCIL

Oct. 15, 2007

- Two pieces of legislation were introduced at Greek Council. Safe Drives passed Resolution 0707 that governs the rules of Safe Drives, stipulating no ratio of Greek affiliated to unaffiliated students in the organization. Judicial Board passed Council Concurrent Resolution 01-07, outlining how students run and are elected for positions. Students now submit a letter of intent as well as their student records.
- The council decided that all those conducting pledge activities in the fall must send in pledge schedules by the end of this week.
- The council decided that advisors of organizations and the council to meet and discuss goals and cooperation.
- Greek Council and the Athletics Department are to meet and discuss interaction and "work week."
- Box City is to be held this Thursday outside Hannah Hall by Phi Kappa Sigma to raise awareness for homelessness. Owl Creeks are to perform and snacks will be provided.

—Hannah Curran



## ADMISSIONS: APPLICATIONS ON PACE TO REACH ALL-TIME HIGH

BY SARAH QUELLER  
*Staff Writer*

Little more than a month before the College's early-decision deadline, applications for admittance are on pace to break last year all-time record of 4,627.

"If all indicators continue, we will have more applicants this year [than last]," said Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Jennifer Delahunty. Though the early-decision application deadline is not until Nov. 15 and the regular-decision deadline is Jan. 15, Delahunty said applications are already running ahead.

Delahunty attributed the surge in applications to the ease of applying electronically, which allows students to apply to more schools, making the admissions process less predictable. Delahunty also acknowledged a national demographic bulge and that Kenyon has become "less of a hidden gem and more of a first-choice college."

Delahunty said she expects the acceptance rate for the class of 2012 to be lower than that of the class of 2011 but that "it's hard to say how much lower." According to the College's website, last year's class had a "historically low admittance rate of 29 percent."

Of the 4,627 applications, 1,351 students were admitted and 463 of those enrolled, for a yield of 34 percent, up two percent from the year before. If the increase in yield remains a trend, Delahunty said, the Admissions Committee "may need to be more cautious [with the number of students it accepts]." Delahunty said she predicts the Committee will admit around 1,300 students this year.

Delahunty said the College tries to fill less than 40 percent of its class from the early-decision pool in order to "make sure there are plenty of spots" for regular-decision applicants. She also added that two years ago, there was a "25 percent leap" in early decision applications.

According to Delahunty, the Admissions Committee values students who challenge themselves by taking the most rigorous classes in their high schools and who are creative, community-minded, engaged and multi-faceted. The Admissions Committee uses 12 factors to judge students, said Delahunty, continuing by saying that no factor is more important than any other. She said the committee looks at "soft" factors, such as recommendations, and at "hard" factors such as GPA and rigor of classes.

"Everything is a factor," she said. "It's the composite of the person that really matters." Delahunty said the committee reviews each candidate, and that admission is never random.

Increasing the diversity of the student body is a "keen priority," according to Delahunty. She said the Admissions Committee is reaching out to schools with more diverse students, and is expanding its visit programs to enable students from diverse backgrounds to stay at Kenyon. Delahunty said the committee is trying to bring "more students of color to campus" so that they can realize they feel comfortable at Kenyon. Delahunty also said the College has a broad view of diversity, which includes students who are first-generation college students.

Delahunty said the Admissions Committee "balances a lot," including factors such as in-state or out-of-state residence and gender. Delahunty also said students with legacy standing are never automatically admitted, but are sometimes awarded extra readings in the process. She said the aim is to compose a "class that's interesting," with students who "provide the fuel that keeps [Kenyon] going." No students are admitted, however, unless they are able to handle Kenyon academics.

The College keeps track of the schools that applicants have applied to in addition to Kenyon. Those that most often appear on this list are called overlap schools. For the class of 2011, Oberlin College, Carleton College, Middlebury College, Bowdoin College, Grinnell College, Macalester College and Denison University are Kenyon's top overlap schools.

Delahunty predicted that Kenyon's decision to not release its data to *US News & World Report* will not affect applications, because the College will make its data available on its website.

"It really is all about fit," Delahunty said, "and that is the art of admission, not the science."

# Peeps O'Kenyon grapple with their Greek status



Jay Galbraith

The Peeps O'Kenyon lounge in Old Kenyon, which may fall silent this year while Peeps go through negotiations.

BY HANNAH CURRAN  
*Editor-in-Chief*

After recent social probation and reinstatement on Greek Council, the Peeps O'Kenyon stands at an interesting crossroads as whether or not to continue as a Greek organization or become independent.

The Peeps were placed on social probation earlier this month after their annual parade through North Campus. Neither Greek Council Advisor Brent Turner, Dean of Students Tammy Gocial nor the Peeps would comment on the situation.

In addition, two weeks ago the Greek Council voted to inform the Peeps, listed as a Greek organization, that if they wish to continue enjoying the Greek privileges of rush, pledge, initiation and division housing they should pay the same Greek Council dues, attend meeting and adhere to the academic and community service standards as the other member organizations.

The Peeps, however, do not feel that they were ever a part of the Greek community. "We feel that we are being told to attend these meetings, rather than invited," said Anne Kaiser '08, co-president of Peeps O'Kenyon. "Both our members and alumni have been sending unhappy emails."

Peeps O'Kenyon formed in 1970 when the Lamda chapter of the Sigma Pi fraternity severed its connections with the national organization and became a local fraternity, according to the Kenyon archives. The widespread student rebellions triggered by Vietnam in the late 1960s and early 1970s took a toll on national fraternity membership, which at Kenyon also coincided with the feminism brought by the first women students in 1969. The result was a drop from 80 percent of students joining national fraternities to only 40 percent, according to the former Kenyon archivist Thomas Greenslade '31—making the idea of a community-based, untraditional

group became more appealing.

As the Peeps O'Kenyon listing under "Fraternities" on the Kenyon College website reads, "Guided by the ideology of purity and accuracy, we disbanded from national fraternities in 1970 to achieve greater creative independence and initiative with the Kenyon Community. In 1974, female members were accepted to form a more perfect aura within our state. We are balanced and continuous people, *Torque Mortem Talpem Supra Tuum Caput Dum Vivimus Vivamus!*" Best known for their annual cross-dressing Deb Ball and springtime "wedding ceremony," the Peeps largely keep to themselves, sharing little information about their rush or pledging process known as "turtling."

Despite the move from national to local fraternity (and its immediate admission of women), the Peeps did not immediately leave the Greek community. There are records of the Peeps attending first the Interfraternity Council (which existed until 1981) and its successor, the Greek Council, until 2000. After this, the attendance sheets are absent of Peeps, although there was no move to remove them from the Council or the list of organizations considered fraternities on the Kenyon website.

"[We] traditionally consider ourselves the anti-Greek, no offense," said Katie McGuire '08, co-president of the Peeps O'Kenyon, at Greek Council on Monday. "We agree we need to be held accountable, we need to be monitored. I just feel like many of our members never would have joined if we were to be governed by a Greek Council. I know Greeks here are different than at other schools, but I arrived here with ideas of something I didn't want to join."

"You mean, you don't agree with the preconceived notions that you have found to be false?" asked Greek Council president Brendan Mysliwiec. "It seems that the biggest problem they have is their psychology.

Peeps are Peeps, no matter what, no matter where they are, and if its such a problem that it colors them to be associated with Greeks then that's a part of their identity."

When the Peeps representatives said they did not agree with Greek notions of exclusivity, Archons co-president Emmet Duff '09 retaliated.

"We, too, are a society [versus a fraternity or sorority], and a non-exclusive one. But we rush, we pledge, we initiate and enjoy division housing," said Duff. "Just because your organization functions under the same rules as the rest of the Council doesn't mean that you need to partake in the 'Greek culture' you dislike. This is more for the asset of the Greek community than the detriment of the Peeps."

The reintegration process for the Peeps, if they so choose, into Greek Council is based on the precedent set by the Archons two years ago when that society chose to become officially Greek. Although the Council does not possess the power to eliminate division housing, it remains uncertain as to whether or not the Peeps would retain their traditional division in the center of Old Kenyon during the housing lottery if no longer termed Greek. If they choose not to remain Greek, the Peeps as an independent organization would fall under the direct jurisdiction of Student Life Committee and loose the privilege to rush and initiate. They still, however, could throw parties due to the new party policy.

"We have no problem with you, we will be doing what we can for you," said Marcus Hough '10. "You do all the same things we do. Whether you like it or not the school is going to view you as a Greek organization. No one likes sitting here at Greek Council or following these rules, but those are our responsibilities."

At the time of publication, the Peeps had not decided on a course of action.



# Unity House sponsors pride parade on Coming Out Day

BY LINDSAY MEANS  
News Assistant

Last Wednesday, in honor of National Coming Out Day, the Unity House sponsored the second annual pride parade, open to the entire Kenyon community. The parade featured members of the administration, faculty and student body, who made their way down Middle Path decked out in everything from rainbow bathrobes to multicolored leis.

The pride parade was started last year as a way for the Kenyon community to express their support for GLBTQQ friends, family, classmates and coworkers and the second year was a success, says Unity House Manager Ieshia West '08. The attendance was significantly larger than that of last year, and the fact that it began raining did not seem to bother any of the attendees.

The pride parade faced obstacles greater than the gloomy weather, however. The real storm-clouds were those that had been gathering all week in the form of all-stus beginning with one by Evan McLaren '08 accusing the Unity House of planning a "long, oppressive week for anyone who values free thought and wishes simply to be left alone."

The ensuing all-stu war was immediate and passionate, provoking responses from members of the Unity House as well as members of the community who disagreed with McLaren's statements, some accusing him



Georgia Kuss

Unity House members don colorful clothing and accessories and walk down Middle Path to commemorate Coming Out Day.

of discriminating against homosexuals.

West said, however, that she was ultimately pleased with the situation. "We're not trying to fight battles here," she said. "All we're trying to do is help keep this school a comfortable, welcoming place that will allow students to be themselves—we need to talk, we need to debate."

In addition, she said, the all-stus provided added exposure. "It's actually perfect timing," West said. "A lot of students who were apprehensive about the Unity

House were able to see the amount of respect and support that has been shown from the school community, and it's given us a lot of free publicity!"

While the Unity House never officially released a statement concerning McLaren's accusations, West said that this was not necessary. The responses from the student body were sufficiently in line with the viewpoints of the Unity House that having an "official stance was less powerful ... we have a lot of supporters, and they were willing to stand up for

us. We didn't have to fight."

McLaren said that his message was not intended to encourage or condone discrimination, while he admits that "the claim that certain people feel traumatized by my all-stus likely is true." Kenyon, he says, should be a place where people "hear opinions that challenge them, and even disturb them ... but we eliminate this aspect of education when we try to guarantee the comfort and self-esteem of every student through tolerance policies and anti-discrimination campaigns." He said he disagrees

with the Unity House as a base for public expression, but not as a place for community and discussion, so the fact that his criticism boosted their publicity does not make him "particularly anxious." His claim is that the Unity House enjoys "fulminating and moralizing, and casting in the shade those who aren't insensitive but have honest reservations and disagreements with views that the Unity House holds up as authoritative."

West said that the Unity House is much less a place for public discourse than private support. "We aren't trying to 'convert' people, but we want to engage in a discussion with them." Ultimately, she said, the organization as a whole does not want to get lost in arguments, but rather allow people to "just hang out with us—and feel comfortable about it."

Because of an all-stu war, the Unity House will soon be hosting a weekly forum that will not be open to straight students. Meeting locations and times will vary; any students interested must contact the Unity House directly. In addition, the Unity House will be hosting an Open House from 12-3 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 20, and the second "Snacks and Sexuality" of the year will be held next Tuesday and will feature President S. Georgia Nugent, Dean of Students Tammy Gocial and Professor of Anthropology David Suggs, who will speak on the "importance of straight allies to the GLBTQQ community."

## GAMBIER SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Oct. 17, 2007

- The group agreed to distribute papers on downtown sustainability to the Kenyon Board of Trustees, Kenyon Master Plan Committee, Village Council and the Township Trustees.
- The group considered issues on which to focus this year. Emergency services (i.e., fire department) are facing significant challenges. Another committee is collecting information on the subject. As they move ahead they may provide a sounding board and engage the broader community in public education efforts. Affordable housing and cleaning up area lots to reduce deer habitats are two more issues the group will discuss.
- "Livable communities" that provide a valuable perspective that complements the group's interest in sustainability. Doug Givens will pass around materials on this idea.
- Housing raised a number of questions for further examination, such as who is looking for housing in the area (young faculty and staff, alumni, seniors), what types of housing are they seeking (town houses, single family dwellings, secondary houses, rentals), what do people consider to be "affordable" housing, what housing and lots are actually available for purchase/development and how the group can facilitate sustainable housing development that is consistent with our goals for preserving green space and an intimate community.
- To move forward with this issue, the group plans to contact Doug Givens to get a better idea of available lots in and around the Village, contact Village and Township officials who might have been associated with the visit of a sustainable development expert and collect relevant materials, review Village and Township zoning regulations to see what provisions are currently in place and develop a survey to tap community desires and attitudes.

## VILLAGE RECORD

Oct. 10 – Oct. 16, 2007

- Oct. 10, 6:34 p.m.** — Medical call at the Ernst Center regarding student with allergic reaction to food. Student transported to the Health Center.
- Oct. 11, 10:04 a.m.** — Non-injury vehicle accident at Watson Hall east parking lot.
- Oct. 11, 10:16 p.m.** — Vandalism/tires slashed on vehicle parked at the KAC.
- Oct. 12, 5:58 a.m.** — Medical call regarding student with an allergic reaction to medicine. Student transported by squad to the hospital.
- Oct. 12, 4:27 p.m.** — Theft of items from car at the remote lot.
- Oct. 13, 12:47 a.m.** — Underage consumption by guest of student at Ganter Hall. Person transported to host's room.
- Oct. 13, 1:36 a.m.** — Unauthorized entry by students into Peirce Hall.
- Oct. 13, 1:45 a.m.** — Underage consumption at Mather Residence. Roommate will watch student.
- Oct. 13, 2:20 a.m.** — Vandalism in room at Leonard Hall.
- Oct. 13, 9:10 a.m.** — Fire in packer truck outside the KAC. Fire extinguished with extinguisher.
- Oct. 13, 11:36 p.m.** — Vandalism/shower curtain bar broken at Manning Hall.
- Oct. 14, 2:10 a.m.** — Underage consumption of alcohol at Delt Lodge/Caples Residence.
- Oct. 14, 3:38 a.m.** — Underage consumption/ill student at Mather Residence. Student transported by squad to the hospital.
- Oct. 14, 2:31 a.m.** — Fireworks/smoke bombs at Gund Commons and Mather Residence.
- Oct. 14, 9:20 a.m.** — Vandalism/writing on EXIT light at Old Kenyon.
- Oct. 15, 12:09 a.m.** — Tampering with fire equipment—pull station pulled at Mather Residence. No smoke or fire found and alarm was reset.
- Oct. 15, 11:47 a.m.** — Fire alarm at Olin Library. No smoke or fire found and alarm was reset.



# Philander Chase Corporation ensures Kenyon's seclusion

BY SARAH FRIEDMAN  
Features Editor

The 1998 Alumni Bulletin featured a photograph of Old Kenyon superimposed on the Columbus skyline. This startling image demonstrated that “the pressures from urban sprawl [were] beginning to come out toward Knox County,” said Doug Givens, managing director of the Philander Chase Corporation, which was founded in 2000 to counteract the disappearance of rural lands around Kenyon.

The corporation is a non-profit organization intended to “preserve and maintain the farmland, open spaces, scenic views and characteristic landscapes surrounding Gambier,” according to its mission statement. It was created by members of Kenyon's Board of Trustees but is a separate entity, with its own board of directors.

The corporation does not seek to acquire property, but “will own land if that's the only way to protect it,” said Givens. A total of 2,400 acres are owned by the College or permanently protected by its partners, and the corporation has purchased only 250 of these acres. It wants to preserve land “forever,” said Givens, “not just for a period of time and have it paved over in three years.”

The corporation enjoys the “Right of First Refusal” in College Township—if owners are selling land for development, the corporation will have the right to purchase it before it is offered to any other entity and will “step in and buy it,” said Givens.

## Background

According to Givens, when Bishop Philander Chase founded Kenyon College in 1824, he bought 8,000 acres of land with the intention of making the College self-sufficient. Chase called Kenyon “a place of natural beauty, a majestic yet secluded hilltop plain in central Ohio, remote, walled about with forests, impenetrable to vice and yet very accessible.”

This vision did not endure long: from the 1830s to the early 1900s, the College sold its northern 4,000 acres and pieces of property in College Township, the remaining 4,000. By the time Kenyon became coeducational in 1972, “the College was down to about 600 acres,” said Givens.

## “Wake-up call”

In the late 1980s, the owner of the land at the bottom of the Hill announced his intention to build a trailer park there.

“It was a wake-up call because it was the first time in a long time that the College actually started to think about ‘outside of Gambier,’” said Givens. “We hadn't really focused on what was around us that could impact us, so we decided that we needed to be more involved in the ball game.”

The College, under President Philip Jordan, sued the landowner and settled by buying the land. A corn maze in the shape of Old Kenyon now occupies that land.

In the beginning of the 1996-2001 capital campaign, the Buildings and Grounds Committee made a proposition entitled “Rural Vision” to the Board of Trustees. Its goal was to raise \$1 million for “land acquisition or protection,” according to Givens. It exceeded its goal by 250 percent.

“That was enough to convince us that there was enough of an interest in the alumni body for us to protect property,” said Givens.

By 2000, the Board of Trustees concluded its study of the Rural Vision proposal and, encouraged by President Robert Oden, formed the Philander Chase Corporation.

## Partners in preservation

In 1997, Ohio ranked second of all states losing farmland over the previous five years; it had lost 212,200 acres. “Ohio's number one industry is agriculture,” said Givens. “The state of Ohio was very concerned [about this loss of farm land]. The next year, the state of Ohio commissioned the Farm Land Preservation Task Force.

Knox County followed the state's and the College's examples in 1999 when it formed the Knox County Farmland Preservation Taskforce. In 2000, the taskforce approved Clean Ohio, a law intended to clean up brownfields, which are places in which the abandoned things that previously inhabited the land have led to the land being contaminated, preserve farmland and natural spaces and create bike trails and outdoor recreational spaces.

“Kenyon College, as an education non-profit corporation, was not eligible to receive those funds [from Clean Ohio], so the College created a new corporation,” Givens said.

The state partially finances the Corporation's easements. An easement is “the agreement that the property will continue to be farmland forever and ever and ever,” said Givens. Ohio will pay for up to 75 percent of an easement, but the Corporation must supply the remaining percentage. Givens said it hopes

to obtain this money from the College's current capital campaign of \$230 million, of which the Corporation will ask for \$4 million.

According to Givens, “the Chase Corporation is a leader in the state of Ohio in holding agricultural easements.” Once local farmers learned about the Philander Chase Corporation, they began asking it for assistance in keeping family

farms. In order to have a farm protected by the Corporation, the farmer can sell the rights to produce agricultural products without selling the farm itself. The farmers then receive a payment from the Corporation not to develop the land.

## What is visible to students?

The Corporation's most recent action is its August protection of White Oak Farms,

which is still pending. The Corporation owns all 385 acres of the Brown Family Environmental Center, which according to Givens is “all that land you can see up there [by the observatory].”

Kenyon students are permitted on all land the College owns, like the BFEC, but the Corporation is a separate entity and its protected land remains private property.

## SUNSET BENCH DEDICATED



Jay Galbraith

A memorial to Amanda Block '05 was recently completed in the wooded area around Sunset Point. Block, a 23-year-old resident of Morristown, NJ, perished in a car accident this February.

After earning a master's degree in art history and connoisseurship from the University of Glasgow in Scotland, Block was pursuing a freelance career in film production.

Sunset Point, known for its scenic views of the twilight sky, is now also home to a stone memorial in Block's honor. The Block family worked with College officials and a local stonemason, David Kridler '75, deciding on a monument of several small boulders featuring carved seats to view the setting sun. Some stones from an old barn foundation provide a formal path down the slope.

According to Kenyon's Fortnightly newsletter, funding for the project came from around \$18,000 in donations made to Kenyon in Block's memory. The majority of the work was completed over the summer, and a plaque memorializing Block will later be mounted on a carved stone post. Kridler commented on the visual effect of the new memorial.

“Because it's a quiet space and because it's the way I work, we wanted the project to have a visually low impact, to look like something that belonged there,” Kridler said. “When you look down, you're drawn by the stones.”

In an interview with Fortnightly, Stephen Block '75, father of Amanda, said that his daughter “had a good temperament for an artist ... high-energy, enthusiastic, but sort of introspective.”

Block said the memorial was intended as a place “where classmates can go, and where [he] can go and feel connected in a spiritual way.”

“We would have gone to reunions together,” Block said. “You want to feel that there's a place where you're connected. We wanted to make Kenyon that place, a place where we thought of happy times.”

—Teddy Eismeier



# Res-Life staff starts year with frustrations, now collaborates

BY ELIZABETH DEXHEIMER  
*Staff Writer*

Things got off to a rocky start for the Office of Residential Life earlier this semester when unfamiliar policies and miscommunications frustrated many of Kenyon's Community Advisors.

New to Res-Life this year is Assistant Dean of Students for Housing and Residential Life Alicia Dugas and Assistant Directors Matt Troutman and Jason Block. Although Troutman, Dugas and Block all have extensive backgrounds working with college residential life, several of their new initiatives overwhelmed many of Kenyon's CAs.

Among the changes to Kenyon's CA program were the extension of duty rounds from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. and the expectation that CAs would stay over Thanksgiving or Spring Break. A new system of committees was instituted that will take care of what once were informal issues, including promoting safety awareness and community service.

"We asked them to think beyond just 'pizza parties,' Dugas said, "to really create times for students to interact and learn from each other outside the classroom."

Block said the new programs emphasize accountability and develop a sense of community.

"One of the most important aspects of the college experience is students learning about how their actions impact others," he said. "We've been trying to emphasize to our CAs that a huge part of rounds for example is the social aspect; that is chatting with residents as they walk around."

Although the College's CAs recognized these changes as positive additions to Kenyon's residential life, many were upset by the abrupt nature in which they were instituted. "Kenyon students are resistant to change," Head CA Neil Johnson '08 said. "So when all these new programs were announced, it happened all so fast that no one was able to catch their breath."

Another CA, who wishes to remain anonymous, also points out that many CAs were frustrated at the lack of communication between the CAs and the Res-Life staff. "Returning CAs are used to the old rules and new CAs feel the new rules weren't what they signed up for," the CA said. "And people were unwilling to talk about it because the CAs were afraid of getting fired and the Dean and directors feel like they were being bullied. There was no trust among the staff."

After the CAs adjusted to their new responsibilities, however, the relationship between the students and the administration began to improve. "The lines of communication have been opened and people have

begun talking," said Johnson. "Already, we are working to resolve issues such as staying over Thanksgiving break. We understand that it is just as difficult for the new staff as it is for the CAs."

"We have been empathetic and understanding to those [CAs] that have had to deal with the changes that have happened this year," Dugas said. "In this adjustment, we have made a lot of progress and developed wonderful relationships. We will continue down this path to focus on the safety and personal development of all students and hope that we receive the same understanding and empathy while we adjust to the new environment."

# Kenyon Web site to get new design from White Whale

BY LESLIE PARSONS  
*News Editor*

This past week, representatives from White Whale Web Services have been hosting open discussions with students, faculty and administrators about Kenyon's Web site and what changes should be made to its design.

The project is being overseen by a redesign committee that was organized by the Public Affairs office.

"The idea [for collecting committee members] was to get a representative cross-section of the campus, people who look at the Web in a variety of ways and use the Web in different ways and have different kinds of interests," said Director of Public Affairs Shawn Presley. "The interesting thing about the Web ... is that it has to be so many things to so many people."

The Web site we currently use was designed in 2003 by Chicago-based design company mStoner and was released in July of that year.

"I think that there's a general thought that you need to step back and assess your site, freshen it up, every five years or so," said Director of New Media Patty Burns.

"Designs come and go and fashions change," said Presley. "The Web has changed so much in five years and if you're not updating your Web site every five years you're falling woefully behind. It's part of the natural cycle."

According to Burns, the redesign committee began working in the summer, reading proposals from design firms and selecting the best candidate. The group decided on White Whale as their top pick.

Based in Oakland, CA., White Whale is a small company composed of only five staff members: Jason Pontius, Tonya Langford, Alexander Romanovich, Donald Tetto and Jeremy Ashkenas. Pontius, Langford and Tetto have been on campus this past week discussing



Leslie Parsons

Registrar Ellen Harbourt meets with Langford, Pontius, Tetto and Kempton to discuss changes to the Kenyon web site.

the design of Kenyon's current Web site in order to start designing the new site.

"One of the things that attracted the redesign committee to White Whale was this very open approach that they have to going about a redesign," said Burns, "and I would say that it's very unusual, but we thought that it really suited Kenyon."

"When students are giving their input to White Whale, they should not just talk about the things they want to see changed, but the things that are working well for them," said Burns. "We don't want to fix things that aren't broken."

"We have asked them to look at the visual appearance of it, asked them to look at the navigation and architecture, how you find stuff and the content to see ... if all those things are working together to really make the site work for internal users, students, faculty, staff, [and] prospective students, parents, alumni, [which is] the external audience,"

said Burns.

According to Tetto, White Whale primarily designs Web sites for universities and colleges. "We've done a few nonprofits, but all of our major clients in the past few years have been universities," said Tetto. Some of these schools include Brown University, Duke University and, most recently, Haverford College.

Though the open sessions have not been very well attended, White Whale feels that the information taken from the sessions was useful. "The small number of people we've talked to about the Kenyon Web site will end up having a big impact on what we end up doing," said Pontius.

According to Pontius, students have said that their primary concerns with the current Web site are that the pages all look the same, it is hard to navigate, the search engine does not work well, there are not many pictures, the pictures are not big enough and there is a lack of audio and video components to the site.

White Whale created a blog on which people with suggestions or concerns can leave comments. The idea to make a blog came from their work with Duke, where the blog became a successful tool for knowing the wants of the Web site's users. The blog was also employed during their work at Haverford.

"Haverford was our first experience working with a close-knit group of people and the open process was really productive," said Pontius. "Having a blog was the best way to do it, so we're sticking with that."

The committee plans to launch the Web site in June, which Pontius says "may or may not be a little aggressive." White Whale has set a goal to finish their work on the site by April. According to Pontius, however, "ideally, people will start to see stuff maybe in a month."

"We hope that there is not a period where we are down to the world," said Burns. "We hope to minimize any downtime or any inconvenience."

Though being based in Oakland makes communications with the Kenyon community a challenge, members of the White Whale staff plan to return to Kenyon more times throughout the redesign process. "Planes are expensive," said Pontius, "but I'm sure some of us will be back."

The committee is unsure of the final cost of redesigning the Web site. "This is the type of thing we plan for every four to five years, so it's kind of built into a budget cycle," said Presley. "The cost for these kinds of projects, it's in line with what we would pay for admissions publications and things of that nature."

This will be the first year that the new design of the Web site and the new design of the admissions prospectus, used to recruit students, will be released within the same time period. The prospectus will again be written by Director of Admissions Communications Amy Blumenthal and designed by Landisburg Design, a Pittsburg, Pennsylvania-based company that the school has used for many years.

According to Presley, the goal is to create a "sense of continuity between them ... they aren't supposed to be the same, or match, but we want to make more continuity between the print publication and the electronic publication," he said.

Those serving on the committee include Director of New Media Patty Burns, Assistant Director of New Media Rebecca Mazur, Director of Admissions Communications Amy Blumenthal, Associate Director of Admissions Sarah Christiansen, Dean of Admissions Jennifer Delahunty, Administrative Assistant for Political Science and IPHS Jalene Fox, Director of Information Systems and Institutional Research Ron Griggs, Associate Professor of Mathematics Judy Holdener, Computer Records Supervisor for Residential Life Cathy Kempton and Presley.

For more information, go to <http://www.whitewhale.net/kenyon>.



# Lenin and laughs in the Bolton this family weekend

BY THOMAS PETER  
Guest Writer

You may be introducing your parents to your professors, your friends and even the Nuge this weekend, but you also have the choice of giving them a little dose of Lenin, not to mention James Joyce and Tristan Tzara. If revolutionary politics and modernist authors don't appeal to you, there's always a little drawing-room comedy straight out of Oscar Wilde, plus some limericks, vaudevillian comedy and a touch of a striptease.

You don't have to run all over campus to find the lectures or readings that will cover all of these topics. (And no, you don't have to drag the 'rents to the Foxhole to see that striptease, either). You can find it all on the stage of the Bolton Theater, where a cast of some of Kenyon's most talented (and versatile) actors and actresses will be performing in Tom Stoppard's *Travesties*, a parody of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

The play is directed by Professor of Drama Thomas Turgeon, who first became interested in putting on the show when he taught it last spring in a class on contemporary British drama.

"It's an interesting puzzle to solve," said Turgeon of Stoppard's script, and a summary of the plot



Adam Petherbridge '08, Catie Sesler '09 and Christopher Guerreri '09 in a dress rehearsal for *Travesties*.

William Cirocco

certainly proves that to be true.

Stoppard was inspired by the knowledge that Lenin (the leader of the Russian Revolution, in case you missed that part of world history) Joyce (the Irish author of *Ulysses*) and Tzara (a Romanian who founded Dadaism, the anti-war and anti-traditional art movement from World War I) all lived in Zurich, Switzerland in 1917. That year, Joyce was the business manager for a production of Wilde's play *The Importance of*

*Being Earnest*, in which Henry Carr, the representative for the British counsel in Zurich, played the role of Algernon and ended up being taken to court by Joyce over a severe disagreement.

Somehow, the play puts all of these characters and events together as they swirl around in Carr's mind. Carr (Adam Petherbridge '08) remembers the events as an old man—with an unreliable memory. Perhaps this memory loss explains why

other characters appear with names straight out of *Earnest* like Cecily (Eliza Huberth '08) and Gwendolyn (Lizzy Lee '09), and why they discuss Marxism and the meaning of art as they involve Carr, Tzara (Japhet Balaban '09) and Joyce (Charlie Cromer '09) in romantic complications.

"It's a very complicated play, and quite difficult," said Turgeon, "but it's also a great deal of fun. There are so many theatrical effects and theatrical mysteries to

be solved in the staging."

"Stoppard has an amazing way of contextualizing every line in a play to an almost obscene amount," Petherbridge said. "Literally every line has some back story ... One of the hardest things is learning all those inner workings so that you have an idea [of] what you're talking about up there."

Working with Turgeon, Petherbridge said, is "always a pleasure ... He always knows how to approach a problem and give the perfect direction when something needs to change."

*Travesties* is the last play Turgeon will direct at Kenyon after serving as a drama professor and director here for 35 years. When asked to comment on this, however, he shook his head, laughed and said, "I'm just doing a show."

It certainly looks like it will be a unique and memorable one. Petherbridge said, "If you like good old English humor and wit, coupled with a few hilarious gags, you'll love this play."

*Travesties will be performed Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Bolton. Tickets are on sale from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Bolton box office (pbx 5546).*

## Romeo and Juliet success for Black Box

BY TAYLOR WATERMAN  
Staff Writer

Last weekend's production

of space in scenes such as Romeo and Juliet's first encounter was excellent; the cast used the entire stage while maintaining the intimacy provided by a small

scene, which featured a creative set (using the aforementioned chairs) positioned in a circle around Juliet's "balcony" symbolizing the familial conflict as the obstacle between the two lovers. Strong as well was the scene in which Juliet's parents demand she marry Paris, played by Jonah Auteri '11. Both Alex Kaplan '11 and Kate Kremer '11 exuded intense energy as Lord and Lady Capulet. Emma Farnsworth was a mesmerizing Juliet, infusing emotion into the Shakespearian verse with greater ease than many actors do.

Act 5 disappointed slightly, with some confusing action in the scene where Juliet drinks her potion. Also, the sense of loss in Romeo and Juliet's tragic ending was lessened by the excessive fight scene between Paris and Romeo immediately preceding it, and by the fact that the two deaths took place so far in the front of the stage that few members of the audience could see the action.

Overall, however, "Romeo and Juliet" was a wonderful success. Future productions in the Black Box Theater should look to this one for creative inspiration.

Also impressive was the use of props—mainly a number of chairs that functioned as versatile components of the set throughout the performance. The costumes, though simple, served to subtly, yet successfully represent, the conflict between the opposing families.

A few highlights of the show included Act 3's balcony



Emma Farnsworth '11 and Samantha Mashaw '11 in *Romeo and Juliet*.

William Cirocco

of *Romeo and Juliet* was a surprisingly dynamic and energetic performance despite the limiting size of the theater in which it was produced.

Although trying to present a work of William Shakespeare in the Black Box Theater may have been difficult for some, William Cirocco '10 pulled it off exceptionally well. The use

## MST3K Preview

BY ANDREW CUNNINGHAM  
Managing Editor

This week's movie, *Eegah*, features a caveman played by the one and only Richard Kiel. This large, odd-looking fellow also played Jaws in *Moonraker* and a number of other James Bond movies. This fun fact really has nothing to do with anything, except perhaps to let you know that Richard Kiel is every bit of seven-foot-two and was often typecast as an ugly guy who could rip your legs off if he wanted to.

A girl named Roxy is out driving at night when she almost hits a caveman with her car. No one believes that she saw what she says she saw, though, so she whines a lot until her dad goes out into the desert to investigate. He promptly blows it, tripping backwards over his bag, breaking his collarbone and missing his helicopter back to civilization.

This prompts Roxy and her boyfriend, played by one Arch Hall Jr., to jump into his dune buggy and mount a rescue. Something needs to be said here: Arch Hall Jr. is a soft, oily, pink and altogether horrible teen singer only cast because his father wrote, directed and starred as Roxy's dad in the movie. He's an atrocious protagonist and an awful musician and the closest thing he's got to a redeeming quality is his stupid, stupid dune buggy. There, I said it. And I'd say it again if I had to.

Arch lets his girlfriend get captured by *Eegah*, who takes her back to his cave to fondle her as her dad looks on encouragingly. Somehow, they all manage to work through their incompetence to find each other and escape back to town. *Eegah* follows them, crashes a party they're at, and is promptly gunned down by rent-a-cops. An inauspicious end for our poor caveman friend.

This sounds like a good movie, right? Well, it isn't. You should come see it anyway.

*Mystery Science Theater 3000 is shown on Fridays in Higley Auditorium at 6:30 post meridiem.*



## Quilting artists discuss work in Olin



Part of one of Harcourt's quilts.

Roxeanne Smith

BY MAIA RABER  
A&E Editor

The current exhibit in Olin Art Gallery, "Innovation and Tradition: Contemporary Art Quilting in Ohio," includes the work of artists from across the state, and showcases a variety of quilting media and techniques.

During a common hour lecture and discussion on Tuesday, four of the artists involved in the exhibition—Ellen Harbourt, Linda Shaffer, Elaine Hartley and Jo Rice—spoke about their work, focusing on their quilting beginnings, inspirations, and processes.

Harbourt became interested in quilting as a young girl, making clothes for her Barbie dolls out of her mother's leftover scraps of cloth. In college, she said, she became "obsessed with collages from magazines," and these two hobbies later came together in the form of art quilting. For her first art quilt, she used scraps from her wedding dress along with pieces of cloth her mother found in her grandmother's house.

Her inspiration, she said, usually "comes from a piece of fabric," and she often begins a quilt without having a specific plan for how it will eventually look.

Shaffer, the second artist who spoke, said that she begins her quilts "either from an idea, a technique [she enjoys]en, or the material."

She keeps books full of scraps, pictures and ideas for quilts, and said these books are "more important to [her] than some of

[her] artwork"

"I usually have an idea, a memory I have, something someone says, so I keep journals," she said.

One of her quilts on exhibit was inspired by a childhood memory of going into the woods with her brother, getting deliberately lost, lying on the ground and staring up at the sunlight coming through the trees.

Like Harbourt, Shaffer enjoys a somewhat improvisational quilting process, often beginning a quilt without knowing exactly how she will finish it. "Sometimes I don't know the techniques," she said, "but they always show up."

Elaine Hartley, who taught at Kenyon's craft center for almost 20 years, is also chiefly inspired by fabric. "I love fabric," she said. "It speaks to me, it tells me what to do. I have a dialogue with the fabric."

Along with using fabric for quilting, Hartley has also recently taken a series of photographs of fabric floating underwater. The fabric being distorted by the current, and the light shining on the water create interesting images.

Rice, another quilter and once a studio art major at Kenyon, talked about how to overcome an artistic "block."

"Trust yourself, don't be afraid," she said. "If you make a mistake, it doesn't really matter. You can make a potholder or handkerchief [out of it], and you can learn something from it."

## KFS Previews

BY ANDREW WOODS AND JOHN SOMERVILLE

Staff Writers

*This Film Is Not Yet Rated*

Wednesday, October 24th, 10:15 p.m.

KAC Theater

Do you know what the MPAA is? Or better yet, do you know who is on the MPAA? If your answer is no, then you should come to see *This Film Is Not Yet Rated*. In this documentary, Kirby Dick decides to uncover the mysteries of the MPAA—the Motion Pictures Association of America—by hiring a private detective to dig up dirt on its members and find out exactly who is censoring all the best movies being made today.

While doing so, he interviews prominent filmmakers whose films have come under scrutiny by the MPAA. In this film you'll hear from John Waters, Kevin Smith, Darren Aranofsky, Atom Egoyan (a KFS favorite), Matt Stone, Marry Harron, Wayne Kramer and Kimberly Pierce. Who could turn down a movie with all that talent?

The film also explores why the MPAA is so quick to rule against scenes of sex over scenes of violence and why male nudity is a huge no no, but female nudity is fine, and asks why movies with homosexual themes and relationships are more likely to be cut than those that deal with heterosexual relationships.

Come and see *This Film Is Not Yet Rated* to find out exactly who is running Hollywood today.

*The History Boys*

Friday, October 19, 7:30 p.m. KAC Theater

Continuing our GLBT four-movie megaweek, *The History Boys* is a film about eight young men and their varied trips through an English grammar school on their

way to college. Adapted by the playwright Alan Bennet from the Tony award-winning play, and keeping director Michael Hytner on from the stage production, this film has a large ensemble cast and enough musical numbers (some cannibalized from other plays) to be a musical itself.

The movie is about eight boys who have just received record-breaking college entrance exam scores and their favorite teacher, Hector (Richard Griffiths), who encourages them all to take history-specific exams to get into Oxford or Cambridge. At the same time, their headmaster hires an energetic young professor (Stephen Campbell Moore), who advises the boys to find new ways to look at history.

It is revealed that Hector frequently offers different boys rides home on his motorcycle, and fondles them along the way. The boys, however, approach this issue with measured good humor, and mostly laugh it off.

As the story unfolds, several of the boys get into complicated relationships with each other and with various members of the school's faculty. This is not so much a drama, however, as an teen coming-of-age story, and nothing seems to be too much for them to handle. In the end, they have all learned something important.

One of the most highly praised British films of the past year, *The History Boys* is a short, fun film.

*Once*

Saturday, October 20, 7:30 p.m. KAC Theater

A sleeper hit in the truest sense of the word, *Once* is the story of a

Dublin Busker (street musician), who meets and eventually falls in love with a girl he meets by accident. The extraordinary thing is that this film was made at all. Cillian Murphy was originally signed on to produce and star in the film, but pulled out when he learned that he would be acting opposite an untrained teenage non-actor (Markéta Irglová). This led all the other financial backers to pull their funding as well, and Irish director John Carney had to appeal to the Irish Film Board for help, and put up his own money for a quarter of the film's budget. Eventually made for \$160,000, this film stars professional musician and fellow non-actor Glen Hansard.

The story concerns an unnamed guy (Hansard) who plays music in the streets of Dublin for a living, and has to deal with the challenges of living on the streets as well, for example when a heroin addict tries to steal his earnings. Eventually he meets a girl (Irglová), who asks incessant questions, initially irritating the guy before charming him into becoming her friend. They share their life stories, and it transpires that the guy has an ex-girlfriend who lives in London, and he still loves her. The girl, although very much attracted to the guy, encourages him to go to London to win back his love, but he cannot overcome his feelings for the girl, even when he learns that she is married and has a child.

Featuring unlicensed use of real crowds, including one where an innocent bystander kneels a fake thief in the groin to stop him, *Once* is a charming piece of cinema for the whole family.

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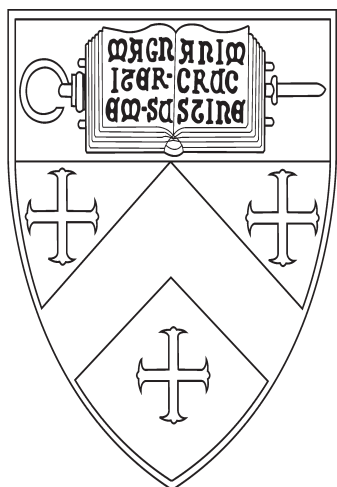
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## Open up to new ideas

Staying here over Reading Days, I—believe it or not—had every intention to read. Planning to catch up on all that non-*Collegian* academic work, I went to a leisurely dinner with a friend. Some middle-aged men from the Will Graham event came and sat with us “just to talk,” beginning at first with the abstinence-only education, moving to evolution (or the lack thereof) and how homosexual relations are unnatural because “the parts don’t fit.” When handed a plastic baby doll the size of your average aborted fetus, I began to wonder: Who’s closed-minded?

These men informed me that they were using the same arguments on us that they intended to use on the Muslim protestors they apparently expected. When no protestors showed up, they walked inside Ernst hoping to “change a few minds.”

It’s not that they were unkind or rude. They acted politely, asking me and my friend our majors and making appointments to meet up with us. Nor were the cars or attendees passing through disruptive to the nearly empty campus. They simply did not have any interest in what I had to say. Make a point, they change the subject; point something out, they point to a place in the Scriptures. I ended up leaving not enlightened but lectured. They said we helped open their minds, but as far as I could tell, I had given them nothing but another audience for a prewritten script.

As C.S. Lewis said, “The moment you say that one set of moral ideas can be better than another, you are, in fact, measuring them both by a standard, saying that one of them conforms to that standard more nearly than the other. But the standard that measures two things is something different from either. You are, in fact, comparing them both with some real morality, admitting that there is such a thing as a real right, independent of what people think, and that some people’s ideas get nearer to that real right than others.”

It was not so much I could not deal with the matter of discussion, but the manner. These men spoke in absolutes; Their answer was the right answer and the only answer. What happened at the table at Ernst were two separate monologues; with compromise, it could have proven to be a meaningful dialogue.

These past two weeks have been full of events—the Unity House Pride Parade, the Stand Up for Kenyon on Middle Path, and Love Your Body week at Crozier—combating stereotypes and preconceptions. We at the *Collegian* are not willing to be converted, but are willing to change our minds—if you keep your own open. That’s one thing I do know for certain.

## Disrespect from administration



Dain Williams

BY COLIN MAGUIRE  
*Guest Columnist*

Last week, Kenyon College President S. Georgia Nugent sent a letter to the faculty. She asked them to discuss with students the recent rash of destructive and offensive behavior by students on campus. She has a point. There have been quite a few incidents on campus lately: the busted up bathrooms, the broken window at the Horn, the couch through the Mather window, the now infamous anti-Semitic graffiti episode in McBride and some other smaller ordeals. That would be a lot of goings on at Kenyon, if we were talking about a semester or two. Sadly, this can be measured in weeks.

What has gotten into Kenyon students? It is nothing that was not there before. We were all amazing human beings when Kenyon accepted us (at least that is what my acceptance letter said). What is lost on so many students who are angry about these disgraceful acts is the very root of all these problems: disrespect. What is lost on Nugent and the administration is the reason for much of this disrespect:

themselves.

Things are getting pretty tight here at Hogwarts. Dean Umbridge... er, Gocial (hey, not my idea) is slowly tightening the noose on students’ liberties. Heck, I actually have a great deal of respect for Gocial. She is just doing her job, and she is really good at that. So it has to come back to our beloved president. After all, the buck stops with her. The name of the game on campus is consolidation. Smoke out the small parties, hold students liable for party safety, destroy north campus while building up “downtown Gambier”, and then ban hard liquor just to rub it in. And what are they rubbing in? That you, the student, do not matter. You can kick and scream all you want, and they will not listen. Trust them; they know what is best for you.

Right—because so many totalitarian regimes have known what is best for their people. When an administration treats its students with such disrespect, what can they expect? If you ban small parties and hard alcohol, some people might just down all the hard alcohol they can at a small party, and then go trash a bathroom.

Even the swastika incident factors into this assessment. The Nazi symbols were only on three of the doors that were vandalized (one of which was the door of Jewish students), but the doors were also covered with renderings of genitals and expletives. The morons who did it were just trying to be idiots, because they did not respect this place.

I would never justify what has occurred, but I think our student body is not as unintelligent as the administration thinks. In fact, to the contrary, I think we are very aware of how much we are being disrespected and unrightfully controlled.

But what can be done? This trend of destructive behavior is inexcusable. It just makes a lot of work for the good people at Maintenance and the Office of Safety. It also gives College administrators a chance to stand on a pulpit and feel extremely self-righteous.

We are Kenyon, and we are Kenyon because we are a group of socially diverse people who come together and have a great time. It is our differences, not our sameness, that makes the Kenyon experience so special. The college may say they agree, but actions speak louder than words.

I would urge you not to accept College initiatives. We are not one college under the Nuge. Tell your parents not to send contributions to the school, and follow suit when you graduate, because quite frankly, the powers that be are making Kenyon ... well ... suck.

Maybe I am making too big of a deal out of all of this. After all, it is just the small stuff that the administration is attacking, right? But that is reminiscent of those guys who actually used to wear the swastikas. Their entire plan for gaining power hinged on doing something that was very important to their leader: *Kleinesarbeit*. Roughly translated it means, “the little things”.

## Humor: Scabies are okay-bies



Courtesy Mike Tyson's Punch Out!!

BY ANDREW CUNNINGHAM  
*Managing Editor*

There’s been a lot for us to complain about on campus so far this year, what with all the Tammy Gocials and the party policies and the Peirce construc-

tion delays. So what have we, the fickle student body of Kenyon College, chosen to rag on this week? Scabies. Poor, defenseless scabies.

For those of you not “in the know,” scabies are little tiny bugs that crawl down under your skin and live off of your blood. This sounds gross, but a little movie called *The Lion King* taught us all a lesson about the Circle of Life, and we need to remember that in this situation. Grass eats dirt, cows eat grass, we eat cows and scabies eat us. What, I ask you, is so gross about that? It is a beautiful part of nature, and one that we should learn to appreciate.

Not only are we picking on

the scabies themselves, but we’re also whining about the people who brought them here in the first place. I don’t think it’s our place to criticize these unwitting carriers—as the Health Center has already said, scabies can happen to anyone. Just like scurvy, the Red Death and leprosy, scabies is an ailment that is easy to contract in this modern age and even more difficult to diagnose and treat.

Look, guys, lay off the scabies, okay? They have just as much of a right to life as any of us—they are God’s creatures, just like us, and we ought to respect that before we start complaining indiscriminately.

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## After Gambier, Kenyon graduates flock to big cities

*Four years of living in cornfields? Excellent. Now get me out of here.*

BY MARA ALPERIN  
*Features Editor Emerita*

My four years at Kenyon were excellent. I loved the small town life: the trees and empty space, the familiarity of the town, the people I passed along Middle Path every day who waved back.

So what did I do when I graduated? I packed my room into 24 x 16 x 12 inch crates and moved to London, a city of over 7.5 million people and a dearth of anything green or natural (there is new legislation to get rid of trees on the streets, as they create cracks in the pavement which could cause people to trip and fall).

In fact, many recent Kenyon graduates are doing the exact same thing—migrating to massive cities such as New York, Chicago or Washington, D.C. In some ways, this is not too surprising. To begin with, big cities offer a huge potential job market for recent graduates.

"I moved to D.C. largely because of the kind of work I wanted to do," said Beth Tuckey '07, who said she wanted to pursue a career in changing U.S. policy toward Africa. Tuckey is currently the Development and Outreach Director for Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN). "There are really very few advocacy organizations outside of Washington, D.C."

she said.

Pat Shaw '07 said that his decision to move to New York was also based on his career path.

"I moved here because I want to be involved in theater and dance," Shaw said.

Like Shaw and Tuckey, many recent graduates are likely to move to cities. Statistics on recent migration patterns from The Department of Statistics at the University of Michigan show that “out migration”—leaving a small town for a bigger city—is highest among the 20 to 24 age group. People who are young, single and highly educated are the most mobile.

Big cities offer more for Kenyon graduates than just employment, however. The fact is that few entry-level jobs pay enough to support someone living in a big city. Of course, money isn't the whole story—lifestyle counts. After four years of living in Gambier, the environment of a city is certainly welcoming in many ways.

Geetha Kannan '07, who has lived in Washington D.C. since graduation, said she likes that the diversity makes D.C. "incredibly different" and "more lively" than Gambier.

"I live next to a lady from Spain, across the street there are people from Korea, Japan, China, India, Brazil, El Salvador and so on," said Kannan.

“Just walking down the street or in a store you can hear many different languages spoken.”

Tuckey agreed that the lifestyle was one of the best perks of living in a big city. "D.C. has countless free museums, open parks, a very diverse population and all of the other benefits of a big city—restaurants, festivals, open-air markets," she said.

“The biggest difference [from Gambier] I’ve noticed is the size of the city,” said Stu Schisgall ’07, who has lived in New York City for the past two months. “[Before graduation], I felt limited in my opportunities to escape Kenyon for a few days or the college lifestyle. I felt that no matter where I turned in Gambier I was always surrounded by school and the ‘Kenyon bubble.’”

According to Schisgall, one of the best advantages of living in a big city is encountering lots of new people.

"I think that having around 15 percent of NYC's population, or about 1.1 million people, being female and in the age range of 21-29 being another incentive that Kenyon didn't or couldn't provide," Schisgall added.

“Sometimes you can feel really small and lonely in a place as large as NYC when you’re looking for a job and trying to figure out things in life and everyone else seems to be preoccupied with their own lives,” Schisgall

said, adding that the experience of surviving outside the confines of Kenyon's tight community is part of the real world.

"[D.C.] is much less friendly," said Kannan. "In Gambier you could saunter around. I feel that in D.C. if you do so, a car is going to run you over. In fact, I have almost gotten hit a few times because the driver got impatient."

I think there is something about spending four years in an environment as “cushy” as Kenyon that heightens this desire to try living somewhere completely new, even if it involves giving up a general sense of security. Many Kenyon graduates seem to want exactly what I want: to move on.

The "real world" can be terrifying at first: paying for housing, groceries and health care, to name a few. After living in dorms for four years, with all meals provided at Peirce, the Health Center open when necessary (well, most of the time) and the bookstore account supplementing any extra charges, it's natural to feel somewhat unprepared. Living in a big city only magnifies the new and daunting experiences: higher cost of living, cramped housing, road rage, filth on the sidewalks and the ruthless competition among graduates for scarce jobs.

I doubt I'm the only Ke-

nyon graduate who has had a crash course in these skills. I'm increasingly impressed with the number of my friends from Kenyon who have left their families and homes to move to large cities.

In many ways, we can never be completely prepared for the “real world,” whether we enter it by finding a job straightaway, going on to grad school or getting married and starting a family. Part of the educational experience at Kenyon, however, is learning how to deal with challenges and solve problems. Once we have learned this within the safety of Kenyon, we can give it a try in the real world. After four years of coddling, perhaps it is only natural to seek a challenge in a large city—someplace completely different.

Still, there are ways in big cities to seek the familiar Kenyon-esque sort of support.

"I have my family and a lot of close friends in NYC as well," said Schisgall. "I thought it would be the most comfortable transition for me into the post-college [city] life."

"The Kenyon network is extraordinarily large in D.C., so I find myself running into Kenyon grads fairly frequently," said Tuckey. "It is somewhat comforting to know that there are so many of us here—a little odd, but nice."

# Gambier Grillin'

## Students



**Amanda Brown '08**



**Hugh Guill '08**

vs.



**Pam Sheasby, administrative assistant**



Chris Gillen, Biology

## Faculty & Staff

## Question

Correct  
Answer

<i>How old was the oldest Peace Corps volunteer ever?</i>	39	94	38	84	86 ± 5
<i>What country consumes the most ice cream per average citizen per year?</i>	America.	The United States, definitely.	I'm going to have to say the U.S.A. because I'm one of those people.	Germany.	<i>Australia.</i>
<i>What is the most popular pet name in the U.S.?</i>	Buddy.	Hugh.	Grady.	Rex.	<i>Max.</i>
<i>The name Cicero (the Roman statesman) means what?</i>	Wine.	Criminal.	Hell if I know.	Pass.	<i>Chickpea.</i>
<i>What is Ohio's state insect?</i>	The grasshopper.	<b>Those little ladybug-looking things.</b>	Grasshopper.	The Buckeye Butterfly.	<i>The ladybug.</i>
Total Correct	Zero.	One.	Zero.	One.	
	<i>Students:11.5 / Faculty: 12</i>				

BY SARAH FRIEDMAN



# Student-run alternative to AVI

BY CAROLINE EICHLER  
Staff Writer

When dinner time rolls around on Friday night in Gambier, most Kenyon students can be found eating food prepared at Ernst or at the various restaurants in the area. Not the members of the Cooking Club, however. Instead of letting someone else do the cooking, Alex Roland '09, Nora Cole '09, Jack Goldenberg '09 and Liz Orr '10, residents of the Spaid House and all officers in the Kenyon College Cooking Club, do the cooking themselves.

"I think it's great," Roland said. "The more people [that cook] the better."

Roland and her friend Ben Berdan '09, who is studying abroad in Barcelona, first came up with the idea of cooking for themselves the first few months of their freshman year. According to Berdan, "I've always loved cooking, so it was just a matter of time before I brought it into my life at Kenyon." Roland said they had "always wanted to do something," so at the start of their sophomore year, they formally established the Kenyon College Cooking Club to help finance their cooking exploits. They kept the club relatively small, cooking one meal every two weeks or so.

All that changed this year. Although the Housing and Grounds Committee and the Student Activities Center were at first "a little skeptical," according to Roland, they decided to give the Cooking Club themed housing.

The club is required to hold meetings, have members, attend forums and contribute to the community. These responsibilities are even greater since they are living in an off-campus house. Roland said they are expected to be "more responsible in the Gambier community... be good neighbors." And, of course, keep the house clean and in good condition, which can be difficult with four college students running amok in the kitchen. "We always get in fights about the dishes," Roland said.

Spaid House is located beyond the KAC and houses a maximum of four people. Roland said the house is actually something of a "compromise." It is a nice house, but doesn't have a particularly large kitchen. Nevertheless, the club officers are enjoying their culinary independence, though Roland conceded that they do not cook all their meals.

"It's helpful to go to Ernst if we're really crunched," she said. "[Cooking] is just not practical sometimes."

On the whole, she estimated that each individual spends about four to five hours cooking each week, with additional time spent shopping. "I would cook the majority of my meals if I could," Roland said.

"Cooking at school is chal-

lenging in a number of ways," said Berdan. He explained that the issue for him is not time, but space and money. "There are few kitchens available, and these are generally very poorly equipped... The toughest part about cooking at Kenyon is certainly the financial issues that arise," he said. "Food itself is not cheap."

This problem is only exacerbated by the fact that all students are required to be on the meal plan. Roland says that her parents "don't like the meal plan situation."

Berdan said: "If students want to cook their own dinner, they should not have to pay for it twice."

The Cooking Club routinely hosts events for the community. Last Friday night, the club held its first Iron-Chef competition. Three teams of three to five people each vied for dominance in the cramped kitchen of Spaid House. As a member of the judging panel, Roland said the competition was "a great experience—really impressive." The title of Iron Chef went to Team Diesel (comprised of Dan Shorr '11, Anna Childs '11, Murat Oztaskin '11 and Arjav Ezekiel '10).

"It was a close competition," said Roland. Team Diesel impressed the judges with an appetizer of sweet potato fritters with raspberry pecan sauce and a main course of completely homemade ravioli. Team Suck (Hannah Curran '09, Sarah Cohen '08, Stephen Ellis '08, Andrew Stein '09 and Will Verman '09) made two desserts: homemade pie with almond crust and an espresso kah-lua sundae.

Jack Grant '11, along with Goldenberg and Waleed Khoury '09, was on the second-place team at Friday's competition. "It was

incredible," Grant said. "More incredible than I could have hoped it would be."

Grant first got involved with the Club at the Activities Fair. When he found out about the Iron Chef competition, he jumped at the opportunity. "We cooked for a full seven hours," he said. The competition was tied up "until the last judge cast her vote," said Grant. His team "lost by a dessert."

The Cooking Club plans to host many more exciting events for the future. In addition to Iron Chef competitions, the Club holds cooking classes open to anyone in the community. They are also planning on having a charity chili luncheon sometime in the near future. Roland says that the Club has had a "great reception" at Kenyon—their dis-list is more than 100 names long. Even so, Goldenberg said he hopes that more students will get involved. Professors have also shown a lot of interest in the club. Many have volunteered to lead sessions, including Luigi Ferri, visiting assistant professor in Italian, who, according to Roland, plans to teach the club "how to make homemade Italian pizza from scratch."

Roland is enthusiastic about the prospect of students cooking their own meals at Kenyon and recommends this lifestyle to all students. "It's really healthy to learn how and practice [cooking]," she said.

Berdan agreed. "I'm happy to be cooking and I look forward to resuming my position as co-president of the Cooking Club upon my return," he said.

Members of the Cooking Club agree that cooking is a wonderful experience because it creates a "family in a place where people aren't actually related," Grant said.

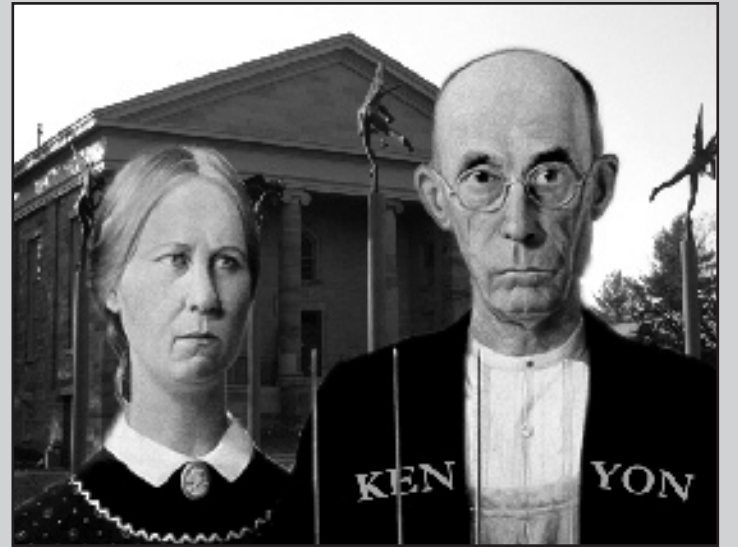


Last Friday's Iron-Chef competition.

Alex Roland

# Sex & the Country

*The Less-Than-Frank Lover & Other Tales of Woe*



BY DAISY LINDEN (DJ PCP)

Guest Columnist

As respected members of the large sexologist community here at Kenyon College, DJ That Girl [Elizabeth Meyers] and I are often asked, "How can one date at Kenyon? It is so small and isolated! Where can we go?" In these cases, we suppress our raised eyebrows and exasperation at this question, which has been asked eight or nine hundred times since our convocation. We will do our best to answer with a minimum of sarcasm. Maybe. One of the two panaceas that we prescribe on our show "Business Time" is communication (the other is mutual masturbation, but that's for another column). And though we too are sick of older cohorts telling us that "real human connection" is "dying out" because of "the Internet," for once we agree with them. As an astute caller said, "maybe instead of checking Facebook invites constantly and interpreting body language," a real conversation is in order.

In a very official and objective survey of, not at all ironically, everyone who happened to be on-line as we were writing this, we found that many relationship problems that crop up at Kenyon are caused by lack of communication. Be it a one-night stand, a year-long relationship or an awkward situation one party is trying to end, the most efficient and honest route is communication. You and every one of your friends probably have stories of demonstrating these pitfalls, but in the spirit of our show and of this column, gather round and hear some of the less-productive methods used instead of frank honesty:

**The Nothing:** One friend was, she thought, innocently watching a movie with a male friend on his bed. At a moment of topless nudity in the film, the male half of the pair "pulled the rollover" and rather impolitely shoved his tongue into her mouth. Now, had he sweetly asked if he could kiss her or made his feelings clear verbally rather than, or at least before, physically, at the very least she would have not been so surprised.

**The E-Stalker:** Most of us are guilty of Facebook stalking at least once in a while, but minute analyses of Internet actions can only lead to disappointment on one end and creeped-out feelings on the other. If you start a whirlwind romance with someone exclusively consisting of Facebook messages, make sure you know why you haven't met for coffee. More likely than not, your paramour is in a relationship. Or a cult.

**The False Start:** It's understandable to feel obligation to someone whose feelings may not match up with yours, but by no means is this a good reason to enter into a relationship or make-out session with them. This can lead to very awkward conversations afterwards, rife with one-liners like "nothing can come of this." Statements like this can bewilder and amuse those that hear them for months to come. Try to avoid clichés when backing out of unwanted situations.

**The Lead-On:** A particularly relationship-based problem, and one we've dealt with on the show, is how to exit a situation in which a lover, for some reason, thinks something he or she is doing is really turning your crank, when in reality it grinds your gears. The best remedy for a tweak-happy lover is to never let the tweaking get started in the first place. This can become a more serious issue in long-term relationships, and demonstrates why faking orgasms is never a good idea.

Here is where we could go into detail about the malaise seeming to affect our generation that ranges from relationships to world issues, and how it seems to combine a sense of righteousness and equally powerful apathy to create an atmosphere of absolutely fatuous static complaining. But we won't. We'll keep it simple and concise: rather than complaining about whoever in the administration has made a mistake by not living up to your standards for them this week, call up that person you're sleeping with and let them know that you really don't feel that spark with them. (You can say "anymore" to soften the blow if you like, even if it's not totally honest.)

Then again, don't—because then no one would call our show, and no one would have any good stories to tell at brunch on Sunday morning.

The Business Time team would like to thank DJ Nothing Can Come of This for her help with this column and generosity with anecdotes.

Daisy Linden (DJ PCP) and Elizabeth Meyers (DJ That Girl) host a radio show called "Business Time" on WKCO Mondays from 11 p.m. - 12 a.m.



# BFEC Fall Open House features new trails, local food

BY COLE DACHENHAUS  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Oct. 20, the Brown Family Environmental Center will host its annual Fall Open House featuring the opening of three miles of new trails called the Northern Trail System in a ceremony called the Harvest Festival.

Heather Doherty, the head director and program manager of the BFEC, is in charge of running both the annual event and the Harvest Festival ceremony. She will be working closely with Dave Heithaus, the BFEC facility manager. An open house at the Visitor's Center at 4 p.m. and the Harvest Festival will follow a ribbon cutting ceremony. All the food at the Harvest Festival will be locally grown and sold by farmers from within the community.

The BFEC staff will be running this series of events. Doherty said that there will be three full-time BFEC employees, three student employees and two Kenyon professors that are involved with the BFEC working at the event.

"We are working really hard to build community support within Kenyon and

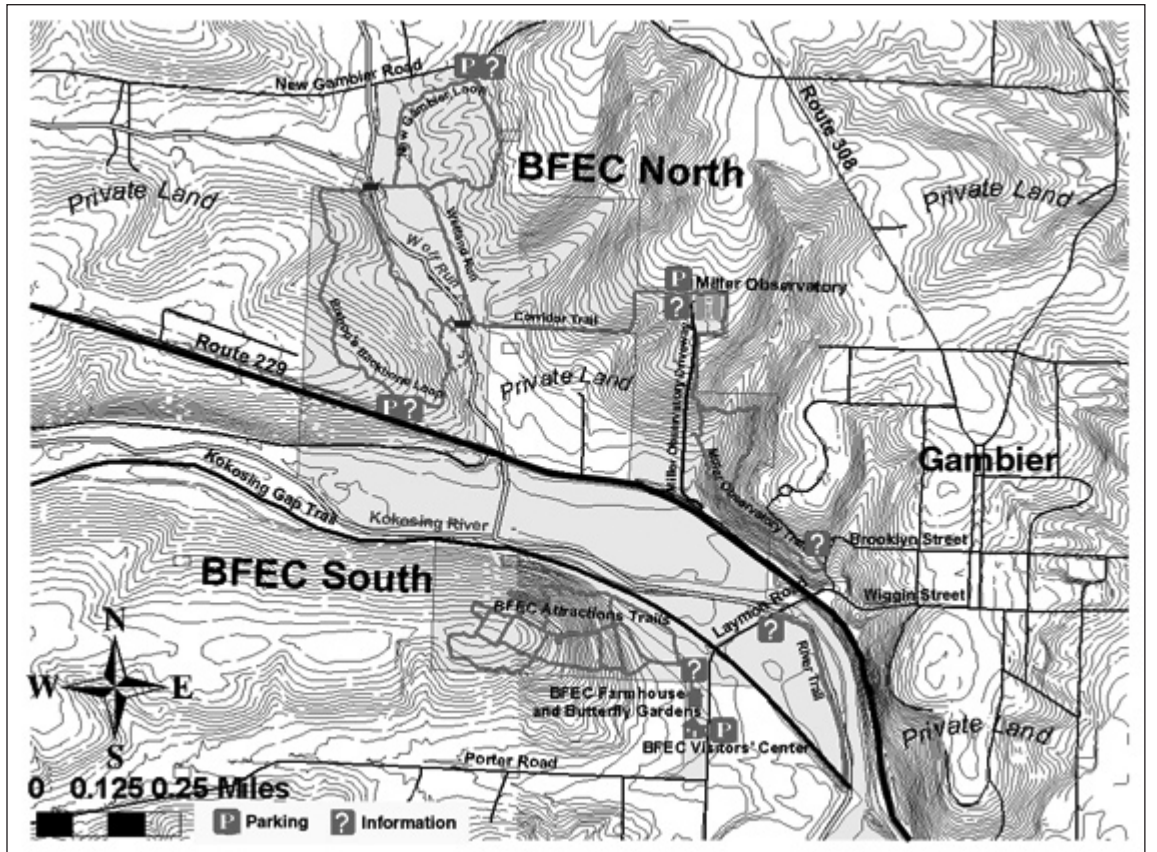
also ... greater Knox County," Doherty said. After the Harvest Festival, part one of the Mudman Triple contest will occur at 7 p.m.

According to Doherty, "the Mudman Triple is three races that cover the span of two days and will be held all over the new and old trails." Contestants registered for this event in the last several weeks. Doherty described the competition as an extreme running challenge.

The Northern Trail System is three miles long and closer to the north end of the College's campus. The BFEC owns land to the northwest of campus but up until now never used it. "[The College] granted our request to have a tractor to clear out room to even start building paths. Without that, this project would've been impossible," Doherty said.

There will be several loops in the new trail system which will provide a more challenging course for runners and bikers.

In addition to the two miles of old trails that are closer to the BFEC's Visitor's Center, the center will now offer a total of five miles of running and biking trails for



The new trail system at the Brown Family Environmental Center.

Courtesy of Dave Heithaus

use by Kenyon students and members of the greater-Knox-County community.

Doherty said she is glad that these new trails are serving a purpose beyond just expanding the BFEC's territorial ownership. "A benefit of the new trails is that we as a

community need this for our mental and physical health," she said. "Not only does the BFEC provide places of habitat for research purposes for those studying the sciences, but it advocates physical and mental health as well."

*The events are being held this Saturday, Oct. 20, starting at 2:30 p.m. and will continue through the evening. There are no attendance fees and students and community members alike are encouraged to come to the event.*

## Wal-Mart vs. Kroger: comparison shopping in Mount Vernon

BY KATIE WEBER  
Staff Writer

The fridge is empty save for a few gross apples stolen from Ernst two weeks ago, and you're starting to feel bad about borrowing your roommate's toothpaste every night. You don't want to pay for overpriced food at the market, and the bookstore doesn't have your favorite toothpaste, which isn't going to fly even if it can be charged to Mom and Dad. It's a familiar time. The time when we all have to face the dark reality of grocery shopping.

So, where to: Wal-Mart or Kroger? Despite the fact that I was raised on the notion that Wal-Mart is an evil corporation that exploits its workers (thanks, Mom and Dad), I've always taken my shopping list straight to its doors, because they've got, well, everything. While this definitely gives Wal-Mart a step up on Kroger, which is simply a grocery store, I decided I wanted to compare them side by side. Armed with a grocery list of things that the average college student might need—toothpaste, milk, cereal, printer ink, bananas, chips and, of course, beer—I headed down Coshocton Road to do a little comparison shopping.

My first stop was Wal-Mart. When I walked in, I took note of all of the extra perks Wal-Mart has to offer. To the right, there's

a Subway, which complements the Subway directly across the parking lot. Wal-Mart has an optical department, which can be useful for those of us with sight issues, although I generally leave those appointments until Thanksgiving and Christmas time. Also, if anyone is interested in paying for photographs of themselves and friends in front of a serene blue backdrop, Wal-Mart offers a full-fledged portrait studio for your enjoyment. I couldn't be sure, but it seemed that Wal-Mart was winning in terms of services offered.

I decided to ignore my urge to play a round of pinball in the Family Fun Center, another one of Wal-Mart's attractions, and get to the items on my list. The toothpaste was easy enough to find, and a tube of Crest Whitening plus Scope rings in at \$2.64. Next was printer ink. Unfortunately, on my way from the toiletries section to the electronics department, I passed through the Halloween set-up. For the average person, this probably isn't a problem, but I found myself easily distracted by all of the pumpkin lights, princess costumes and trick-or-treat favors. I spent a good 15 minutes trying on children's costumes and asking my roommate if she thought I could pull off a Grover costume designed for toddlers. This was clearly not on my list of things to do.

After stopping to look at some soft shag rugs I didn't need and perusing the collection of \$9.44 DVDs, I finally made it to printer ink. Wal-Mart has a large collection of color and black and white ink ranging from \$19.00 to \$35.00, depending on your needs. I checked that off my list and headed towards food, only being distracted once by my roommate's sudden urge to buy slippers that looked like bear claws.

Wal-Mart's grocery center is pretty impressive in light of the fact that Wal-Mart isn't really a grocery store. It offers all of the essentials, and I was able to find everything on my list pretty easily, because the department is small. Wal-Mart brand milk is \$2.97/gallon, Frosted Flakes, \$2.98, Tostitos, \$3.00, bananas, \$0.47/lb and a case of Keystone Light, \$10.99. All of the prices seemed pretty reasonable, but I had no idea whether or not Kroger could beat them. Checking off my final items, I walked out of Wal-Mart, resisting my urge to buy a sale-priced giant bouncy ball, and drove down a bit farther to Kroger.

Kroger was pretty crowded for a Sunday, which I thought boded well. I figure if it's popular with real adults, it's probably pretty good food. Upon walking in, the produce department immediately caught my eye. Unlike Wal-Mart, the fruit and vegetables all looked extremely fresh and

clean. The selection was extensive and there was even a section labeled for organic fruits and vegetables, which is important to many people. I checked the price on bananas—\$0.49/lb. Uh-oh, Wal-Mart was winning.

I made my way quickly through the aisles to find all of my listed items. Unlike Wal-Mart, Kroger held no frivolities to distract me from the task at hand, and in 15 short minutes I had the prices of everything on my list: toothpaste, \$2.99, Kroger brand milk, \$3.07, cereal, \$3.28, Tostitos, \$2.57 and Keystone, \$10.99. Unfortunately, the only item that was cheaper was the bag of chips and, as I guessed, Kroger did not sell printer ink.

Still, Kroger has some things that Wal-Mart does not. Kroger offers a Kroger Plus card, which saves you tons of money on food throughout the store. It's simple to sign up, and there are all sorts of 3/\$5 deals that you can only get if you're a Kroger Plus member. Also, the beer selection at Kroger is astonishingly better than Wal-Mart's. Granted, I was looking for Keystone, but if you ever wanted to buy some beer that actually tasted good (no offense to the Keystone lovers out there), Kroger would be the place to go. From domestic to imported beers, Kroger beats Wal-Mart's feeble attempt at having a beer section.

Plus, Kroger has a Starbucks inside, so if you're an addict like me, you can get your Caramel Macchiato fix while you pick up your groceries.

Overall, it's difficult to pick a winner between Wal-Mart and Kroger, because they both offer such different things. If you need printer ink or fabric or new tires or children's clothes, you would have to go to Wal-Mart, because Kroger doesn't even offer those things. If you're just going on a simple toiletry/grocery run, Kroger is your best bet. Wal-Mart's lower prices only ended up saving me \$0.34 in the end, and their large selection of other goods wasted my time. Going into Wal-Mart for one thing means you end up wanting other things you never knew you needed until you saw them—like my sudden need for plastic pumpkin straws.

Even though I have to give Wal-Mart credit for their recent attempts to "go green," I can't help but feel that I'm supporting the better company when I shop at Kroger. No matter your political views on the subject, when it comes to checking items off of your grocery list, the best bet is Kroger for its organic foods, better selection and lack of distractions. Oh, and did I mention that you can use a shopping cart that looks like a race car? Case closed.



# Outside the Classroom: Professor Robert A. Mauck

BY RICHARD WYLDE  
Staff Writer

After receiving tenure last year, Assistant Professor of Biology Robert A. Mauck can now breathe easy: he probably won't have to make his living by parachuting out of airplanes into the midst of wildfires anymore.

"It was always something to fall back on," said Mauck.

In the early 70s to mid-80s, Mauck lived in Alaska and worked as a smokejumper, a euphemism for firefighters who are airdropped into remote areas to combat fires. Even that, though, is a little misleading. Being a smokejumper often means being left alone in the wilderness for days or weeks at a time to build a barricade, having to move as the fire does, all the while dealing with the natural elements and 100 pounds or more of equipment. The requirements and training for smokejumping are intensely rigorous, meaning that those who are actually deployed into the wilderness are an elite few.

Mauck once spent 40 sleepless hours working to extinguish a fire. Yet he stressed that smokejumping is not nearly as dangerous as it sounds.

"Skydiving is actually far more dangerous," he said. "[People who skydive] are not professionals. In training to be a smokejumper, there is no simulation. You are using the real world, and you learn by doing. Of course, you first have to be a good firefighter. You are constantly thinking about fires, and every single variable, and any potential hazard," he said.

"Smokejumping is a great life. In many ways, it's like being in the army ... it's physically demanding."

Mauck does not have a death wish, nor does he have an adrenaline deficiency. He is calm and collected, and is extremely passionate about his current work as a field biologist, where every summer he goes to what he calls "the amazing Bay of Fundy" off the coast of Canada. Nine years as a smokejumper in Alaska just

when he was young, but the road to becoming a smokejumper proved to be long. Out of high school, Kenyon College was the only school he applied to, and he was accepted. Mauck, however, decided to defer a year and move to the Virgin Islands, where he became a scuba diving instructor. Returning to school a year

career aspirations when he was a student.

Although he had been working full-time as an emergency firefighter (EFF) for three years beforehand, he didn't know when he applied to be a smokejumper that it would turn into a nine-year occupation.

"There were times when it

by the ill-fated Chris McCandless in Jon Krakauer's *Into The Wild*, and has many examples of similar incidents.

"It happened every winter. There's somebody stupid, and they don't realize it's not a movie," said Mauck.

Mauck cited one particular incident where he was called to deal with a small wildfire in western Alaska. In the door of the airplane, preparing to jump, Mauck noticed something blue hidden among the trees. Upon landing, he discovered a man in a blue rainjacket who had started a signal fire. The man had been attempting to travel from Nome, Alaska to California by river but had lost his dog, destroyed his raft and had been eating only mosquitoes for the past three days.

"Starting that signal fire was the one smart thing he did," said Mauck.

It wasn't until his mid-30s, after leaving smokejumping and starting a family, that Mauck pursued a Ph.D. in Biology.

"I got into academics pretty late in life," he said. "I guess my eclectic past makes me a good match for a liberal arts college."

While smokejumping could be a focal point of Mauck's character, it is only one endeavor on a list of many. That list also includes bicycling across New Zealand for four months, living in Italy for a year to teach Italians how to play American football, working as a sports writer for the *Anchorage Daily News* in Alaska, helping to invent a new parachute system for smoke jumpers and working at a software company in Columbus.

Mauck is currently doing research on the variation of lifespans in the Leach's storm-petrel, a small seabird.



Mauck (right) in his smokejumping days.

Courtesy of Robert Mauck

happens to be one of the more interesting pieces of his resume. Although he was stationed in Alaska for the majority of this time, he has also fought fires in Oregon, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana and the Yukon Territory.

Mauck developed an interest in firefighting after seeing a movie

later, he attended Ohio Wesleyan University where he majored in pre-modern studies. During the summers, Mauck began traveling to Alaska to volunteer as a firefighter, much to the chagrin of his college football coach who wanted him to be training.

"I thought I was going to play pro-football," said Mauck of his

was spectacularly beautiful ... when there's the smell of the fire and you hit the ground by yourself [after parachuting down]," Mauck said.

But along with that beauty, Alaska can be a treacherous place.

Mauck has been to the broken-down bus that was inhabited

## Professor Linda Smolak wins eating disorder research award

BY HANNAH CURRAN  
Editor-in-Chief

Linda Smolak, the Samuel L. Cummings professor of psychology, was recently named the winner of the 2007 Price Family Award for Research Excellence by the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA), one of the top awards in the field of eating disorder research. She received the award Oct. 6 in San Diego, California, at NEDA's annual conference.

"I'm most interested in developmental psychology—gender role, body image, really gender," said Smolak, who along with her colleagues Michael Levine and Sarah Murnen in the psychology department, pioneered the study of how developmental factors, socio-cultural influences and gender are linked to eating disorders. The three have frequently collaborated with one another, as well as with a large number of students, many of whom have gone on to graduate programs

in the field.

"I'm not even sure which one of us is first author on some of these books," said Smolak with a laugh.

Smolak cites a former student's work as the beginning of her interest in eating disorders. "Professor Levine and I were just using models for some homework on developmental psychopathology," said Smolak. "One of our students chose eating disorders as her topic and then pursued it for her final paper. Up until then—this was 1989—there was more of a clinical approach to the treatment of eating disorders. People looked at them in groups of adult women who already had these diseases. I wanted to apply developmental psychopathology to children, to see who was more prone to these disorders and how outside influences, such as what they see in *Marie Claire* ... shape their images of self."

The prize honors Smolak for a body of scholarly work spanning two decades and including five

major books, scores of articles and numerous collaborative projects. Her research explores not only the causes of eating disorders but also prevention, treatment and education.

Created five years ago, the Price Award goes to the world's leading researchers in eating disorders. In a field originally dominated by clinical work and case studies, Smolak has stood out for calling attention to the connections between adolescent developmental stages and eating disorders, and to how eating attitudes and body-image notions are shaped by socio-

cultural factors like family, peers and the media, as well as by gender roles.

"When I ask young girls what they should weigh, no one says more

than 110 pounds," said Smolak. "I want to pinpoint what it is, whether it be genetic, sexual harassment or media influence, that brings them to that unhealthy place."



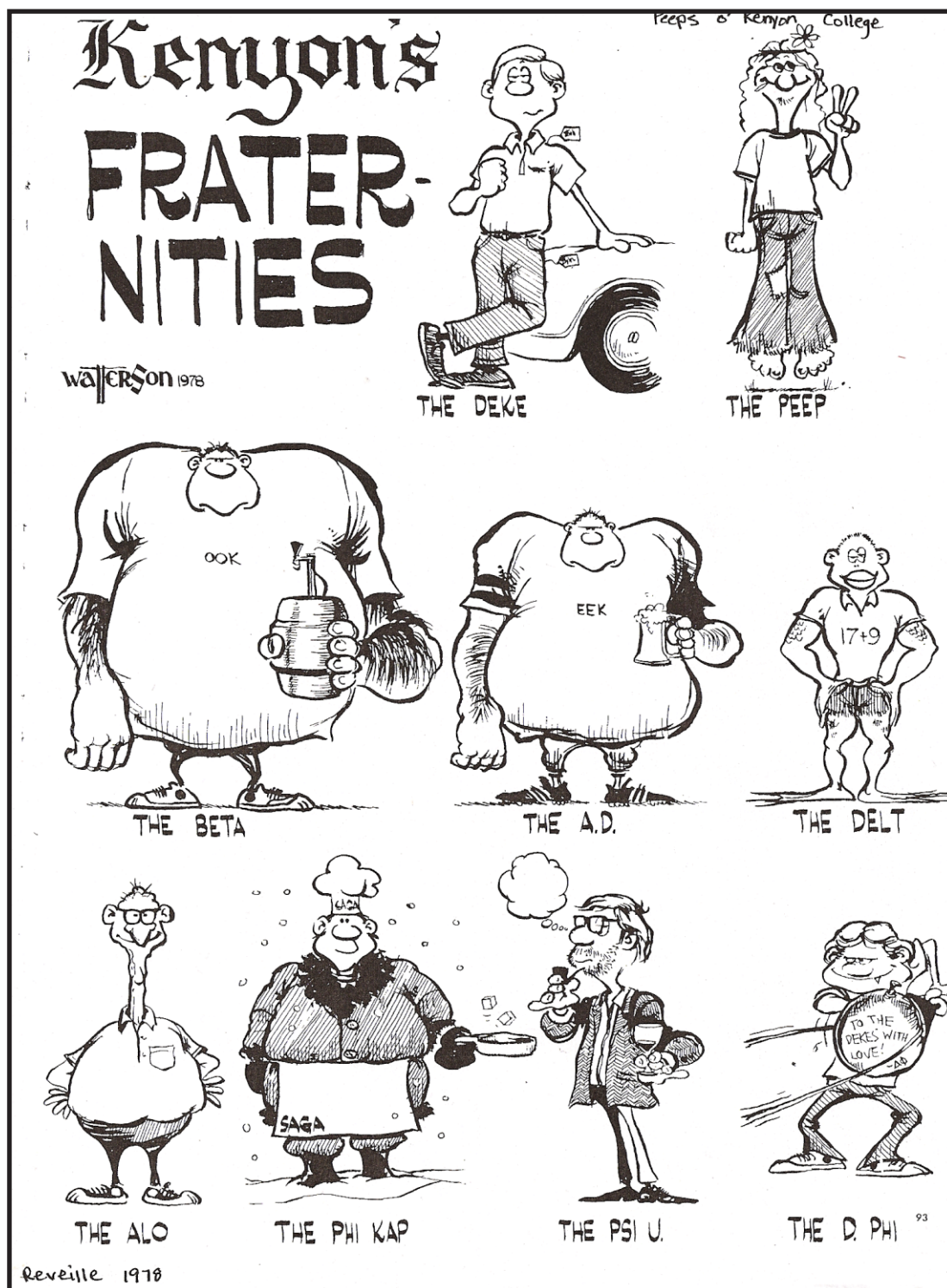
Professor Smolak with her granddaughter at the zoo.

Courtesy of Linda Smolak



# Diversions

## FLASHBACK TO 1978!



### Cryptoquote

In the following cryptoquote, each letter in this popular quotation is substituted for another.  
For instance, ACXYPTAACI could be LONGFELLOW.

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PCOREBIJ.

By Mara Alperin

## WEEKEND AT KENYON

### Friday, Oct. 19

Group Massage Therapy  
4:00 P.M. New Apartments B-4

Summer Science Poster Session  
4:30 P.M. KAC Multipurpose Room

Mystery Science Theater 3000  
6:30 P.M. Higley Auditorium

Kokes Concert  
7:00 P.M. Rosse Hall

Travesties by Tom Stoppard  
8:00 P.M. Bolton Theatre

Student Band Extravaganza  
9:30 P.M. Horn Gallery

### Saturday, Oct. 20

Yoga Weekend Wind-down  
1:00 P.M. New Apartments B-4

Symphonic Wind Ensemble  
2:00 P.M. Rosse Hall

Musical Theater Workshop  
4:00 P.M. BFEC Visitor Center

Travesties by Tom Stoppard  
8:00 P.M. Bolton Theatre

Get Hypnotized!  
1:30 P.M. Rosse Hall

## THE BEST QUOTE WE DID NOT PRINT IN 2007

"It was a wonderfully wacky and wild wonderland of positive political participation perpetuating peaceful protest of public policy. Condemning injustice in the contemplative capacity of a capitalist country and creating crucial criticisms of corrupt concepts."

-Ryan Volson on a political protest he attended



## Field hockey heads into final games at 7-8

BY MEGHAN MCCLINCY  
*Staff Reporter*

Two weekends ago, the Ladies field hockey team's long trip east proved unsuccessful, closing the weekend 0-2. Last Wednesday, however, the Ladies were able to bounce back and reverse their recent misfortunes in a home match up with the Yeowomen of Oberlin College.

Offensive leader Lauren Keiling '08 got the Ladies rolling early in the first half with an unassisted goal, her eighth of the season. Shortly after, Keiling's co-captain Caroline Graham '08 continued the scoring with another unassisted goal, her first of the year.

Defensively, Kenyon's goalkeepers made the 2-0 lead stand up with outstanding effort in the cage. Carrye Hickey '11 shared the shut-out with regular starter Karen Thompson '09. Hickey finished the game and recorded four stops to preserve the shutout. Together, Thompson and Hickey helped the Ladies negate Oberlin's advantages in shots, 20-17, and penalty corners, 14-11.

"I strategically scheduled strong out-of-conference games to prepare us for our conference match-ups," said head coach Chrissy Kilroe. "It was good to see they could come out strong from the beginning against Oberlin after a weekend of tough competition."

The Ladies were unable to keep their momentum going when they

faced off against the College of Wooster Fighting Scots last Saturday in a 2-1 loss for the Ladies.

About 18 minutes into the first half, the Scots were the first to get on the board. This did not stir up the Ladies' defense as the Scots were able to score again a mere 26 seconds later.

The Ladies were, however, able to rally and score before the first half came to an end. The unassisted goal was netted by forward Maggie Gilligan '10.

"We were unable to bring all the elements of our play to the table," Gilligan said. "Afterwards we knew what we had to fix for Ohio Wesleyan."

In the end, the Fighting Scots out-shot the Ladies 27-14, but it was Thompson, who the team jokingly dubbed "The Wall," who kept the Ladies alive throughout play in the second half. "The Wall" made a season high 16 saves.

"Wooster is on a roll right now with four or five consecutive wins after they had a pretty rough start to their season," Kilroe said. "They were definitely out to get us. They were out for revenge and we didn't take care of the details."

The loss took its toll on the Ladies, dropping their record to 7-8 overall and 6-3 in the North Coast Athletic Conference. It also allowed Wooster to climb into the top spot in the NCAC standings alongside Kenyon. Nonetheless, the Ladies, still feeling the sting of defeat, were able to fight back on Tuesday in a 2-0 victory over the Ohio Wesleyan

Battling Bishops and regain their lead of the division. The win put the Ladies at an 8-8 overall mark, with a 7-3 league record, half a game ahead of Wooster in the standings.

Keiling, the Ladies' offensive power player, punched in an unassisted score early in the first half. Keiling's goal, the 35th of her career, secured Keiling a place in Kenyon's field hockey record books. Keiling's milestone goal places her second in total goals scored, behind only one other Lady: Carrie Moore '99, who finished her career with 41 goals.

Coach Kilroe did nothing but praise Keiling, "Lauren is a very focused and determined individual. She knows what she wants and how she is going to get it. She leads her team by example."

Midfielder Holly Bacon '10 agreed, "Lauren is very talented, but also very humble.." she said. "The whole team is proud of her accomplishments."

Later on in the first half, Bacon followed Lauren's example and netted one for the Ladies off of an assist from defender Sasha Grumman '10.

The defense was once again led by "The Wall." Thompson had an outstanding showing between the pipes, earning her fifth shutout of the 2007 season.

Next up for the Ladies is a non-conference match-up this Friday, Oct. 19, against Eastern University at McBride Field at 4:30 p.m. The Ladies also embark on a journey to Pennsylvania this Sunday where they will take on Juniata College, ranked 13th in the nation.

## Lords soccer chews Big Red

BY ROBERT DIGNAZIO  
*Staff Reporter*

On Saturday, the Kenyon mens soccer team defeated the Denison University Big Red 2-1 in front of a rowdy home crowd at Mavec Field. The Lords rewarded their fans on Purple Pride day with their first win over Denison since 2002. Defeating their archrival kept the Lords at the top of the conference standings with only three games remaining in the regular season.

Kenyon jumped out to an early lead in the 16th minute when first year Tom Nolan sent a cross to the feet of fellow first year Reiner Bauerfeind. The midfielder rocketed a shot past the Big Red goalkeeper for his first collegiate goal. The Lords carried their slim lead for 29 minutes before adding an insurance goal just before halftime. Bauerfeind extended the Kenyon lead, sneaking a pass past the Denison keeper to Miguel Barrera '11. Barrera converted the scoring opportunity, which proved to be the game-winning goal.

Although Denison went into halftime facing a two-goal deficit, the Big Red came storming back in the second half. After being out-shot 8-3 in the first half, Denison evened the shooting battle to 4-4 in the last frame. The Big Red pulled within one goal in the 57th minute. After that goal cut the Kenyon lead in half, Lords goalie Jamie White '10 stood tall, blanking the Denison offense for the remainder of the match.

The Lords' 2-1 victory over the Big Red proved very meaningful for the Kenyon squad. First, it kept the Lords atop the NCAC standings going into the home stretch of the season. Although the conference race is still tight, Kenyon finds itself right where they said that they wanted to be when the season opened. Second, the Lords' win dropped the defending NCAC champion Big Red below

.500 in conference play. Denison must now battle its way out of the middle of the conference pack if they wish to grab a playoff spot. Finally, the win triggered a wide range of emotions from the seniors. "This was everyone's first win over Denison, which meant a lot to the team," said Nate Pritchard '08. "It was the last chance for the seniors. Beating [Denison] in any sport is always a big win."

"The young guys stepped up, and they will have many more wins over the Big Red in the next few years," Rob Sussman '08 added.

Entering their last week, the Lords' 48 goals place them first in the North Coast Athletic Conference, 16 goals ahead of the nearest competition. Kenyon's total of 34 assists is also best in the NCAC, ten ahead of second-ranked Hiram. The Lords' 84 corner kicks place them only one behind conference-leading Wittenberg's 85 corners. Kenyon's high-powered offense is fueled by the Lords' physical play. The most aggressive team in the conference, Kenyon ranks second in fouls and first in yellow cards in the ten-team NCAC. It is not uncommon to hear the shrieks of the opponents' mothers, who fear for the health of their sons against the Lords.

The Lords begin their final week of play on Oct. 20 when they host Wabash College for their last home game. They close out their season on the road at Oberlin College on Wednesday, and Allegheny College on Saturday.

Saturday marks the last home game for the careers of the four Kenyon seniors. It will certainly be a memorable day for seniors Pritchard, Sussman, Elliot Forhan and Tim Callahan. In addition, the Lords will look to close out a perfect home record in front of the Kenyon faithful. They currently boast a 6-0 home record, the best in recent memory. Kickoff is at 3 p.m. at Mavec Field.

## Lords rugby rucks and rules its division

BY JO HAYES  
*Staff Reporter*

"It's going to happen," said Jake Hansen '07 before the Lords rugby match against Ashland University this past Saturday. He made a similar statement before the game against Ohio Northern University several weeks ago. His prediction came true then, and it did so again for this game. The Lords seized victory against Ashland, an undefeated season and a division title with their 39-10 win.

The first try of the game was scored by Will Schofield '10 after just a few minutes.

It was not long before Kenyon scored again, this time with a try from Jarrett Moreno '08.

The middle of the half was subject to a lot of back and forth with Ashland attempting to push down the field but met with a strong opposition from the Lords' forwards.

"The forwards were fantastic at rucks and mauls," said Captain Japhet Balaban '09. "We're not the biggest team, but we have better technique and even though our forwards are smaller, they work as a unit."

Eventually the work the forwards put into holding Ashland back was rewarded when Tad Gruman '08 scored a try on a breakaway, running a great length of the field.

Towards the end of the half, Moreno scored again, followed by a conversion kick by Jake Rosenbluth '10.

The Lords left the first half leading a scoreless Ashland by 22 points.

The second half of the match was much like the first. Zach Webb '10 quickly managed to score a try by pushing his way through Ashland players. After several failed efforts, however, Ashland began to make their way up the field. The Lords managed to hold them at the try line for a substantial amount of time, but Ashland eventually pushed through and scored their first try of the game.

Kenyon countered with a try scored by Ian Law '08, then followed with another, this one scored by Matt Weeks '09 with an impressive run down the field. Moreno followed the back-to-back tries with a conversion kick, concluding the Lords' scoring in the match.

Ashland only managed to score one more try, but by the end of the match, the damage was done and the Lords had achieved much more than just another victory.

"This is the perfect way to finish the regular season," said Captain Ryan Stewart '08. "When I was a [first year], we didn't win a game. But this season everyone became a lot more focused and disciplined."

Balaban attributes the team's general success this season to the increase in the number of players.

"There are so many guys on the team that there's competition for starting spots, which forces us to push each other. A lot of new guys came in and stepped up," said Balaban.

"A lot of credit has to be given to the new guys who've been so patient," Stewart said. "They've showed up everyday, worked hard, and they'll be rewarded for it in the spring."

The Lords completed two notable goals by not only clinching first place of Division III North in the Ohio Rugby Union, but also by doing so without losing a single match. They still have a very important challenge ahead of them: the playoffs.

The next match for the Lords will be at their home pitch on Nov. 3 against Marshall University, ranked second place in Division III South.

If Kenyon wins their match against Marshall, they will face a more unusual challenge in finding housing for the final match of the season, which is scheduled to be held on Nov. 17, the day that Kenyon closes its residences for Thanksgiving break.

"We're going to ask Residential Life if we can stay the extra night," said Stewart. "But I'm really amazed with the amount of guys who are willing to give up going home early and have said they'll stay."

"This season we've been building up something pretty special," said Balaban. "The tricky thing is there we're playing teams we've never played before, but you don't get to be 5-0 by accident."

In any case, it is clear that the Lords' rugby season is far from over. Only time, and the match on Nov. 3, will determine where the Lords will go from here.



Tristan Potter

Passing the torch: Lords' captain Nate Pritchard '08 shows Felix Hoffman '11 one more move.



# Gators chomp Lords football 24-0



Tristan Potter

QB Rafael Sanchez '08 attempts to evade an Allegheny defender as the Lords were defeated 24-0 by the Allegheny Gators.

BY LINDSAY MEANS  
Staff Reporter

After last week's 49-21 victory over Hiram College, Lords football suffered its first shutout in five years last Saturday, with a 24-0 loss to the Allegheny College Gators.

WR Carlin Shoemaker '08 stood out in the game, making ten catches for 133 yards and bringing his total receiving yards to 2,651 and 202 receptions. Offensively, QB Rafael Sanchez '08 and RB Joey Konieczny '08 rushed ten and six times respectively, but the Lords were able to gain only 99 rushing yards in the first half, reaching the red zone once, only to be rebuffed by the Gators' defense. The Lords converted four first downs and only gained 282 yards of total offense, in comparison to Allegheny's 485.

"The game was not our best performance of the season," said Head Coach Ted Stanley. "Defensively, we played hard and pursued the ball well, but we missed too many tackles that would lead to points. Offensively, we were unable to generate much of a running game, and it kept us from our usual performance."

RB Kyle Toot '10 is also ready to move past the Allegheny game. "We're at a point in our season where we are still beating ourselves rather than getting beat by the teams we are playing," he said. "We are one of the most talented teams in the conference, yet something always happens and we slip in focus and we shoot ourselves in the foot ... Hopefully we can learn from a loss like this and use it to propel ourselves through the rest of the season."

"At times, we made strides and seemed to gain momentum, but mistakes and poor play led to drives stalling out and no points," said Stanley. "We will have to improve our play if we want to win in the NCAC ... we need to be a much more physical football team, better at blocking on offense and running through tackles and better at tackling on defense."

Though several players are injured, Stanley said this should not drastically affect the rest of the season.

"We cannot use this as an excuse," he said. "Everyone we play has injuries, and we need to ask those players on the field to step up and do their jobs."

The Lords will be looking for revenge next week when they travel to Indiana to take on Earlham College.

## Cross country keeps moving forward

BY MICHAEL RILEY  
Staff Reporter

The Kenyon Lords and Ladies cross-country teams both put forward strong efforts in the Calvin College Pre-Regional Invitational on Saturday. With the conference championships a week away both squads demonstrated a solid consistency that should garner confidence.

The Ladies once again finished in the top five in team scoring, edging out rival Oberlin College and grabbing fourth place overall. The Lords took eighth place overall, and had a few runners coming through with season and personal best times. The Calvin College teams, top ranked in Division III cross country, won both the men's 8000-meter and the women's 5000-meter race.

Captain Jim Boston '09 once

again led the Lords with a 15th-place finish and a time of 25:32. Matt Riley '10 came next putting up a personal best time of 26:16 and finished 36th overall. Kaleb Keyserling '09 also had a solid race, taking 41st-place with a time of 26:29. Will Kessenich '11, Chris Houser '09, Chris MacColl '11 and Robert Carpenter '10 were the next four Lords to finish and all had scoring efforts. Host Calvin College's Jed Christiansen put up the day's top performance, finishing with a time of 24:33.

"We did really well, our top three runners all had season best times," said Head Coach Duane Gomez. He also had high praise for Riley's running, "[His] performance was incredible. It puts him among the top in the conference."

The Ladies also saw impressive finishes. Lauren Brady '11, this

weeks NCAC's runner of the week, led the ladies with a time of 22:23 and a 12th place finish. Jessica Francois '09 came in shortly behind her, finishing 19th with a time of 22:44. The Ladies solidified their fourth-place team finish with four more runners finishing in the top forty led by Lauren Metzger '11, who finished 29th overall with a time of 23:19. Anderson University's Gwen Kemple took top individual honors with a time of 21:12.

Both the Lords' and Ladies' performances have Gomez feeling positive going in to next week's conference championship. "I'm looking forward to it," he said. "Both teams run really well on the home course and we should finish pretty high up there."

The North Coast Athletic Conference Championship will be held Saturday, Oct. 27 at Kenyon.

# Ladies soccer wins two, loses two

BY HILARY GOWENS  
Staff Reporter

Quite a bit has happened since for the women's soccer team since just before Kenyon's October Reading Days. They faced four fierce conference opponents, winning two of the four match-ups.

The four-game stint began at Denison University, where the Ladies met the formidable Big Red, who rank 12th in the nation. Many Ladies' fans made the 30-minute trip to Granville for the game. The devoted supporters, however, were not enough to help the Ladies fend off the offensive attack brought on by the Big Red. Despite senior co-captain and goalkeeper Rosie Davis' eight saves, Denison managed to send three key shots into the back of the net, sealing a Kenyon loss.

Next on the Ladies' list was a trip to Wooster, Ohio to face the Fighting Scots of the College of Wooster. Seeking their first NCAC win, Kenyon managed to shut the Scots out during regulation, despite failing to score themselves. It was the Ladies' time to shine as overtime rolled around. Amy Kessler '09 broke the silence 94 minutes into play with a header past Wooster's goalkeeper off of a free-kick from Tracey Farris '10. This win brought the Ladies to 1-1-1 overall in conference play.

After two trying games on the road, Kenyon finally got to return to Mavec field to face the up-and-coming Earlham College Quakers. Kenyon was handed a 3-0 loss at the hands of a young and quick group of Quakers, landing them in an incredibly troubling position.

"Our frustration exists simply because we haven't been executing

to our full potential," said Head Coach Kelly Bryan. "We have the tools we need to do well and it's just a matter of belief in our team and consistency. We are asking our team to play with the control of mature young adults, but with the enthusiasm of a small child. The game really is simple and fun and that's how we want to play."

After dealing with this last upsetting loss at the hands of a team which Kenyon had planned on handling capably, Bryan said the Ladies had to dig deep to find the inspiration to press onward and tap into their full potential.

Their first chance at redemption came this past Saturday as Kenyon traveled to face the Hiram College Terriers. This time, Bryan attempted a new strategy.

"We have modified our formation and moved a few players into different positions as well to find other options," Bryan said.

The first Lady to score was co-captain Jean Arnold '08, as she booted a penalty kick past Hiram's goalkeepers at the 66 minute mark. Arnold's heroics were followed up by sophomore Stefanie Couchman's goal late in the game off of a Rachel Goheen assist. The Ladies managed to come away with the 2-0 win, along with a much needed confidence boost.

A revitalized and invigorated Bryan said after the game that, "Hiram was a much welcomed outcome for us. More importantly, we played with the 'child-like' enthusiasm and enjoyed it."

Kenyon will look to build off of this important win as they face their next opponent, Case Western Reserve University, at Mavic Field this Saturday, Oct. 20.

## Player of the Week

BY HOLLY KARN  
Staff Reporter

Jessica Francois '09 is more than just the cross-country runner she appears to be. Born in Milan, Italy, the enigmatic athlete has been running since she was 15. She became involved with indoor track as a freshman in high school and cross country the following year. The 20-year-old junior, from Yorktown Heights, New York, has always had a certain passion for running and is now captain of the Ladies' team.

"Running is a life sport," said Jessica. "Have patience and determination and you can improve."

Jessica was named the North Coast Athletic Conference's Runner of the Week for September 17, 2007, after recording her best time of the

season. She was named All-NCAC second team in 2006 for cross country and given honorable mention the year before. She was awarded team MVP honors in 2006 along with Emma Reidy '08.

The amount of passion she has for running extends to her other interests and activities. As a religious

studies major, she is planning on going abroad to study Tibetan Buddhism. Jessica practices Zen meditation twice a week and has a particular fondness for incense. "I love incense ... it's my favorite part of Zen meditation," she

Bob Dorff said.

Jessica is also involved with the Kenyon Student Athletes group and volunteers at the Brown Family Environmental Center leading walks for elementary school children. Her other interests include photography, drawing, and downhill skiing.

