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Security considers carrying Mace

BY RACHAEL GREENBERG
Staff Writer

The Office of Campus Safety is holding a Campus Forum tonight, Jan. 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the Brandi Recital Hall to consider students' opinions on Safety officers potentially carrying handcuffs and Mace.

Anna Heintzelman '09, head of the Safety and Security Committee, said records have shown an increase in the presence of non-Kenyon students on campus engaging in illegal or violent activities, and the desire to protect students from potentially dangerous outsiders is one reason for Safety officers to carry Mace and handcuffs.

The Campus Forum marks the beginning of a discussion process that is expected to last through the end of this semester and possibly into next year, according to Heintzelman.

There is currently no formal proposal concerning officers' possession of restraints, and the forum is the beginning of public discussion on the issue. There will be two or three additional forums throughout the semester to allow students, faculty and the greater Kenyon community to play an active role in this decision process.

Director of Campus Safety Bob Hooper said the initiative to arm officers with restraints is "still a very big if." If the policy passes,

Safety officers would work closely with the Knox County Sheriff's Office to ensure thorough and proper training for the staff. The training for carrying Mace requires officers to spray themselves with the product to reinforce that "this is not something you use lightly," according to Heintzelman. "If you do not pass the training, you do not get to carry," she said. "It's a very big decision. It's not one that should be made quickly."

Though the proposal has only recently been publicized, the student body is divided on the issue.

"If you get [Mace], then you expect to use it," Kathleen Bires '11 said. "A cop becomes a cop to fire a gun, right? It seems a bit extreme."

Marenka Thompson-Odlum '11 said she thinks Mace should only be used in "the most extreme situation," in which "the student is out of control and intends to use harm."

"Sometimes the action may not really warrant that," she said. "I think it's a slippery slope they're going down."

"I don't think the problem of drunk students running around on campus warrants Security getting Mace," Max Doshay '11 said. "I understand it, but at the same time, I don't think there's a point. I think it would cause more harm than good."

Other students believe that Safety officers should be allowed

to carry Mace. "I've gotten to know some of the security officers personally," Matt Crowley '11 said. "I have faith they will use good judgment."

"People are not logical and [they are] prone to violence when they are drunk," James Dunkley '12 said. Dunkley said he almost entered into a fistfight with another student at the Duff Street Apartments, more commonly referred to as the Milk Cartons, for "no reason."

"After that incident," he said, "I can understand why security would want Mace."

"I think that more consideration is needed before we as a community start having security having Mace," Dunkley concluded.

"I think I'm torn on the subject," Alice Adebiyi '11 said. "I feel that security isn't meant to 'harm,' but to 'help' and 'protect.'" She said, however, that "it seems as if people are not taking security seriously on this campus, and we should respect them."

"I can see why security feel they need to carry Mace," Adebiyi said.

At Ohio Wesleyan University, handcuffs are used as a last resort and are not a required part of security guards' uniforms. Security guards do not carry handcuffs or Mace at the College of Wooster, whereas officers carry both at Oberlin College and some officers carry handcuffs and Mace at Denison University.

- Additional reporting by Sarah Queller.

ResLife tackles CA turnover

BY ADAM SENDOR
Staff Writer

More than one office experienced change this winter. While President Barack Obama assumed his new position as commander-in-chief, five new Community Advisors (CAs) assumed the positions vacated by recent resignations. Kenyon's Office of Residential Life hired five CAs to replace five vacant spots, four of which were from CAs who resigned at the end of the first semester.

"There is turnover in any Resident Advisor or Community Advisor position at any institution of [higher] education," Assistant Director for Residential Life for the First-Year Quad Matt Troutman said. "This is unfortunate in many cases, but it is normal."

Most often, Assistant Director for Residential Life Bryan Shelangoski said, CAs find that they simply do not have enough time to do everything. "They just had academics or extra-curricular activities that were more important to them, and that's understandable," Shelangoski said. "We always preach that they're

students first and CAs second."

"It's a really tough decision for a Kenyon student to say 'I quit,'" Assistant Dean of Students for Housing and Residential Life Alicia Dugas said. "We really encourage our students to be honest with themselves."

The main reason CAs leave the position is an inability to meet the sizeable time commitment the job poses. "If you're asked to live this life 20 hours a week, you really have to have a passion for it," Dugas said. "If you have such a calendar that you can't afford to be on duty or you can't make your staff meeting then that's a concern."

Peter NeCastro '11, who resigned from his position after the first semester, said it was an easy, friendly process. "I left on very amicable terms," NeCastro said. "There was nothing derogatory said and [Troutman] was very accepting of it. I wanted to make this as convenient for them as possible."

NeCastro said he realized early on that he might not want

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Remote Lot to close; safety concerns cited

BY RACHEL KELLER
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The Security and Safety Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee recently targeted the Remote Lot as a serious security risk. Together, the groups decided to close the lot in order to prevent future problems.

"It's a very unsafe place down there," Security and Safety Committee Chair Anna Heintzelman '09 said. "It's very, very isolated. Were something to happen, there's nothing we can do about it."

Campus Safety won't be able to get there the instant you are in trouble."

The Remote Lot is a gravel parking lot located near the Kenyon Athletic Center. It provides free parking for all students and is the only parking option available to first-years.

Due to its distant location and lack of lighting, the committees have deemed it not only unsafe for the students who have cars there, but also unsafe for the rest of campus. Security spends a lot of time driving students to and from the lot. They also include it in their nightly patrol, which takes time away from their ability to watch the rest of campus.

"It's a lot of transports a day and there are times that it seems like all the guys were getting done were transfer drives," Director of Campus Safety Bob Hooper said. "The lot had always concerned us safety-wise and we knew that student-wise nobody was really happy with it, and that's really what drove the decision."

The committees' plan to shut

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Brrrr...Kenyon feels the chill



DAN GROBERG

Amidst a flurry of snowstorms, Kenyon students found time to build a massive snowman on Ransom lawn. The snow's intensity led to canceled classes and hazardous road conditions.

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Philanderers to celebrate “Roarin’ ’20s” at Phling

BY AUGUST STEIGMEYER
Staff Writer

With less than two weeks until the event, the Philander’s Phebruary Phling planning committee is preparing to move Kenyon’s tradition back to Peirce Hall for a “The Great Gatsby” - inspired party. Committee advisor and Assistant Director for Residential Life Matt Troutman said that “The Great Gatsby” was the main influence for the “Roarin’ ’20s” theme.

The students “really enjoyed the glamorous aspect of that decade,” Troutman said. “[They] thought the play on ‘prohibition’ and the booming economy pre-Great Depression was one we could all appreciate

nowadays.”

“We thought that since Phling is moving back to Peirce, a classier theme would be appropriate,” said Katya Karaivanova’10, the committee chairperson.

The committee intends the theme to be more than just decorations on the walls. “We are going to have a best costume contest, so we do encourage students to dress up,” Karaivanova said. Troutman said he is encouraging students to get into the ’20s theme for the celebration. “Students should get into the period by dressing in their finest semi-formal wear,” he said.

The Phling committee met shortly after Winter Break and is nearly done with the planning

stage. “The event is planned and focus is on the details and carrying out the tasks to make it successful,” Troutman said. According to Karaivanova, the group still has to make a volunteer schedule and finalize details with student bands.

Student music will be an important part of the event. The music, which consists of a cover band and student bands, will be divided between Thomas Hall and the Peirce Pub, respectively. This will “create two different places

with different kinds of music,” Karaivanova said. There will be room for dancing in Thomas Hall, a casino and a “place where people can just sit down, have some pizza and

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-Matt Troutman

non-alcoholic beverages and relax,” Karaivanova said.

During the Peirce remodeling project, Phling was held in the Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC). “The general feeling from most students that we encountered was that having it in Peirce was the most desirable option,” Troutman said. “The

KAC is a large venue, which brought about challenges for decorating,” he said. “It also meant that only one band could play at a time.

There was some discussion about keeping the party in the KAC, but the committee decided that Peirce [would] offer a better atmosphere than the KAC,” Karaivanova said. “I would love to see students having fun at something that will hopefully be different from a regular college party.”

Some people, however, feel that Phling can be worse than a regular college party in terms of the added responsibility it places on Kenyon staff. “I think it’s just an excuse to drink and it’s more work for the [Community Advisors] and Security,” said Gund Residence CA Mo Hamad ’10.

Hamad said that the committee does a good job planning the event for the “students who don’t come drunk,” but that the ones who are inebriated can ruin the event. “If I had donated money to the KAC or to the Peirce renovations then I wouldn’t want people destroying it by vandalizing property or puking on the floor,” said Hamad, who believes that Peirce, although more convenient than the KAC, is not the ideal location now because of the building’s recent remodeling.

The Office of Campus Safety brings more officers onto campus for the night of Phling. “We’ll be walking around the buildings, making sure everyone’s okay because some people could be in more jeopardy because of the cold weather,” said Bob Hooper, Director of Campus Safety.

Sometimes there are more incidents on campus during Phling. “Some years are pretty bad, other years aren’t,” Hooper said, “but we have a [patrol] schedule; our primary concern is everybody’s safety.”

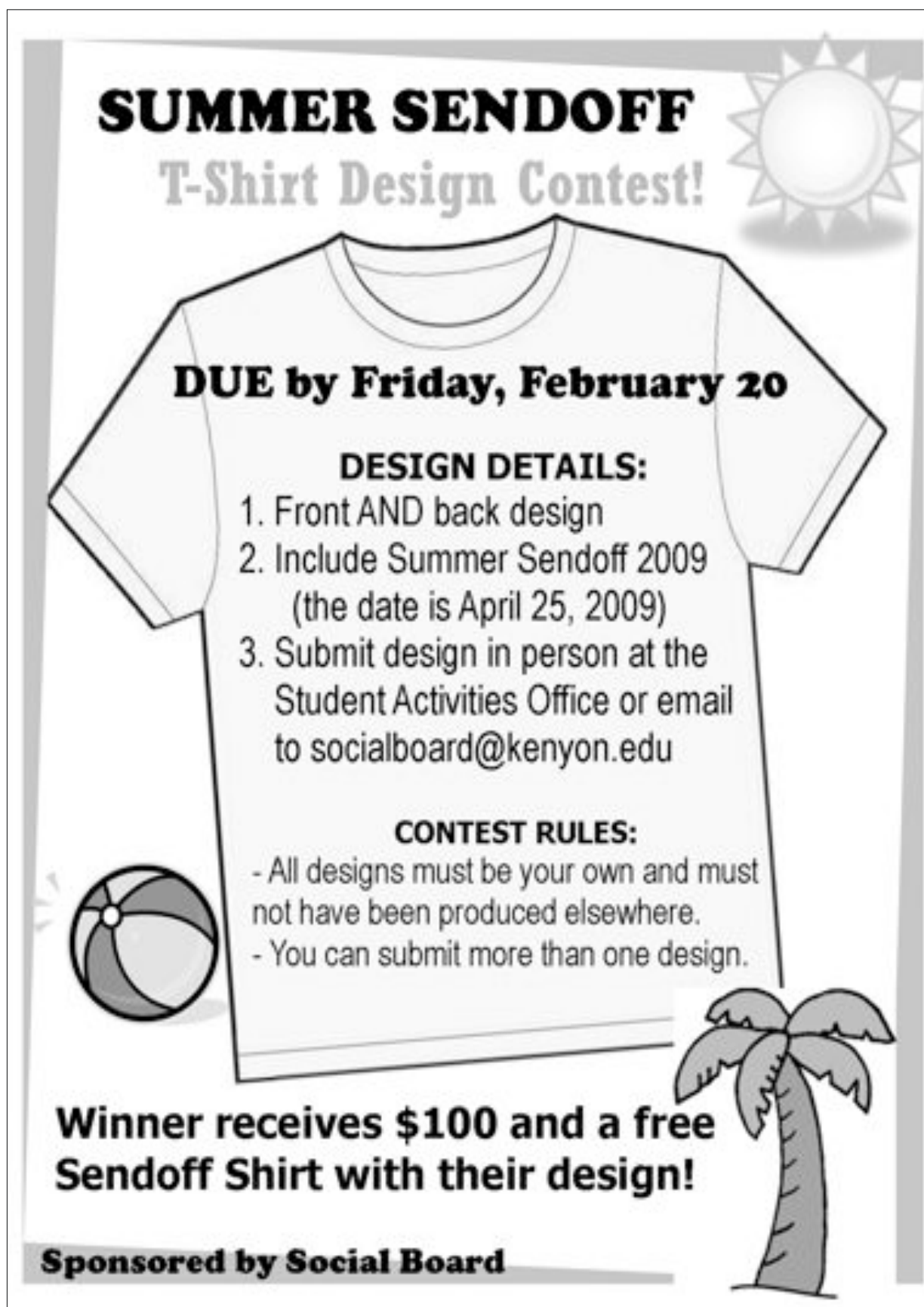
The officers in Peirce will be moving around the building watching for problems. “If someone is majorly drawing attention to themselves,” Hooper said, “we look into that. Our role is just to document what we do and then turn that over to Student Affairs.”

Hooper said that the KAC was a better venue for the event because it was easier to monitor. “With all the catwalks and overhead viewpoints, it was easier to keep an eye on things,” he said.

Safety will also be helping transport students to Peirce in the inclement weather.

Philander’s Phebruary Phling will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

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Students appointed positions in Greek Council

BY PAIGE ZORNIGER AND
AUGUST STEIGMEYER
Staff Writer and News Assistant

With the conclusion of Rush Week, Kenyon's sororities and fraternities have sifted through their potential future members and are preparing to receive returned bids for students who plan to pledge the organizations.

This week, Greek organizations notified those students whose bids were accepted. Danilo Lobo Dias '12 bid the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and was accepted. "It's a privilege to join a fraternity where brotherhood and values are important," Lobo Dias said.

The brotherhood aspect is what convinced him to become Greek, Lobo Dias said. "Any Greek organization you join you will have friends you can always rely on. They will be your brothers forever."

The next stage is the pledging process, which Lobo Dias said he eagerly awaits. "I'm excited for the next couple of months. It should be a lot of fun."

The Greek Council, run by president Alex Roland '09, has appointed Greek members to new positions this week. The council overlooks all of the Greek life on campus and proposes the rules and guidelines that work to regulate and monitor the Greek system. "Greek Council discusses issues important to Greeks, along with being a forum in which we plan things like Greek Week, Safedrives [and] the party monitoring system," Roland said.

The Greek Council appointed students to new positions after receiving letters of intent and letters from students who wished to join. Typically, students do not simply apply straight to the council; they are nominated through their specific organizations and usually the president of that particular affiliation and its elected representative attends the Greek Council meetings.

The new Greek Council Members include: Rachel Bucey '11 — Greek Week and Special Events Coordinator; Diana Arguello '10 — Safety Coordinator; Andrew Landers '11 — Academic Coordinator; Sasha Holston '11 — Housing Coordinator; Christina Bogasky '10 — Community Service Coordinator; and Gretchen Konrath '11 — Social Coordinator.

Generally, these positions were uncontested. One position received two letters, but the council spoke to the applicant and asked her if she would be willing to take another position, and she accepted. The position of Athletic Coordinator received no letters, but Greek Council will be accepting letters until 5:00 p.m., Monday, Feb. 2.

The Greek Council and its 13 voting members, as well as

four non-voting executive members, strive to create well-thought-out documents through which they can efficiently administer the Greek system. Through this unifying body, they hope to encourage a sense of commonality on campus. Similarly, the council provides a sense of camaraderie within the group, according to Jack Roblin '10, vice president of internal affairs. "I work for Greek Council because I enjoy assisting Greek organizations with their needs on campus," Roblin said.

The Greek Council meets to discuss any current issues that may come up, and they vote when necessary. The meetings also serve as a discussion board where members of the various organizations can openly communicate and remain informed about any upcoming or imperative information pertaining to Greek life.

While all of the Greek organizations look forward to getting to know their new members in the upcoming weeks, the Greek Council is excited to see new students get connected with the council. "It is a good way to get more involved and be more in the know about things going on on campus," Roland said.

High school first years tour Kenyon

BY MARIKA GARLAND
Staff Writer

On Monday, Feb. 9, 40 ninth graders from Mount Vernon High School will visit the College, where Kenyon students will act as their hosts for the morning. This trip, according to Assistant Director for Residential Life Bryan Shelangoski, is part of the Team 9 Program, in which ninth grade students take a class that teaches them about "the process of college" and culminates with a visit to either Kenyon or Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Ninth graders who come to Kenyon will begin their day with a question and answer session at the Kenyon Athletic Center, facilitated by Advisor to the President Jesse Matz. They will then pair up with Kenyon students who will host them for the morning, likely taking them to class, their residence halls, lunch at Peirce and a tour of the campus. Their day at the College will then end with a second question and answer session.

So far, 45 Kenyon students have signed up to participate in Team 9. Any interested students can still sign up to participate by contacting Brian Shelangoski through e-mail or by phone.

The students who have already

signed up include Larissa Lopez '12 and Tricia Shimamura '11. Both agreed that it was their desire to help people that drew them to participate.

"I'm a sociology major, and I was looking for a way to help people," Shimamura said.

In addition, "a number of our students want to go into education," Matz said, "and this gives them a sense of what ninth graders are thinking about."

Acting as hosts also gives Kenyon students the ability to participate in the kind of program that they would have liked to experience in high school.

"I was the first kid in my family to go to college. Having something like this really would have helped me," Shimamura said.

"I didn't have that experience. I had to do it online," Lopez said. "You need [this kind of experience] because you have so many choices. Once you come, you can see the differences between the colleges."

"If I would have had this opportunity as a ninth grader, I would have been so much more educated about the process," Shelangoski said. "It really needs to start at least at ninth grade, and a lot of the high school teachers [who] I work with in

this program say that it needs to start even before ninth grade because it's such an in-depth process and it's such a life-altering decision."

Kenyon students and administrators hope to influence Team 9 participants in other ways as well. "Once they ask the questions about admissions and admissions tells them the requirements," Shelangoski said, "especially being at Kenyon, I think that it could, but I also hope it does, inspire people to get better grades." He added that, while it is not the primary goal of the program, he hopes the College can get some of the ninth graders to come to Kenyon.

In addition to helping the ninth graders involved, Team 9 also helps Kenyon students who participate.

Matz said that he had Team 9 hosts in his class last year and "felt that students took new pride in the class after they had that experience."

"I'm looking forward to this a lot," Shimamura said. "It's easy to get stuck in the Kenyon bubble, and I'm looking forward to talking to other people who grew up here and learning what that's like."

Overall, Team 9 is a "very worthwhile program," Shelangoski said. "If you see [ninth graders'] reactions after the program's over, you'll see how much it meant to them."

Student Council

- Student Council discussed parking at the College. When students move their cars from the remote lot to on-campus parking, they may have to begin paying for parking. The College, however, has yet to make a decision.
- Safety and Security will hold a student forum on Safety officers carrying Mace and restraints at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29 in Brandi Recital Hall.
- The Budget and Finance Committee discussed funding for student organizations' travels. The College will make a decision regarding its policy on this issue by spring break.
- AVI is missing much of its dishes and silverware. At the present time, no one is picking up dishes left in boxes in the library or academic buildings. AVI is losing money that it could be spending on better food.

- Marika Garland

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CAs: Time commitment extensive; compensation may increase next year

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to continue the job, but that the thought of quitting was not one he wanted to entertain. "You never like to go into anything and not finish it," he said. "I was not prepared to make the level of commitment they were looking for."

NeCastro said the process was a lot easier because he had previously informed Troutman of his intentions. "It was graciously accepted," he said. "It's not like I sprang it on them the week before the end of the semester."

New CAs were hired through Friday, Jan. 23, and filled all of the vacant

positions as of that Friday, according to Shelangoski. One of the new CAs, Analise Gonzalez '11, had contemplated the position multiple times be-

fore, and after being recommended a third time, she decided she was ready for the job. "I always thought about it," said Gonzalez, who declined earlier job offers because she was unsure if she had the time. "I realized I did have enough time to do it."

Gonzalez, who is a new CA on the first floor of McBride Hall, said she was aware of the time commitment required of her. "It definitely was what I expected," Gonzalez said of the commitment, although she added that being put in a position of authority was a slight shock. "It was a little intimidating to come in during the middle of the year," Gonzalez said.

After NeCastro left, the top floor of Lewis Residence Hall had no CAs, but no major incidents occurred in the transition between CAs. "We met as a professional staff and decided what steps we needed to take to ensure that nothing was going to happen," Shelangoski said.

"We haven't noticed any negative or positive effects and we haven't seen an increase in any incidents on the halls," he said.

Zack Goldman '12, who lives on the hall, said that the short period of time with no CA was enjoyable as a change from the normal for a bit. "It wasn't like 'Lord of the Flies or anything,' but for one weekend it was a weird sense of freedom," Goldman said. "I don't think anyone

really respected quiet hours for that week."

Goldman also said that the residents were mature enough to know when to keep the noise down. "We all respect each other enough that when we ask each other to be quiet, we're quiet," he said. "I think we all enjoyed it."

Shelangoski said that communication was important to let the residents know the progress of the hiring process and to ensure that students had access to the resources they still needed.

Dean of Students Tammy Gocial said that even if no CA lives on a hall, there will be someone

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-Zack Goldman on having no CA

at least feel comfortable with someone," Gocial said. "There's always somebody on duty in each area. Most of the time our CAs' role is to be present, not to be on patrol."

At the moment, CAs are given only free room and board for their services, but Dugas said she believes that the current compensation does not provide enough for the level of commitment each CA provides.

"It's just a lot to handle, so we're asking for a significant increase in CA compensation in the next year," Dugas said. "It will help them feel that their job is at least meeting minimum wage standards."

Troutman said that extra compensation would allow students to need fewer other jobs. "With additional funds, the CAs will not have to work other jobs on campus to be able to go to school at Kenyon or to have some cash on hand," he said.

If past traditions hold, CAs will continue to resign, but CA applicants who know exactly what they are signing up for will be more likely to stay in the position, Dugas said. "We try to make sure people don't judge the CA job based on their CA the year before."

"Kenyon values community and CAs help to foster that," Dugas said. "We want them to feel like they belong and that they're at home."

Parking: Remote Lot closes Feb. 9

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down the lot asks that all cars be removed from the lot before it officially closes on Monday, Feb. 9. To make it more convenient for students to move their cars, shuttles will be available to take them to the Remote Lot at thirty-minute intervals between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8. The shuttles will pick up students at Ascension Hall and behind Gund Commons.

Students will first fill the North Campus lots by seniority basis and then move into the South Campus lot. The North lots, which include those of Lewis, Norton and Watson Residence Halls, hold 125 cars and, according to the Safety and Security Committee, there are around 86 cars currently in the Remote Lot. The South lot is located behind Peirce Dining Hall and holds 125 cars.

"It will be more convenient for the [first-years] who are living north," Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair Laura Kirschenbaum '11 said. "I think it is a positive thing, and if we have the spots we might as well use them."

Regular campus parking passes cost \$100 per semester. Because students using the Remote Lot were told at the beginning of the year that there would be no charge, the committees did not feel that it was fair to charge them the whole fee for parking in the North and South lots.

The committees did not think it was right, however, to give them the same parking privileges

as those who did pay the semester fee. After much discussion and a meeting with Student Council, the committees decided to give students until Spring Break to decide whether or not to keep their cars at school. Before break they are allowed to park on campus free of charge but if they choose to keep their cars at Kenyon, they will be charged a \$50 fee. Students who did not previously have cars will be allowed to bring them after break if they agree to pay the fee.

"We really thought that was the most fair," Hooper said. "I think it's a great compromise and the committees deserve a lot of credit for working on that."

When asked if they will bring their cars back, many first-year students said 'yes' and that they did not mind having to pay because the new spots are much more convenient than those in the Remote Lot.

"I am going to keep my car and pay for it," Zac Katz-Stein '12 said. "It's a little bit annoying that I'll have to pay, but on the other hand the Remote Lot is a very big pain."

Some students choose to park in the Remote Lot because it is free and with the Remote Lot shutting

"It is definitely going to be more crowded. More people are going to want to bring their cars on campus and everybody is going to be competing for spots. [First-years] will probably get last choice."

-Dhruv Vig

down, there will be no free parking available. Concerns such as this, along with worries of space and the effects on the campus atmosphere, have spurred controversy.

"It is definitely going to be more crowded," Dhruv Vig '11 said. "More people are going to want to bring their cars on campus and everybody is going to be com-

peting for spots. [First-years] will probably get last choice."

According to Hooper, however, space will not be an issue for some time. He and Heintzelman hope to avoid that problem by conducting a survey in which students will tell them if they are planning to bring cars or not. Some students question the need for students to have cars, especially because Kenyon has a small campus.

"At some schools, [first-years] can't even have cars," First Year Council Representative to Student Council Emily Rapp '12 said. "It's kind of a pain for first-years to have to walk but you can still get around. [Shutting down the Remote Lot] will promote more off-campus activity while at the same time possibly taking away from the walking community of Kenyon."

Others believe that Kenyon's community will not be affected by the closing of the Remote Lot.

"I really think that it is a good idea," Anna Stern '09 said. "I know they say it fosters community and everything, but I don't really see why it would be a bad idea to let the [first-years] park on campus. I don't think it would mean that a bunch of people will bring cars and not spend time on campus."

Having more cars on campus will also affect the Village of Gambier. The mayor of Gambier and Kenyon Professor of Political Science Kirk Emmert said he worries that more cars on campus might take away business from local merchants as well as change the community's environment.

"If it leads to a lot more student use of cars in the Village, that will be a problem for the Village and also for our policy of encouraging walking," Emmert said.

Despite these opinions, the committees still believe the lot's safety risks are enough to enforce the policy. Questions may be emailed to the Security and Safety Committee at securityandsafety@kenyon.edu.

Village Record

Jan. 21, 2009 – Jan. 27, 2009

Jan. 21, 11:29 a.m. — Medical call regarding injured student at the Dance Studio. Student transported to the Health Center then to her residence.

Jan. 22, 2:38 p.m. — Theft of items from the KAC. Report filed with sheriff's office.

Jan. 23, 4:08 a.m. — Vandalism/painting and graffiti on areas at Caples Residence.

Jan. 23, 10:20 p.m. — Underage possession of alcohol at Mather Residence.

Jan. 23, 10:33 p.m. — Possession of drugs/paraphernalia outside McBride Residence.

Jan. 24, 1:50 a.m. — Vandalism/window screen broken at Weaver Cottage.

Jan. 24, 3:14 a.m. — Vandalism/paint on window of vehicle at South Lot.

Jan. 24, 3:57 a.m. — Tampering w/fire equipment at Old Kenyon. Fire extinguisher pull cover pulled. No smoke or fire found and alarm was reset.

Jan. 24, 12:49 p.m. — Medical call regarding ill non-student at the Farr hall bookstore. Person was transported by squad to the hospital.

Jan. 25, 4:31 a.m. — Vandalism to Campus Safety golf cart while parked in Science Quad.

Jan. 26, 10:28 am — Theft of item at Farr Hall. Report filed with sheriff's office.

Jan. 27, 1:45 am — Unregistered gathering with alcohol at Old Kenyon.

Jan. 27, 6:34 pm — Theft of items from the KAC.

Anatomy of a room: first-year edition

BY LAURA GOEHRKE
Staff Writer

Many college students pride themselves in having a unique dorm room. Some bring cool trinkets from their hometown, while others buy decorations from Goodwill, in weak attempts to make their space look “hip.” But overall, everyone has the essentials: a hidden stash of favorite snacks, movie or TV show posters, and of course, the random cute objects sent from home that do no more than clutter their room (a great gesture nonetheless).

Here is a number-by-number picture chart of one of Kenyon’s very own first-years, Laura Harris ’12 from Longmont, Colorado, who lives in Mather. Spot any similarities?

1. **Hand-knitted Scarf** – Picked out the fabric herself when she was twelve, but just got it for Christmas this past year because her Mom finished it after finding it half-done in a cupboard in their house. It’s a lovely, mottled, fuzzy, pattern of reds, oranges and blues.

2. **Twilight Series** – A must have for every college-aged female, unless you are protesting it because you think that nothing can ever be as good as Harry Potter, so why even bother to read it?

3. **Highschool Volleyball and Basketball Team Pictures** – A throw-back to the good ol’ easy days that we call senior year.

4. **Poster of the hit show, “The Office”** – A tribute to one of the best shows on TV, given to her by a friend down the hall.

5. **Wall Hanging** – Bought it from the guy with the exotic stuff who sets up by the bookstore, but tells friends that her roommate made it for her this past summer and gave it to her as a friendship offering when they first met in the fall.

6. **“Extreme Rock Paper Scissors” Poster** – Illustrates multiple, non-

traditional hand signals for the game, including the “devil,” “cockroach” and “axe,” bought from the bookstore.

7. **Bootleg Trailmix** – She doesn’t like the almonds that come with store-bought mix, so she buys every other individual ingredient separately and mixes it in a plastic bag. Not a bad idea.

8. **José the Cat** – The typical “holiday decoration/room ornament” that almost every first-year receives in a care

package from their Mom. Not only is it a cat with a festive witch’s hat, but when one unlatches the velcro underneath the belly, it dually serves as a pillow!

9. **Walmart Arm Pillow** – Already has a huge rip in it—well, Walmart always has been known for its high-quality products, right?

10. **Wolf Blanket** – Bought in Alaska during family vacation this past summer.

11. **Denver Broncos Pillow** – Gotta represent the home state when going across the country all the way to Gambier, Ohio.

12. **Roommate Contract** – Agreed with roommate that the way to handle a problem between the two of them would be through, and I quote, “raging confrontation, cussing, spitting, and a clenched jaw.” Good to see that these contracts are still taken seriously by

their students. I’m sure Res Life would be happy.

13. **Assorted Collection of Chapstick** – “In case my lips get dry.” Simple enough.

14. **LOLcat Collecckshun Book** – A plethora of “LOLcat” pictures, a fad that took the internet—and the Kenyon campus—by storm last year. Kenyon has even Facebook group!1!!



WKCO radio station implements changes

BY LINDSAY MEANS
Features Editor

WKCO 91.9, Kenyon’s on-campus radio station, is the last of a dying breed. “We’re actually one of the last surviving free-form radio stations in the country,” said station manager Mike Dunford ’09. “That basically means that we don’t have to approve or dictate what people choose to do with their shows... so if people want to rant about politics, they can rant about politics. If they want to play music or talk, they can play music or talk.”

After years of struggling with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), WKCO is finally taking steps to become FCC-compliant. According to Executive Staff member Bryn Stole ’11, the FCC is difficult to deal with and vague in its requirements, but WKCO needs

the emergency broadcast system repaired as well as “a remote switch installed to let [WKCO] turn off the transmitter when it isn’t broadcasting,” said Stole.

The station is also implementing numerous other improvements; WKCO “spent a lot of last semester and this semester trying to get funding for the things we wanted

to do,” Stole said. “We’re tearing out wiring, replacing wiring, working on improving the sound qual-

ity and even repainting some of the station.”

Dunford added, “We’re doing a complete overhaul of audio equipment. [In addition to the rewiring,] there’s also the addition of a remote broadcasting system which will let us broadcast activities around campus, and we’re updating our

streaming capabilities as well.”

The updates to the streaming capabilities will enable students to listen to WKCO streaming while off-campus and even abroad. “We’re prepared to go global with the stream,” said Stole. While the WKCO staff has hopes that this will be completed over the next several weeks, Executive Staff member Hanna Goldberg ’09 expressed some reservations.

“As of now,” Goldberg said, “LBIS is not behind the move to off-campus streaming, but it is conceivable that they would be if we could generate enough interest.” In order to generate this interest, she said, WKCO may need to ask alumni and parents to campaign for global streaming.

The overall repairs to the station are slated to be finished soon, but many of them are contingent upon budget. Stole estimated that the cost of the total repairs for last semester and this semester—both completed and scheduled—would

be around \$7,500, with FCC-ordained repairs comprising \$2,000 of that amount. “There is still work to do that we don’t have the time and money to undertake right now,” said Stole.

Another area in which WKCO is updating its facilities is in the recording studio. “We’re definitely open for any groups that want to record, and that’s something that’s kind of unique,” said Executive Staff member David Clarke ’11. “Usually you need a lot of money to record, but we want to let everyone have access to the recording studio, and it’s our goal to get [the album] as professional-sounding as possible.”

This availability to the surrounding community is one of the most fundamental characteristics of WKCO. The station welcomes shows hosted by students, faculty and staff, and even members of the surrounding Gambier and Mount Vernon communities.

“We definitely believe in getting beyond Kenyon, not only in

terms of who listens to us, but just in having outside contact,” said Stole. “People without [previous experience in radio] can get involved through us.” The executive board noted that at least nine non-students have radio shows; this includes faculty, staff and members of the surrounding community.

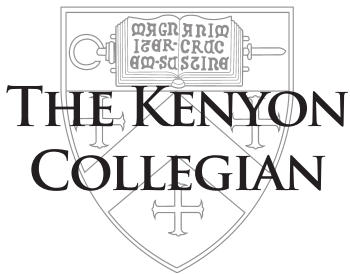
In order to obtain a one- or two-hour radio show on WKCO, individuals must “intern”—sit in on a show—twice, and attend three of WKCO’s office hours, where they will help with sorting albums or assist with other station needs. “We still have open spots,” said Stole, “and as long as they complete the requirements, anyone can have a show.”

Dunford also encourages more students to get involved in radio. “It gives students a more constructive medium to express themselves than [all-student e-mails] or vandalism,” he said.

—Additional reporting by Meredith Ganz

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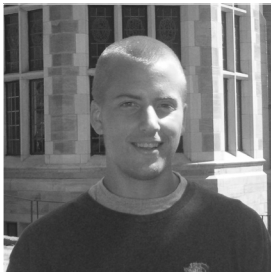
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Come on, Kenyon, protest like you mean it!



BY ADAM SENDOR
Guest Columnist

A locked door keeps out intruders, but it keeps out friends as well. The University of North Carolina basketball team's up-tempo style allows it to score more than a high school senior on prom night, but it gives the opponent many more chances to do the same. Our ever-increasing ability to tolerate and be unfazed by bad news lets us go on with our own lives more easily, but also brings an ever-increasing air of apathy into our lives. There is such a thing as a blessing in disguise, but could there also be a curse in disguise? Sure, most people get outraged upon hearing of human rights violations all over the world, but does that outrage last long for most of us? I think more often than not, we let go of our indignation in order to tend to what is most important to us: ourselves. I am not saying that there is something necessarily wrong with placing one's own needs above all else, I just think that this seems to happen more and more. How often do you see a successful or long-lived protest of, well, anything?

Watching bits and pieces of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s most famous speech while walking through the library atrium made me realize how protests and attempts to influence change are

becoming more and more something we celebrate and reminisce about because they happened one time in our past and even before our time. We no longer look for things that need fixing, or even attempt to make many changes to things that we know need changing, unless they apply directly to us. Even then, many people just live with problems instead of seeing the need to do something about it. All of this stems from the increasing inability of bad news and violations of rights to faze Americans. We know our own country violated, and for the time being still violates, human rights in prisons at Guantanamo Bay, but I never heard about a large scale movement to end this. Many people, when asked about the topic, will say that they do not agree with

what is happening, but that is as far as they go. That is just one instance where I would have expected more action, and there are other examples of violations of rights and unfair actions that go noticed, but unchanged. At Kenyon, a

newspaper article connecting fraternities and rape was an outlet of one student's frustrations with what she viewed as an unjust, flawed system. The article prompted opposing reaction from fraternities and people in favor of them. A forum was held to discuss the issues involved, and then the matter seemingly became unimportant. Students

not only have a tendency to forget important matters like this, but also to deal with things that affect them directly. Many students complain about a flawed party policy at Kenyon. This especially hurts those who expect to often have parties to attend. Instead of publicly attempting to change school legislation, students seem to just deal with the implications. There could be students attempting to make change in both of these cases, but if so, why don't I hear about it? I would assume getting more students to rally around a cause would help that cause. Kenyon students, being of above-average intelligence, ought to know this. When people hear about these things, are they outraged? Maybe for a bit, but then their own lives come back to the forefront and

they push these thoughts to the backs of their minds.

Maybe we have fewer influential, large-scale protests and demonstrations because there are fewer reasons for them. But maybe we are just not as easily moved to do

so as we used to be. This is not to say everyone must go out and protest something immediately. Although it may seem like a blessing to be able to handle more and more bad news without it affecting us too much, the consequences are that more and more unjust and unfair things can happen if people do not react as easily.

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Parking Poses Problems

More parking spaces have been removed from the available pool for students looking to park their cars and not get the dreaded Campus Safety parking ticket. As of Feb. 9, the Remote Lot will be closed ("Remote Lot to close; safety concerns

cited," Jan. 29, 2009). This change means that students that park there, primarily first-year students, students who are not willing to pay \$100 a semester to park on campus and students who are not able to pay the cost of parking, will be parking in the campus lots. We at the *Collegian* believe that the decision to close Remote Lot is an irresponsible way to deal with the problems of student safety and the inconvenience to Safety officers.

Closing the lot is insensitive to the needs of those students who are unable to pay for parking. These students should still be provided the opportunity to have their cars on campus, considering the limited hours of the shuttle to Mount Vernon. No provisions have been made for students unable to pay. While many students were able to pay for the convenience of parking closer to campus, it must be understood that not all students have that luxury.

Much emphasis has been placed on the way that this decision will affect the first-year experience. Some first-year students, be it for fear of inconveniencing a Safety officer or aggravation at inconveniencing themselves, leave their cars in the Remote Lot instead of leaving campus often and thus better immerse themselves in the Kenyon community during that crucial transition phase.

The thought that students would opt to leave campus, with their readily available cars, to entertain themselves on this quiet campus is rational. This decision might change the way that first-year students settle into Kenyon, but the only way to close the Remote Lot and maintain the circumstances that allow for students to prefer to stay on campus in their free time would be to not allow first-years to park at all, which would be unfair.

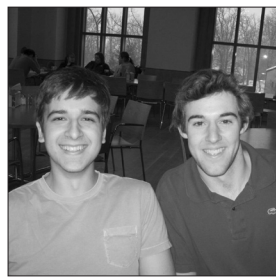
The Remote Lot, for many students, provided the security of knowing that there would always be a parking space for them when they returned, if they were to leave campus. By prohibiting parking in spots in the Manning-adjacent parking lot ("Campus Safety installs boulders to limit illegal parking in Manning lot," Dec. 11, 2008) and now closing the Remote Lot, parking is at a premium. While this might be simply a minor inconvenience on any given day, during times in which there are multiple visitors to campus (visit days, trustee meetings, sporting events, etc.), parking for students will pose a great challenge.

We understand and appreciate the way that Campus Safety has the well-being of students in mind, and we do not envy the decisions that they have to make, but we hope that Campus Safety and the Security and Safety Committee will consider the problems with their proposal by allowing for students without the ability to pay for parking to park and making sure that there are more spaces for parking.

The AP Physics Comic Book by Dave D'Altorio



—MACE— to MACE— Officers need to protect themselves with Mace



BY ANDREW LANDERS AND
CHARLIE SAYRE
Guest Columnists

The initiative put forth by the Office of Campus Safety to arm its officers with Mace has caused a great deal of ire among Kenyon students.

These concerns are selfish and unreasonable and blatantly disregard the safety and well-being of Campus Safety officers. There is no doubt that most of us feel incredibly safe on this campus. One of Kenyon's great features is the ability of anybody to go anywhere at any time and feel comfortable. This sentiment, however,

is misguided, especially in regards to Campus Safety. In the spring of 2008, there were three assaults on safety officers by students, including one incident that resulted in a severe laceration, which required a trip to the hospital. As if these sorts of attacks were not reason enough to bolster the ability of officers to protect themselves, Campus Safety has recently informed the student body of various confrontations with individuals unrelated to Kenyon. For example, an event took place in which a registered sex offender from a neighboring county was acting in a lewd and malicious manner on Kenyon property, threatening the safety of students. It was only because of the brave and selfless acts of our safety officers that this man was detained and sent back to prison.

Clearly our Campus Safety officers face a number of dangerous situations in which their personal safety is threatened. Many of us refuse to acknowledge that Kenyon is accessible to violent and perverted criminals, but this

is, in fact, reality. Despite these dangers, our vulnerable safety officers are forced to face these threats defenseless. We believe that Campus Safety has the right to feel safe at work, and by denying them the ability to carry Mace, we deny them this basic right.

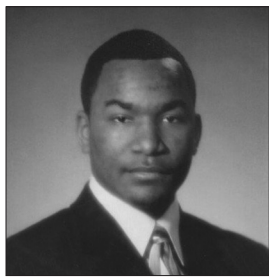
The fervent desire of many Kenyon students to prohibit the rights of safety officers stems from a childish and petty perception of the Office of Campus Safety. In recent all-student e-mail debates, students have claimed that security employs "scare tactics" to further some sort of secret "agenda." This accusation is absurd and only serves to demonstrate the lack of respect and understanding that exists in regards to security among Kenyon students. To suggest that Kenyon Campus Safety resembles some sort of Nazi Gestapo or Soviet secret police force

is, frankly, pathetic. In fact, if one were to compare Kenyon safety officers to campus security

nationwide, one would find that the question of safety officers carrying Mace is not unreasonable. The majority of colleges in the United States allow their security officers to carry Mace, and are debating whether arming their security officers with firearms is appropriate. According to a 2007 article published in *The Boston Globe*, "a 1995 federal government survey of 581 four-year colleges found that 81 percent of police departments at public schools had armed officers and 34 percent of private ones did." If most American colleges feel that firearms are necessary to protect their security officers and students, how can we protest our Office of Campus Safety's desire to carry Mace?

In the end, responsible Kenyon students have nothing to fear. Campus Safety will undergo strict training in the proper usage of Mace and will only employ the tactic in the most extreme circumstances. It is solely those students without control of their actions who risk becoming victims of this nonlethal safety measure.

Don't Mace me, bro!



BY ROBERT GRANVILLE
Guest Columnist

Shortly before winter break, a fellow student informed me that the Safety and Security Committee was discussing the possibility of equipping Campus Safety officers with chemical Mace and handcuffs. In typical Kenyon fashion, this discussion had been occurring behind closed doors and is only being opened up to student opinion after the Campus Safety staff and committee have had an opportunity to mentally foreclose on a decision. Ignoring the fact that it is inappropriate to even consider a decision without student input, it is my opinion that the "official decision" to equip Kenyon's security force with Mace would be a mistake of epic proportions.

Over the last week, the Safety and Security Committee has been disseminating anecdotal experiences via e-mail, in which officers felt at risk due to the criminal nature of the situations in which they found themselves. I certainly sympathize with the fears of our Campus Safety officers, as they patrol our campus every day completely unarmed, but I denounce their armament with a weapon as under-researched, unregulated and unnecessarily painful as Mace.

To date, there have been no long-term, longitudinal studies researching the possible unintended side effects of exposure to Chemical Mace or pepper spray, which has largely replaced Mace commercially. The available research on the safety of Mace is contradictory and at times downright suspect. A 1993 study conducted by the U.S. army concluded that pepper spray could cause "mutagenic effects, carcinogenic effects, sensitization, cardiovascular and pulmonary toxicity, neurotoxicity, as well as possible human fatalities. There is a risk in using this product on a large and varied population." Studies conducted by the U.S. National Institute of Justice and California's Environmental Protection Agency have concluded that use of Mace poses serious health risks to the inebriated, the mentally ill and those with underlying pulmonary or cardiovascular disease. Other studies have directly contradicted these findings. An FBI research study

conducted by Thomas Ward, head of the nonlethal weapons division, gave Mace a clean bill of health. This study was subsequently discredited for its use of a convenience sample of healthy FBI trainees and a \$57,000 bribe Ward received from a Mace manufacturer. Clearly the verdict is still out on the safety and possible undesired side effects of Mace, and until the jury clocks out we shouldn't even be considering its use on our campus.

Though the potential long-term side effects of Mace are my primary concern, Mace is ill-suited for campus use for several other reasons. Despite its use by the majority of police departments and countless campus security and police forces across the nation, Mace is mostly unregulated at the governmental level. Though some states have concentration limits

on the active ingredient, Ohio is not one of them, and no other regulations exist in this state. A study published in the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* concluded that the active ingredient concentration is not standardized and that the consequential variability in potency could be detrimental to the safety and health of both the user and assailant.

Mace is also demonstrably less effective in restraining aggressors who are under the influence of alcohol or other illicit drugs. The majority of the criminal situations our security officers face are dangerous due to the inebriation of the assailant(s). Using a weapon that displays reduced efficacy with its target group is totally illogical.

Clearly there is quite a controversy surrounding the use of Mace for criminal restraint and crowd control, yet many have probably overlooked an important underlying issue with Kenyon-specific relevance. Kenyon College Campus Safety officers have no arrest or detainment rights. As we all should know, our Campus Safety officers are not peace or law enforcement officers and have not received the specialized training in suspect relations, restraint or use of force that are the standard for trained, experienced officers of the law. Not only are our officers under-trained when compared to legal authorities, they also lack the transparency, oversight and accountability that law enforcement officers are subject to.

As the situation currently stands, Campus Safety officers operate in close contact with the Knox County Sheriff's Office and police officers are dispatched to the school when the situation merits. The Office of Campus Safety and the Safety and Security Committee feel that the Sheriff's Office is overwhelmed and simply cannot handle its jurisdiction. Up to this point I can logically follow their train of thought, but they lose me when they conclude that the answer to limited police presence is the armament of security officers with no more legal authority than the everyday citizen and less training than even the lowliest traffic cops. Instead of asking our security officers to put themselves at greater risk by entering into dangerous criminal situations, we should be organizing and mobilizing efforts to increase police presence, or at least re-

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sponse time, in Gambier. Putting an under-researched, unregulated, excruciatingly painful weapon into the hands of an under-trained, inexperienced and unchecked force of "active observers" is a recipe for disaster.

Equipping security officers with Mace would be a grave mistake due to the dearth of research on its safety, lack of government regulation and the relative inexperience and unpreparedness of Campus Safety. The use of Mace also deviates from the role of Campus Safety officers as stated by the College. The College website states that "the primary role of the Campus Safety Officer during a criminal incident is to be a professional, trained and active observer." In no way does the use of Mace by Campus Safety agree with their stated role on campus. In this sense, the equipping of Campus Safety officers with Mace is a thinly-veiled attempt to redefine the way Campus Safety exists and operates on this campus. In other words, they want more power, more authority and more respect. I do not mean to purport that Campus Safety should not be interested in self-preservation, but that their interests cannot be viewed in a vacuum. To my dismay, this issue has not even been addressed. If we are to consider completely revamping the Office of Campus Safety, then we should discuss this potential transformation instead of running through the proverbial backdoor with a can of Mace.

Life, liberty and the pursuit of independence



BY EMMA STENDIG
Guest Columnist

I think it is more than obvious that I am a staunch supporter of Greek organizations. But this week my fidelity was put to the test. In recent months I have found myself coming to the defense specifically of fraternities. While they may be commonly regarded as rapists, social tyrants, misogynists and mindless buffoons, I find their days' work to be all in good fun. Who wouldn't want to throw some balls (lax, foot, base) around in the quad during the spring while sipping on some brewskies? But while the intricacies of frat life have been written about and discussed to death, I turn now to the other side of the Greek coin, sororities.

In the past I have turned a blind eye to these organizations and let them go on their merry way while I enjoyed my independent status. But recently it has come to my attention and the attention of many other upperclass females that our independence, our freedom of speech on the issues of pledging and rushing, has been attacked. Judging by the responses to anti-rush events and the defensive reactions to the

friendly wisdom that independents pass on through the generations, it seems that some—not all—sororities have a problem with independent women.

I feel like this issue arises every year, but it has hit too close to home for me to ignore it any longer. The bros refer to them as GDI's (a derogative acronym for independents) which in all honesty makes sense, since at least one third of the male student body are members of a Greek organization. For women on this campus, though, it is different. Independent women, akin to Beyonce and Kelly Clarkson, are in the overwhelming majority, with sorority members coming in at fewer than ten percent of women on campus. And since there are so many non-sorority members running rampant on campus, it is only natural that their reasons and feelings for not joining an organization are going to resurface during rush.

Most of us remember that evening meeting freshman year. You go, you sit, you listen about what it means to be a part of a Greek organization, you sign a sheet of paper saying you want to rush and then you are set loose. While this is more than an overstatement, since most people already know by this time whether they are going to pledge and if so, to what organization, you are still afforded the opportunity to explore and meet potential brothers and sisters. I myself rushed my freshman year, albeit because I was lured with the promise of free food. And,

while I had absolutely no intention of pledging, I do understand that for many, the rush process is incredibly important. I have, however, watched enough MTV, seen enough episodes of "Greek" and been to enough big schools to know that the sorority experience you get at Kenyon is not the standard one. I would also like to add that I know and am sure that this experience can be well worth it and incredibly advantageous for life, social development, etc.

At bigger schools, however, say a Villanova or Lehigh, the experience is going to be entirely different. Hell, if I were told that all I had to do was go through some grueling eight-week period of embarrassing and overly ritualistic routines to

earn the right to live in a giant white house with pillars out front and a single room with a queen bed with my name on it inside, I would sign my life over in an instant. All of the T-shirts, formals, intense Greek Week competitions and guarantees of a steady flow of interest from the opposite sex are enough to turn any non-believer into a size zero in a tight black dress throwing up the tri-delt sign in any photo bound for Facebook.

Nevertheless, this is not what it is going to be like in a sorority at Kenyon. And maybe I just have friends who all freakishly happen

to think alike and share the same sentiment on this subject, but I'm pretty sure most girls, especially upperclassmen, know and understand this fact, and took it into account when they made the conscious decision not to pledge. At Kenyon what you get is different. There are 1600 students here, as opposed to five or ten thousand. And while usually this creates the warm and fuzzy feeling of a tight-knit community, it might not be the most conducive for sororities, or more specifically, sororities who aspire to lead lives like those Delta Gammas and Alpha Phis of Greek-dominated large universities. While the DG's may have their winter formal at the Hilton, a formal held in a single Acland

is hardly comparable. In no way am I looking to put down or disparage such an event, I would just like to highlight the blazing inconsistencies between sororities at Kenyon and those at other schools—inconsistencies which I feel are often times underemphasized in the hopes of coaxing freshmen to pledge.

But I am getting off topic. I would like to return to the matter in question: is it wrong for older girls to suggest to freshmen that they they shouldn't pledge? And my answer is, obviously not. While sororities may feel that this is disenfranchising their cause, I feel their attack

on upperclass women's freedom of speech is in violation of our cause—independence. If you are allowed to tell freshmen all the reasons they should pledge, I am sure as hell entitled to voice my opinion on why I think that they shouldn't. And my rationale is wholly personal, and should not be questioned or dismissed. Perhaps I think that a young female student's time would be better spent fighting for the right of women's sports teams to play on the turf at McBride field or simply creating bonds of sisterhood outside the confines of an organization, because I, and hoards of other women on campus, know that it is possible and entirely fulfilling.

So go on, freshmen women, make your decisions, be strong ladies who take into account the perspectives of both sides but come to their own conclusions—not conclusions drawn for you by your friends or others. Just know that while you are carrying around your inane stuffed animals and enjoying a bath in standard sandwich condiments à la feeble attempts to try to gain the level of awesomeness of the seniors in "Dazed and Confused" (note: this level is unachievable outside of 1976), there may have been better ways to have forged everlasting bonds. Just think about it. And for sorority members, while you may have your beliefs and allegiances, so too do unaffiliated women. To life, liberty and the pursuit of independence from Greek organizations.

So go on, freshmen women, make your decisions, be strong ladies who take into account the perspectives of both sides

Sororities: just another social alternative



BY ZINA KAYYALI
Guest Columnist

From my personal pledging experience, I can assure all those who are interested that it is well worth your while to pledge. That being said, I am not passing judgment on those who choose not to be a member of the Greek community and I do believe that one should only join an organization based on what he or she feels is best. If an individual student, however, is interested in going Greek and finds that he or she connects well with a specific organization, I see no problems with the pledging process. I am currently a member of Zeta Alpha Pi and I have never regretted my decision to join. Being a Zeta has truly en-

riched my college experience in the same way that I would expect most members of other organizations to personally attest to. I have gained the friendship and the sisterhood of wonderful, intelligent and kind individuals and have met amazing girls who I might not have encountered otherwise. In my experience, pledging was a short time during which I was able to establish strong connections that would have otherwise taken years to solidify.

I want to emphasize that as an organization, we are not monsters who enjoy belittling our prospective members. Despite the negative image that the media and oftentimes even the Kenyon administration and students have propagated, Greek organizations seek overall only to enhance the general community, not chip away at its unity. As a Zeta, I hold no pre-

tentions and in no way do I consider myself above other members of the Kenyon community. My membership is simply a reflection for my loyalty to and deep admiration of my fellow sisters. I am, however, still an individual outside of Zeta Alpha Pi. Being a Zeta does not define me; I have not changed who I am and

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what I value, and I would like to make that very clear. While pledging, the greatest hostility I faced came from independent students who had no personal understanding of being in a Greek organization and harbored negative feelings toward me for no reason other than my participation.

On a campus that is both divided into prevailing cliques and, despite what some independents

may claim, dominated by the fraternity culture, pledging a sorority offers girls other social alternatives. Most people find their friends based on common interests, whether those interests may be singing, sports, theatre or community service. A sorority is simply another means of doing so. We form our friendships on the foundation of desiring each other's company as well as wanting to be members of the same organization. Those reasons are just as legitimate as any others. I am sorry to say that I have encountered many anti-Greek sentiments on campus (a lot of which are directed at sororities specifically) but it is important for those nay-sayers to keep in mind that they have never pledged, so they cannot understand the bonds and friendships that are formed while undergoing the process. Thus criticizing a sorority, which acts as a social and service organization, is similar to questioning the friendships formed among any other organization or group on campus. Sororities are simply another type of network for people to meet others

who share common interests.

Many of the women in our sorority graduated from single-sex high schools, emerging with a full understanding of how the common bond of sisterhood can enrich and empower the lives of women. Similar to the bonds established on a female sports team, the foundation of understanding, support and commitment to feminine strength enables each of us to cement a confidence that is fundamental to our identity. Should these bonds be exclusive to women with athletic interest? The answer is no. Both pledging and involvement in a sorority or fraternity are pathways meant for specific individuals, and the pledging process is constructed to differentiate between the two distinct personalities. Let us not forget that the pledging process marks the very beginning of the sorority journey. In becoming a sister, our journey truly begins. Our sisterhood strengthens through three years of college and indefinitely after, with a grounded network of support and friendship.

English department takes in abandoned cat

BY SUSANNAH GRUDER
Staff Writer

There's Lewis Carroll's grinning Cheshire Cat and Dr. Seuss's zany Cat in the Hat; Ursula K. Le Guin's magical felines of "Catwings" and those of T.S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats." But as of Jan. 7, a new cat has entered the world of literature: Bailey.

Found outside of Bailey House (hence the name) by Art History Administrative Assistant Aimee Parsley-White, Bailey was drenched, starving and suffering from a bloody nose. Parsley-White, who is allergic to cats, soon called English Administrative Assistant Barbara Dupee and the two walked next door to Sunset Cottage. Bailey followed.

"He was just delighted," Dupee said. "He could not show his appreciation enough to be out of the rain." Dupee sought out who she calls "the animal rescue expert of the college," Psychology Administrative Assistant Lynn Niemiec, who brought over a cage and some food for Bailey. The next day, Dr. Geoff Gregg of the Hillside Veterinary Clinic found the cat negative for any terminal illnesses and treated him for ear mites, fleas and parasites as a precautionary measure. Bailey was also congested and had a runny nose, so Gregg prescribed antibiotics for a cold.

Bailey lived in Dupee's office for five days before moving into Assistant Professor of English Erika Boeckeler's office. Boeckeler is on leave second semester, so her office provided a

large, comfortable place for Bailey to run around and big windows to look out of.

"He really went from living in the wild, not knowing where his next meal was coming from, to a luxury suite in Sunset Cottage," Dupee said.

Bailey has certainly made himself comfortable in the English office,

According to Dupee, Bailey's Russian Blue breed is a traditionally sociable, active cat, which explains his strong attachments to the office residents. Some, however, like Assistant Professor of English Sarah J. Heidt, have cat allergies and have to find more creative ways to interact with Bailey.

"My husband doesn't want another cat, but I think he needs to come home with me," she said. "He really needs to have a true home, not just a hotel, or a place to stay"

Bailey was in fact someone's pet before being rescued, according to Gregg, because he was fairly clean aside from having a cold and starving,

tell you where they came from. What happened to them; why did they end up on the street?"

Both the cat and dog shelters in Mount Vernon are overflowing with animals, and many people drop their unwanted pets off in Gambier because "there are a lot of people here who ... rescue them. This whole area here has really been saturated with unwanted pets," said Dupee. "Right now, everybody has more pets than they can handle."

Bailey's rescue has brought up the bigger issue of pet abandonment in the Mount Vernon area. While Bailey's story is inspiring, it is fairly uncommon in that most pets do not get rescued, and if a shelter cannot find a home for a pet, they put them down. People will see success stories, however, and believe that dumping their cat in a place that will take care of it is the answer. But this causes even greater problems

For example, when the Fairfield Humane Society was featured in the Columbus Dispatch in the summer of 2008, nearly 60 cats were dumped in its back shed in one night. The shelter became desperate for volunteers and space to help the cats, many of who were sick and emaciated.

There is no easy solution to this issue other than people keeping their pets healthy and making sure that they "consider the responsibilities of owning a pet," according to Dupee. Bailey has helped Dupee, and many others to realize that while "they talk about cats being independent [...] cats really, they depend on you too."



Left: Bailey relaxes in Sunset. Right: A sign marks Bailey's office.

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often going into an occupied office and nosing around, according to Dupee. He also has good attendance in several English classes, including Visiting Richard Thomas Professor of Creative Writing Helen Glancy's [Special Topic].

"If someone is reading, he tries to sit on the page, or somehow take attention away from the one speaking," Glancey said. "I am assured he has read his assignments. He is in good standing."

"He knows that he's not allowed in my office, so he always wants to come in," she said. "Every once in awhile, I hear a meow outside the office door, and I meow back."

While the residents of Sunset Cottage are happy to have Bailey around, they understand that he might fare better in a household where he can have a full-time human companion. As his major caregiver, Dupee knew she had to take him home with her.

and his lack of ear mites or fleas.

"For unknown reasons, they turned him out in the cold," Dupee said.

"People have to understand that if they are going to take on the responsibility of having a pet, whether it's a dog or a cat, that it involves work and some expense. And if they're not willing or able to take on that expense, then they should probably not choose another cat or dog. I wish pets that were rescued could talk and

STUDENTS

David Ellis '10

Anjuli George '12

Alexandra Zott '12

Stephen Volz

Assistant Professor of History

Steve Van Holde

Associate Professor of Political Science

FAC/STAFF

Totals so far:

Students: 9

Faculty: 9

Gambier Grillin'

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What is the Zodiac sign for this Chinese calendar year?	Ox.	Rat.	The ox.	The ox.	The ox.
What is the top selling record album of all time?	No idea.	The Beatles.	Pink Floyd - Dark Side of the Moon	Thriller.	Michael Jackson -Thriller.
What famous American novel was almost titled 'Trimalchio in West Egg'?	Don't know.	"The Great Gatsby."	"The Great Gatsby."	"The Great Gatsby."	"The Great Gatsby."
What does the acronym VHS stand for?	I don't know.	Video Home System.	Video something.	Video Hi-fidelity System.	Video Home System.
What unit is traditionally used to measure force?	Newton.	Newton.	Newton.	Gauss.	Newton.
Total Correct	Two.	Three.	Three.	Three.	

BY RICHARD WYLDE



Miller, Solot to present new take on sex education

BY BEN MCMILLAN
Staff Writer

As several issues of the *Collegian* may demonstrate, Kenyon students are very interested in sex. This Friday, Social Board will bring sex educators Marshall Miller and Dorian Solot to campus to give their presentation “I Love Female Orgasm.” While some may initially be taken aback by the straight-forward title, both Miller and Solot emphasize being comfortable with one’s own sexuality and body.

“[It is really about] starting the conversations, getting people thinking, helping people make the choices that are right for them,” Miller said.

At the age of 26, Solot discovered a lump in her breast, and credits her comfort with her own body with saving her life, adding that “I’m convinced that at least in some cases, helping women be more comfortable

with their own bodies isn’t just a nice thing—it can be life-saving.”

Miller and Solot were both trained as sex educators at Brown University, where Miller majored in sexuality and society. They began to give talks at conferences and eventually their presentations turned into a full time job—one that now encompasses several topics. Miller and Solot’s presentations cover sex in general, safer sex, female orgasm and GLBTQ issues.

“I Love Female Orgasm,” discusses a “subject of interest to most people, whether they’re male, female, straight, lesbian, bisexual,” Miller said. “[We] even get gay men attending our programs, telling us, ‘This is a great way to learn about this topic without getting up close and personal.’”

While sex may seem to be everywhere, both Miller and Solot say that in general, people know less than is thought.

“It feels like people are starv-

ing for honest, down-to-earth information—not the impossible acrobatic sex positions you see in women’s glossy magazines,” Solot said. Current sex education focuses solely on “anatomy, reproduction and disease,” but not pleasure. “That’s pretty sad, given that pleasure is a core part of sex for most people,” Solot said. During one of the couple’s presentations, Miller and Solot

provided an anonymous box for students to submit questions.

“It’s amazing how many people in the same room will ask the same few questions,” Miller said. “A lot of the questions people ask us are about the same topics.”

According to Solot, sex has become a stigmatizing subject for many people, something that should not be discussed

publicly.

“Sex is stigmatized in all kinds of contradictory, crazy-making ways,” Solot said. She said that once we begin to be sexually active, however, it is ex-

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pected that we be experts. “I met a woman last year after one of our programs who told me that she waited until marriage to have sex. Then she got married and her hus-

band ultimately divorced her because she didn’t have more sexual skills and experience. That’s the ultimate paradox: stigma against too much sex, and stigma against not enough sex,” Solot said.

Miller and Solot cover a wide range of topics within their presentation, and help people reach their own decisions. A big part of the job seems to be rolling

with the punches. At a previous event, the host college marketed Miller’s and Solot’s presentation as solely about STDs, and no one showed up. “The program really is all about orgasm, and it’s designed for men and women of all sexual orientations,” Miller said. “It’s really funny, too.”

As interested as our culture is in sex, it is important to be educated and have a general knowledge of the subject. “I think it’s valuable for people to see that sex can be discussed in a respectful, open, feminist way that’s honest and not sleazy,” Solot said.

Miller and Solot will present “I Love Female Orgasm” this Friday, Jan. 30 at 8:00 p.m. in Rosse Hall. “I Love Female Orgasm” merchandise will be on sale, and 25 percent of the proceeds will be donated to Breast Cancer Action. For more information or questions about “I Love Female Orgasm,” contact Social Board at socialboard@kenyon.edu.

Student dancers learn, compete in ballroom club

BY MATT CROWLEY
Staff Writer

The Kenyon College Ballroom Dance Club (KCBDC) has been an active association in the Kenyon community since the late 1990s, when a female student who danced outside of school wanted to bring ballroom dancing to Kenyon. Though those involved in the club seem to have an almost universal affection for it, many outside of that sphere do not know too much about this group. According to KCBDC’s mission statement, the purpose of the club is to provide “ballroom dance instruction from skilled students and professional teachers to all interested students and members of the Kenyon and Gambier community.”

Jack Grant ’11, the organization’s current president, echoed that inclusive sentiment about the club. “There are 12 competing members and 22 members overall. There are no prerequisites,” he said. “Actually, we tend to lose people second semester because they think we’ve moved on and the dances have gotten too complex. However, we’re always happy to welcome new people.”

Grant was quick to quell potential fears of the group being too aggressive, discussing the advantage of the two-part nature of the club—social and competitive.

“Most ballroom clubs at other colleges are competitive,” he said. “You try out, you have a professional coach, you go to competitions. On the other side, at some colleges there are social ballroom dance clubs with people dancing around and having fun



Ballroom dancers Cloie McClellan '11 and Jack Grant '11 take the floor at the Ohio Star Ball in 2008.

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that aren’t that focused. We’re a small club and we can enjoy both sides. There are members who are here to compete and members who are just here to have a good time.”

For those thinking about joining, there is also the lure of romance.

“Yes, there are romances,” said Grant. “There are relationships that have formed

from ballroom. With some, people started dancing and realized that they really enjoyed being together. With others, they started dating and later started dancing together.

However, it’s not as common as people make it out to be. Because it’s a small group, it’s more obvious when people start going out. Also, it means that when things go

awry, it’s hard to avoid that person. People tend to stay friends. I can’t promise you’ll find the person you want to marry in [KCBDC], but it’s happened.”

Despite the fun-filled nature of the organization, it is not without its difficulties.

“There are certainly challenges,” said Grant. “It can be difficult

to attract new people, especially men. There’s an aversion, maybe, because it’s dancing. There’s the thought that you need a certain skill level to join. Also, we’re a very small club so it can be hard to do as well at competitions. We’re so out-matched. We don’t have the same budget as larger groups do. We have a professional coach, but he comes in once a week, not every day.”

Grant himself admits that he had some reservations when first participating. Reflecting on his first-year experiences, he remembers joining because he promised a friend he would do so.

“I was skeptical at first, but I discovered that I really liked it,” he said. “After some time, the people

in it became like a second family to me. Now, here I am.”

By now, his reservations are long gone. He says he enjoys the club immensely, particularly those who are in it with him. “My favorite part is the people. As a [first-year student], I had some trouble adjusting to life at Kenyon. The ballroom club really helped me out. People I never would have approached to meet are now some of my best friends. The club was much more entertaining and accessible than I thought.”

“We’re always open to new members,” said Grant. “We love teaching new people how to dance. We like to spread the fun of dancing to those with no experience. Come join us; it’ll be fun!”

The Oscar nominations: **FACE OFF** *who should win?*



MILES PURINTON '12

BEST PICTURE**What will win:** "Slumdog Millionaire"**What should win:** "Slumdog Millionaire"

"Slumdog Millionaire" is brilliant, original and new. It will rightfully win the top prize.

What should have been nominated: "The Wrestler," "In Bruges"

"The Wrestler" has garnered much attention due to the powerhouse performance of Mickey Rourke, but just as impressive is the filmmaking of Darren Aronofsky. This story, about a washed up fighter, is a tour-de-force, and should have received recognition beyond the performances. The second exclusion was "In Bruges," a dark comedy written and directed by renowned playwright Martin McDonagh. Unlike some nominees — I'm looking at you, "Milk" — "In Bruges" was incredibly consistent, with every element working together to create one of the most underrated and under-appreciated films of the year.

BEST DIRECTOR**Who will win:** Danny Boyle, "Slumdog Millionaire"**Who should win:** Danny Boyle, "Slumdog Millionaire"

Danny Boyle's direction of "Slumdog Millionaire" is nothing short of brilliant. He makes the ugly beautiful, pulls it off with a modern and exciting feel and manages to make the movie feel fast-paced, but not frenetic.

Who should have been nominated: Darren Aronofsky, "The Wrestler"; Charlie Kaufman, "Synecdoche, New York"

Darren Aronofsky's direction of "The Wrestler" is truly masterful. I've already mentioned how the brilliant filmmaking is being overshadowed by the brilliant performances, and Aronofsky not being nominated is just another example of that. At the conclusion of "Synecdoche, New York," you feel as if you have gone on a journey through Charlie Kaufman's warped mind. It's a film you'll either love or hate, but even those who hate it will have to appreciate Kaufman's ambitious direction.

BEST ACTOR**Who will win:** Mickey Rourke, "The Wrestler"**Who should win:** Mickey Rourke, "The Wrestler"

The frontrunner in this category is Sean Penn, whose turn as Harvey Milk in "Milk" has been widely heralded as the best performance of the year. I happen to be one of the few people who was not blown away by Penn, and think his performance was a mere imitation, rather than a portrayal. The best performance of the year is Mickey Rourke as a washed up fighter dealing with loneliness and finding a sense of belonging. The performance, pegged as Rourke's comeback, has already earned him a Golden Globe, and I think he'll take the win away from Penn.

Who should have been nominated: Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Synecdoche, New York"

Hoffman's Cotard is a character so cynical and depressing, it's a wonder that Hoffman can make him relatable. The performance is ambitious and incredibly strong.

BEST ACTRESS**Who will win:** Kate Winslet, "The Reader"**Who should win:** Kate Winslet, "The Reader"

Winslet, as an illiterate concentration camp guard, transforms into the role. On top of her wonderful performance, Winslet has been nominated for an Academy Award six times, and has yet to win. After being passed over so many times, it is finally going to be her turn.

Who should have been nominated: Sally Hawkins, "Happy-Go-Lucky"

Her performance was subtle, complex, and absolutely charming.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR**Who will win:** Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight"**Who should win:** Robert Downey Jr., "Tropic Thunder"

This is the easiest category to predict. While I'm upset that Robert Downey Jr.'s hilarious and multi-layered performance will not get the Oscar, of course it will go to the late Heath Ledger as the Joker in "The Dark Knight."

Who should have been nominated: Anil Kapoor, "Slumdog Millionaire"; Ralph Fiennes, "In Bruges"

Ledger's Joker was not the only creepy villain this year. Anil Kapoor may not have had many scenes as the deliciously evil game show host in "Slumdog Millionaire," but you couldn't look away from him whenever he was on the screen. Another great villain was Ralph Fiennes in "In Bruges," in which he manages to be both sinister and wacky, creating a complex character who deserves recognition.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS**Who will win:** Viola Davis, "Doubt"**Who should win:** Taraji P. Henson, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"

This is one of the toughest categories, with practically every nominee in close contention to win the prize. While I loved Henson, the winner will probably be Viola Davis in "Doubt." This is certainly well-deserved, and her portrayal of a mother looking out for her son is nothing short of powerful.

Who should have been nominated: Evan Rachel Wood, "The Wrestler"

The field of nominees is very strong, but if anyone is missing, it's Evan Rachel Wood in "The Wrestler." As a daughter struggling to figure out her relationship with her deadbeat father, Wood is tragic and could certainly have held her own amongst the nominees.



Two Kenyon film buffs go head-to-head in response to the recent release of the Academy Award nominations. The award winners will be announced at the 81st annual Academy Awards on Feb. 22.



WILL ARBERY '11

BEST PICTURE**What will win:** "Slumdog Millionaire"**What should win:** "Frost/Nixon"

The acclaim for this feel-good movie has been overwhelming, perhaps because of its exhilarating mix of the gritty terror of India's young and the joyous cheese of its ending.

It was the most compelling movie of the year. In a film both taut and epic, Langella and Sheen should have been nominated together for creating the powerful dynamic at the story's core.

What should have been nominated: "Rachel Getting Married," "The Wrestler"

These are two movies that unnerve you while watching them and refuse to stop shaking you after they're over. They both tell their stories well and without sentimentality. They should replace "Benjamin Button" and "The Reader."

BEST DIRECTOR**Who will win:** Danny Boyle, "Slumdog Millionaire"

Boyle is an inventive director who has long deserved more recognition, but why for this?

Who should win: Ron Howard, "Frost/Nixon"

Ron Howard completely transcended his own abilities with this film.

Who should have been nominated: Tomas Alfredson, "Let the Right One In"

This was a beautifully told story about something very strange. Hopefully Alfredson continues to helm wonderful projects like this and does not get imported to direct some flop Hollywood horror movie.

BEST ACTOR**Who will win:** Sean Penn, "Milk"

It'll be neck-and-neck between Rourke and Penn, but Penn will come out on top for managing to create a performance that is both exquisite in its imitation and genuine in its interpretation.

Who should win: Mickey Rourke, "The Wrestler"

Rourke deserves it. Awesome.

Who should have been nominated: Clint Eastwood, "Gran Torino"

Of course Eastwood is working within familiar territory. Of course it's not a stretch for him. But the subtlety of this performance and his remarkable ability to hit every funny or tragic note will make this performance iconic. Watch the nuance of the scene where he's drunk in his neighbor's basement.

BEST ACTRESS**Who will win:** Kate Winslet, "The Reader"

This is her sixth nomination, it's well-deserved, and it's simply her time. In my opinion, however, the long-winded form of the film is a detriment to Winslet's performance, which ends up more like the CliffsNotes version of a woman's life.

Who should win: Anne Hathaway, "Rachel Getting Married"

Anne Hathaway has been so annoying in so many movies, but somehow she has turned in a performance that is painfully, unnervingly real. She has created a human being, who, interestingly enough, is *so annoying*, but whom we come to love.

Who should have been nominated: Sally Hawkins, "Happy-Go-Lucky"

It's rare for the performance of such a giggly, optimistic character to be so acclaimed. Hawkins is wonderful in this movie, and with dozens of awards under her belt this year, it's very surprising that she was not nominated.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR**Who will win:** Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight"

It simply must happen.

Who should win: Heath Ledger, "The Dark Knight"

Part of the experience of the movie was the bittersweet sensation of seeing such a brilliant actor push the limits of a role and knowing that he would never act again. The stuff of legend.

Who should have been nominated: Brad Pitt, "Burn After Reading"

Forget "Button." Pitt's first brilliant performance came in this dark, dark comedy.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS**Who will win:** Viola Davis, "Doubt"

This category is up in the air, since everyone was expecting Winslet's "Reader" role to be included here. I think Davis will win for her short, shattering, snot-filled scene with Meryl Streep.

Who should win: Penelope Cruz, "Vicky Cristina Barcelona"

It may help that she's the best-written and most interesting character in the movie, but Cruz's performance is the most memorable among the nominees.

Who should have been nominated: Hanna Schygulla, "The Edge of Heaven"

The little-seen follow-up to writer/director Fatih Akin's "Head-On" is also one of the best of the year, and features a heartbreaking performance by Schygulla as a bereaved mother.

WHAT SHOULD NOT WIN ANYTHING (except makeup)

"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button." All over the world, half of all people are waiting for the other half of all people to realize how absurdly awful this movie is.

Ladies Basketball
Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m.
Tomsich Arena
Ladies host Hiram College

Lords and Ladies Swimming
Friday, Jan. 30 at 5:00 p.m.
K.A.C. Natatorium
Kenyon hosts Wittenberg Tigers



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Tigers defense forces Lords basketball loss

BY JAMES ASIMES
Staff Writer

The Lords basketball squad suffered a tough loss this past Saturday afternoon, snapping a four-game winning streak as the Wittenberg University Tigers came into Tomsich Arena and rolled to a crucial conference victory 73-61, handing Kenyon only its second loss at home on the year, the first with classes in session. The loss dropped the Lords, 11-6 on the season, into a tie for fourth place in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC), matching records with Wittenberg at five wins and three losses in the NCAC.

The afternoon contest was a game of runs for both teams, as Wittenberg was able to build a sizeable lead and counter a strong effort by the Lords in the second half. The first half started out slowly with the Lords opening up an 18-10 lead within the first nine minutes, helped by solid team defense and another hot start from guard J.T. Knight '11. Knight, however, got into foul trouble early in the first half and was forced to sit the rest of the half. With Knight on the bench, the Lords' offense sputtered and the Tigers began to regain their usual shooting form, a deadly combination that helped the Tigers go on a 30-12 run to close out the half and take a ten-point lead into the locker room, 40-30.

The Tigers stayed hot after the intermission, opening their lead to 23 points with a 17-4 run in the first eight minutes of the second half. With their backs against the wall, the Lords pushed back to close the score to 12 with eight minutes to play, but they could not get any closer from that point on.

Wittenberg shot a spectacular 67 percent from the field in the first half, and continued this into the second half, finishing the game shooting 62 percent from both the field and three-point range. The Lords, shooting a respectable 50 percent from the field in the first half, went ice-cold in the second half, shooting only 36 percent from the field in the second half, including an abysmal 15 percent for three-point field goals. Knight especially seemed to lose his recently hot hand after exiting early in the first half sinking only one of seven three-point field goals in the game as senior forward Bryan Yelvington picked up as much offensive slack as he could, using his size and athleticism to attack the Tigers' zone defense. Yelvington ended the night with game highs in points and rebounds with 22 and six, respectively. Knight recovered in the second half and added 17 in the losing effort.

Five players scored in double figures for Wittenberg, led by senior guard Kevin Murray with 18 points. First-year student Josh McKee also added nine points and three assists for the Tigers.

Wittenberg's tactics of using a large rotation of players and a suffocating defense forced the Lords into 19 turnovers on the game and a slew of offense fouls to go along. The Lords also played inspired defense, as they forced a spectacular 25 turnovers; however, the Tigers made too many buckets at crucial times, constantly breaking the backs of the Kenyon squad attempt to gain momentum for a comeback.

The Lords will face a daunting challenge this weekend as they travel to Wabash College to take on the Little Giants this Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

Lords, Ladies swimming turns in mixed results vs. Oakland



Tracy Menzel '09 surges forward in her breaststroke race, one of the three events she took first in.

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BY KALI GREFF
Sports Editor

This past weekend's meet against the Division I Oakland University Golden Grizzlies brought mixed results for the Lords and Ladies aquatic athletes. The Lords were edged out by the Grizzlies 136.5-124.5, while the Ladies emerged from the pool at the KAC Natatorium with a victory in tow, 148-127.

The Ladies were especially proud of their performance, given that just one season ago at the same meet, they were defeated by the Grizzlies, 154-138. But this match-up was no cakewalk for the Lady Kenyonites. Cumulatively, the Ladies chalked up eight event wins, many of them narrow victories, seven of them contributed in the individual events. Kenyon's double-individual-event winners were Alisa Vereshchagin '12 in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:23.47) and the 400-yard individual medley (4:33.96) and Tracy Menzel '09 in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:06.42) and the 100-yard butterfly (57.83).

"I think this year our team is so much stronger than last year's team, which says a lot," Kati Meirs '11 said.

Among the single-event champions of the meet were Tina Ertel '10 (200-yard freestyle, 1:54.59), Kellyn Caldwell '12 (200-yard butterfly, 2:08.01) and Elizabeth Carlton '09 (50-yard freestyle, 24.06). In addition, Brittany Hurd '09 (backstroke), Menzel (breaststroke), Danielle Arad '10 (butterfly) and Carlton (freestyle) teamed up to take top honors in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:47.39, with two Kenyon relays following

closely to sweep the event.

"As a team I think this is one of the best dual meets we've had all year," Danielle Seltzer '09 said. "We didn't let external factors [like] the difficult training from the past few weeks [and] transitioning from a sunny training trip to cold and gray Gambier affect us, and [we] clocked [in] some outstanding performances across the board. I was very happy with my own races and the races of my teammates."

For the Lords, however, the problems presented themselves later on in the meet. The Kenyon men started out quite strongly, snatching all of the three first events from the Grizzlies with wins in the 200-yard medley relay (Michael Mpitsos '11, Collin Ohning '11, Matthew Harris '09 and David Somers '12; 1:32.96), in the 1000-yard freestyle by Kegan Borland '10 (9:36.46) and in the 200-yard freestyle by Blake Preston '12 (1:42.27).

Despite their eventual narrow loss to Oakland, the Lords' depth was evident as many Kenyon swimmers graced the scoring positions in every event, except for one: diving. According to Blair Withington '10, the Lords' loss to Oakland would have been a win if Kenyon had a diving program.

This meet also recognized the seniors of the team and their accomplishments throughout their years as Kenyon swimmers. The seniors on this year's

squad include: Adrienne Amador, Carolyn Barer, Elizabeth Carlton, Clayton Goodgame, Matthew Harris, Brittany Hurd, Maika Lindsay, Michael Machala, Tracy Menzel, Will Misslin, Katie Moore, Dustin Schneider, Danielle Seltzer and Kara Stiles.

"I really couldn't have asked for a better senior recognition meet," Seltzer said. "On one hand, it will be hard to say goodbye to swimming after all these years. On the other hand, I'm excited to try new things and other sports after I graduate. But I certainly will always feel a connection with

the team and be eager to follow how the Ladies and Lords perform in years to come."

The Lords and Ladies, now in the tapering stages of their intensive training regimens, are looking forward to the end of the season and post-season to really turn up the heat.

"We are down to the wire now and we are all excited for the championship meets coming up very soon," Maika Lindsay '09 said. "Oakland went very well, and we have just one more weekend of dual meets before we head into conference and nationals. We are heading into full taper now in the lead up to our final meets, and the team as a whole is getting very excited to be rested and fine-tune our races. The future looks bright, and if the regular season is any forecast of the future, the '08-'09 ladies are a force to be reckoned with."

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- Maika Lindsay '09



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