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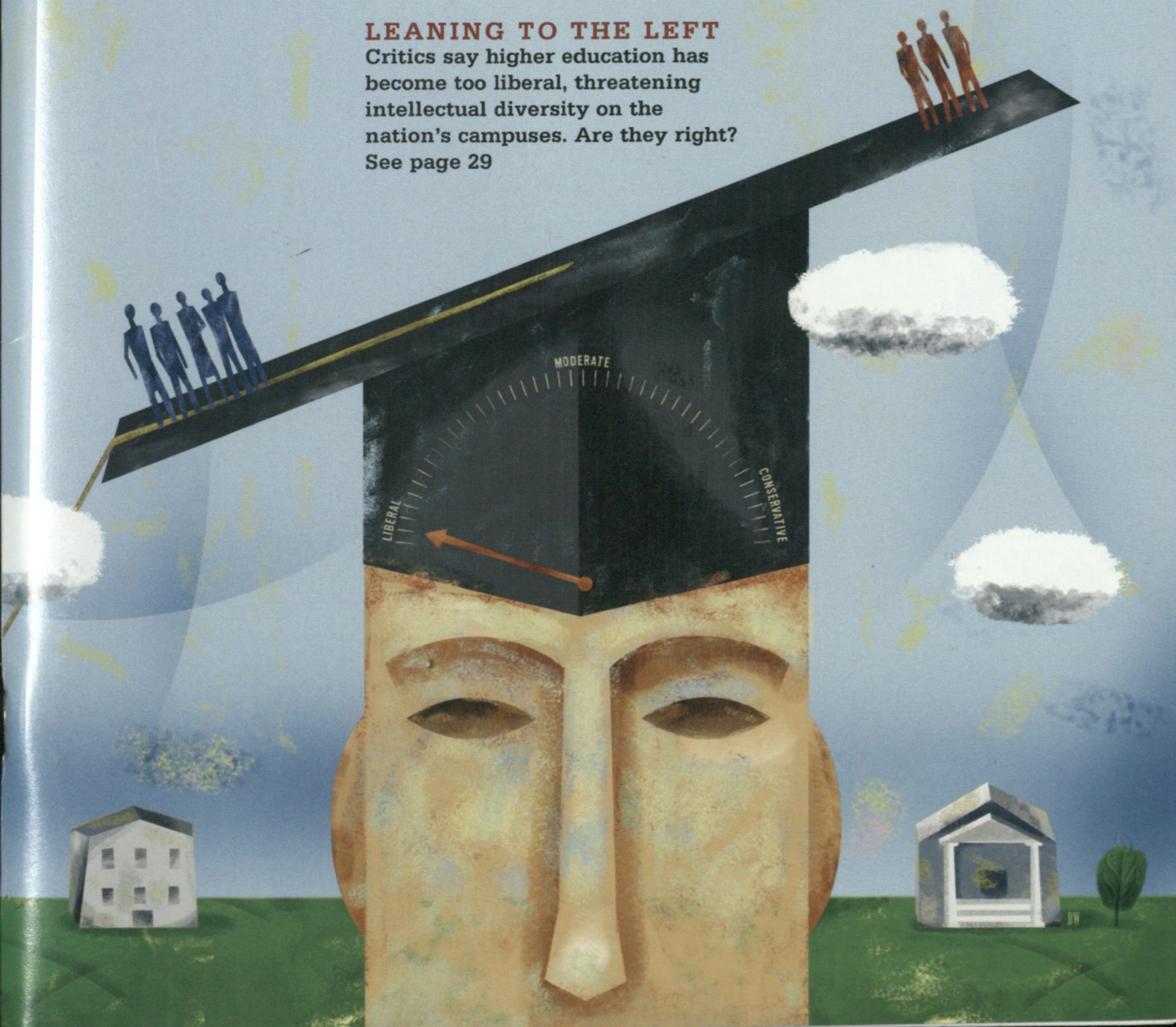
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RELIGION AND POLITICS: A LA CARTE

by Shawn Presley

The refrigerator door was lined with sleek, opaque black bottles of Freixenet champagne. The bubbly was slightly more expensive than the cheapest brands, and I figured it was the chic choice for a twenty-five-year-old graduate student savoring the first tastes of adulthood. I was renting a fully-furnished, three-bedroom house from two art professors who were on sabbatical. The champagne was for a small gathering I was hosting in honor of my parents, who were visiting from Arkansas. One of my roommates and another close friend had birthdays in October that coincided closely with my parents' anniversary. It seemed the perfect time to invite professors and friends over for a modest celebration that was sure to make Mom and Dad proud.

The plan was flawed in its very conception. Shortly after the party began, my mother's eyes began to well with tears. I had violated a sacred rule: No drinking. My parents live in a county where alcohol isn't sold, and they aren't accustomed to its presence—anywhere.

I'm the child of an ordained Southern Baptist minister. I went to church every Sunday morning, every Sunday

night, and every Wednesday night. Our family life revolved around America's largest, and one of its most conservative, Protestant denominations.

And yet my parents voted for John Kerry last fall. Surprised? Confused? Those who know my family only by its outer shell are curious to discover that diehard Southern Baptists can also be staunch Democrats.

Three months have passed since the presidential election, and media pundits are still slicing America cleanly into red-state and blue-state mentalities. The East and West coasts are populated by left-wing nuts, the South and rural Midwest by right-wing zealots. It's as if every voter can be defined by a package of opinions, attitudes, and demographic markers—and as if there are only two packages to choose from. You have to wonder whether there's any room for nuance here. Aren't there some citizens who choose their political and religious issues a la carte? Well, my parents do.

My father's never been a full-time pastor. Over the years, he would take the occasional side job preaching as an interim pastor at small churches around my hometown. But his regular job was teaching social work at Arkansas State University. So does this make him a "conservative Christian" or a "liberal academic?"

Mom and Dad are old-fashioned about money. They shun credit cards, and they paid off their home mortgage early. And yet they have always embraced many of the state and federally funded programs that are the social worker's bread and butter. Are they fiscal conservatives or liberal big-spenders?

Then there are cultural values. My parents are lifelong music lovers whose main performance venue has been church, where

Dad would sing solos while Mom accompanied him on the piano. They turned their backs on the secular pop music that oozed from my stereo as a teenager—but they did let me play it. And they had no problem with my going to school dances. So were they strait-laced or permissive?

In my younger years, I found it confusing that my parents didn't agree with their fellow Southern Baptists on all of the conservative "hot-button" issues. But as an adult, I've come to appreciate that their lives reflect a series of thoughtful choices. While Dad hasn't voted for a Republican in some thirty-five years, he still doesn't fit the Democratic stereotype that prevails in the press. I suspect that for many other Americans, too, the crude red and blue labels don't apply.

Which brings me to this issue of the *Alumni Bulletin*, with its cover story about liberalism in academia (page 28) and a look back at Gambier's exceptionally dramatic Election Day (page 40). Both articles, I think, treat politics with nuance and complexity. Both, moreover, stress the importance of something I had temporarily forgotten when I served and drank champagne in the presence of my parents: the lesson of mutual respect.

The election story shows how much we at Kenyon value community and political freedom. The cover story shows that while we have our differences, we know how to address them without resorting to name-calling or simplistic labels. Both reveal that this College is a place where you respect the beliefs of others even if you don't agree with them.

That's worth a toast—with or without champagne.



LETTERS to the editor

Recalling Final Exams

I was delighted with "Final Exam" on the last page of the Summer 2004 issue, particularly as it triggered my recalling the only true-false, yes-no exam I ever took at Kenyon. The history course was given in 1955 by Dean Frank Bailey and was entitled something like "Europe from 1900 to 1930." Despite that title, it was really mostly Bailey on World War I. Dean Bailey, who was a wonderful, tough, no-nonsense old guy, gave us an exam in which the first two questions were, answer yes or no, as follows:

1. Fascism was good for Italy (Y)(N).
2. The Russian Revolution was inevitable (Y)(N).

I sat there in panic for a moment when faced with these two questions. Question one brought back memories of "Mussolini made the trains run on time" and the ruins of a bombed medieval monastery and a dynamited bridge across the Arno. Question 2 aroused thoughts of Toynbee's patterns in history and, if memory serves me on his name, H.A.L. Fisher's remark that "history is just one damn thing after another." From the vantage point of nearly fifty years, I am proud to say that I answered both questions wrong.

—Robert S. Price '58

Calling on Oprah

Kudos on the editor's page by Amy Blumenthal ("Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Read") in the Summer 2004 *Alumni Bulletin*. I found it smart, funny, and all around well done. Congratulations. That teachers would

discourage reading seems tantamount to heresy. It would be wonderful to see the English model you present implemented in the United States, but that would probably take too much time and energy. I mean, Oprah is only one woman. Keep up the good work.

—Scott Guldin '99

War and Leadership

Fredrik M. Bergold '59 wrote a critique in the "Letters to the Editor" section of the Summer 2004 edition of the *Alumni Bulletin*. He discussed the anti-war impulse at Kenyon as well as in much of America and abroad in the late 1960s. He raised compelling questions about the obligations to lead the world's only military superpower.

I suspect Mr. Bergold would be comfortable with the words of the popular song of the 1960s, "the dead don't matter when God is on your side." What Mr. Bergold referred to as "the syndrome" is starting again. As in 1964, we are sending our young to their death without the clear and unified support of the American public or of our international allies.

The "ugly American" lives.

Instructive here is the couplet Rudyard Kipling wrote upon learning of his son's death in the trenches of World War I: "If any question why we died, /tell them, because our fathers lied."

Does America's freedom to exercise its own self-interest forgive the horribly maiming physical wounds and deep psychological trauma suffered by millions on both sides in Vietnam?

It is not easy being the world's military superpower, but moral leadership cannot be carried out at gunpoint.

—David W. Clark P'07

CORRECTION: The Summer 2004 *Bulletin* listed Ann Starr '73 as the writer of a profile about David Jonker '82. The piece was written by Mieke Bomann '77.

TO OUR LETTER WRITERS

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NEW RECTOR, OLD FAMILY

A descendant of Philander Chase puts a new twist on Kenyon lore

Philander Chase left Gambier in 1831, but his great-great-great-granddaughter has just arrived. Helen Svoboda-Barber, a descendant of the bishop who founded Kenyon, recently took the helm as rector at Harcourt Parish.

Svoboda-Barber comes from an actively Episcopalian family that embraces Bishop Chase's heritage. "We are proud of our roots that go back to Philander, and we tell many family stories about him," she says. "Growing up, we had his portrait at the end of our hallway. In another room, we had a picture of Philander and his wife looking rather stern."

The famous story of Chase's selection of the site for his future college is often repeated in Svoboda-Barber's family—with one twist. **"The family story," she says, "is that Philander arrived in the area, saw the hill, and exclaimed with satisfaction, 'Jehovah Jirah!'"—the Lord will provide.** Svoboda-Barber learned only recently that, according to Kenyon's long-standing version of events, the founder's words were "This will do."

Aside from her relationship to Chase, Svoboda-Barber had

no connections to Kenyon prior to her arrival. "When I heard they were looking for a new rector," she says, "I sent my information just for fun—just so they would know that one of Philander's descendants is a clergy person. When they sent me more details of the parish, I couldn't believe how well the job and my skills matched."

Svoboda-Barber holds a B.A. in psychology and human development from the University of Kansas and attended the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. Before coming to Gambier, she served as assistant pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church near Kansas City, as part of the "Called to Common Mission" program that shares clergy among the Lutheran and Episcopal churches.

The new rector and her family, husband Shawn and infant son Charlie, left their native Kansas in July. Svoboda-Barber began her service at Harcourt Parish on August 1. ☛

—Adam Gilson



Helen Svoboda-Barber, the great-great-great-granddaughter of Philander Chase, carries on the legacy of Kenyon's founder in her new position at Harcourt Parish.

Larry Hamill

THE HOT SHEET

LIVING WIRELESS, LOVING LIFE, CROSS DRESSERS,
AND SIX OTHER THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT KENYON



Allison Janney's fourth Emmy.

Who cares if Emmy pundits were scratching their heads over her September best-actress win for her role as C.J. Cregg in *The West Wing*. We'll always cheer for this member of the Class of 1982.

Lance Armstrong "Live Strong" yellow wrist bands.

Introduced as a fundraiser for cancer research in the summer of 2004, the bracelets took the student body by storm in the fall.

Men in skirts. The Peeps O'Kenyon hosted a "Deb Ball" in October. Kenyon men and women packed the basement of Old Kenyon dressed as debutantes at the annual event.

Sidewalk chalk. Creative, fun, pervasive, and harmless, chalk in bright colors on Kenyon's pave-



ment is used to advertise events and promote political causes—and it's a way for a two-year-old member of the Gambier community to find his lost ball.

Highlights for everyone. The Zeta Alpha Pi sorority hosted a graffiti party this past fall, at which attendees scrawled on each other with highlight markers. What's next? Clothing made of Post-it notes?

Living Wireless. A new wireless computing system in the majority of Kenyon's residence halls gives students the freedom to access the campus network on laptop computers, without being tethered by cables.

John Agresto. A one-time political science professor at Kenyon, Agresto is the United States's former senior advisor overseeing the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. He delivered a talk at Kenyon titled "Eyewitness Iraq: Myths and Realities" in late October.



Marcella Hackbart

Collaborative art.

Kenyon students, faculty members, staff members, and local children joined forces for dance performances at Kenyon and the Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus, Ohio, in early September. *The Changing Room* incorporated art, dance, and words to explore women's identity.



Rite England

King Wilkie. This bluegrass band, founded by Reid Burgess '01 (far right) and Ted Pitney '01 (second from right), is hot on the national scene but hasn't forgotten its roots. Along with stops at the hallowed Grand Ole Opry, the band has included Kenyon on its tours several times, including a visit to campus in October.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Chris Brose '02 writes speeches on the front lines of American foreign policy

U.S. foreign policy, a topic that seemed to be on everyone's lips during the runup to the recent presidential election, daily occupies the thoughts of Christian Brose '02. In May 2004, Brose was hired as speechwriter to the U.S. secretary of state. He returned to Kenyon on Thursday, October 7, to give a lecture on the current debate in American foreign policy in the Higley Hall auditorium. **More than one hundred Kenyon students, faculty members, and community members in attendance heard about Brose's experiences working at this level of government.**

A political science major fascinated by the theoretical aspects of the field, at Kenyon Brose had pursued an honors project on Nietzsche's philosophy with political science professor Fred Baumann. He was contemplating a teaching career as his senior year began in the fall of 2001—until the September 11 attacks took place. In the wake of those events, political practice assumed an importance rivaling theory in Brose's thinking. While he went on to graduate with highest honors for his theoretically oriented thesis, from 9/11 onward his passion for practical politics and policy-making grew. He sought postgraduate work in

Washington, D.C., where he currently resides with his wife, Molly McCammon Brose '02, a classmate and fellow student in the Integrated Program in Humane Studies, whom he met in his first weeks at Kenyon.

Brose's dual attraction to the practice as well as the theory of politics has shaped his professional writing. From Kenyon, he went immediately to work as an assistant editor at *The National Interest*, a prestigious quarterly journal devoted to foreign-policy topics. That job led to a short stint at *The Public Interest*, a highly regarded domestic-policy quarterly. Although he liked having the freedom to write whatever he wanted, he longed to learn more about how the government actually works. The former Lords swimmer got the chance to do just that when, in the spring of 2004, his former boss at *The Public Interest* told him about an opening on Secretary of State Colin Powell's speechwriting staff. Four interviews and two months' of security clearances later, he won a spot on Powell's team.

As one of three writers for Powell, Brose drafted some twenty-five speeches in his first six months on the job. He describes speechwriting as a kind of verbal ventriloquism. "When you pen a speech, you have to write for the voice you take on," he observes. Powell, he says, pre-



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ferred clear, direct writing, with no more than one idea per sentence.

For Brose, mastering the art of speechwriting has been "like learning a musical instrument or a foreign language."

He spent two months internalizing the natural phrasing and cadence of Powell's speech. Thereafter, he says, his words almost naturally conformed themselves to Powell's verbal rhythms.

In addition to writing, Brose served as a member of Powell's

policy planning staff, where he reveled in gaining inside knowledge of how government works. "I'm sponging up as much as I can, learning as fast as I can," he said last fall. ☺

[Editor's note: At press time, it remains unknown whether Brose will continue as speechwriter to the new secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice. Whether he's at State or elsewhere, keep your eye on this rising Washington star.]

—Amy Blumenthal



GAMBIER IS TALKING ABOUT...

A Kenyon Sampler.

This fall, Kenyon and the Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County began a new program of talks by Kenyon faculty members. Held at the county library, the series is open to the public.

Trimming Trees. American Electric Power (AEP) cleared trees, brush, branches, and limbs from throughout Gambier in late summer and early fall. AEP hoped to improve the reliability and safety of service. Power outages are not uncommon on the Hill.

A New Trustee. Pamela Feitler Hoehn-Saric '80, a long-time Kenyon volunteer, was elected to Kenyon's board of trustees at the annual fall meeting. A resident of Gibson Island, Maryland, Hoehn-Saric will serve a four-year term.

International Students.

A record-setting nineteen members of the first-year class hail from foreign countries. This figure, which represents 4 percent of the class, is up from 2 percent last year.

KENYON IN THE NEWS

The October issue of **CosmoGirl!** magazine listed Kenyon as one of the fifty best colleges for girls. The colleges and universities were chosen based on six key factors—small class size, prominent female faculty members, strong women's sports programs, a career center that facilitates internship opportunities, opportunities to hold leadership positions in clubs and activities, and an active alumni network.

The October issue of **Atlantic Monthly** mentioned Kenyon in an article titled "Who Needs Harvard?" The story compared twenty-five "gotta-get-in" colleges with twenty-five schools in the next tier—including Kenyon—and questioned whether the higher-profile institutions are really "better." Kenyon was listed, for example, as a college that surpasses many of the "gotta-get-in" schools in producing graduates who go on to earn doctoral degrees.

The **Princeton Review** listed Kenyon in its 2005 rankings of the 357 best colleges. The College was ranked number twenty in the category "professors bring material to life," number twenty in "professors make themselves accessible," and number thirteen for a "beautiful campus."

Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid **Jennifer Britz** was quoted in the Monday,

August 30, **U.S. News & World Report** in a story about the pros and cons of the new SAT exam. A number of schools have expressed concern about the quality of the exam's writing section, which closely resembles the soon-to-be-defunct SAT II writing test. "A 25-minute essay at the end of a three-hour exam that will be scored in two minutes or less doesn't represent the kind of writing we expect," Britz was quoted as saying.

Professor of Political Science **John Elliott** was quoted in the Sunday, August 29, **Plain Dealer** in an article previewing the Republican National Convention. The story noted that politicians were unconcerned about the fact that convention speakers like former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger held more moderate views than President George W. Bush on issues such as gay marriage and abortion. "As long as the platform is satisfactory to social conservatives, you're not going to hear very many complaints from them," Elliott was quoted as saying.

Kenyon was ranked number twenty-nine in **U.S. News & World Report's** annual listing of the nation's "best liberal-arts colleges." In the previous year, the College was listed at number thirty. Williams College took the top spot, while Amherst and Swarthmore tied for number

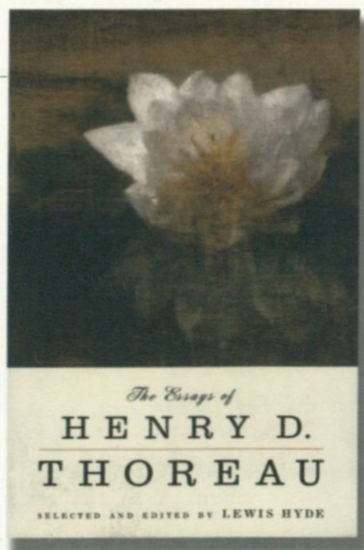
two. Oberlin was listed at number twenty-three, Denison University at number fifty. The rankings were released on August 18.

Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid **Jennifer Britz** was quoted in the Monday, August 16, **Columbus Dispatch** in an article about how some high-school graduates are delaying college admission to gain life experience. According to Britz, it's not uncommon for incoming students at Kenyon to defer for a year. This year, about ten first-year students asked to defer. "I haven't denied one yet," Britz was quoted as saying. Accepted students at Kenyon are required to submit plans for the year and not enroll in another institution.

Kenyon was mentioned in the Sunday, August 1, **New York Times** in a story about trends and fashions on college campuses. The *Times* reported that mascara is passé, at least according to Kenyon's *Alumni Bulletin*. "You don't want to look like you're trying too hard," Director of Public Affairs **Shawn Presley** was quoted as saying. The spring 2004 issue of the *Bulletin* offered a what's hot/what's not list, citing the popularity of the eyelash curler. In that story, **Erica Ohanesian '05** reminded first-year students that Kenyon tends to favor a "natural granola-crunchy look combined with still looking feminine."

Director of Admissions **Beverly Morse** was also quoted in the Sunday, August 1, **New York Times** in an article about the elimination of class rank in some high schools and about the way colleges are interpreting high-school data in today's "dog-eat-dog" race for acceptance at elite colleges. "I'll look at rigor, grades, scores," Morse was quoted as saying. "We really, really look at rigor." The *Times* noted that Morse also reviews how other students from an applicant's high school fared at Kenyon, phones guidance counselors for more insight, and sifts through teacher recommendations for clues to a student's love of learning.

Political-science professor **David Rowe** was interviewed on the July 29 edition of *Point of View* on **Voice of America Radio**. The show discussed the presidential race between incumbent Republican George W. Bush and Democratic candidate Senator John Kerry. "I think for Bush to beat Kerry is going to be fairly simple. What he has to do is raise doubt in the minds of the American electorate about Kerry's ability to protect the United States and American security in the war on terror," Rowe was quoted as saying. "I think that for the American electorate, security is probably the single most important issue in the election. Concerns about the economy are going to be secondary."



THE ESSAYS OF HENRY D. THOREAU

Edited by Lewis Hyde
North Point Press (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux)

Many of us who came of age in the late 1960s and early 1970s embraced Thoreau as a counterculture figure—part environmentalist, part mystic—an eccentric, benign hero who opted out of the materialist mainstream to live in a cabin and plant beans. In his excellent introduction to this collection of essays, Lewis Hyde shows us that such impressions only scratch the surface, missing the complexity and challenge of Thoreau's idealism.

Hyde, who is the Richard L. Thomas Professor of Creative Writing, notes in his acknowledgments that the book grew out of a Thoreau seminar he taught at Kenyon, in which he and his students discovered that there really wasn't an easily available edition of the essays. He makes the distinction between essays—works that Thoreau deliberately crafted for publication—and the journal extracts or speeches that have sometimes been packaged as final written works, despite Thoreau's own preferences and methods of composition.

The book includes some of Thoreau's best-known works, like "Civil Disobedience" and "Walking." Rather than follow the usual custom of separating the nature writing from the political essays, Hyde presents the thirteen essays chronologically, emphasizing the entwined nature of Thoreau's politics and metaphysics. All of Thoreau's

essays, Hyde argues, are in some sense "prophetic excursions" that reflect his "genius for perspective, for getting or imagining himself into situations where common things can be seen from uncommon angles."

After providing a clear and very useful introduction to the nature of the prophetic voice, Hyde eloquently discusses Thoreau's keen sense of the insufficiency of normal understanding. Thoreau would walk by moonlight in order to shuck "received conventions" and so recover a truer kind of sight. This sort of "experiment in the renewal of sensation" yields mainly a revelation of something ineffable and unattainable, "a fertile regret" that has value because "it indicates that some loss is felt and thus implies there was something to be lost." Hyde observes: "Wakefulness in Thoreau is not a perception of truth; it is a perception of ignorance."

Although politically Thoreau most impresses us as "the great refuser," whose passive resistance inspired both Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., Hyde points out that even "Civil Disobedience" carries seeds of a more aggressive stance. That stance emerged in the anti-slavery essays, especially those defending John Brown. Hyde summarizes the main pre-Civil War slavery controversies and explains how a fanatic like Brown, whom we might well condemn as a terrorist today, appealed to Thoreau because of his "arch individualism," his "impatience with words and his drive toward action."

Hyde has done well to give us this book.

His introduction whets our appetite to return to Thoreau, while providing a good philosophical point of entry. His extensive and very helpful annotations, moreover, enrich the reading of every essay.

—Dan Laskin

THE VIOLET HOUR: THE VIOLET QUILL AND THE MAKING OF GAY CULTURE

By David Bergman '72
Columbia University Press

In recent years, David Bergman has emerged as an important writer in the field of gay literature and gay culture generally. A scholar, essayist, anthologist, and poet, Bergman examines the field from two valuable perspectives—that of the dispassionate academic, placing gay writing in the context of American letters, and that of the engaged insider, providing an intimate look at the creators of a literature that has a complex history of its own.

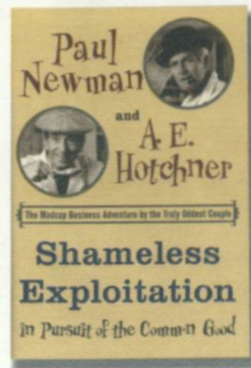
An earlier book, *Gaiety Transfigured: Self-Representation on Gay American Literature*, is considered a key work on gay writing. This new book examines a brief but transforming moment in gay literature that Bergman calls the Violet Hour, a period—between the 1969 Stonewall Riots and the appearance of AIDS in the 1980s—"when a few gay men were creating their own culture in the wake of gay liberation." It was, he notes, a "darkly golden time that has been both demonized and romanticized."

Bergman focuses specifically on the Violet Quill, a short-lived literary club of seven gay writers who "used their own concerns to articulate many of the most important stories gay men told themselves." In addition to well-known authors like Edmund White (*A Boy's Own Story*, *The Beautiful Room Is Empty*, *The Farewell Symphony*) and Andrew Holleran (*Dancer from the Dance*, *Nights in Aruba*), the group included Christopher Cox, Robert Ferro, Michael Grumley, Felice Picano, and George Whitmore. Of the seven, Cox, Ferro, Grumley, and Whitmore all died of AIDS complications between 1988 and 1990.

In addition to the inherent literary merit of their work, Bergman sees these writers as significant because they sought to create art free of social or psychological requirements; they rejected the notion that their fiction had to explain gay culture or help gay readers "improve" their lives. "They didn't intend to defend homosexuality," Bergman writes, "so much as to capture the essence to be derived from their gay experience."

The Violet Hour provides detailed textual analyses enriched by both biographical information and social history. The book examines the earlier literary trends out of which the Violet Quill grew. It discusses the importance of migration in gay literary life—from home to the city (specifically New York), from mainstream to bohemia, from America to Europe. It also looks at the role of race in gay fiction, the way the gay community on Fire Island figures in literature, and depictions of love and sex. A final chapter takes up the subject of AIDS. Why write, in the face of AIDS? Why read about AIDS? What characterizes the literature of AIDS?

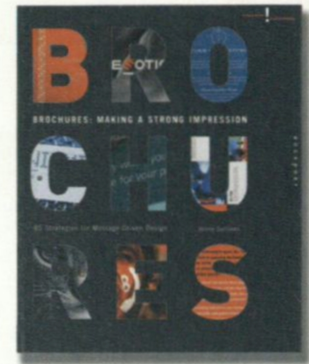
"To ignore the Violet Quill," Bergman writes, "is to construct a history of twentieth-century American culture with a floor missing." *The Violet Hour* sets this important floor solidly in place.



SHAMELESS EXPLOITATION IN PURSUIT OF THE COMMON GOOD

By Paul Newman '49 and A.E. Hotchner
Doubleday

Paul Newman? "Today there's an entire generation that knows Paul more for popcorn than for movies," notes this account of how the blue-eyed actor and his friend "Hotch" Hotchner created the food conglomerate Newman's Own and along with it a supremely successful model for philanthropy. The book's subtitle, "The Madcap Business Adventure by the Truly Oddest Couple," signals the fun and irreverence to be found in the telling. But although the coauthors never take themselves too seriously, their tale is an inspirational one. There's a lesson for aspiring entrepreneurs: Although Newman's celebrity status clearly helped, the commercial success of his homemade salad dressing (and the dozens of other products that followed) is rooted in a willingness to be guided by intuition and imagination rather than accepted business wisdom. More important is the lesson in values: Newman's Own is most admired for the fact that profits have gone to charities, most notably the actor's Hole in the Wall Gang camps for children with serious illnesses. The book, which details Newman's tireless personal involvement in creating the camps, will be especially appreciated by Kenyon readers, who will also find an appearance by current board of trustees chairman David Horvitz. Horvitz played an important role in establishing the Boggy Creek Gang Camp in Florida.



THE EMPTINESS OF OUR HANDS: A LENT LIVED ON THE STREETS

By Phyllis Cole-Dai and James Murray '99
AuthorHouse

This book is a reminder that homelessness, a problem that most of us come to know only through media accounts and policy debates, is in essence a matter of individual lives. Cole-Dai and Murray voluntarily embraced homelessness on the streets of Columbus, Ohio, during the period of Lent and Holy Week in 1999, not as liberal voyeurs but to "practice compassion," to "be as present as possible to everyone we met." They spent much of their time outdoors, scavenging for food, building makeshift camps, and getting to know those who had no choice. Assembled from notes, their book looks both inward and outward, reflecting on lives of comfort as well as lives in need. It is enriched by a set of remarkable photographs that Murray took, using crude pinhole cameras that he created from boxes or cans found in Dumpsters.

BROCHURES: MAKING A STRONG IMPRESSION

By Jenny Vanderburgh Sullivan '91
Rockport Publications

The Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago wants to promote itself as a venue for corporate parties. The Pear Bureau Northwest wants grocery stores to use pears as a "signature display item." Wetland Studies Solutions, an environmental consulting firm, needs to give some sparkle to the unsexy subject of regulatory issues. Their

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FICTION AND POETRY

E.L. Doctorow '52, *Sweet Land Stories* (Random House). In one of the five short stories in this collection, an FBI agent reflects that "he'd spent his life contending with deviant behavior." It's a resonant phrase, for the American scene in these compelling pieces is an unsettling one, embracing religious cults and casually battered lives, heartland crime and White House arrogance. A character in another story is described as having "an eye for what wants to be drawn." The same might be said of Doctorow, who skillfully captures voices, settings, and lives that suggest our society's more disturbing impulses.

Daniel Mark Epstein '70, *The Traveler's Calendar* (Overlook Press). In the title poem, a cliché-laden junk-mail calendar from an insurance company inspires deeper musings on time, aging, and America. Epstein crafts memorable lyrics from similar encounters—with history, the newspaper, and a solar eclipse viewed from the Luxembourg Gardens in Paris.

William Goldhurst '53, *Applegate Autumn: A New Jersey Memoir* (AuthorHouse). Goldhurst, a retired professor of literature and the humanities, here offers the "everyday heroics" of a ten-year-old boy growing up during the Depression. It's a story full of friendships, fights, the mysteries of young love, and the yearning for an absent father.

NONFICTION

Louis Berney '66, *Tales from the Orioles Dugout* (Sports Publishing). A veteran journalist and a lifetime Orioles fan, Berney offers three dozen player portraits covering five decades of Baltimore baseball. In their own words, legends like Jim Palmer, Cal Ripken Jr., Brooks Robinson, and Earl Weaver relive great moments and show why, for their fans, the Orioles felt like family.

Hewitt Heiserman Jr. '82, *It's Earnings that Count: Finding Stocks with Earnings Power for Long-term Profits* (McGraw-Hill). Heiserman introduces the Earnings Power Chart, a method with which investors can get past the limitations of companies' income statements to more accurately determine "earnings quality." Combining the virtues of both "defensive" and "enterprising" approaches, this book will be valuable to anyone who wants to become a more informed, and prosperous, investor.

Ronald E. Long '68, *Men, Homosexuality, and the Gods: An Exploration into the Religious Significance of Male Homosexuality in World Perspective* (Harrington Park Press). Long, who teaches religion at Hunter College, examines religious traditions from West to East and across the centuries, discussing edicts about homosexuality as well as issues relating to sex roles and masculinity. Of particular interest are his reflections on the metaphoric understanding of sex as war.

Craig Richardson '84, *The Collapse of Zimbabwe in the Wake of the 2000-2003 Land Reforms* (Edwin Mellen Press). How and why did newly independent Zimbabwe, with great natural resources and an educated workforce, rapidly collapse into "one of the grimmest places on Earth"? Richardson, an economics professor at Salem College, explains how the government's seizure of commercial farms devastated the country's entire economy. His careful analysis ends on a hopeful note, calling attention to positive reforms in Nigeria and underscoring the vital importance of property rights in free-market economies.

Beth Sutton-Ramspeck '76, *Raising the Dust: The Literary Housekeeping of Mary Ward, Sarah Grand, and Charlotte Perkins Gilman* (Ohio University Press). Sutton-Ramspeck, an English professor at Ohio State University, writes here about the emergence of late-Victorian literature that challenged the traditional separation of domestic and public spheres and articulated a new aesthetic of "literature as housekeeping." Through meticulous readings, she shows how three writers "reenvision housekeeping as representing responsibilities with enormous public impact: making the food supply safe, 'cleaning up' society, improving the human race through 'public motherhood.'"

answer: that communications workhorse, the brochure. A seasoned advertising editor and journalist specializing in the field of design, Jenny Sullivan has created a beautifully illustrated book of case studies in which she dissects eighty-five brochures that successfully met significant challenges. The book is

first and foremost a practical collection of ideas for professional designers. It's full of real-world problems (low budgets, tight deadlines, mediocre available photography) and technical details. ("To convey an immediate feeling of earthiness . . . he selected

Sundance Ultra White, an uncoated stock with a toothy, pebbled surface.") But, for the general student of our intensely visual culture, this book also provides an insider's look at how and why the world of promotion and persuasion looks the way it does.

HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

Lords celebrate newly renovated field with win



Playing on McBride Field for the first time in two years, the Kenyon football team re-opened its home turf with a 39-30 homecoming victory over the Oberlin College Yeomen. The Lords used exceptional play from sophomore Alby Coombs, senior Nick Stalick, and first-year student Rafael Sanchez to snap a three-game losing streak.

The game marked the first time the Lords played on McBride since October 2002, when renovation of the field began. McBride re-opened Homecoming weekend with a new OmniGrass surface, a synthetic turf considered to be the safest on the market. The artificial turf, which also is used by the National Football League's Baltimore Ravens, replaced a worn grass field in place since the site's dedication in 1962.

The OmniGrass surface features a two-and-a-half-inch face width that provides more grass underfoot for better traction and durability. OmniGrass also holds a rubber infill of cryogenically processed particles that trap air between them, causing compaction to become virtually impossible. Below the surface are four layers of primary backing for shock absorption and strength.

The field was renovated in conjunction with the construction of Kenyon's new Center for Fitness, Recreation, and Athletics. The center will serve the needs of everyone from the casual jogger and the weekend hoopster to the fitness fanatic and the varsity athlete, and is scheduled to open in fall 2005.

—Marty Fuller

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

REVIEW: The Lords fell just short of repeating as conference champions. The team's runner-up finish at the NCAC was paced by senior Tyler Newman, who turned in an individual eighth-place effort.

RECORD: Placed second at NCAC Championship

REMARK: Head coach Duane Gomez: "We've had a fantastic run in the past seven years, with four conference titles and three runner-up finishes."

RECOGNIZE: All-NCAC Second Team: senior **Tyler Newman** and junior **Sean Strader**. All-NCAC Honorable Mention: sophomore **Ryan Weinstock**.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

REVIEW: The Ladies placed second at the NCAC Championship and third at the Great Lakes Regional Championship, falling just one place short of qualifying for nationals. Junior **Christina McNamara** qualified for the national meet individually and placed 94th out of the nation's top 215 Division III runners.

RECORD: Placed second at NCAC Championship

REMARK: Head coach Duane Gomez: "We've developed into serious contenders. With the group of women we have now, I think we are going to see a lot of great things."

RECOGNIZE: All-NCAC First Team: junior **Christina McNamara** and freshman **Emma Reidy**. All-NCAC Second Team: junior **Amy Wilkins**. All-NCAC Honorable Mention: junior

Lauren Rand and senior **Heather McMillan**.

FIELD HOCKEY

REVIEW: The Ladies produced one of the best seasons in the program's history, tying the College record for wins in a season and placing second in the conference. An NCAC tournament bid concluded with a runner-up spot.

RECORD: 14-5 overall; 8-4 NCAC

REMARK: Head coach Robin Cash: "This was a special season for us. After receiving national media attention on Election Day, team members said they felt important. What a difference acknowledgment can make, both from those close to you and those whom you've never met."

RECOGNIZE: All-NCAC First Team: seniors **Hannah Hill** and **Maggie Rosen**. All-NCAC Second Team: senior **Liz**

Aragona, junior **Kate Flinner**, sophomore **Kim Brown**, and freshman **Caroline Graham**. All-NCAC Honorable Mention: sophomore Sarah Pfeifer. NCAC Newcomer of the Year: Caroline Graham. NCAC Coach of the Year and NFHCA Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year: Robin Cash.

FOOTBALL

REVIEW: The overall record didn't change, but the 2004 Lords set College records for total offense (3,920 yards), first downs (213), and rushing touchdowns (21). Sophomore **Alby Coombs** ran for a total of 1,399 yards and set the Kenyon single-season records for rushing attempts (299) and rushing touchdowns (14).

RECORD: 2-8 overall; 2-5 NCAC

Junior **David Palchak** scored two goals and had three assists for the men's soccer team, while senior **Maggie Rosen** tallied up four goals and an assist for the field hockey team.



REMARK: Head coach Ted Stanley: "Our offense reached new heights. Defensively we struggled, but we improved each week. If we continue to progress and are able to add talented recruits, the future looks bright."

RECOGNIZE: All-NCAC Second Team: sophomore **Alby Coombs**. All-NCAC Honorable Mention: senior **Calvin Hatfield**, sophomore **Carlin Shoemaker**, and freshman **Rafael Sanchez**.

MEN'S SOCCER

REVIEW: Struggling on offense, the Lords had a tough year. But in the season's last two weeks they went 2-2 and gave nationally ranked Ohio Wesleyan University a scare.

RECORD: 3-16-0 overall; 2-7-0 NCAC

REMARK: Head coach Des Lawless: "The quality of our opposition's play resulted in a hard season, but the players worked diligently all season. We'll have just three seniors graduate, so a solid nucleus will return for next season."

RECOGNIZE: All-NCAC Honorable Mention: freshman **Robert Sussman**.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

REVIEW: The Ladies assembled the program's best season since

1995 and finished in a three-way tie for third place in the conference standings, just missing a first-ever playoff berth.

RECORD: 10-7-1 overall, 4-4-0 NCAC

REMARK: Head coach Kelly Walters: "Our Ladies made great strides and have become committed to the improvement of this program. We are very excited about the future."

RECOGNIZE: All-NCAC First Team: junior **Blair Heiser**. All-NCAC Second Team: sophomore **Annie Brobst**, freshmen **Katy Spear** and **Rosemary Davis**. All-NCAC Honorable Mention: senior **Heather Preston**.

VOLLEYBALL

REVIEW: Despite enduring a fourth straight coaching change and a thinned-out roster, the Ladies surprised a lot of people and finished in the middle of the conference standings.

RECORD: 13-17 overall, 3-5 NCAC

REMARK: Head coach Todd Raasch: "We competed very well with a majority of our opponents. We were young this season, but a good recruiting year will have a major impact on next season's results."

RECOGNIZE: All-NCAC Honorable Mention: sophomore **Lauren Reiter**.

EVOKING EINSTEIN

Special course offers lively view of Albert Einstein's theories

In fall 2004, sixty-six students signed up for a new class by Kenyon physics professor Benjamin Schumacher. The course had the third highest enrollment that semester, and there wasn't a physics major in the bunch. The attraction: bungee cams, lasers, matches, and Albert Einstein.

Schumacher developed the class to commemorate the centenary of a group of Einstein's papers that forever changed our understanding of the world. In 1905, a year known as his *annus mirabilis*—or wondrous year—the theoretical physicist published five papers in which, among other discoveries, he introduced the special theory of relativity as well as the most famous equation in modern science, $E=mc^2$.

For the course, Schumacher developed new labs and scientific demonstrations designed to illuminate the world in which we live. "Bungee cam" may sound like a David Letterman gambit, but in

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fact it's a demonstration of the principle of equivalence, a keystone of Einstein's special theory of relativity, which gives the correct laws of motion for any particle moving at any speed.

To create the "bungee cam," Schumacher attached rubber tubing to wireless video cameras and a collection of other objects. Students dropped the objects and watched them fall, all at the same speed. Watching the video, the objects appear to be unaffected by gravity.

Schumacher also wanted to demonstrate Einstein's theories on Brownian motion, which allows scientists to measure the size of atoms. "I learned about Brownian motion some twenty-five years ago, but I had never observed it," says Schumacher. His students won't be able to say the same.

For this experiment, Schumacher lit a match, blew it out, and with the smoke still issuing from the tip of the match, placed it inside a test tube. When the tube is illuminated by a laser, the ceaseless random motion first discerned in 1827 by the Scottish botanist Robert Brown can be observed by students with their own eyes. What they see are tiny particles bombarded from all sides.

"This is one of the most fun classes I've ever done," says Schumacher. "Relativity, statistical physics, quantum theory—and the remarkable life of the man *Time* magazine voted the 'Person of the Century.' What could be better?" ■

—Amy Blumenthal

AMERICAN STUDIES

Kevin Britz is offering two new courses in American studies. The first is a senior seminar called "Museums and Memory." The students will create an exhibit on the effects of World War II in Knox County for the Knox County Historical Society. The exhibit will open in the spring of 2005. The second course, "The West and American Culture," explores the creation, application, and continuing role of the Western myth. Britz participated in the creation of a comprehensive plan for the management of historic resources in the city of Deadwood, South Dakota. He will be the keynote speaker for the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration of the Adams Museum in Deadwood, speaking on the topic "The Days of '76 Celebration, the Adams Museum, and the Birth of Tourism in Deadwood." Affiliated Scholar **Pamela Hollie** attended a workshop on Environment, Culture, and Development in East Asia at Ohio Wesleyan University October 14-16. The workshop was sponsored by the Asia Studies Development Program, a joint venture of the East-West Center and the University of Hawaii through a grant from the Freeman Foundation. Hollie is currently consulting on projects involving nonprofit organizations and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in Asia and is also a consultant for Microsoft in Asia. Hollie presented "Brown v. Board: A Personal Journey" during Common Hour on December 7. Last year, 2004, marked the fiftieth anniversary of the landmark desegregation case, *Brown v. Board of Education*, which struck down the doctrine of "separate but equal." Hollie is from Topeka, Kansas, where the case began its journey to the Supreme Court, and was among the first black children to integrate white schools. **Sarah Kaplan**, Kenyon's Dissertation Fellow in American studies, has

been appointed vice chair of the Modern Language Association's Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession and will assume the chair in 2005. She presented papers at the American Studies and Modern Language Association's annual meetings this past fall. **Peter M. Rutkoff** and his longtime coauthor **William B. Scott** have received word that the Department of Education has awarded their Teaching American History Project \$1 million for the next three years. The grant will support their work with the Cleveland Municipal School District in a hands-on American-history project that is a direct outgrowth of North by South, a course they taught at Kenyon. Rutkoff's new book, *The Last Hedgerow*, short stories by Harry Rutkoff (1912-1949) and Peter, was published by XOXOX, a small press run by Jerry Kelly '95 and based in Gambier. Rutkoff found three of his father's war stories and added a story of his own for this book.

ANTHROPOLOGY

Kenneth Smail provided the concluding article in the September/October 2004 special "Population Issue" of *World-Watch* magazine. The title of Smail's contribution, "Global Population Reduction: Confronting the Inevitable," reflects the neo-Malthusian approach to global overpopulation and finite ecological limits that he has been articulating in a series of essays and papers over the past decade.

ART

A recent performance of Sergei Prokofiev's Opus 39 by Ensemble United Berlin, conducted by Andreas Brautigam, was accompanied by a video projection created by

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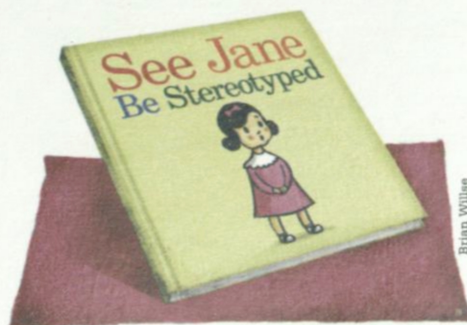
READING BETWEEN THE LINES

New study examines sexism in children's literature

The *Mouse and the Motorcycle* and *James and the Giant Peach* may seem unlikely obstacles to social change. But three decades of study suggest these and several other much-loved children's books contain sexist language and gender stereotypes, a cause for concern given books' influence on children's perceptions of the world.

Not to worry. Researchers also point to a number of books, such as *Alice in Wonderland* and *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*, which they say portray men and women with more equality.

Or do they? Maybe not, according to work published by Kenyon researchers earlier this year in the journal *Sex Roles*. The study



suggests that many of those books previously identified as being nonsexist do, indeed, typecast boys and girls, men and women.

"Children learn from many different aspects of our culture that gender is an important category," says Sarah Murnen, an associate provost and professor of psychology at Kenyon who coauthored this study with Amanda Diekmann '95. "Children learn this from books that they read and from many other sources."

Early on, Murnen notes, children dis-

cover that the two categories—male and female—have very specific meaning in today's society. Hospital workers dress male newborns in blue hats and females in pink; girls are neat, boys are messy; women cook, clean, and do laundry, men work, cut the grass, and fix things.

Books and other media reinforce those meanings, the researchers suggest. Because many previous studies looked only at the number of male and female characters, it was hard to know how gender roles were played out in the characters' personalities and actions.

"Any good story will have complexity to it, even children's books," says Diekmann,

BUILDING A BETTER WETLAND

Kenyon biologist uses new grant to study wetlands restoration

The destruction of half the nation's wetlands over the last two centuries has dramatically changed the environmental landscape in the United States. And now, some scientists say that a federal policy designed to mitigate this damage through wetlands restoration and creation isn't working.

"To date, there have been a fair number of studies saying that wetland restoration isn't working, but no one really knows why," says Siobhan Fennessy, an associate professor and chair of biology at Kenyon whose research focuses on wetlands ecology.

It's an issue Fennessy plans to explore with a new three-year, \$410,000 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture.

Data from another national study, which compared ten restored wetlands and ten natural sites, pointed to several ecological differences between the two, says Fennessy, who participated in that study and who has studied wetlands in the United Kingdom and France, as well as in Ohio.

The Kenyon scientist plans to build on those findings for this current project, which will first examine how natural and created wetlands process and use carbon and nitrogen, two elements whose presence is crucial to a wetlands' environmental health.

"The availability of carbon and nitrogen in the soil, and how they move through the ecosystem, are very different in created and natural wetlands," says Fennessy, who plans to study wetlands around Ohio for this effort.

The project, a collaboration among Kenyon, Ohio State University, and the University of New Hampshire, will include support over the next three years for students in the Kenyon Summer Science program. Students involved with the research will work in the field, comparing natural wetlands to recently created ones and some that were restored years ago. The student researchers also will develop recommendations for better restoration methods, information that could affect how future wetlands are designed. **K**

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now an assistant professor of psychology at Miami University in Ohio. Diekman conducted the study as part of her honors thesis at Kenyon. "We wanted to know what happens when you have characters that you follow for a while."

Murnen and Diekman selected twenty books written for children in grades three through five. Half had been previously classified as sexist and half as nonsexist. Twenty men and twenty women were randomly assigned one book each to read and were asked to complete a questionnaire designed to assess such things as characters' social roles and gender inequality.

The researchers found that in a number of the books, authors had created female characters with many of the skills and careers traditionally assigned only to male characters. But boys were still boys.

"In our culture, what is male is valued more, so it is easier to see how women will benefit from changing their role," says Murnen, whose research examines how society's notions of acceptable gender roles influence behavior. "But it is difficult to see how men will benefit from changing their role."

Because such gender roles are present in society, it's no surprise to find them in children's books, the researchers say. And even though a book may include gender stereotypes, they add, it doesn't mean that parents should not let their children read it.

"But maybe you talk about it or pair it with another book that shows more variety in those roles," Diekman says. "Talking about it offers an opportunity to present things not just as they are, but also as you'd want them to be." ■

—Kelli Whitlock

Claudia Esslinger. The video featured performances and technical contributions by Kenyon students, faculty members, and staff members. The Ensemble performed at the Intersonanzen Festival in Rathaus, Potsdam, Germany, on October 29, 2004.

Marcella Hackbardt's show "Feminist Expressions in Art" was exhibited at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania, during the month of November.

ART HISTORY

The volume **Sarah Blick** co-edited with Rita Tekippe, *Art and Architecture of Late Medieval Pilgrimage in Northern Europe and the British Isles*, was published in November 2004 by Brill Academic Press in Leiden, Holland. Blick is also editing a collection of essays titled *Beyond Pilgrim Souvenirs and Secular Badges: Essays in Honor of Brian Spencer*. Spencer, who died last year, was the keeper of medieval collections at the Museum of London. The volume will be published in 2006. **Eugene Dwyer** has been invited to present a paper at a conference on The Fragmented Figure, organized by the Centre for Ceramics Studies at the Cardiff School of Art and Design in Wales, United Kingdom, in June 2005.

BIOLOGY

Robert Mauck has been named director of the Bowdoin College Scientific Station at Kent Island through 2008. Mauck does research on Kent Island each summer and takes a Kenyon student with him to assist in the work. **Joan Slonczewski** reports that the biology department has received a \$1.5-million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI). The grant will enable Kenyon to establish a

math center for students in science courses, to participate in a collaborative research program with the University of Wisconsin, Madison, on DNA microarrays, and to create a new tenure-track position in biological physics. Slonczewski published a landmark DNA array study on pH-regulated genes in *Escherichia coli* with student coauthor **Lisa Maurer '04**, Microbiology Research Associate **Elizabeth Yohannes**, and former Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Biology **Michael Radmacher**. A followup study of anaerobic *E. coli* by **Everett Hayes '05** is in the analysis stage. She has completed all but the final chapter of the manuscript for her textbook *Microbiology: A Genomic Perspective*, coauthored with John Foster of the University of South Alabama. **Wade Powell** attended the World Congress of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry in Portland, Oregon, in November with his lab students. **Emelyne Dengler '05** and **Blythe Philips '05** presented a paper titled "Aryl hydrocarbon receptor expression precedes CYP1A inducibility by dioxin during *Xenopus laevis* development."

CHEMISTRY

Scott Cummings attended the Project Kaleidoscope Faculty for the 21st Century National Assembly in Dallas, Texas, October 15-17. The meeting focused on "three dimensions of leadership" to improve science education in the United States. He presented a talk at Ohio State University on November 3 on "A Science Career at a Liberal-Arts College." The chemistry faculty discussed and developed plans to improve the department's program at a retreat October 22-23.

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BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

Birds offer insight into natural selection for new Lodish Professor

Robert Mauck and Jenny Glazer '04 at Kenyon's aviary. Glazer spent two months working with Mauck at the Bowdoin Scientific Station at Kent Island in New Brunswick, Canada.

Ask Robert Mauck why he studies storm-petrels and he'll tell you the long-lived seabirds offer a unique opportunity to study why some animals are better survivors than others, a peek at natural selection in action. And they smell good.

Mauck has spent years examining these small cousins to the albatross, which make their homes off the northeast Atlantic Coast. The musky smell the biology professor refers to comes from an oil their bodies

secrete, which the birds rub on their feathers to keep them waterproof. It's one of many physiological traits that has captured the interest of this Kenyon biologist, who recently was named the Harvey F. Lodish Faculty Development Professor in the Natural Sciences.

The professorship, established in 2000 with a gift from Harvey Lodish '62 H'82 P'89, and Pamela Lodish P'89, recognizes excellence in teaching, research, and scholarship among junior faculty in the natural

sciences at Kenyon. Lodish, professor of biology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Founding Member of Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, established the \$1.5 million endowment in 2000.

"This is such a wonderful honor," says Mauck, who first came to Kenyon in 1998 as a visiting scientist.

Mauck enjoys a good challenge, and over the course of his fifty years, he has faced quite a few. He was a smoke jumper in Fairbanks, Alaska; a sports reporter in

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Anchorage; and a football coach in Italy. But he's always been a closet scientist. Science, he says, combines much of what he loved about his previous professions into one delightfully complex package. When Mauck enrolled as a doctoral student in biology at Ohio State University in the 1990s, everything seemed to fall into place.

"The real switch for me happened when I learned that science was about questions, not answers," says Mauck, who has shared his scientific curiosity with dozens of Kenyon students in the classroom and in the lab. Through his studies of birds—primarily sparrows, chickadees, bluebirds, and his favorite, storm-petrels—Mauck is learning about the physiological, environmental, and behavioral influences on birds' success as breeders and survivors.

He does much of his work at the Bowdoin Scientific Station at Kent Island in New Brunswick, Canada, where he serves as director. A number of Kenyon students have accompanied Mauck to the island during the summer to do field work.

Mauck will be on junior leave during spring semester, doing research on the life strategies of birds with a collaborator at Colorado State University. That project, as well as others in his lab, will be supported, in part, by the Lodish professorship.

"In a very short time at Kenyon, Professor Robert Mauck has established a reputation as a fine teacher and productive scientist. His students praise his teaching and are eager to be engaged in his research," says Provost Gregory Spaid. "Bob is exactly the type of promising teacher/scientist that the Lodish Professorship was intended to honor and support."

Mauck received a bachelor's degree in premodern studies from Ohio Wesleyan in 1978 and a doctorate in zoology from Ohio State University in 1997. ☛

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CLASSICS

Paolo Asso is writing several articles on Roman Africa in preparation for a book he plans on that subject. He has submitted an article on Africa for publication in Silius Italicus' *Punica* and is working on two other articles, one about a desert storm in Africa discussed in Lucan and the other about African allusions in Statius' *Thebaid*. Another paper, on Statius' *Silvae* 2.1, has been accepted for publication in *Vichiana*. He is writing two reviews for *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, one on the new volumes 2 and 3 of the Loeb Statius by Shackleton Bailey, and another on a volume of collected essays on Lucan. **Robert Bennett** is teaching a new course, "Slavery in the Ancient Mediterranean World." In the fall of 2005, he and Assistant Professor of History Glenn McNair will codirect the Newberry Library seminar in Chicago on "The Problem of Slavery and Visions of Freedom in Western Culture." Bennett team-taught the advanced Latin course with President **Georgia Nugent** during the fall semester. **Carolyn Hahnemann** is on sabbatical leave this academic year and in October attended a conference on ancient philosophy.

DANCE AND DRAMA

In August, **Julie Brodie** presented a paper at an international dance conference in Taipei about reconstructing the dance "Bamboo Grove." In September, her creation "The Changing Room," along with a site-specific improvisation, were performed at the Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus, Ohio. The performers were Kenyon students as well as faculty and staff members and their children. Assistant Professor of Dance **Balinda Craig-Ouijada**

was among the performers. Brodie's paper, "Integrating Fundamental Principles Underlying Somatic Practices into the Dance Technique Class," was published in the *Journal of Dance Education*. She has been asked to guest-edit a special issue of this journal on a similar topic. Brodie sat on a panel for the Columbus, Ohio, "Treasures of Dance" conference in November. **Wendy MacLeod's** play *Schoolgirl Figure*, a dark comedy about eating disorders, received its West Coast premiere November 12-20 by the American Conservatory Theater's Young Conservatory in San Francisco, California. A panel of experts led a discussion on eating disorders following the November 20 matinee performance.

ENGLISH

Jennifer Clarvoe is on sabbatical leave in Santa Monica, California. She is finishing her second book and starting a third. Poems were scheduled for publication in *Barro Street*, *The Journal*, *Tri-Quarterly*, and *The Yale Review*. Clarvoe will return to Rome, Italy, in February for additional research. The following month, back in California, she will do a reading in the Casa Romantica Reading Series in San Clemente. In September, she did a presentation called "Scaling Roman Ruins" for her son Sam's seventh-grade humanities class at Lincoln Middle School in Santa Monica. "It was as much of a challenge for me as any other kind of scholarly presentation," she says. To her relief, Sam gave it a rating of nine out of a possible ten.

Timothy Shutt, who also teaches in the Integrated Program in Humane Studies, had two lecture series and books published in the Modern Scholar series: *Monsters, Gods, and Heroes: The Epic in Literature*

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and *The Literary Works of C.S. Lewis*. A third, *Wars that Made the Western World: The Persian Wars, the Peloponnesian Wars, and the Punic Wars*, was scheduled to appear at year's end.

MATHEMATICS

Bradley Hartlaub continues to work with the Educational Testing Service and the College Board as the chief reader for the Advanced Placement statistics program. He completed the Columbus (Ohio) Marathon on October 17, 2004, with a time of 3:24:10. **Judy Holdener** is on sabbatical leave at the University of Colorado (CU) in Boulder. The university has a strong number-theory group, and she is finding the environment to be both productive and relaxing. She is auditing two classes, one a topics course in transcendental number theory and the other a course in painting. One of her neighbors is **Caroline Spritzer '02**, who is working as an environmental scientist at Martin/Wood Water Consultants in Boulder. She also sees **Joseph Craig '04**, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in economics at CU.

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Jianhua Bai has been selected to serve as a member of the College Board's Advanced Placement Chinese Task Force. He chaired a panel on grammar pedagogy at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages/Chinese Language Teachers Association conference in Chicago, Illinois, in November. Bai was invited by the China National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language to travel to Beijing and Guangzhou, China, during winter break to

present his work on the integration of computer technology into the Chinese language curriculum. He will present a paper on the use of Chinese films in the advanced Chinese curriculum at the Association for Asian Studies conference in Chicago, Illinois, in April. **Mary Jane Cowles** is spending the 2004-05 academic year in Paris, where she is the resident director of the Sweet Briar College Junior Year in France. Among the more than seventy students in the program are three Kenyon juniors.

MUSIC

Adjunct instructors **Cary** and **Linda Dachtyl** are recording a CD produced by Hammond Organ artist Tony Monaco. The disc will feature Linda on Hammond B-3 organ and Cary on drums. The tentative title is *Blue-Bop*. Cary has been elected to a three-year term as president of the Percussive Arts Society (PAS), Ohio chapter. PAS is a music service organization promoting percussion education, research, performance, and appreciation throughout the world. The Dachtyls plan to bring the PAS-sponsored Ohio Day of Percussion to the Kenyon campus some time during the next two years.

PHILOSOPHY

Yang Xiao presented a paper on philosophy of language, "Reading the Analects with Davidson," at an international conference in Beijing, China, last summer. He was an invited speaker at the symposium "The Impact of Liberalism on Contemporary Chinese Thought" at the University of British Columbia in September. Book reviews appeared in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* and the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. In

October, he attended the Midwest Faculty Seminar on "Relating to Animals," which is relevant to his course "Practical Issues in Ethics." In the spring he will be teaching a new course, "Early Chinese Philosophy."

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Pamela Camerra-Rowe published an article titled "Agenda 2010: Redefining German Social Democracy," in *German Politics and Society*. The article, which focuses on labor-market and welfare reforms in Germany, was based on research she carried out in Berlin during 2003 under a Whiting Foundation Grant. In October, Camerra-Rowe spoke about changes in the European beer-brewing industry as part of a panel titled "European Business in the Transatlantic and Global Marketplace" at the International Business Center of the University of Pittsburgh. She also presented a paper titled "Changing Patterns of Business Representation in the European Union" at the Council for European Studies Conference in Chicago in March 2004. The paper was based on research she carried out in Brussels, Belgium, on business lobbying in the European Union during the 2003-04 academic year. **Pamela Jensen** was honored at a dinner at the Standard Club in Chicago, Illinois, where she was attending the American Political Science Association meetings in early September. The event, organized by **Ann Davies '87**, **Lilly Goren '87**, and **Lisa Disch '83**, all college professors in political science, was attended by **Lauren Weiner '81**, **Carol Fiedler '85**, **Natalie Feuhrer Taylor '92**, **Pia Catton '94**, and **Allison Greer '98**. **Anne Hickey '93** and **Allison Greer '98** sent letters. "Considering the immense talent and wonderful, varied contributions to the world being made by this group of extraordinary women, readers can imagine how touched

and profoundly grateful I was," says Jensen.

Joseph Klesner completed an article for publication in *Latin American Politics and Society* in 2005 titled "Electoral Competition and the New Party System in Mexico." He contributed a chapter in *The Changing Structure of Mexico: Political, Social, and Economic Prospects*, second edition, on "Institutionalizing Mexico's Democracy," and a chapter in *Comparative Politics: A Global Introduction*, second edition, on "Mexico and Brazil." Klesner presented two conference papers, "Campaign Effects in a New Democracy: How to Win a Mexican Election (Legally)," and "Social Capital and Political Participation in Latin America" at the XXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association held in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 7-9.

PSYCHOLOGY

Andrew Niemiec has replaced Professor Emeritus of Psychology Jon Williams as the chair of the Neuroscience Program and as chair of Kenyon's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. He attended a Midwest Faculty Seminar titled "Relating to Animals" at the University of Chicago in October. The seminar explored recent developments in the study, use, and consideration of animals as well as their role in the environment and our relationship to other species. **Michael Levine** was awarded the Lori Irving Award for Excellence in Eating Disorder Prevention and Awareness in October in Atlanta, Georgia. The award is presented by the National Eating Disorders Association. Levine was honored for his pioneering research and writing in the field and especially for his willingness and capacity to mentor others.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Joseph Adler attended the workshop "Environment, Culture, and Development in East Asia," held at Ohio Wesleyan University in October. The workshop was sponsored by the Asian Studies Development Program.

SOCIOLOGY

In September, a film crew from InTelliCom, a California-based company, came to Gambier to film **John Macionis** in "talking head" mode for several segments of "The Way We Live," a video sociology course that is supported by his *Sociology* textbook and that will be used in colleges and universities across the United States beginning in the fall of 2005. Later that month, he spoke at Luzerne County Community College near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on "What's It Good For, Anyway? Sociology and Choosing Your Life's Work." In October, he spoke to an introductory sociology class at Ohio State University on "Rich and Poor: A Global Perspective." Affiliated scholar **Anna Xiao Dong Sun's** essay on contemporary Chinese fiction, "Mao-ti," was published in July in the *London Review of Books*, which has the largest circulation of any literary magazine in the United Kingdom. She has completed her archival research in London and has begun writing her dissertation. At the Society for Scientific Studies in Religion conference in Kansas in October, she chaired three sessions in addition to giving a paper on the fate of Confucianism as a religion in the twentieth century. At the Social Science History Association (SSHA) conference in Chicago, Illinois, in November, her paper "Sacred Texts on the Marketplace" won an SSHA-Rockefeller Travel Award. In the spring, Sun will teach a seminar on the social life of knowledge.

Jan Thomas spent three weeks in Sweden in June as an assistant faculty member for a program run by the University of Kansas on the health and welfare systems in Sweden and Finland. Next year, she will be the primary faculty member on the program. In August, she attended the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA) in San Francisco, California, where she was an invited panelist for a session on making effective hiring choices. She was also an invited panelist for an "author meets critic" session at the annual meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems and for a session on balancing life and work at the summer meetings of Sociologists for Women in Society.

For the Love of Books



Kenyon's new used-book store pays tribute to Denham Sutcliffe

BY AMY BLUMENTHAL AND KELLI WHITLOCK
PHOTO BY LYNN JOHNSON

If it were up to John Finebrock, no book would ever see the inside of a garbage can. A bookseller since the age of eight, Finebrock enjoys the physical presence of books—the ink and stitching, the heft in the hand, the delicacy of a page between the fingers, the durability of volumes ranged across a shelf. He loves books for their body as well as their soul, for the way they populate wandering aisles as well as wandering minds.



Now, thanks to Finefrock, who has long managed the Kenyon Bookstore, there's an even bigger population of

books to entice the wandering minds of Gambier. On the first day of classes last fall, Finefrock opened a used-book shop at 100 Brooklyn Street, right around the corner from the bookstore.

Located in a century-old house with a porch and four and a half rooms, and open from noon to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday when classes are in session, the shop overflows with affordable reading material. Paperbacks sell for a quarter apiece, hard-covers for fifty cents.

Moreover, the new shop resurrects a memorable piece of College history. Finefrock named the shop Denham Sutcliffe, Bookseller, after the revered Kenyon English professor who ran a used-book business of the same name from the late 1940s to the late 1950s.

"We wanted to honor [Sutcliffe] as a scholar, teacher, and also as a bookseller," says Finefrock, whom everyone on campus knows as Jack. "Running any bookstore is an impossible challenge. It has to be a labor of love. And it was for Denham Sutcliffe."

Sutcliffe, who taught at Kenyon from 1946 to 1964, once explained to the *Collegian* that book-selling was merely something he did for a hobby, "as other men collect baseball scores." His informal enterprise started as a single display table in the College Bookshop on Chase Avenue, where the Office of Development is currently located. Over the next few years, it grew to fill a room, then three rooms, then four, and from a handful of titles to some eight thousand volumes.

"All the best books are necessarily second-hand," wrote the Victorian essayist Augustine Birrell. Sutcliffe took that observation as his motto.

By 1952, his business had expanded into a space at the rear of Lynch's barber shop on Gaskin Avenue, where Farr Hall (home of the current Kenyon Bookstore) stands today. He circulated typewritten handbills announcing the opening of a shop called Books, Gambier, and touted it as "Knox County's largest second-hand book store." Two years later, he took over an additional room north of the barber shop. Out front he hung a sign that bore a crowing rooster and the new name, "Denham Sutcliffe, Bookseller."

Originally, the shop was open several evenings a week as well as Sundays. But customers seemed to show up only on Sunday afternoons, so Sutcliffe settled on Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., as his business hours. Former provost Bruce Haywood remembers Sutcliffe reading the *New York Times*, beer in hand, while minding the store.

Decor was not a consideration. Professor Emeritus of Physics

Franklin Miller Jr., who lived in Douglas House, next door to the shop, recalls the place as "a dark hole in the wall with not-very-nice home-made shelves."

Books took center stage. Sutcliffe advertised "books for every taste and every purse," with "every book a bargain." A serious collector could find a first edition of *Moby-Dick* selling for forty dollars, while the impecunious might emerge with an armload of cheap reading material. "Seventeenth-century folios may be seen sneering at paperbacked French novels," reported an article in the *Alumni Bulletin* in 1952, adding that some of the stock was, frankly, "junk."

Less desirable titles sold for five cents a volume. A set of lectures by John L. Stoddard priced at five cents a pound. (Today, a complete set of Stoddard's lectures in good shape sells on the Internet for about a hundred dollars.)

The shop specialized in printed matter relating to the College. There were pamphlets by and about Philander Chase, the first nine issues of the *Kenyon Collegian* published in 1856, volumes of *Reveille* going back to 1876, and, according to one account, "long runs of *Ye Harcourte Mayde*," which was a periodical publication of the Harcourt Place School for Girls in Gambier. The walls displayed such Kenyoniana as an 1865 examination schedule, programs of undergraduate entertainment from the 1850s, and old photographs of College buildings and people.

The store closed around 1958 or 1959, several years before Sutcliffe's death in 1964 at the age of fifty-one.

Much like its predecessor, the new Denham Sutcliffe, Bookseller began as a display table in the back room of the Kenyon Bookstore. Finefrock soon had the table surrounded by carts, then free-standing bookshelves. Eventually, bookcases bearing used books made navigation difficult, and he sought a bigger space.

Meanwhile, the College had purchased the house at 100 Brooklyn Street and was entertaining suggestions for its use. The senior administration unanimously supported Finefrock's proposal for a used-book store. Sutcliffe's son and daughter-in-law, John '68 and Jenny Sutcliffe, parents of Mary Sutcliffe '04, generously donated the old sign with the rooster, which proudly hangs inside the new shop.

Finefrock reviews all of the books he receives, determining their worth and sorting them by subject. He sets aside the more valuable items for sale at the regular bookstore or via the Internet. Others find a home in the new shop, which boasts sturdier shelving and more natural light than its forebear. Some twenty thousand volumes currently await Finefrock's inspection. He expects to add about three hundred books to the shelves each day.

Books come from a variety of sources. Finefrock has asked Kenyon's academic departments to send him unwanted textbooks, and he welcomes donations from retiring faculty members who wish to purge their bookshelves. The custodial staff sends him books they find in the trash. Individuals also contribute books.

But most of his stock comes from the libraries at Kenyon, Denison University, the College of Wooster, and Ohio Wesleyan University, all of which share their collections as part of a consortium. Libraries routinely acquire multiple copies of one title, and some books are serials and quickly become outdated. Without a repository for these unwanted books, the colleges are happy to donate them to Finefrock.

The new shop is not regularly staffed, although personnel in the Kenyon Bookstore track activity via cameras. Patrons pay for their purchases through a hole in the wall. Those wishing to use a credit card or student account may pay at the regular bookstore.

"We work on the honor system," says Finefrock, "and so far most people are overpaying."

The shop does have a student manager. Elizabeth Petty, a first-year student from Fort Wayne, Indiana, who loves books as much as Finefrock, discovered the shop when she arrived at Kenyon last fall. She met with Finefrock and offered to volunteer her time there, providing such services as alphabetizing the stock. Finefrock, in turn, has been teaching her about acquisitions, evaluation, marketing, and other aspects of the business. This coming summer she plans to attend the Rare Book School at the University of Virginia, a program for booksellers, librarians, and collectors.

She and Finefrock envision a time when the new Denham Sutcliffe, Booksellers becomes a well-established part of Kenyon's literary scene, hosting student readings and autograph parties for young authors. Student writers have already begun to hang out at the shop. They leave flyers advertising upcoming readings elsewhere on campus and poems by visiting writers.

"In some bookstores you'd find candy wrappers on the table," says Finefrock. "At Kenyon, you find poems." ③



Professor Denham Sutcliffe in his used-book shop, 1956

JUDY HOFFMAN '73 NAVIGATES THE COMPLEXITIES OF OHIO'S ELECTION LAWS

AN ELECTION *at* GROUND ZERO

BY JEFF GRABMEIER

Judy Hoffman '73 is sitting behind her desk on the sixteenth floor of the Borden Building in downtown Columbus, Ohio, when the telephone rings.

The phone interrupts constantly: It's less than three weeks before the November general election, and as the chief elections counsel for the Ohio secretary of state, Hoffman wrestles with most of the legal controversies swirling around the upcoming vote. This year, with the presidential race and other issues so closely contested, controversies abound.

The caller, a colleague in the office, wants to discuss a court ruling against the defendant secretary of state by U.S. District Judge James Carr about provisional voting. This is just one of many thorny questions that Hoffman grapples with daily, for her job involves advising the secretary of state about all aspects of election law. That means,

among other things, handling lawsuits against the office and helping county election boards navigate the state's voting laws. The goal is both clear and complex: to ensure that elections in Ohio are run cleanly and fairly.

As Hoffman talks to the staffer on the phone, she learns that Judge Carr is, like herself, a Kenyon graduate.

"Really? He is? How can someone from Kenyon be wrong?" she says, smiling broadly to a visitor in her office.

Hoffman doesn't know Carr—he graduated in 1962, eleven years before she did—but she has a connection with another key player in this year's election: Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry. She

and Kerry attended law school together at Boston College; both graduated in 1976. "Law school classes are small, so he was in a lot of my courses," Hoffman recalls. "I saw him pretty much every day. But on a personal level, I found it difficult to get to know him."

Hoffman's interest in the law dates from her Cleveland childhood. Movies like *To Kill a Mockingbird* impressed her, as did the courtroom triumphs of Perry Mason on television. She chose Kenyon for its academic reputation as well as its bucolic setting and graduated in three years, as part of the first class that included women.

A political science major, Hoffman credits Harry Clor (now an emeritus professor) as one of her major influences and a friend to this day. Indeed, when Hoffman initially had some doubts about staying in law school, Clor helped her persevere. "Professor Clor wrote me letters of support urging me to continue," she says. "He is one reason I graduated."

Another professor, historian Roy Wortman, was partly responsible for her return to Ohio. After law school, Hoffman entered private practice in Boston. At Wortman's suggestion, she applied for a job at the Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC), a nonpartisan office that drafts legislation for members of the Ohio General Assembly. She got the job and ended up working at the LSC for twenty-two years, during which she developed an expertise in writing election law.

"I'm in the unique position now of interpreting and administering the laws that I wrote in my previous job," she says, laughing at the irony.

"It took me about four hours in my present position to learn that real life is different from statutes," she says. "When members of boards of elections call me with problems and questions—which is how I spend much of my day—I know that we never thought of some of these issues when we drafted the laws. Real life is very different."

The multivolume Ohio Revised Code dominates Hoffman's bookshelf. Title 35, which deals with election law, is usually lying on her desk, opened to whatever page covers the issue of the moment. This election season, Hoffman worked on several high-profile lawsuits against her office. For example, the American Civil Liberties Union charged that the state's use of punch-card ballots was unconstitutional because they are error-prone and violate the voting rights of blacks.



Greg Salter

While Hoffman was not the trial lawyer in the case (that's handled by the attorney general's office), she provided advice about election law involved in the complaint. She also advised Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell about election issues ranging from provisional voting, to official challengers at the polls, to the thickness of paper on which voter registration forms were printed.

"A lot of the people who call our office or send letters or e-mails are irate," Hoffman says. That was certainly true in 2004, when the usually low-profile office of the secretary of state received extensive scrutiny, often from people with strong points of view.

Complaints came from supporters of presidential candidate Ralph Nader after Blackwell ruled that Nader did not qualify to be on the Ohio ballot. Libertarians were upset that their party was denied state recognition because of defective petitions.

Especially in years like this past one, when the electorate was so bitterly divided, Hoffman hears accusations that her office's analyses are tainted by politics. That just isn't true, she says. "The attorneys here are not partisan. Some citizens think that because I work for a Republican secretary of state I have to rule certain ways. But in truth, it really doesn't matter. When I make a recommendation, I only take legal considerations into account."

On Election Day 2004, some observers predicted that Ohio would suffer problems similar to those that marred the 2000 presidential vote in Florida. There was in fact some drama, although it was nothing like Florida's. Several lawsuits were filed that day against the secretary of state, including one that involved long lines in Gambier. Hoffman advised a student who called from one of those lines demanding a ballot, and she subsequently contacted the Knox County Board of Elections to get to the root of the problem prior to a court order being issued.

Two days after the election, Hoffman is still winding down. Things are quieter. She can spend more time with her dog Corky and devote more attention to her role as vice president of the Columbus lawyer's chapter of The Federalist Society, a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal system.

In fact, with the election over, Hoffman will actually get a two-week break from her office. But she won't get a break from the law—she's been called to jury duty. ☐

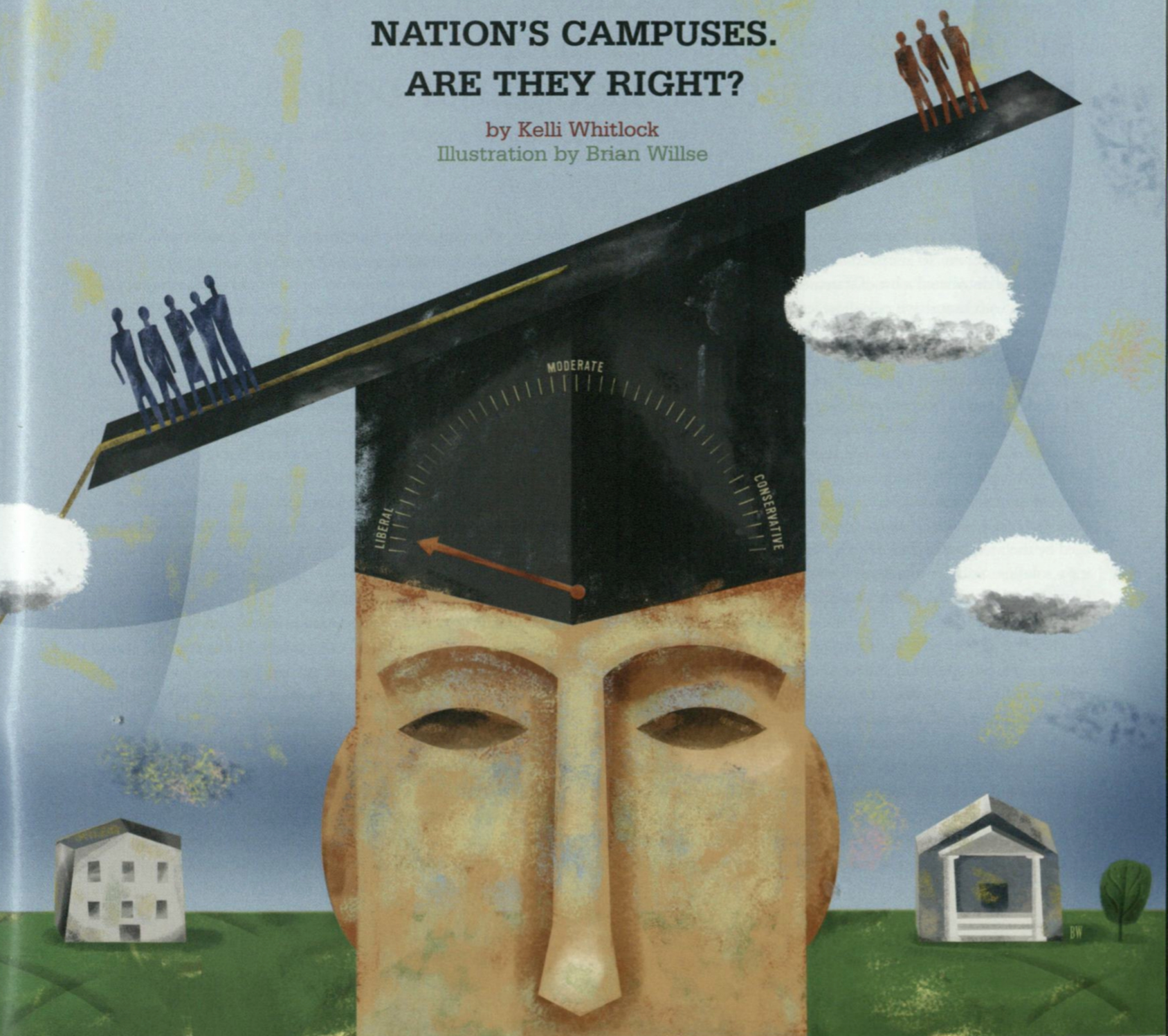
—Jeff Grabmeier is assistant director of research communications at Ohio State University. This is his first piece for the Bulletin.

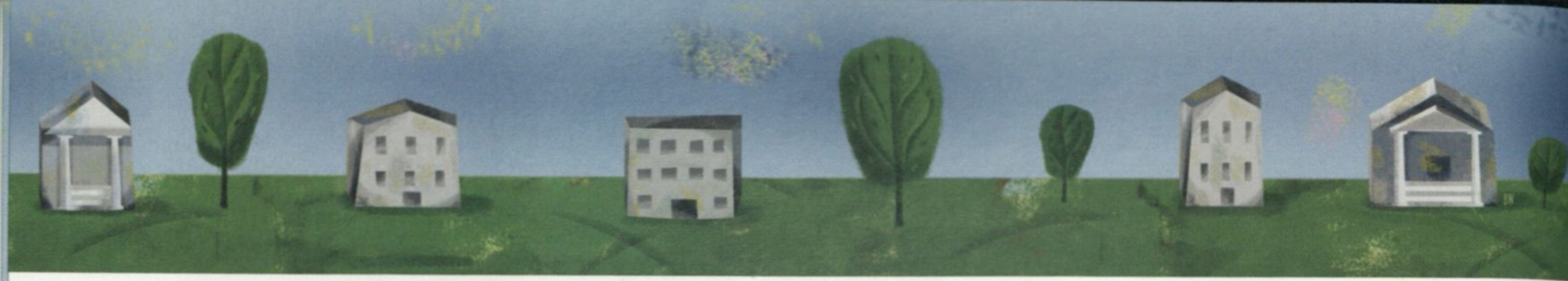
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ARE THEY RIGHT?**

by Kelli Whitlock
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ROB MCGUIRE, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE KENYON COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

LAST SPRING, in an introductory environmental-studies course, Rob McGuire '07 received an assignment that gave him pause. The professor distributed a list of statements about environmental issues made by conservative talk-show icon Rush Limbaugh. The assignment: agree or disagree with Limbaugh's viewpoints, using logic, evidence, and well-reasoned arguments to back up your position.

A first-year student at the time, McGuire found himself wondering whether he should be honest in his responses. He was a committed Republican, one of the only conservatives in the class, and although he didn't usually identify with Limbaugh's more extreme views, he did agree with many of the statements on the list. The problem was, he knew his professor did not. McGuire and his classmates had spent a good part of the semester analyzing environmental problems, encouraged by their teacher to explore issues from all sides before formulating a solution. Still, he wasn't sure how his professor would respond if he stood by his political beliefs. Would he be penalized with a low grade? Should he choose a safer course and side with his teacher?

McGuire stayed true to his convictions, and when his graded paper was returned, he carefully read his professor's comments. The professor disagreed with each of McGuire's points, but he applauded the well-reasoned arguments. The grade: A+.

The story is an instructive one at a time when the nation seems sharply divided into liberal and conservative camps—and when that division has engendered controversy about politics in higher education. Some conservative critics charge that a liberal “orthodoxy” prevails in academia, undermining open debate and intellectual diversity. Colleges and universities, they argue, have become intolerant liberal

bastions, where conservative professors are rare, conservative views unwelcome, and conservative students, in effect, silenced.

Not so, respond many professors and administrators, who say colleges remain places where questioning, complexity, analysis, free inquiry, and unfettered debate are encouraged. Politics inevitably figure in some courses, they note—because issues in some disciplines require an understanding of political contexts—but personal political views, they say, aren't part of the equation when it comes to grades.

What about Kenyon? Do McGuire's initial doubts suggest that conservatives are a marginalized, uncomfortable minority at the College? Or does his experience reflect an environment that welcomes—indeed, insists on—all viewpoints? Is liberalism an “orthodoxy” at Kenyon or simply one of many stances, albeit a majority one?

The Kenyon Campus

According to some studies, the public seems to think that the nation's colleges and universities do tilt left of center. In a recent *Chronicle of Higher Education* survey of 1,000 adults ages twenty-five to sixty-five from every state except Alaska and Hawaii, half of those polled said that liberal bias in the classroom is common in higher education today. Even among the respondents who described themselves as liberal, 30 percent said that academia leans too far to the left.

Kenyon President S. Georgia Nugent takes issue with that assertion. There's an important distinction, she says, between liberal numbers and liberal bias. “It's probably fair to say that a majority of faculty members at most colleges and universities tend to hold liberal



political views," she says. "My view is that, in the majority of instances, that does not make a difference in how they teach and in their professional lives."

Rob McGuire would agree. The Middlesex, New Jersey, native arrived at Kenyon in fall 2003 to find himself surrounded by liberal classmates, a very different environment from the largely conservative neighborhood where he grew up. Still, he loved the campus and the people, and he valued the way that debates during study sessions or over coffee helped him better understand viewpoints different from his own.

"In being challenged, our beliefs become stronger," says McGuire, who is vice president of the Kenyon College Republicans. "I believe that's why we're all here, to get a liberal-arts education and to challenge our beliefs."

The English major often has found himself at the center of political challenge, both in and out of the classroom. In some of his classes, his status as a conservative earns him quite a bit of attention. In one cultural sociology course, for example, his teacher frequently called on him to counter liberal arguments about issues under discussion, telling him that "we need to hear what all sides have to say." Although he sometimes tired of being singled out, he applauded his professor's efforts to expose the class to a full spectrum of views.

"I like it when we have someone like Rob McGuire in this course, someone who's willing to stand up and say, 'You have to look at it from another way,'" says Robert Mauck, the assistant professor of biology who taught McGuire's environmental-studies course and assigned the paper on Rush Limbaugh's views.

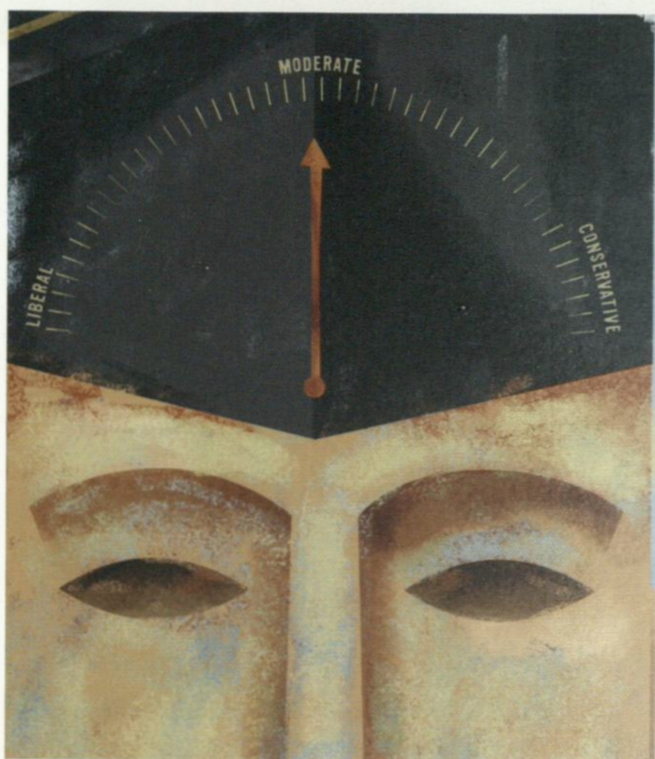
"As a biologist, I am data driven," adds Mauck, who also holds the Harvey F. Lodish Professorship in the Natural Sciences. "I approach environmental issues the same way. What do the data tell us? How does the logic of our arguments hold up in the face of the data? At some point, the questions often come down to a personal value system—how much do I value wilderness versus an incremental decrease in our foreign oil dependency, for example—but the logic of the arguments should stand up to examination. That is what I was looking for in the assignment."

In the Classroom

Kenyon professors are divided on the issue of bringing politics into the classroom. Lauren Ostberg, a sophomore from Maumee, Ohio, recalls several friends who enrolled in the political-science course Quest for Justice last fall and spent the entire semester trying to determine if their professor was liberal or conservative. They never figured it out.

On the other hand, when historian Peter Rutkoff teaches his course on the culture of the 1960s, he tells his students at the outset that he was a very engaged activist during that time. "I would submit that the greater danger comes when faculty say they're not presenting any political views and claim political neutrality when, in fact, they are not," says Rutkoff, the Robert Oden Professor of American Studies. "I'd rather have truth in advertising. Let the students know where you're coming from."

Willow Belden, a sophomore and self-described liberal from New York City, says that a number of her teachers have either hinted at



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WILLOW BELDEN, SENIOR NEWS EDITOR FOR THE *COLLEGIAN*

their political persuasion or declared it outright in the classroom. But rather than stifle debate, she says, such disclosures often lead to stimulating class discussions.

“All of the professors I’ve had, even if they are openly liberal, expect you to take both sides of the story into consideration,” says Belden, the senior news editor for the *Collegian*, Kenyon’s student newspaper. “They’re not going to let you get away with a weak argument just because they agree with you. They make you prove your point.”

Belden’s experience squares with the College’s central commitment to promote critical thinking, notes Provost Gregory P. Spaid ’69. Spaid, a photographer who joined Kenyon’s art faculty in 1979, says, “One of the charges of a liberal education is to broadly educate our students and to represent knowledge as something that can always be challenged. I don’t think that the Kenyon faculty see their position in front of the students as being a pulpit from which they preach orthodoxy.”

Miriam Dean-Otting, a professor of religious studies, has mixed feelings about revealing her political leanings in class. Although she often has discussed politics with students outside of the classroom, she steers her students away from such discussions inside the class. She was particularly sensitive about political discussion on the day after the presidential election, when the entire campus was buzzing with election news. As students began to wander in for a seminar, Dean-Otting decided to put an end to political talk before it could begin. Almost all her students had professed to be liberals, but one, she knew, held more conservative opinions. “I thought it would have been unprofessional to say anything that would have made her feel left out,” says Dean-Otting.

Bryan Stokes, editor of the *Collegian*, says other faculty members are similarly sensitive. “At Kenyon most of the faculty are very receptive to all political views and do their best to keep either side from feeling slighted,” he says.

During the fall presidential campaign, the more tense political debates took place in residence halls, common areas, and over coffee, according to Stokes. "The environment was, at times, bitter" among the student population, he says. "If anyone made any conservative points, the response against them was completely overwhelming, and it sort of became a large number of liberal students against a small number of conservative students."

Speaking Out

The divisive 2004 campaign did call attention to the fact that politically liberal views are in the majority at Kenyon—and to the question of whether conservatives feel stifled. Professor of History Reed Browning, a member of the faculty since 1967, discussed the dangers of liberal dominance in an essay published in the *Chronicle Review* last spring. The prevalence of a single political viewpoint in higher education, he wrote, "limits the possibility for truly free and open debate on campus."

John Macionis, the Prentice Hall Distinguished Scholar and Professor of Sociology, believes that the College has indeed moved in the direction of a single dominant viewpoint. Before the mid-1980s, both the professoriate and the curriculum were more balanced politically than they are today, says Macionis, who came to the College in 1978. During the eighties, Kenyon began working to increase gender and racial diversity in the faculty. By 1985, Macionis feels, the political center of gravity had moved notably left, because many of the newly filled positions were in fields that attracted mostly liberal-minded scholars.

Many of those scholars, moreover, were products of their era. Rutkoff notes that a large proportion of faculty in higher education today, including many professors at Kenyon, grew up under the influence of the political and social movements that shaped the sixties and seventies. Their outlook, both personal and professional, reflects the political and cultural visions of the civil rights, women's rights, and antiwar movements.

At the very least, the presence of a large and sometimes vocal liberal majority can be intimidating, says Macionis. He points to the overwhelmingly liberal voices raised during the campaign. Indeed, Kerry-Edwards signs, bumper stickers proclaiming President Bush a war criminal, and cartoons taped on office doors depicting Republican politicians as apes still can be spotted around campus.

"You look at things like this and it's easy to see how some people could feel marginalized," Macionis says. "If you are a conservative, you are effectively silenced. And what do you say to those who feel they've lost their voice?"

You tell them to speak out, says Fred Baumann, the Harry M. Clor Professor of Political Science. Baumann says that the student body at Kenyon is one of the most liberal he's seen since he came to the College nearly twenty-five years ago—and so is the faculty. "I would say that very serious alternatives to the prevailing orthodoxies, which tend to be more on the left, are excluded," he says. "And they need to be there if you're going to think intelligently."

The only way to bring varying viewpoints into the discussion is to speak up, he adds. "I think it's incumbent on conservatives and those who don't like the orthodoxy—including liberals who are fair-minded—to yell about it," he says. "I think you get somewhere with it."

Conservative students at Kenyon do speak up, but in ways that they say are in keeping with the College's spirit of mutually respectful debate. Sophomore Lilly Bitting of New Canaan, Connecticut, president of the Kenyon College Republicans, recalls that last fall their national parent organization urged them to campaign aggressively for the Bush-Cheney ticket. Of the local group's forty-five members, Bitting says, many felt that an aggressive approach wasn't appropriate at Kenyon, and the group decided to break with the national charter and promote a conservative platform rather than a presidential candidate.

"We wanted to preserve the respect Kenyon students have toward the College Republicans," says Bitting, an economics major. "At

Kenyon, I find that as long as you respect someone else's opinion, they'll be respectful of yours."

Bitting expects this spirit of civility to prevail at a forum tentatively scheduled for March that will focus on the question of whether liberal bias pervades higher education. The Kenyon College Republicans plan to host the forum and invite faculty on different sides to present their views.

A National Debate

The harshest criticism of higher education, nationally, has come from Students for Academic Freedom (SAF), an organization founded in 2003 that now has chapters at 135 colleges and universities.

Legislatures in nineteen states are debating versions of an "Academic Bill of Rights" drafted by SAF founder David Horowitz. The document lists eight principles and procedures aimed at ensuring academic freedom by "fostering a plurality of methodologies and perspectives" in faculty hiring and promotion, the selection of guest speakers, and the development of curricula and reading lists.

Horowitz believes that such a document is needed to "enumerate the rights of students to not be indoctrinated or otherwise assaulted by political propagandists in the classroom or any educational setting." The adoption of his proposals, he adds, would lead to a more intellectually diverse academy that promotes civil discourse and critical thinking.

Having been rebuffed by university presidents and faculties, he has focused his efforts on state legislators and on Congress. In many states, tensions have prevailed for years between the legislature, which funds public higher education, and the public colleges and universities themselves. State subsidies to higher education are at record lows around the country, and legislators' attitudes toward the academy are sometimes scornful.

In Ohio, Senator Jack Mumper (R-Marion) and three of his colleagues are drafting language designed to rein in what Mumper says is widespread liberal bias among Ohio's state universities and colleges. He is seeking support for actual legislation rather than a nonbinding resolution. "If you make it a resolution, it becomes a recommendation.

If you make it legislation, you can put some teeth in it and create some sanctions."

Mumper ultimately may settle for a resolution because of questions about how a law would be enforced and even about how its terms would be defined. In either case, private schools such as Kenyon would remain unaffected, as the reach of the legislature is limited to schools receiving state funds.

However, legislation under consideration in the United States House of Representatives could affect Kenyon and other private institutions whose students receive federal financial aid. U.S. Senator Jack Kingston, a Republican representing Georgia, introduced language based loosely on Horowitz's bill into the Higher Education Reauthorization Act, which currently is in committee. If passed, the measure would have an impact on almost every institution of higher education in the country.

Kenyon administrators and professors take a dim view of Horowitz's efforts. "I see this so called 'bill of rights,' the platform that he has constructed, as one that would explicitly introduce into college and university appointments a kind of political litmus test," Nugent says. "I would see an attempt to legislate political views as a severe threat to academic freedom."

Even those at the College who appreciate Horowitz's efforts to raise awareness about intellectual diversity in higher education question the need for the Academic Bill of Rights. In his essay for the *Chronicle Review*, Browning wrote that Horowitz's approach to the problem "is unwise, inviting unprecedented governmental and judicial intrusion into the personnel decisions of higher education."

Baumann and Macionis share these concerns, as does the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), which represents about 45,000 scholars on 500 campuses. A statement issued by the AAUP in December 2003 maintained that the provisions of Horowitz's bill already are included in the organization's academic freedom policies, which serve as models for similar policies at most universities and colleges, including Kenyon. "Not only is the Academic Bill of Rights redundant," the AAUP statement noted, "but, ironically, it also infringes academic freedom in the very act of purporting to protect it."

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S. GEORGIA NUGENT, PRESIDENT OF KENYON COLLEGE



Whatever the fate of Horowitz's proposals, the focus at Kenyon will remain the same, Nugent says. "At every point and in every way that we can, the College should emphasize balance, that all viewpoints need to be heard."

While the polarization of the last election is still evident in some ways, so is the student body's energy and enthusiasm about the electoral process. Wanting to capitalize on that feeling, Nugent and others at Kenyon are exploring ways to keep political dialogue going, looking for opportunities to nurture voices from within the College while also inviting outside speakers to come to campus. It is through such exchanges that intellectual diversity will continue to thrive, Nugent says.

She adds that such open exchange is especially important in close-knit communities like Kenyon's. "One of the effects of the size

and character of our community is that people consciously recognize that they need to nourish their relationship with one another,"

Nugent says. "I think faculty, staff, and students all share in a special recognition that it's important that we try to understand one another and nurture our relationships. We recognize these are long-term and complex relationships—we're not just professional colleagues, we're neighbors." ☐

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**REPORTER BRENDAN KEEFE '90
CROSSES IRAQ TO CHRONICLE
SOLDIERS' SACRIFICES**



WAR **STORIES**

By Kelli Whitlock
Photography by Brendan Keefe '90

The smell is hard to forget. Fumes from diesel fuel and the stench of human waste combine to create an odor that seeps into clothing and human memory. It's September 2004, five months after he returned from the battlefields of Iraq, and Brendan Keefe '90 still can recall the scent of war with unfortunate clarity.

A skilled television reporter with more than a decade of experience, Keefe pays closer attention than most to smells, sights, and sounds. On this assignment, his senses were on full alert. He'd spent nearly two weeks listening to United States Army leaders at Camp Udairi, Kuwait, as they readied him—and the fifty-two New York-area soldiers he was there to cover—for a 611-mile journey across embattled Iraq. He knew to expect the booming echoes of mortar fire, the heft of a thirty-pound flak jacket worn in one-hundred-degree weather, and the raw odors of military encampments. He even learned how to use a SAW gun, a weapon that fires the same bullets as the M-16, but faster.

Nothing, however, could have prepared him for the children. They ran alongside the tanks and Humvees begging for food. They ate garbage from trash cans outside opulent mansions once occupied by Saddam Hussein. They walked the streets without shoes. The youngest ones toddled along dirt roads wearing only diapers.

Keefe was there in April 2004 to chronicle the sacrifices of the 854th Engineer Battalion, Headquarters Support Company, a group of army reservists who hail from around New York State. They're an engineering outfit, charged with the task of constructing new roads and buildings in Iraq. Keefe, a seven-time Emmy winner, had been asked to produce a documentary for WCBS-TV2 in New York City, where he has been a correspondent since February 2003.

But it was the children who riveted his attention. As soon as the company crossed the Iraqi border, they spotted the first group of children, running alongside the convoy, arms outstretched in a silent plea for food. "We were expecting to see the enemy," Keefe says, "and instead, here were these children."

Their faces tormented the soldiers in his group, most of whom had left their own children behind in New York when they were called to active duty. The children tugged at Keefe's heart, but he wasn't the story. The soldiers were. So he did what he's done throughout his career, and looked again at the scene through the eyes of his documentary subjects. He turned on his camcorder, placed it against the four-inch-thick bullet-proof glass in the back seat of the Humvee, and went to work.

LEARNING TO WRITE

Oddly enough, Keefe credits Shakespeare's *The Tempest* with his ability to put himself in another's shoes. During one semester at Kenyon, Keefe studied the problematic work in four classes: political science, drama, English, and psychology. "At the time I was excited because I only had to buy the book once," Keefe jokes. "But what really mattered was seeing the same subject from so many different angles. As a reporter, that's an incredible advantage, because you can see the story from other viewpoints."

Keefe has used a camera to tell life stories since he was a student at North Haven High School near New Haven, Connecticut. He and a friend started a student-run television news station, offering local reports to viewers in seven neighboring towns. Keefe struggled with writing as a budding reporter; although he wrote the reports he filed from the field, his coanchor drafted all the copy they read from their studio.

"I could tell a good story verbally but didn't know the mechanics of writing," says Keefe. As a first-year student at Kenyon, he tackled papers by starting orally, speaking into a tape recorder and later transcribing the results on paper. "I was harshly criticized by my freshman professors, not in a negative way, but in a constructive way," Keefe recalls. "It was at that moment that I decided to major in English. If this was the toughest and most respected department at Kenyon and they're saying I can't write, I needed to have a baptism by fire."

Today, he writes all his own scripts. He has worked at stations in Illinois, Michigan, Florida, Texas, Connecticut, and New York. Among the stories he has reported: the bombings in Madrid, Spain; the Columbia space shuttle explosion; serial killings, floods, airline crashes, and the effects of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Until the Iraq documentary, however, Keefe's most dangerous

assignment had been to cover a hurricane—he's reported on eight of them in his career. But high winds and fallen power lines couldn't compare to guns and roadside bombs.

IN THE RED ZONE

This wasn't the first time Keefe had covered the Iraqi war. In March 2003, he volunteered to replace a WCBS-TV2 reporter in Kuwait who was reporting on the early developments of the American invasion. But his vantage point from atop a Sheraton Hotel afforded only a limited view of the battles under way just across the border.

Despite the risk, when his news director approached him with the documentary project, he accepted the assignment quickly. He was with the soldiers of the 854th for twenty-nine days—about ten days in Kuwait, four days in a convoy across Iraq, and another two weeks or so at an air base in Kirkuk, Iraq. On the trip across the country, a truck in the convoy was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, they came under enemy gunfire, and they were forced to stop in a “red zone” full of insurgents to fix a flat tire. And that was just one day.

“You're completely surrounded in steel, there's no air conditioning, and it's one-hundred degrees outside,” Keefe says. “We'd just been shot at. We're thirsty. We're hungry. We're tired. We're in this tense situation, we're at a dead stop, surrounded by hostile territory, there's these flies, and we've got no ventilation. The seat you're sitting on is basically a metal tool box with thin padding on top. You've been sitting on this thing for four days and you have no circulation left in your legs.”

At night, Keefe and the soldiers slept on top of the trucks, surrounded by sandbags to keep themselves from falling to the ground. When they reached the air base in Kirkuk, they played volleyball as mortars flew overhead and F-16s roared to the sky to provide air cover for coalition troops. While on base, he wore his press badge. Off-base, the badge would have marked him as an easy target for kidnapping.

He and Greg Sutfin, the CBS photographer traveling with him, filed reports every few days, but most of the footage they taped was saved for the documentary. They recorded soldiers talking to their families via satellite phone and video phones, emotional exchanges that were hard for Keefe to watch.

He knew well the pain they felt at being separated from their families. He spoke every day with his wife, Tiffany, a news producer for the same television station. The couple had met at a TV station in Houston, where Keefe was a reporter and Tiffany a producer. He proposed to her atop the Eiffel Tower in 2000, and two years later they were married in a ceremony in Ireland.

They moved to WCBS-TV2 in New York City in 2003. Each morning, Tiffany prepared for the morning newscast by reading breaking news that came across the wire services. When Keefe left, her scrutiny of the Iraq front-line reports grew more intense. Keefe was an embedded reporter, meaning that he couldn't reveal details about his location or troop movements. Every day carried a story about a new outbreak of violence. April 2004 was the deadliest month for American soldiers since the war began (surpassed only by the Fallujah offensive in November 2004). Tiffany wondered whether her husband was hunkered down in battle.





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GOING BACK


For Keefe, Iraq was full of troubling questions that defied easy resolution. Some he could report on; others he kept to himself. For example, he saw how his convoy would dominate the center of the road, forcing any Iraqi civilian vehicles to pull over. He understood why the soldiers used this tactic—they knew that some of those Iraqis might be wielding weapons or harboring bombs, waiting for the opportunity to attack.

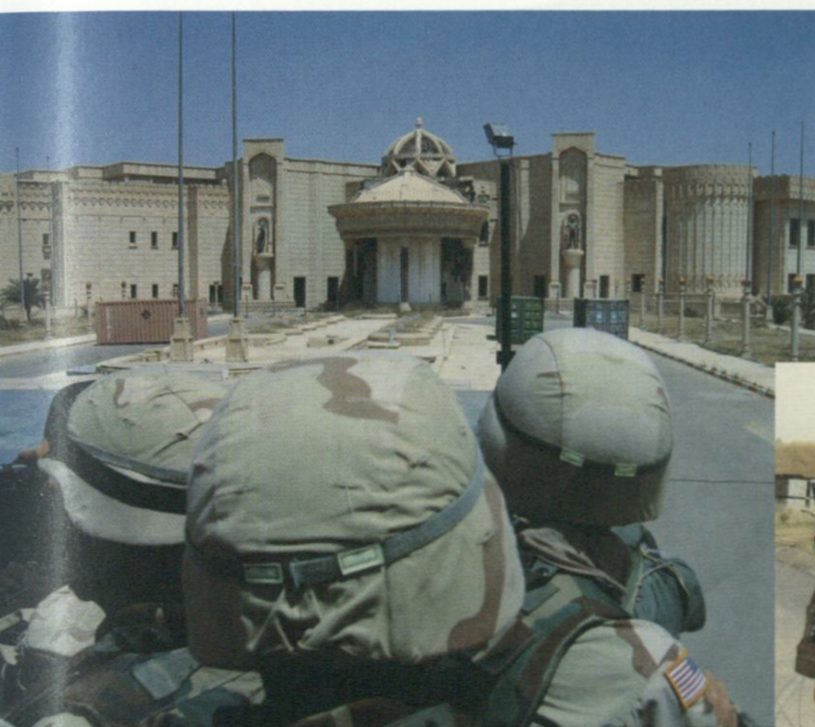
“I agreed with that perspective for my own safety,” Keefe says. But,

putting himself in the shoes of the Iraqi who’d just been forced to the roadside, Keefe viewed the scene differently. “He may be the United States’s last supporter in Iraq, and we just ran him off the road.”

The situation was inherently tragic. “The more the insurgency grew, the more aggressive the military stance had to become to defend against it,” says Keefe, “and the more aggressive the military stance, the more the insurgency grows. It’s a vicious cycle.”

Keefe’s documentary, entitled “Those Who Serve,” aired on July 4. It was well received by his colleagues, viewers, and family. The only part Keefe’s mother didn’t like was the ending, when her son, taking leave of the soldiers, said he’d be back. His plans called for a return to Iraq in January, to meet up again with the fifty-two New York-area soldiers in the 854th Engineering Battalion, Headquarters Support Company.

They remain stationed in Kirkuk. 

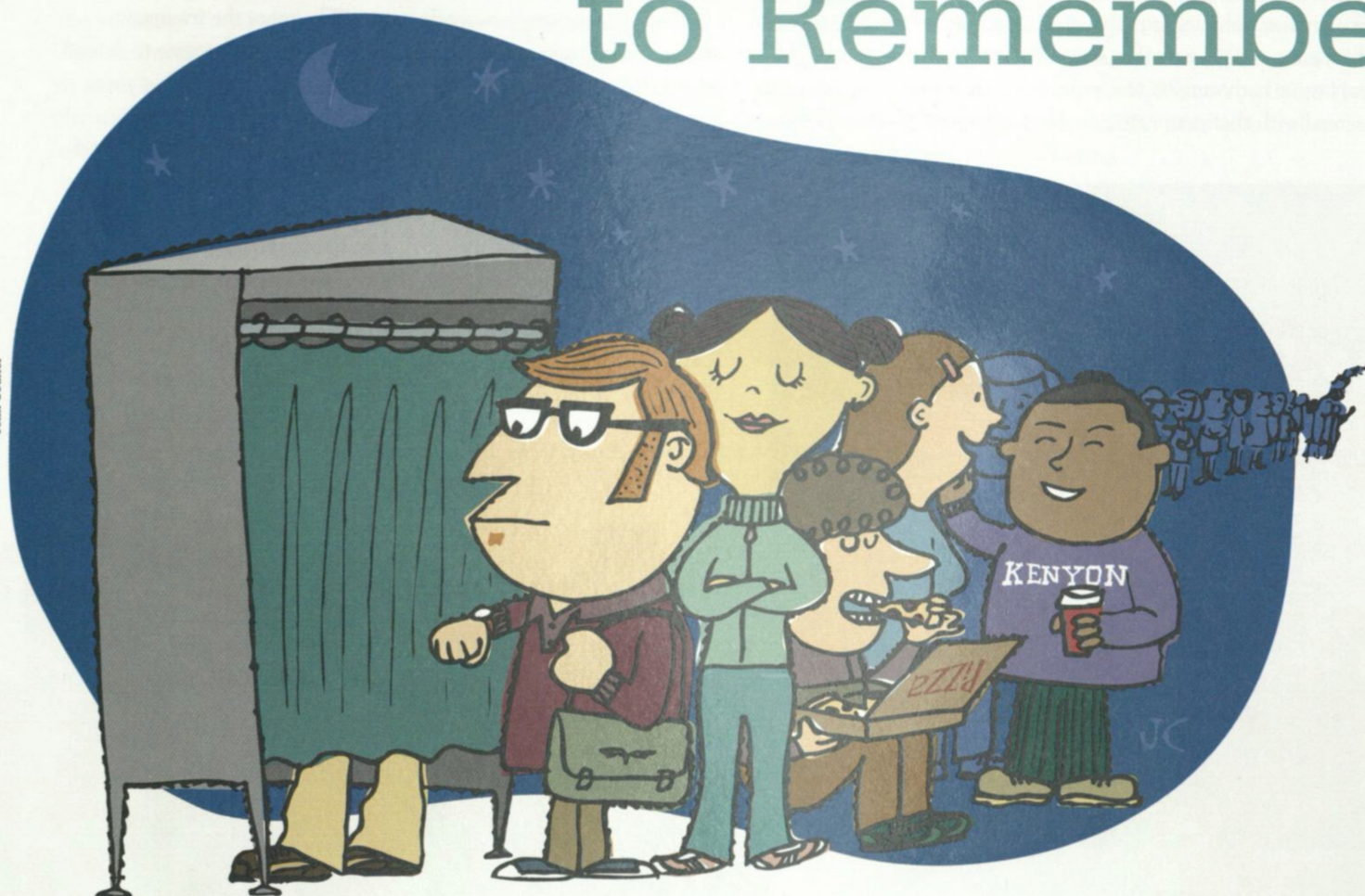


From left to right: CBS photographer Greg Sutfin, correspondent Brendan Keefe, Sergeant Bruce Bedard, and Staff Sergeant Louis Greco.



A Vote to Remember

John Coulter



KENYON'S ELECTION FEVER CULMINATES IN EPIC WAITS AT THE POLLS, INSPIRING ADMIRATION AROUND THE COUNTRY

BY DAN LASKIN | ILLUSTRATION BY JOHN COULTER

It was a fierce campaign,

an election watched intently all over the world. On Election Day, the key battleground was Ohio, whose twenty electoral votes would decide the outcome.



And in Ohio, the most extraordinary place on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, turned out to be a tiny college town where the students, many of them first-time voters, waited up to eleven hours to cast their ballots—cheerful, patient, determined, and increasingly aware, as night dragged into morning, that they were writing a small chapter in political history.

The place, of course, was Gambier, where the Kenyon student turnout overwhelmed the two available voting machines, so that the polls couldn't close until nearly 4:00 a.m. on Wednesday—the last voting precinct in the Eastern time zone to shut its doors. The national media, meanwhile, which were closely watching the presidential race in Ohio, had picked up the Kenyon story, thanks in part to students with cell phones. Just as Ohio was becoming not only the climactic story of the night but also a metaphor for the intensity of the campaign, so was Kenyon emerging as not only a newsworthy part of the drama but also a symbol of civic commitment.

"I didn't understand the importance of my single vote," Tad Gruman '08 told a reporter on ABC's *World News Tonight*. "In the future, I will never take it for granted." ABC chose to end its newscast the day after the election with the Kenyon story, which anchor Peter Jennings introduced as a slice of election-night life that offered the country "a little genuine inspiration."

The perseverance of Kenyon students—and the community spirit of their peers and professors, who shuttled voters to the polls and brought snacks and drinks to those waiting in line—would be mentioned in news outlets ranging from the *New York Times* to the BBC. Kenyon students were quoted in the *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, and many other papers. Others were interviewed on programs such as National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*, *The Today Show*, and *Good Morning America*. An Associated Press story appeared around

the country and was picked up as far away as Australia. Alumni, parents, and perfect strangers were sending e-mails to the College expressing their pride and admiration.

"Bravo!" read the messages. "Hats off!" Many echoed the words of Cooper Schenck Munroe '88, who wrote: "I have never been prouder of Kenyon."

It was perhaps inevitable that the campus would become so engaged in the election, given the issues at stake, the polarization of the country, and the pervasiveness of campaign coverage. Nationwide, passions ran high among the supporters of both President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry. A steady stream of polls showed the candidates running neck and neck. Moreover, Ohio was continually in the news as a critical swing state, targeted by both parties as essential to success.

A number of students had spent their summers working for one of the campaigns. John Ziegler, for example, a senior political-science major from Oak Park, Illinois, worked at Kerry headquarters in Washington. Philip Cooke, a senior biology major from Crofton, Maryland, helped prepare New York's Madison Square Garden for the Republican National Convention.

First-year students arriving in Gambier in late August found that Orientation included not just the usual rites of passage but also a voter-registration drive. It was organized by Ellery Biddle '05, an English and Spanish major from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who urged fellow students to do more than trade "passive-aggressive" e-mail tirades on the campus computer network.

It was impossible to escape politics as the semester proceeded. Campus speakers included John Agresto, a former Kenyon political-science professor who had served as the chief higher-education advisor for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, and Christian Brose '02, a speechwriter for Secretary of State Colin Powell. Faculty members volunteered to speak at panel discussions on the election, which were well attended. Two student publications, the *Kenyon Observer* and the *Voice*, devoted special issues to the election. In early October, first-year student Mike Frick, a former Oklahoma state debating champion, was asked to critique the performance of Dick Cheney and John Edwards in their vice-presidential debate for the *PBS NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*.

Meanwhile, bumper stickers and posters proliferated. E-mail inboxes filled daily with messages of exhortation. Register to vote. Check out this Web link . . . attached article . . . cartoon . . . editorial . . . speech. Kerry is holding another rally in Ohio; who needs a ride?

Most of those speaking out on campus did in fact favor the Democratic candidate and criticize the president, often scathingly. While President Bush certainly had his supporters, they were far less visible. Indeed, Gambier would eventually give 90 percent of its votes to Kerry.

One of the most vehemently discussed issues at the College involved voting itself. Thanks to Biddle's registration drive, as well as a continual flow of encouragement and information from a number of faculty members and other students, a good many Kenyon students originally from out-of-state homes were declaring residency in Gambier and registering to vote in Ohio.

When one campus speaker and a College official seemed to challenge the Gambier registrations, they were accused of spreading distortions and inaccuracies about Ohio's election law in an effort to intimidate prospective new voters. (The law, while complex, does allow students originally from other states to register in Ohio.) Arguments, accusations, and clarifications flew across cyberspace, until President S. Georgia Nugent finally stepped in with an e-mail message affirming that Kenyon's "only official position" was to encourage students to vote and referring the campus community to two authoritative Web sites on the state's election laws.

The controversy resulted in a redoubling of get-out-the-vote efforts and an even greater saturation of the campus in election news and views. "It was impossible to be a student at Kenyon without reading about the election and talking about it with your friends," Biddle would reflect later. "In the week preceding the election, it seemed like that was the only thing anyone could really focus on."

As Election Day neared, students posted sample ballots in the dining halls, and faculty members sent out copies of the Ohio Voters Bill of Rights as a way of arming students with information in case they were challenged at the polls.

The *Collegian* predicted that on November 2, Ohio, "this swinging-est of swing states," was "sure to be a circus."

Well, it was and it wasn't.

By the time the polls opened at 6:30 a.m., forty to fifty people were already in line at the Gambier Community Center on Meadow Lane, where the Gambier precinct votes. By 10:00 a.m., according to Biddle, "word had gotten out that lines were long, and the campus seemed to have emptied itself" into the community center. President Nugent e-mailed the faculty, alerting them to the delays and asking them to take into consideration the fact that if students missed class, it might

be because they were waiting to vote.

In a typical presidential election, only six to seven hundred people vote in Gambier, according to Pamela Hinkens, director of the Knox County Board of Elections. But this time, around 1,100 voters turned out. Of the approximately 1,300 voters who had registered in the precinct, about a third were Kenyon students, by Biddle's estimate.

The county provided only two voting machines for each of its fifty-six precincts. And in Gambier, one of those machines was malfunctioning during the morning. Gambier residents, used to waiting no more than fifteen minutes to vote, were waiting for four, six, nine hours. "I've spent more time voting today than I've spent voting in my whole life," resident (and former Kenyon dean) Susan Givens told the *Collegian*.

The students generally allowed older village residents to move to the front of the line. But that didn't affect the overall pace. By 7:30 p.m., the official closing time for the polls in Ohio, the line still stretched out into the parking lot. Officials distributed "Authority to Vote" cards to everyone still in line at that time. By then, only 650 people had voted.

The students waiting in line did homework, watched movies on laptop computers, listened to music, and occasionally sang. Pizza, candy, and drinks were brought throughout the afternoon and evening, courtesy of the Knox County Democrats, Student Council, the Middle Ground Café, the American Federation of Government Employees, and others. Volunteer drivers took voters to and from the polls, using vans provided by the College's security office.

"It's ridiculous and fabulous at the same time," Sara Murdock, a senior from Newton, Massachusetts, told the *Collegian*. Annie Lambla, a sophomore from Charlotte, North Carolina, told the student newspaper: "Of course we were frustrated because it took a long time, but we were all there together and it's a historic day, and we were doing something important."

Students used their cell phones to call their parents as well as the hotlines of various news organizations, and early in the evening reporters and television crews began arriving to report on what was thought to be the longest line at any Ohio polling site. As a result, alumni around the country who were watching election-night coverage found themselves hearing the words "Knox County, Ohio," grinning in recognition, and then cheering when the next phrase mentioned Kenyon.

At 2:00 a.m., there still were more than one hundred voters in

Media Frenzy

Hundreds of Kenyon students proved their mettle on Election Day, as they waited in line for as long as eleven hours to cast their ballots. Newspapers, radio and television stations, and Internet news sites throughout the country covered what may have been the longest voter line in the nation. The news coverage represents one of the biggest stories in Kenyon's history. At press time, news clippings were still rolling in from around the country. What follows is only a smattering of the numerous outlets that carried the story—some of them more than once.

ABC's World News Tonight with Peter Jennings

ABC's Good Morning America

ABC News Radio

An Associated Press story that appeared in many outlets

The BBC News

Bloomberg.com

The Chicago Tribune

CNN

CNN.com

The Columbus Dispatch

Mansfield (Ohio) News Journal

The Mount Vernon (Ohio) News

National Public Radio's All Things Considered

NBC4 TV in Columbus

The New York Times

The Today Show on NBC

The Wall Street Journal

The Washington Post

USA Today

Washingtonpost.com

KTLA.com, the Web site of Los Angeles television station KTLA

WBAY, a television station in Green Bay,

Wisconsin, carried the story on its Web site

line. As they emerged, one by one, from the community center, they were greeted by whoops and applause from fellow students. The last finally left at 3:56 a.m.

The next day, President Nugent sent out an all-campus e-mail message of congratulations and thanks. The Kenyon community "showed the nation how much it means for individual citizens to vote," she wrote. "Last night, Kenyon served as a national model of participation in the electoral process by young people."

A similar message, sent to alumni and parents, elicited dozens of responses, many from people who had heard some of the students in television or radio interviews and were impressed by their eloquence. A few complained about liberal bias at the College or the registration of out-of-state students. Some echoed local critics who blamed election officials for failing to note the high number of registrations and provide more voting machines. Most, however, expressed pride and gratitude, along with enthusiasm about the widespread attention Kenyon was receiving.

In all, the College received more than eighty messages. A number of parents observed that their children would remember this profound civic experience for the rest of their lives.

That experience may be preserved in the College's archives. Visiting Assistant Professor of English Sarah J. Heidt '97 had noticed many students taking pictures of the crowds on Election Day. She issued a call for photos and other memories for an "I Voted Today Project" documenting the event.

Looking back a week after the vote, observers agreed that something important had happened at Kenyon, not only on Election Day but throughout the fall. Pamela Jensen, professor of political science, remarked on the "harmony of interest" on campus—a heightened awareness of issues and an eagerness for information and involvement. She was struck by "the resolve and civic engagement" of the faculty members and students who led the get-out-the-vote effort.

"Kenyon students do not shoot first and ask questions later," she added. "In the end, partisan interests are trumped by the sense that participation in the process is the most important thing."

Even critics had praise. Professor of Political Science Fred Baumann felt that the voter-registration drive on campus was a "political scheme" by Kerry supporters, but he was pleased to see that it "turned



fortuitously into a wonderful student celebration of civic participation."

And what about apathy? "That was clearly not the case for this election, nor do I think it's true more generally," wrote Associate Professor of Political Science Stephen Van Holde. "Students may have been apathetic five or ten years ago; they are no longer."

In a message to President Nugent, Molly Farrell '02 noted, "people used to complain that we lived in the Kenyon bubble, that we were too apathetic about the world because we were so removed from it." Farrell, who is now a production assistant for the *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, went on, "I always knew that wasn't the case. Our small community encourages dialogue . . . and what is the political process—at its best—but dialogue in action?"

"Thanks, Kenyon," she said, "for giving me hope." ☺

1930s

'33 James W. Newcomer

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James W. Newcomer, Fort Worth, Texas, informs us that Editions Le Phare, a publisher located in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, published his book titled *Hell: Stories out of the wars*. "War is something I know about, because I was in Europe from the invasion to the peace, fighting under General Patton," Jim tells us.

'35 Kenyon College

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Gerald L. Long, Kunkletown, Pennsylvania, says that he has been doing less traveling and less golfing and spends more time catching up on lawn and garden activity in the Western Poconos, where he retired to in 1976.

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John W. Lehrer, Sandusky, Ohio, reports that he plans to move to a retirement home in Venice, Florida.

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1940s

'40 Kenyon College

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George T. McNary, Sarasota, Florida, continues to work in the insurance business. He informs us that he survived Hurricane Charley, adding that there was no damage to Sarasota, but "devastation forty miles south."

'41 George T. Lytle

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George T. Lytle, Dayton, Ohio, writes, "I continue to hope that I will pull together a brochure with some pictures of our sixtieth class reunion, comments and news from classmates, and miscellany, including a listing of deceased classmates and a listing of living classmates (names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, spouses, etc.). A year or so ago, I had it ninety percent ready to publish and I ran out of steam (time)."

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Donald G. May, Kalamazoo, Michigan, reports that he is working as a volunteer for Forgotten Man Ministries at the Kalamazoo County Jail.

'43 Maier M. Driver

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Carl Djerassi, San Francisco, California, tells us that a Portuguese translation of his play *An Immaculate Misconception* had a five-week run in Lisbon, while the English version of the play opened on November 18 in Singapore; *Calculus* ran for five weeks at the New End Theater in London, and the chamber opera version in German translation called *Kalkuel* will premiere May 5, 2005, on the small stage of the Zurich Opera in Switzerland. The text of this play has been published in book form under the title *Newton's Darkness: Two Dramatic Views*.

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Davy H. McCall, Chestertown, Maryland, writes that he remains active in historic preservation activities as a member of the Chestertown Historic District Commission and board member of Preservation Incorporated, a nonprofit organization that assists local preservation projects. In August 2004, he moved to a local continuing care retirement community.

'45 60th Reunion

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M. Richard Marr, Bellaire, Michigan, informs us that he retired from real estate sales in October 2003. His wife, Barbara, died June 4, 2004, after fighting Alzheimer's disease for a year and a half. **Thomas O. Murphy**, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, tells us that he is looking forward to the sixtieth class reunion in the spring of 2005. "I would like to hear from

any classmates who intend to be there," he writes.

'46 Kenyon College

Office of Public Affairs
College Relations Center
Gambier, Ohio 43022-9623

Frederick L. Gratiot, Hoboken, New Jersey, informs us that he has been an adjunct instructor at Hudson County Community College in New Jersey, teaching English as a foreign language, since 1992. "Hudson County is home to people from all over the world, and my classes have been a mix of young people of many nationalities," he reports.

'47 Samuel P. Todd Jr.

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'48 Kenyon College

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Joseph W. Koelliker Jr.,

Chardon, Ohio, informs us that he is supplying the Kenyon Bookstore with large numbers of books to be sold, with proceeds to enrich students. He is retired and enjoys a plethora of hobbies, plus visiting his children and grandchildren. He writes, "Kenyon was a building block in my foundation which enabled me to have a wonderful life and profession beyond my wildest dream."

'49 Theodore K. Thomas

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Rev. Cn. John B. Birdsall,

Williamsville, New York, writes, "We loved our fifty-fifth reunion, and I think other classes might try it." John hopes to send a grandson to Kenyon in two years.

1950s

'50 55th Reunion

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Robert M. Kastner, New York City, reports that he continues to handle financial matters for his company, Rotanis Pet Products. His pleasures remain visiting friends, gardening, and jogging. **Robert F. Koke**, Indian Harbour Beach, Florida, writes that he and his wife, Jane, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary by "enjoying the beautiful flower gardens in England." **John C. McLaughlin**, Iowa City, Iowa, reports that he has retired as a professor of English and linguistics at the University of Iowa. Currently, he enjoys mountain climbing, sailing, canoeing, and serving as a wilderness guide.

'51 Douglas W. Downey

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Harold T. Duryee, Columbus, Ohio, informs us that although he retired in 1999, he is "still busy, but at activities which cost me money, not the opposite." He is a member of the executive committee and the secretary of the board of trustees for the Griffith Foundation for Insurance Education, and he is still a senior advisor for the International Insurance Foundation. He also serves as a junior warden at Trinity Episcopal Church on Capitol Square, coaches a South Korean student in the Franklin University MBA program, and gives lectures on insurance regulation. **Edward E. Karkow**, Waldoboro,

Maine, reports that his son **Jon M. Karkow '84** helped design, and was the test pilot for, the Global Flyer, a twin-boomed, jet-propelled aircraft designed to make a solo nonstop flight around the world. **John B. Martin**, Evanston, Illinois, informs us that he has pursued painting and drawing as his clinical psychology career winds down. In 2004, he began to sell most of his watercolors and prints and is now represented by Gallery Mornea in Evanston. He recently launched his own Web site, www.johnbmartin.com. **Jack A. Moses**, Troy, Michigan, reports that he has been retired for about two years and now has time to become reacquainted with free-flight aeromodeling, building and flying rubber- and electric-powered scale aircraft ranging in size from thirteen to thirty-six inches in wingspan. He also is an election inspector for the city of Troy and goes to the gym every day to "tone up the wrinkles." **Will Pilcher**, Santa Rosa, California, tells us that he continues to be active in the International Christian Chamber of Commerce (ICCC), an organization that promotes Christian principles among business persons throughout the world. His travels for ICCC have taken him to Africa and, most recently, Finland. **Roger M. Whiteman**, Wayne, Pennsylvania, tells us that he is a semi-retired lawyer who grows vegetables and cuts his own lawn with a push mower. "I consider it un-American," he says, "not to cut your own lawn." Roger and his wife, Mary, occasionally lunch with **Luis C. Calvo** and his wife, Nilda, and **Henry J. Sharp '53** and his wife, Charlotte. **Alan D. Wright**, Waite Hill, Ohio, reports that he divides his time between Florida and the Cleveland area and continues to practice law on a part-time basis. "I no longer

have a view of Lake Erie," he says, "but now occupy a broom closet next to the paralegals." Alan also mentions his son Evan Wright, an embedded correspondent with a marine combat unit during the invasion of Iraq. Evan tells of his experiences in *Generation Kill*, published in June.

'52 Robert L. Hesse

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F. Reed Andrews Jr., Moreland Hills, Ohio, informs us that he and his wife, Barbara, had a great trip to China and Hong Kong. He is starting his forty-eighth year of sports car racing in his Honda Civic. He is still doing some financial consulting with Securities America Inc. **John W. Humphrys**, Saddlebrooke, Arizona, says that he and his wife, Winnie, enjoy traveling in Europe and Australia and visiting his cousins in England. He plays golf three days a week and plays drums with small groups and larger Dixieland bands.

'53 Ronald R. Ryan

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Edward G. Koran, Phoenix, Arizona, writes (in May), "A mother hummingbird has built a nest under my carport eave and has hatched two tiny chicks. Birds seem to be singing more these days. Spring is here. Life is good." **Marshall N. Terry Jr.**, Dallas, Texas, reports that in March 2004 he was named a fellow of the Texas Institute of Letters.

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'55 50th Reunion

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Arthur L. Johnson, Potsdam, New York, reports that he teaches two courses at SUNY Potsdam, rehearsed seven roles for *The Laramie Project* last May, volunteers at a hospice and nursing home, and serves as a fall cruise lecturer for American Canadian Caribbean Line. "Retired? Maybe some day," he comments.

'56 George B. Hallock

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J. Gordon Duffey, Pacific Palisades, California, writes that he has recently completed his first novel, titled *A Lady Known as Lou*. He and his wife, Linda, "had the pleasure" of taking **James G. Bellows '44** and his wife, Keven, to the American Film Institute's televised black-tie tribute to Meryl Streep. "The four of us had a blast!" Gordon reported. **Charles W. Mington Jr.**, Southampton, New Jersey, tells us that he has edited many texts published by the University of Nebraska Press. These works include Edward Taylor's *Upon the Types of the Old Testament* and the Cather Scholarly Editions of *O Pioneers!*, *My Antonia*, *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, and *A Lost Lady*. **Rev. James F. Riley**, Christchurch, New Zealand, and his wife, Edith, announce that their grandson Declan Anthony Riley O'Connell was born on April 21, 2004, to their youngest daughter, Katharine, and her husband, John O'Connell. Declan is Jim and Edith's eighth grandchild and "Irish to the core."

'57 Donald A. Fischman

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Donald R. Cochran Jr., Bala-Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, informs us that he was honored at a luncheon given by the Salvation Army for having completed fifteen years of exceptional service to the organization. **Ronald E.**

Kendrick, Columbus, Ohio, reports that retirement is looming on the horizon. He and his wife, Suzanne, have been spending as much time as possible at their grandchildren's festivities. He writes, "Healthcare is in a constant state of flux and no one knows what direction it will take. Universal care would be a reasonable alternative, but only if the providers of care are in charge. But this situation will never happen. The beat goes on."

Stanley A. Krok Jr., Brunswick, Maine, writes that he is the past president of the art society of Old Greenwich, Connecticut. **James D. Morgan**, New York, New York, reports that he's been working to support the development of two Quaker schools in Tanzania, East Africa. He spent spring semester 2003 teaching at Nairobi University's architecture school, where his students made long-term plans for the secondary school; additionally, he oversaw construction of six teachers' houses at the school sites. Jim says, "It's not unlike Philander Chase's mission because, mainly, I raise money for them from comfortable New York City friends." He continues to teach a seminar in the fall semester at New York University on politics and urban design.

'58 Aldoph Faller III

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Thomas J. Kysela reports that he moved from Cincinnati, Ohio, in June 2001 to Key West, Florida, and plans to remain there "until death do us part!" He writes, "Bed and breakfast available at no charge to special friends and visitors from Kenyon." An April 2004 article in the *Key West Citizen* proclaimed Tom the "citizen of the day" for his contribution as a docent at the Key West Art and Historical Society's Custom House on Front Street. **Richard L. Moore**, Round Rock, Texas, writes that he has been appointed a professor of mathematics and biblical studies at the Austin extension of LeTourneau University. **Dale A. Neuman**, Kansas City, Missouri, reports, "I continue to fill my retirement with music, photography, reading novels, and writing poetry." Dale sings with a men's barbershop-harmony chorus that competes regionally and nationally. Additionally, one of his photos received recognition in a photography contest and several of his short poems have been published.

'59 W. Harley Henry

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Donald Bomann Jr., Greenwich, Connecticut, reports that he has been elected a trustee of the Rye, New York, YMCA, having served on the board for nine years. He was vice chair of its capital campaign, which raised five million dollars to renovate and expand facilities. **Richard A. Dickey**, Hickory, North Carolina, writes that he is still enjoying retirement, his growing family, and many volunteer roles in church and medicine. He missed the forty-fifth reunion because he was leading a group to Russia. **Hugh S. Gage**, Gambier, Ohio, informs us that Kenyon's student body is "remarkable" and

its Master Plan is "challenging." He writes, "The new athletic center will look like Prince Albert's crystal palace (not a bad nickname, at that). The village has not changed that much—still Middle Path and still magic. Come and visit." **Joel F. Holmes Jr.**, Farmingdale, New Jersey, reports that he and his wife, Mary Lou, celebrated their forty-fifth wedding anniversary on October 10, 2004. The couple has three grandsons and one granddaughter, and they "certainly enjoy seeing them grow up." Joel continues to enjoy working as vice president of financial services at the Bollinger Insurance Agency. **Joseph "Jeff" Levy**, New Richmond, Wisconsin, reports that in 2005, it will be fifty years since he graduated from American High School in Mexico City and reminds fellow graduates that in 2009, it will be fifty years since the Class of 1959 graduated from Kenyon. In August 2004, Jeff took five of his ten grandchildren to mainland China for two weeks. **Lawrence R. Los**, Santa Maria, California, reports that he had a great time at the forty-fifth reunion at Kenyon. He writes, "All those who were not able to attend, please contribute to Kenyon. It is still a great educational center. Make plans now for our fiftieth reunion in 2009!"

1960s

'60 45th Reunion

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Richard M. Lamport Jr., San Francisco, California, informs us that he continues to enjoy life in San Francisco, where he is running planned giving programs for the Asian Art Museum, Philharmonia Baroque, and other organizations. He is also doing lots of sailing. **Wesley J. MacAdam**, Arlington, Virginia, says that he had a memo-

rable visit with Presbyterians in Cuba, where he met many of the locals. He was amazed at their resourcefulness and creativity in the midst of adversity. He writes: "They extended every hospitality and gladly shared what little they had. What a beautiful country."

J. Thomas Moore, Stillwater, Oklahoma, tells us that he is fully retired but still very busy with volunteer work; he focuses particularly upon elderly persons in nursing homes and on children caught up in the court system. He is writing his memoirs, "for family use only," and says that Kenyon plays a big part in the "development." "I am enjoying life as I can," he says. **Rev. Wilson K. Roane** reports that he and his wife, Susan, live in the small central Wisconsin city of Waupaca. Seventeen years ago, he left a career in investment management in bank trust departments to enter Nashotah House seminary to become an Episcopal priest. He has served the local church in Waupaca ever since ordination. Their three children, Julia, Andrew, and Michael, are grown, have families of their own, and have provided Wilson and Susan with five grandchildren. Wilson retired in August from the parish ministry.

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Lester D. Alford, Bend, Oregon, tells us that he is still involved in Habitat for Humanity. In terms of his personal life, he says, "This summer, we welcomed the birth of our first grandchild!" **William G. Ketterer**, Silver Spring, Maryland, reports that he is employed as a senior attorney for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In June 2004, he received an award from the NIH for the development and review of its Grants Policy Statement. **Donald J. Mabry**, Starkville, Mississippi, writes that he became a grandfather on April 7, 2004, when Jonah Karl Mabry was born to **Scott L. Mabry '90** and his wife, Ingeborg Hoya.

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Richard J. Scheidenhelm, Boulder, Colorado, says he regrets that he could not make it to Gambier in May, but his son, Nathan, did travel east in August to look at colleges. They visited Washington, D.C., and stopped at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to visit **David G. Kearney** (deceased) and say a prayer for him. Dick says, "I think Dave is there."

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'65 40th Reunion
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Edward J. Edahl, New York City, informs us that he received his M.A. in English education from the City College of New York on June 4, 2004, about thirty-nine years after receiving his B.A. from Kenyon. He writes, "Figure another one hundred and fifty-six years or so for a Ph.D." A press release informs us that **John A. Gable**, Glen Cove, New York, edited *The Man in the Arena*, a collection of speeches and essays by Theodore Roosevelt issued in a

special new "Armed Services Edition" funded entirely by private contributions through the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation. **Robin F. Goldsmith**, Needham, Massachusetts, says that his first book, *Discovering REAL Business Requirements for Software Project Success*, was published in March 2004. Robin is the president of Go Pro Management, Inc., an information systems management consultancy in Needham. **Gary E. Kaltenbach**, Fremont, Ohio, reports that he has retired, but he drives the Zamboni for the ice rink at the local recreation center, and also volunteers at the local hospital. He has been umpiring high school softball games for twenty-nine years and also substitute teaches in area high schools. **John S. Kerr**, Sharon, Connecticut, who serves as director of development and planned giving for Kent School, writes, "With thirteen months remaining in our campaign for seventy-five million dollars, we have secured sixty-eight million dollars so far. I lead a shop of fourteen very enthusiastic and dedicated professionals. The big 'R' (retirement) is looking more attractive every day, even though my wife, Bonnie, and I have enjoyed our thirty-four years of service to a fine group of young people at Kent School." **David L. Langston**, Frederick, Maryland, writes, "I'm hoping to see lots of classmates at our fortieth reunion!" **Gene E. Little**, Canton, Ohio, reports that **John A. Gable**, executive director of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, visited him and his wife, Sally, in Canton in February 2004. The purpose of his trip was to address a book club discussing a Teddy Roosevelt biography. It was the book club's twentieth anniversary. Kenyonites **David J. Utlak '74** and **James S. Gwin '76** are founding members of the club. **M. Salim Lone**, Briarcliff Manor, New York, informs us that he had a very close call in Baghdad, where he was the

director of communications and spokesman for the U.N. mission in Iraq. He writes, "I got off with slight injuries, but what saved my life on August 19, 2003, was my skipping the 4:30 meeting with Sergio Vieira de Mello because he had asked me to make changes by 6 p.m. to a statement I had drafted for him on the killing of a Reuters journalist by U.S. troops as he was filming a disturbance at Abu Ghraib prison. All but one in that meeting died from the bombing; the sixth lost both his legs but somehow survived." Since then, Salim has retired from the United Nations, where he had been, since 1998, director of the news and media division; the Baghdad job was a special assignment. He is now writing, commenting, and speaking. **William D. Love** reports, "After twenty-five years living in Connecticut with some time living in London and Sydney, I decided to retire at age fifty-five. Since then, I have been wandering aimlessly (around the world in some cases) looking for appropriate summer and winter homes. Last year I found a winter spot in Arizona, so now I wander aimlessly only in the summer months, looking for a summer retreat." **Frederick J. McGavran**, Cincinnati, Ohio, informs us that he won the 2003 Raymond Carver Award from Humboldt State University for his short story "The Butterfly Collector." His story "Watching Time" placed first in the 2004 John Howard/Tom Reid contest and was published in an anthology of the same name in November 2004. *Dreams and Visions* recently published "The Beautician," and *Pearl*, another small literary magazine, recently published "Confessions Without Culpa." **Brian E. Michaels**, Midway, Utah, writes that he retired after thirty-four years as a prosecutor in San Diego, California. He also received the lifetime career achievement awards from the California District Attorneys Association and the San Diego

County Deputy District Attorneys Association for teaching ethics to prosecutors for many years. He says, "My wife, Moira, and I moved to Midway, Utah, a great place to rear our children." **John E. Schofield**, Downers Grove, Illinois, informs us that he "became unemployed again" in November 2003. He was happy to have the time to celebrate his sixtieth birthday with a trip to Wellington, New Zealand, and Sydney, Australia.

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Louis H. Berney, Baltimore, Maryland, reports that he is the author of a book called *Tales from the Orioles Dugout* that was published last spring by Sports Publishing LLC. The book is an anecdotal history of the Baltimore Orioles compiled as a series of interviews with some of the greatest players in Oriole history, including Cal Ripken, Brooks Robinson, Jim Palmer, and Earl Weaver. **Lawrence F. Leventon**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, writes, "Alive and well in Pittsburgh. I have begun a program which is being taken national called 'more golf—less work.'" A press release informs us that **Charles W. Mann**, Streetwater, Tennessee, completed his first techno-thriller novel, titled *Polar Cap Five*. It was published in September 2004 by VBW Publishing. Author Jeffery Deaver called it "outstanding, gripping, brilliant, and spectacular," while author Bob Mayer said, "He reminds me of Tom Clancy." **Louis H. Martone**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, informs us that all of his four children have finished college but the tuition and support do not end. His son **Louis S. Martone '00** started medical school in August 2004 and his son Henry is trying to parlay his Northwestern University education into an acting career in

New York. The two girls, **Angela C. Martone '95** and Regina, are self-supporting and living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. **Robert P. Moyer**, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, writes that he is still teaching at the North Carolina School of the Arts. He is directing *Shakespeare Lives!*, a collaboration with London's Globe Theater.

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Charles Schwarzbeck and his wife, Chandra, announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Schwarzbeck, on April 4, 2004. The Schwarzbeck family, which also includes Sarah (seventeen) and Chuck (fifteen), lives in Seattle, Washington. Charles writes, "Until Chandra's pregnancy became the re-inventor of our marriage, we were traveling and enjoying remote places in Mexico, Vancouver Island, and the South Pacific with our fold-up Kayaks."

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Rev. Carl H. Beasley III, Colorado, Maryland, informs us that his son, Adam Huntington Beasley, married Laura Gottlieb in Beachwood, Ohio, on June 14, 2004. **Charles W. Kenrick**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reports that he was elected to a three-year term on Alumni Council, beginning in October 2004. **James K. Keresey**, Oak Harbor, Washington, reports that since he has moved back to the Northwest, he has gotten together with **Pierce E. Scranton** for golf. He spends quite a bit of time in Oakland, California (FedEx west coast hub), and has also gotten together on several occasions with **George "Mac" Vogelei**. **John T. Moffitt**, Buffalo, New York, writes that he retired

from his job at Futures Academy, part of the Buffalo public school system, in June 2002. Currently, he is working as a job coach to developmentally disabled adults. A press release informs us that **Mark E. Sullivan**, Raleigh, North Carolina, has recently published "The Judges' Guide to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act."

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'69 Christopher H. Marty
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Gregory P. Alexander, Ashton, Maryland, informs us that he remains in part-time practice in emergency medicine and in regional management with Kaiser Permanente Mid Atlantic States. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in December 2002 and had surgery in February 2003. He was back to work in three weeks and back on the golf course in six, and he continues to do well. "Look me up if you are in D.C.," he adds. **Thomas Caceci**, Blacksburg, Virginia, reports that his mother-in-law, Dolores M. Ayers Wolfe, passed away on May 3, 2004. She was a lifelong resident of Gambier, with deep and lasting ties to Kenyon and the village. For further information, please see the obituary section. **Robert G. Fugitt**, Getzville, New York, reports that he and his wife, Lora, were presented with their first granddaughter, Payton Taylor, in October 2003. **Peter D. Lawrason**, Fairbanks, Alaska, says that his son Alex is an engineer with HNTB working on seismic retrofit on the Golden Gate Bridge. His daughter Emmy is a third-year medical student, his son Brad is a senior in college, his stepdaughter Amy is in fifth grade, his son Andrew is in kindergarten, and his daughter Addie (two) gets into everything. **Robert R. Leighton**, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, writes, "I'm sorry for missing another 'big' reunion; two weddings last

summer kept us rather busy." He hopes that everyone who attended the reunion had a wonderful weekend.

1970s

'70 35th Reunion
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Paul G. Keiner, New Boston, New Hampshire, reports that he is completing his twentieth year teaching and coaching middle-school students at the Derryfield School. His wife, Deborah, works as a paralegal and is an "avid and talented" quilter. His younger daughter, Dana, continues to recover from brain trauma caused by seizures as a result of a bee sting on August 23, 2003. His son, James (twenty-two), continues to serve his country as an Army Ranger. **Roger Novak Jr.**, Baltimore, Maryland, informs us that his company, Novak Biddle Venture Partners, closed on Novak Biddle Venture Partners IV, an early-stage information-technology-only venture fund. He writes, "Demand was strong and so we were lucky enough to be able to pick our limited partners, many of whom are university endowments and foundations. I am not sure if Kenyon is one of them, but the College will always have a spot if it wants one." Roger says he and **John I. Turnbull** recently saw **Philip R. Sharp '69** in Jacksonville, Florida. **Robert E. Poll** married Caroline Vaughan on September 20, 2003, at Saint James Episcopal Church in New York City. **Michael S. Podmaniczky** was an usher. Bob's two daughters, **Alexandra O. Poll '05** and Bianca, a freshman at American University, were also in attendance. **Elliott S. "Sandy" Robinson III**,

Rossville, Maryland, reports that his daughter, Sara, is thriving in her junior year at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. Sandy continues to work for ACT Inc. while his wife Linda works in a kidney transplant program at the University of Maryland Medical Center. Occasionally, Sandy comes into contact with **Alan D. Kobrin '68**, **Nicholas K. Eib '68**, **Murray L. Horwitz**, **Alan G. Janos '71**, and **Robert N. Mayer '71**. **David N. Taylor**, Annapolis, Maryland, says that he retired from the Army Medical Corps after twenty-two years at Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington, D.C. He has joined the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland, to work in the Center for Immunization Research. His daughter, Alice, is a junior at the University of Southern California and his son, **James A. Taylor '07**, is a sophomore at Kenyon. He writes, "I returned to Kenyon for the first time in decades in October 2003 for Parents' Weekend." **Arthur K. Vedder**, Santa Cruz, California, informs us that he is in his twenty-seventh year of medical practice. He continues to run, after "four years of plodding around the track at Kenyon." Art writes that during a run across the Grand Canyon and back in April 2004, he and eight other long-distance runners "covered forty-four miles and twenty-one thousand feet of elevation change between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m."

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Dennis M. O'Connor, East Hampton, Connecticut, reports that he is in his thirty-third year as a high school English teacher. He is also the proud grandfather of two grandsons. He writes, "Life is good."

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Preston Lentz, Nashville, Tennessee, writes that his son **Christopher A. Lentz '04** graduated from Kenyon last May with distinction on his senior exercise in drama. He says, "Chris (and I) had the tremendous honor and pleasure of having his diploma presented to him by his uncle, **Perry C. Lentz '64.**"

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Andrew M. Brilliant, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, writes, "Recently the Fidelity Investments Corporate Art Collection purchased six prints directly from my portfolio. Four of them are from the 'Like Haiku Jamaica Pond Series,' which is being developed into a contemporary dance performance piece." Andy is a photographer and also managing editor of *In The Loupe*, the newsletter of the Photographic Resource Center of Boston.

William K. Fuller married Rebecca Snider on October 12, 2002, at Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio. Bill also earned his second master's degree, a master of nonprofit organizations, from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University. He and Rebecca live in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. A press release informs us that in April 2004, **Cathy Carter Godshall** was elected vice president and treasurer of the board of managers for the Akron, Ohio, law firm Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP. Cathy and her husband, Douglas, reside in Medina, Ohio. Their son, **Jack C. Godshall**, is in his junior year at Kenyon. **Judith A. Hoffman**,

Columbus, Ohio, reports that a photograph of her with John Kerry was published in *Newsweek* on August 2, 2004. The issue included a long profile of Senator Kerry, who was with Judy in the Class of 1976 at Boston College Law School. (See profile on page 26.) **Lorene E. Ludy**, Madison, Wisconsin, reports that after a decade of volunteering, teaching yoga, and being a chaplain and spiritual director, she is entering a master's program in marriage and family therapy at Edgewood College. **William E. Morrissey**, Hillsdale, Michigan, tells us that two of his books were published in 2004: *Self-Government, The American Theme: Presidents of the Founding and Civil War* and *Regime Change: What It Is, Why It Matters*. **Jeffrey D. Parker**, Boston, Massachusetts, informs us that he has taken a one-year post teaching computer science at Middlebury College in Vermont. His wife, Nancy Belkov, will split her time between Vermont and Boston, where she works as a math coach. **Ann Wiester Starr**, Columbus, Ohio, tells us that she gave a paper about her artist's book, "Cannibal Appetites," at a literature conference at SUNY-Cortland in October. Her older daughter, Maggie, is a junior at Wesleyan University while her younger daughter, Lizzie, is a high school senior at the Cambridge School of Weston, Massachusetts.

Julia Miller Vick and **James W. Vick '74**, Haddonfield, New Jersey, attended Jim's thirtieth class reunion in May 2004. Their younger son, David (fourteen), also attended and played in the annual golf outing with his father and professor Bill Klein. Their older son, John, is a student at Boston College while their daughter, Emily, is a 2003 graduate of the Catholic University of America.

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Geri Coleman Tucker, Springfield, Virginia, reports that she was promoted to deputy managing editor in the Money section of *USA Today*, a department where she was once the senior assignment editor. Geri's husband, Michael, is a journalism professor at Howard University. They have a son, Christopher (eighteen). **Mark A. Jicha**, Saint Simons Island, Georgia, writes, "I have a swamp in South Georgia. If anyone wants to visit, call or e-mail." **Marilyn L. Jones** married **Peter Goodman** on August 22, 2002. They are now living in Vesuvius, Virginia. She writes, "It's beautiful here. We hope to meet local Kenyon alumni soon." **Jane F. Peden**, Bexley, Ohio, reports that she teaches English to the foreign students at Hilliard Darby High School. Her older daughter, Margaret, graduated from Bryn Mawr College in May 2004. Her younger daughter, Elizabeth, is a sophomore at Bowling Green State University. **James W. Vick** and **Julia Miller Vick '73**, Haddonfield, New Jersey, attended Jim's thirtieth class reunion in May 2004. Their younger son, David (fourteen), also attended and played in the annual golf outing with his father and professor Bill Klein. Their older son, John, is a student at Boston College while their daughter, Emily, is a 2003 graduate of the Catholic University of America.

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'75 30th Reunion
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Susan M. Batiuchok, Missoula, Montana, writes, "What a delight to host and reunite with **Jean M. Amabile** and her husband, Patrick Mattimore, in July 2003; Missoula madness at its best! My Montana hospitality is intended to all of my 'old' pals from Kenyon." **Thomas M. Bruggman**, Lutherville, Maryland, informs us that he is working on another de-

gree at Johns Hopkins University, in spirituality and existentialism in counseling. **D. Anne Gernert Campos**, New York City, tells us that she has been imagining what it would be like to be self-employed. To that end, she has been taking food-related classes. She may also take evening courses in a program offered by the French Culinary Institute in New York. Anne writes, "None of this may be grounded in reality, but I'm meeting interesting people and having fun." **Michael C. Davis**, Arlington, Virginia, reports that he gave his second public poetry reading of the year in June 2004, continues to edit copy for the Bureau of National Affairs, works on poetry in the schools with children, and is close to memorizing a few new tangos for his guitar gigs. **Gretchen McLain Larman**, Portland, Maine, tells us that unlike most alumni, she made a decision to go back to school at the age of fifty "in a career that plays to all my weaknesses." She will graduate from nursing school in 2005. She writes, "Learning something completely new (the sciences) at this age is an amazing challenge, and touching people, instead of paper, has its rewards." **Charlotte J. McCormick**, Westport, New York, reports that she and her husband, Daniel, are building a new home on a bluff overlooking Lake Champlain. Shami is in her twenty-fifth year as artistic director for The Depot theater and she stays in touch with fellow Kenyon thespians. **Marcel Mindlin**, Los Angeles, California, informs us that for the last couple of years he has been working primarily at the Fox Broadcast Network, writing and producing most of the on-air advertising for the *American Idol* show as well as a number of movies and specials. He writes, "My wife, Liz, and I continue to live in the same lovely house we've had for the last fifteen years and visit Carmel, where we have a small bungalow on the point, when time permits."

Michael C. O'Connor, Quincy, Illinois, tells us that after fifteen years in radio broadcasting, he moved into the corporate world of manufacturing. His daughter, Whitney, will be graduating from college this year and his two sons, Cullen and Tighe, are in the first and sixth grades, respectively. Michael writes, "I hope to see old friends at the thirtieth reunion." **Elizabeth Levitt Resnick**, Ridgewood, New Jersey, relates that she continues to stay in touch with **Deborah Baldwin Fall**. In 2003, she and Deborah had a reunion with **Deborah Jansen MacKinnon** and **Gretchen McLain Larman** ("suite mates of almost thirty years ago!") and they had a great time. Liz has two children, Gregory (eleven) and Amanda (fifteen).

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Rev. Douglas M. Bernhardt relates that he is teaching English and study skills to students with special needs at Billerica High School in Billerica, Massachusetts. Doug, his wife, Ari, and their two-year-old twins, Emma and Charlotte, live in Hamilton, Massachusetts. **John P. Harvey**, Dover, Delaware, tells us that he and his wife, Debbie, have recently completed their new home. John writes, "Of course, I picked this time to tear my Achilles tendon playing basketball and I now sport a Kenyon-purple cast on my left leg. Packing and moving has been a blast." **Janet Brozic Kinch** reports that since 1988 she has been teaching in the Department of English and Theater Arts at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She is very involved in Canadian studies and is putting together conferences for writers such as Chuck Palahniuk, author of *Fight Club*, and others. **James W. Kuhn**, Hudson, Ohio, tells us that he had fun cheering

on the Lords to the twenty-fifth NCAA Swim Championship in St. Louis last spring. He trained for several triathlons last summer in his new fifty to fifty-four age group. **Fran A. Kurtis**, South Orange, New Jersey, reports that in October 2003 she spent a drizzly afternoon in midtown Manhattan with **Gillian Teweles Denavit** of Fourqueux, France. Gillian is working in real estate after many years of teaching. Fran's older son, Andy, is a junior at Hamilton College while her younger son, Coby, is in his first year of high school. **Robert B. Lonsdorf**, Downingtown, Pennsylvania, informs us that he is working to restore American shad and other migratory fishes to the East Coast. He is also working to create a wildlands network for Pennsylvania. A press release informs us that **Jeanne L. Thomas** was appointed dean of the College of Health and Human Services at Eastern Michigan University beginning August 1, 2004. Formerly, Jeanne was the dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at California State University in Chico.

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Kim Hawkins Cline, Lenoir City, Tennessee, informs us that she is still practicing internal medicine in East Tennessee. She and her husband, Richard, have been busy raising their four children, Kelsey (thirteen), Marcia (sixteen), Matthew (eighteen), and Isaac (twenty). She writes, "Anyone in the area, please call. **Amy L. Carter**, where are you?" **Niles W. Keeran**, North Glendale, Arizona, who works as an environmental hydrologist in Phoenix, writes, "Nothing new is going on here in Phoenix. If there were careers and/or jobs in the petroleum industry for

petroleum exploration geologists, geophysicists, and petroleum engineers, the price of a barrel of oil would not be forty-one dollars, a gallon of gasoline would not be over two dollars, and the U.S.A. would be self-sufficient." A press release informs us that **Karen N. McCormick**, Dublin, California, was appointed vice president of specialty therapeutic sales and marketing for Genentech Inc. **Lindsay Mead Lowdon**, Charlottesville, Virginia, reports that she is teaching again after nine years as a stay-at-home mom. She would love to hear from members of her graduating class.

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Lori Braun Jackson, Old Greenwich, Connecticut, informs us that her older son, **Carl M. Jackson**, headed to Gambier in the fall of 2004 to become part of the Class of 2008. **Robert K. Lundin**, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, relates that his employer, the University of Chicago Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, relocated to Northwestern University in 2004 and became the Center for Rehabilitation at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare. Robert has accepted an invitation by the National Schizophrenia Foundation to join its board of directors. He was also asked to join an advisory committee to the Chicago Police Department crisis intervention team. **Jane Winans McKim**, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, tells us that she is the community relations director for the River Run International Film Festival in Winston-Salem. She writes, "I had a splendid time with **Paul S. Grimes**, food stylist and editor for *Gourmet*. He gave me a tour of his incredible work area, complete with test kitchens, photo studios, etc."

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Claire M. Bass, Nashville, Tennessee, reports that **J. Murray Clark** and **Gary Yacoubian** met her for the Kentucky Derby in Louisville, Kentucky, in May 2004. Claire writes, "Murray won two thousand dollars betting and Gary lost two thousand five hundred dollars betting. We had the best time in spite of the lost funds! We missed **Mark H. Schwartz!**" **Kyle W. Henderson**, Wilmette, Illinois, says that he is an equity partner at Chapman and Cutler LLP, a law firm in Chicago. He writes, "My son, William, my wife, Kachen Kimmell, and I say hello to the people we met or re-met at the 1999 and 2000 reunions! Kudos to **Joseph A. Gioia '77**, for organizing the Peeps Alumni Association. Everyone, send in your ten dollar annual dues to PAA, P.O. Box 730, Gambier, Ohio 43022." **Sandra Lane Joseph**, Columbus, Ohio, reports that the 2004 summer found her, her husband, Tony, and their children, Jessica (four) and Joshua (six), at T-ball, soccer, swim lessons, and ballet. She writes, "Josh and Jess are being introduced to Mom's first love—sports!" **Cameron R. Macauley**, Boston, Massachusetts, informs us that since August 2004 he has been working as technical advisor for an HIV/AIDS program in Mozambique, where in 1993 he ran an orthopedic surgery program for war victims. In September 2004, Cameron's master's thesis, "Aggressive Active Case Detection for Malaria," was published in the journal *Social Science and Medicine*. **Robert B. O'Connor**, Memphis, Tennessee, tells us that his oldest son, Jack, is a senior in high school. Bob writes, "Jack is a rocket scientist in the making, so I cannot interest him in Kenyon. Besides that, he thinks I'm an

FLYING FOR WORK—AND FUN

Most students don't attend Kenyon to become pilots. Dean Chantiles '75 sure didn't. But the English major from Scarsdale, New York, decided to enroll in a flight course taught by two fellow students, Andy Bourland '73 and Randy Navarre '73, at the Gambier Experimental College in 1973. It just sounded like fun.

Chantiles had always been interested in flying. As a kid, he loved building model airplanes and eagerly awaited descriptions of the aircraft whenever his father returned home from a business flight. Now actually flying planes suddenly seemed within reach. "I realized, hey, I can do this," Chantiles remembers. "It was kind of like a dream."

He sold his Fiat 850 to help pay for flying lessons at the Knox County Airport, and he passed his flight test for a license the summer before his junior year. But flying was still just a hobby, and his friends assumed he would go into teaching when he graduated.

Chantiles wasn't so sure. "I was kind of clueless about my future at that point," he says. "Then one afternoon in my room I just decided I wanted a job that was fun. And flying was fun. So I decided in about twenty seconds what I wanted to do without much guidance from anybody. It was very naive, if you think about it."

After completing flight school in Colorado, Chantiles got to work accumulating flight hours and experience. He became a flight instructor, flew cargo planes, worked for two commuter airlines, and piloted an air ambulance in Arizona. "That was one of the most satisfying experiences I had as a pilot, because it involved life and death," he says.

In 1985, Chantiles started flying for United Airlines and worked his way up from a flight engineer on a DC-8 to the captain of a 767. He now makes regular trips to Hawaii and the East Coast from his base in Los Angeles. "A pilot spends about half his time away from home," he said during a layover in Kona, Hawaii.

Over the years, he's experienced four engine failures and lots of "interesting" weather, but nothing that he'd describe as "white knuckle" territory or anything "you could make a movie about."

"The aircraft weighs several hundred thousand pounds, but the controls are remarkably crisp," he says in the low-key manner of a pilot with more than thirty years of experience. "You could roll a 757 if you had to and it would respond quite well. Of course, you'd never want to do that unless you had to. It wouldn't be so much fun for the passengers."

When Chantiles isn't flying for work, he's flying for enjoyment. A longtime resident of Palm Springs, California, the fifty-one-year-old owns a sailplane and has soared more than 18,000 feet above sea level powered only by thermal drafts. On a recent flying vacation, he roamed high above the mountains of California. "The scenery was breathtaking," he wrote in an online journal detailing the trip. "I was overwhelmed with the beauty of the jagged peaks of the Sierra Mountain range and the beautiful deep blue color of the mountain lakes. I flew near the peak, waving to the hikers summiting Mt. Whitney."



But Chantiles is always looking to go higher. He's an amateur astronomer who has taken in five total solar eclipses, traveling everywhere from Turkey to Aruba to experience the event.

But one of the best places to stargaze is from the cockpit of a jet with the lights low at night. "I've seen meteors, the moon rising, the Milky Way, and the Southern Cross," he says. "It's a great view."

—Gordon Young

amiable idiot most of the time, so I'm afraid Kenyon gets painted with that broad brush." **Laura S. Wickstead** reports that she moved to Roanoke, Virginia, to begin her position at the Roanoke City Public Library in the summer of 2004.

1980s

'80 25th Reunion

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David R. Cohen was elected president of Temple Emanuel of the South Hills on June 6, 2004, for a two-year term. At his paying job, David is a partner in the Pittsburgh office of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, LLP. He is a 1983 graduate of Harvard Law School and current president of the Pittsburgh area Kenyon Alumni Association. Dave resides in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Meredith, and their children, Stephanie (nineteen), Amanda (fifteen), and Mark (twelve). **John Kilyk Jr.**, Naperville, Illinois, tells us that he continues to practice patent law as managing partner at Leydig, Voit, and Mayer in Chicago. His efforts to visit most of the world continue, with a total of eighty-one countries visited as of the end of 2003. **Nancy Beachy Lacy**, Kansas City, Missouri, reports that she had the pleasure of seeing her older daughter, Catie, graduate from the high school at which Nancy teaches. Catie now attends St. Olaf College in Minnesota. Nancy traveled to Sicily and Italy with students in January 2004. She also sang in a puppet version of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Mikado* last spring. **Karen Gardner Wedge**, Atlanta, Georgia, reports that she is very much hoping to attend Kenyon's twenty-fifth class reunion in 2005. She has lost touch with her Kenyon classmates and she hopes to catch

up with a few of them there. She is able to see **Anne Currey Bucey '78** and **David R. Bucey '79**, who live near her. Her two boys, Robert (twelve) and Kevin (ten), are the delight of her life. She continues to paint figures, portraits, and still-life paintings with a passion. Karen attributes much of her love and skill in painting to her Kenyon faculty: Martin Garhart, Joseph Slate, and others.

'81 Cheryl A. Johnson

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Susan Lawko Cuiffo, Hudson, Ohio, reports that she has been busy practicing law in Hudson and raising her three-year-old daughter, Angela. She is excited that her nephew, **Colin W. Maguire '08**, is attending Kenyon. She would love to hear from any Kenyon alumni. A press release informs us that **Clarence R. Grebey III**, Stamford, Connecticut, has been appointed to the new position of vice president for communications and marketing at Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation. He will be based at the company's worldwide headquarters in Stratford, Connecticut. **Susan Shaw Hatcher**, Cornwall, Connecticut, informs us that she continues to flourish in her "little corner of Connecticut heaven," with her sons, Trey (thirteen) and Thomas (ten). She writes, "I feel ready to take on Trey's adolescent angst since I am in my fourth year as the sixth-to-eighth-grade special education teacher." **Nickolas Pappas** reports that he is living near the southern tip of Manhattan with his wife and two daughters, Sabina (fifteen) and Sophia (nine). He is in his twelfth year of teaching philosophy at the City College of New York. He would love to get back in touch with Kenyon friends.

'82 Stephen P. Baas

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Nicholas M. Boyle reports that he and his wife, Wendy, live in Dallas, Texas, with their three sons: Nathaniel (five), Ian (three), and Charles (two). **Hewitt Heiserman** tells us that McGraw-Hill recently published an investing book he wrote titled *It's Earnings That Count*. Hewitt lives in Southborough, Massachusetts, with his wife, Laura, and their son, Benjamin (five). **D. David Jonker** reports that he was featured in a December article in the *New York Times* highlighting his role as fire chief of New Canaan, Connecticut. He is also the director of institutional sales for the Hamilton Funds of the Bank of New York. His wife, Suzanne, was a recent winner of \$125,000 on the syndicated program *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*. David and Suzanne live with their two children, Alexandra and Meredith, in New Canaan, Connecticut. **Suzanne D. Morrill** reports that she lives and photographs near Eugene, Oregon, with her son, Alexander (three). Susie has completed more than 9,000 miles in endurance horse racing competitions since 1986. **Thomas M. Reiter**, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, informs us that he continues to practice law at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, along with Kenyon alumni **Andrew L. Gespass '77**, **David M. Cohen '77**, and **Susan A. Apel '83**. He and his wife, Stephanie, are the proud and exhausted parents of Terese (seven) and twins Dominic and Fritz (two). **Michael K. Zorek**, New York City, reports that life as a stay-at-home father is fun, exciting, and exhausting! He and his son, Jeremy (two), created a Web site titled www.whoisthatwithjeremy.com. When the Web site was picked up by the media, the Zoreks appeared

on the *Wayne Brady Show*, *The Weekend Today Show*, *CNN Headline News*, *The Anderson Cooper Show*, *Access Hollywood*, and *Inside Edition* to speak about the Web site.

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Wendy J. Eld, Troy, New York, states that after eight years of teaching at Emma Willard School, she is fortunate to have been granted a sabbatical for the 2004-05 school year, enabling her to travel to Paris, France, for part of the year. **Virginia Deely Halstrom**, Darien, Connecticut, writes that she and her family have enjoyed weekends on their boat on Long Island Sound. Ginger started a new job within Cadbury Schweppes as the marketing director for new products. **Stephen D. Hays**, South Salem, New York, reports that after eighteen years on Wall Street in the hedge fund business, he took a six-month sabbatical to pursue opportunities in the film industry and spend more time with his family. He would love to chat with folks who are involved in independent film and have projects or contacts. **G. Taylor Johnson**, Washington, D.C., writes that in June 2004 he finished his eighth year of teaching at Flint Hill School in Oakton, Virginia. This past summer he was in Kaneohe, Hawaii, serving as the dean of residential life at a summer academic camp run by Johns Hopkins' Center for Talented Youth. **Bruce D. Kinlin** and his wife, Lily Rutherford, announce the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Hadden Kinlin, on March 29, 2004. The family, which also includes Frank (two), resides in New York City. Bruce reports that Lily has joined his architecture practice as a partner and the firm is renamed Kinlin

Rutherford Architects. **Nina L. Klein**, Shaker Heights, Ohio, tells us that she enjoyed seeing everyone at the twentieth reunion and missed all who were unable to attend. She reports that she ran the Boston Marathon last April after qualifying at the Steam Town Marathon in October, 2003. She writes, "Boston was a great experience, but now I am all 'runned out.' Time for new challenges!" **Gwen Koller Kreager**, Ipswich, Massachusetts, reports that she received her M.B.A. in management from Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts. She will continue to work as a project manager in information technology at Bentley, where she has been employed for eleven years. **Ian B. Lane** and his wife, Florence, announce the birth of twin boys, Maxim and Emmett, on June 5, 2004. The Lanes, whose family also includes Edith (three), reside in Dem Haag, The Netherlands. Ian reports that Florence works at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. **Stuart D. Sheppard**, Cambridge, Massachusetts, reports that his first novel, *Spindrift*, was published last year. He says, "Fortunately, most of the reviewers were less critical of my writing than most of my professors at Kenyon had been." **Pamela J. Slotsky**, Niskayuna, New York, reports that she traveled to Venice, Italy, last summer and also spent one week in Ottawa, Canada, at an intensive Welsh language course. Her Montessori school continues to be great fun. She feels that working with three- to six-year-olds keeps her young! She had dinner with **Wendy J. Eld '83** shortly before Wendy left for her sabbatical from Emma Willard School. **Cdr. William S. Spann**, Tallahassee, Florida, writes that life after retiring from the Navy is amazingly sweet. He is now serving in Governor Jeb Bush's administration as the deputy chief-of-staff and as the communications director of

the Florida Department of Children and Families in Tallahassee. His wife, Judi, is the director of board relations at the Florida State University Foundation. His children, Dylan (eleven) and Kirstin (ten), love the sunny Florida lifestyle.

'84 Kenyon College

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Christopher W. D. Adams and **Ann Charlton Adams '89** announce the birth of a son, Dodge Charlton Adams, on August 11, 2004. The Adams family resides in Chicago. **K. Read Baldwin**, Gambier, Ohio, had an exhibit of his paintings open in June 2004 at the Blue Mountain Gallery in New York City. **Nancy E. Currey**, Carpinteria, California, reports that she lived in Syria from 1998-2001, supported by Fulbright, Fulbright-Hays, and Wenner Gren doctoral dissertation fellowships. Nancy's Ph.D. in ethnomusicology will be awarded during the 2004-05 academic year. She hopes to return to Syria and work for the United Nations Refugee Work Agency for Palestinians. **Laurel D. Ladd** and her husband, Luke Lockwood, announce the birth of a son, Asher Kinnicutt Lockwood, on December 28, 2003. Laurel and Luke also have a daughter, Claudia (eleven), and another son, Luke (seven). The family lives in Yarmouth, Massachusetts. **Brook Adams Visser** and her husband, Piet, announce the birth of a daughter, Erin Sinclair Visser, on April 2, 2004. The Visser family, which also includes Emma (six) and Eli (two), is building a home in Friday Harbor, Washington.

'85 20th Reunion

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Rebecca Hought Gladstone, Dover, Massachusetts, reports that she spends her time raising her three girls, Emma (nine), Lucy (seven), and Haley (four), and completing a fifteen-month farmhouse renovation. She looks forward to a trip to London to visit **Sharon Cassidy Dorsett** and **Mark S. Dorsett**. '84. **Gina Bauman Kornfeind** and her husband, Fred, announce the birth of a daughter, Margaret Adrienne Kornfeind, on March 11, 2003. The Kornfeinds, whose family also includes Meredith (twelve), Molly (nine), and Lindsay (seven), reside in Pacific Palisades, California. Gina tells us she teaches parent-infant classes and does bereavement consulting. She is looking forward to the twentieth reunion! **Kimberly S. Lusk-Carlquist** and her husband, Donald, announce the birth of a son, Dylan Andrew Carlquist, on April 1, 2004. The Carlquists, whose family also includes twin girls, Jordan and Jessie (two), reside in Chicago, Illinois. In April 2004, **Jennifer M. Mizenko**, Oxford, Mississippi, taught a series of master classes about the Alexander Technique at Kenyon. In August she traveled to Oxford, England, to present at the Seventh Congress of the Alexander Technique. **Diana Mears Peterson**, Burlington, North Dakota, reports that, along with friends, she and her husband, Jeff, have opened North Dakota's first winery, called Pointe of View. Diana and Jeff have three children, twins Hannah and Sarah (nine), and Jane (six). **Jennifer Luce Taylor** and **William W. Taylor**, Germantown, Tennessee, report that Bill is head of St. George's, Collierville, a sixth- through twelfth-grade coed independent school. Their son, Wilson, is in the tenth grade and their daughter, Allyson, is in the seventh grade. Jennifer is the director of admission for St. George's, Germantown, a pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade school. **Sarah Tappen Windham**

and her husband, Corey, announce the birth of a daughter, Paige Tappen Windham, on June 15, 2004. The Windhams reside in Little Compton, Rhode Island. —

'86 **Douglas R. Vahey** 2921 North Pine Grove #1 Chicago, Illinois 60657 dvahey@chubb.com CO-AGENT: Mary Beth Atkinson Stephens

Danielle Devine Greene and her husband, Gregory, announce the birth of a daughter, Lila Grace Greene, on February 14, 2004. Lila joins a sister, Georgia (five), and a brother, Brendan (three). The family resides in Rumson, New Jersey. **Bradley D. Hazelrigg**, San Francisco, California, tells us he reconnected with **James D. Polk**, on a recent business trip to New York. **Laura A. King** and **Lisa A. Jensen**, Columbia, Missouri, announce the birth of their son, James Samuel Jensen-King, on November 3, 2003. Laura reports she was recently promoted to the rank of full professor at the University of Missouri and gave two talks at Kenyon in April, 2004. Lisa works as a development writer at the University of Missouri. **Ellen Leerburger**, Lake Carmel, New York, reports that she and her family recently moved out of New York City after fourteen years and bought a beautiful old house fifty miles north of the city. She tells us that she and the family are adjusting to life without a Starbucks and Gap on every corner! **Rev. William H. March III**, Smithfield, North Carolina, announces he has returned from Africa. During his stay, he helped HIV/AIDS orphans in Zambia with the Raleigh-based relief organization Stop Hunger Now. Based chiefly in Livingstone, he also traveled around Zimbabwe and Botswana, including the Chobe Reserve. Bill remains rector of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Smithfield. **Charles E. McClellan** married

Pei-Chun Lin on December 5, 2003. Charles reports that he is working as a foreign service officer at The American Institute in Taiwan. The couple's home base is in Prescott, Arizona. **Elizabeth Lukens Mikes** reports that her husband, **Randall W. Mikes**, recently transferred to the law firm of Kegler, Brown, Hill and Ritter in Columbus, Ohio. Betsy and Randy live in Upper Arlington, Ohio, with their three children, John (twelve), Mary (ten), and Andrew (seven). **Elizabeth Wieland Veidenheimer**, Concord, Massachusetts, informs us that she celebrated **Wendy Crabbe Lingafelter's** fortieth birthday over Thanksgiving 2003. The party included **David B. Lingafelter**, **Barbara Conrad Hartman**, **William R. Hartman**, **Byron J. Horn**, **Anne Lafave Mauck**, **Cynthia Richardson Ryan**, **Robyn Williams Shimrak** all their spouses, and many children. —

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James A. Hinkle, Tipp City, Ohio, reports that his stepdaughter, Jennifer (nineteen), is a first-year student at Vanderbilt University, and his daughter, Kostas (twelve), is in the sixth grade. James has another daughter, Clair (six), and a son, Matthew (four). **John K. Kirk** informs us that he is on assignment for the Peace Corps in Chimkent, Kazakhstan, until July 1, 2006. **Joseph T. Leone** and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the birth of a son, Andrew Augustine Leone, on March 7, 2004. Andrew joins two sisters, Anna Marie (eight) and Kathleen (six), as well as a brother, William (three). The Leones reside in Brooklyn, Wisconsin. **Mary Hundt McLoughlin** and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of a daughter, Molly Hundt McLoughlin, on March 16, 2004.

The McLoughlin family lives in Malvern, Pennsylvania. —

'88 **Patricia A. Rossman** 2940 Pease Drive 206A Rocky River, Ohio 44116 prossman@cspohio.org

Susanna M. Brown and her husband, Anthony Janairo, announce the birth of a son, Sean Matthew Janairo, on December 26, 2003. The family resides in Chicago, Illinois, where **Lauren E. Polite** is one of Sean's favorite babysitters. Susie says Sean likes to hang out with Laurie's children, Tia (five) and Max. **Teresa Zurick Fish** and her husband, John, announce the birth of a son, George John Fish, on December 27, 2003. The Fishes reside in Bloomington, Illinois. **Timothy P. Holmes** and his wife, Mitch, announce the birth of a son, Calvin Gabriel Olmstead Holmes, on May 6, 2004. Tim writes that he celebrated his first anniversary as owner and operator of Zocalo Coffeehouse, a community-focused coffeehouse and roaster, in San Leandro, California. **Allison E. Joseph**, Carbondale, Illinois, tells us that she celebrates ten years of teaching at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. She helps edit the *Crab Orchard Review*, S.I.U.'s literary journal. Her story "Tabernacle" won the fiction contest sponsored by *Confluence* and a second story, "In the Sickroom," won an award from the Alabama Writers' Conclave. **Victoria R. Kinsey**, San Antonio, Texas, reports that she has returned to working at Laurel Ridge Treatment Center, where she had worked from 1996 through 1998. This time she's working with children in long-term residential treatment. She is a licensed professional counselor and registered dance and movement therapist. She lives with her boyfriend and her twelve-year-old son, Ruben. **Bradley R. Koogler** tells us that he has moved to sunny Fort Lauderdale.

dale, Florida, to head Stonewall Library and Archives, a small but growing institution dedicated to preserving and sharing gay history and culture. **Eleanor S. Lalley** and her husband, Hans Broekman, announce the birth of twin daughters, Lucy Marie Broekman and Catherine Astrid Broekman, on August, 14, 2004. Eleanor writes, "Catherine (Kate) is named after my sister **Catherine (Kate) E. Lalley '84**." The twins join siblings Annafleur (six), Pieter (three), and Leo (two). The family resides in Hendersonville, Tennessee. **G. Stephen McCrocklin**, Louisville, Kentucky, reports that he and his wife, Claudia, are doing well. He is the owner and director of a small reading clinic and mentions that business is good. He writes, "Who would have thought there would be so much science in teaching reading? Good thing I was a biology major!" **Amanda K. McGuire** reports that she and her husband, Bill Reagan, are living in the Allegheny Mountains in Bath County, Virginia. They are raising cattle and hay as well as two children, and Amanda teaches preschool. **Scott K. McKissock**, Las Vegas, Nevada, reports that he manages all the computer systems for Media Solutions, a video rental/industrial trade show production support company in Las Vegas. Scott writes, "My wife, Julie, and I recently took our five-year-old twin boys to their first 'Dead' show and to 'Rush,' too. Rock and roll!" **Diana K. Olinger**, Annapolis, Maryland, tells us that last summer she won her slalom water ski event at the Maryland State and Eastern Regional championships. She also competed at the U.S.A. Water Ski Nationals in West Palm, Florida. **Kevin B. Richardson** reports that he has been hired as director of human resources for Mercury Air Centers, one of the largest fixed-base operations in the United States. He lives in Marietta, Georgia, with his

wife of sixteen years, Yuka, and their children Brendan (fifteen), Mai (fourteen), and Tierney Moe (six). He would love to hear from any Kenyon alumni in Atlanta. **Anne Chamberlain Shaw** and her husband, Thomas, announce the birth of a son, Bennett Evan Shaw, on February 23, 2004. **Beth Miyashiro Vivio**, Waco, Texas, reports that her husband, Michael, was recently promoted to general manager of the *Waco Tribune-Herald*. Their son Carter (six) is in kindergarten and Anthony is two years old.

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Ann Charlton Adams and **Christopher W. D. Adams '84** announce the birth of a son, Dodge Charlton Adams, on August 11, 2004. The Adams family resides in Chicago, Illinois. **Kristen Herriek Anderson** and her husband, Clay, announce the birth of a son, Ian Adams Anderson, in February, 2004. They write, "As if the chaos of having a newborn and four-year-old Reid weren't enough, we decided to throw all caution to the wind and get a puppy—a very active black lab!" The Anderson family lives in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. **Laura W. Hillenbrand**, Washington, D.C., tells us that she is writing her second book, a biography of a 1936 Olympian who became a World War II bombardier, crashed in the Pacific Ocean, and survived forty-seven days on a raft before he was captured, tortured, and enslaved by the Japanese. This year she also founded, with actor Gary Sinise, a non-partisan group called Operation Iraqi Children. The group works with Coalition troops to distribute donated school supplies to needy children throughout Iraq. More information is available at

www.operationiraquichildren.org. **Alex Maurer** and his wife, Petra, announce the birth of a son, Jack Michael Maurer, on November 4, 2003. The Maurers reside in Wexford, Pennsylvania. **Brian P. McDonald** and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of their third son, Matthew Joseph McDonald, on July 12, 2004. Matthew joins brothers Marty (seven) and Patrick (three). Brian says he has teamed up with **Bruce A. Gerber '88** in a part-time venture selling quality toys via the Internet. He remains vice president of international sales for the Step2 Company, a manufacturer of toys and home and garden products based in Streetsboro, Ohio. The McDonald family lives in Hudson, Ohio. **Jane Reilly Mount** and her husband, Jerry, announce the birth of a daughter, Katherine Scarlett Mount, on May 14, 2004. She joins a brother, Charlie (one). Jane writes a real estate column every Saturday for the *New York Post*. The Mounts live in New York City. **Peter M. Murphy** married **Melissa N. Kahn '90** on July 31, 2004 in Walloon Lake, Michigan. Members of the wedding party included best man **Andrew H. Abbott '90** and maid of honor **Sarah J. Wheat '90**. The highlight of the evening was an impromptu "Wouldn't You Like to Be a Beta Sweetheart" serenade to the bride by the Beta Theta Pi attendees. Peter is an athletic director at Woodberry Forest School, while Melissa is a resource development director for the Boys and Girls Club. They live in Orange, Virginia. **David N. Rath**, Saint James, Maryland, informs us that his twin children, Maureen and William, celebrated their fifth birthday last October. David is seeking a head of school position for the 2005-06 school year. He will receive his Ed.D. from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in the summer of 2005. **David H. Richards** and his wife, Jeanne, announce the birth of a son,

William Hale Richards, on April 30, 2004. David is an assistant professor of political science at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas. **Monique Levister Strauss** and **Benjamin D. Strauss** announce the birth of a son, Zachary Benjamin Strauss, on April 4, 2004. The Strauss family lives in Redwood City, California. **Mimi Kuc Tudor** and her husband, **Frederic B. Tudor**, Menlo Park, California, tell us that they continue to thoroughly enjoy California's Bay area. They write, "The nature is stunning and the political and social environment is wonderfully progressive and diverse. Benji (five) and Abby (three) are a blast—a great excuse to relive childhood." **Andrea Wickham** and her husband, Ryan Bussard, announce the birth of a daughter, Laura Sage Bussard, on February 5, 2004. Annie and her family live in New York City.

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Jeannette L. Dempsey married Paul Austin (Connecticut College) on October 12, 2003. **Julia H. Tomes**, **Katherine Keally Cochran**, and **Marc A. Silverman '89** participated in the ceremony. The Austins live in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where Jenny is the operations manager for a New York-based organization that provides micro-finance and health services to low-income women in Latin America. Paul is the executive director for the Minnesota League of Conservation Voters. **Emily Hancock-Monnot** reports that after passing the French national teacher's exam, she is teaching English at a middle school in Toulouse, France, and completing the teacher training and certification program. **Jane**

Collins Howell and **Jon P. Howell** announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey Pierce Howell, on June 11, 2004. Audrey joins her older brother, Henry (four). The Howell family resides in Atlanta, Georgia. **Melissa N. Kahn** married **Peter M. Murphy '89** on July 31, 2004, at Walloon Lake, Michigan. **Andrew H. Abbott** served as the best man while **Sarah J. Wheat** was the maid of honor. Sarah's father, Rev. Donald H. Wheat, performed the ceremony. A number of other Kenyon alumni attended. Melissa tells us that a highlight of the evening was an impromptu "Wouldn't you like to be a Beta Sweetheart" serenade to the bride by all the Beta Theta Pi alumni attendees. Peter is currently an athletic director at Woodberry Forest School and Melissa is a resource development director for the Boys and Girls Club. They live in Orange, Virginia. **Jeffrey J. Kallet** married Hui-Chun "Bonnie" Tseng of Taipei, Taiwan, in 2003 and also began working for the marketing department of Ohio University Press. Jeff and Bonnie live in Athens, Ohio. **Antoinette Romero Keck** and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of a daughter, Madeleine Michele Keck, on January 10, 2004. Nettie says she and Tom enjoy spending loads of time with their children at the beach. The Keck family, which also includes Max (three) and Lily (five), lives in Los Angeles, California. **Nathaniel G. Lierandi**, Lafayette, Colorado, tells us that he is now working for Still Secure, a network security company. His wife, Lori, is in graduate school now working on her master's degree in K-12 education. They have two children, Alexis (seven) and Noah (four). Nate writes, "Both kids love swim lessons—might follow in Daddy's footsteps!" **Scott L. Mabry** and his wife, Ingeborg Hoya, announce the birth of a son, Jonah Karl Mabry, on April 7, 2004. They inform us that all

three are doing well and living in Detroit, Michigan. If anyone is in the area and is interested in Detroit history, Scott leads walking tours on Saturdays in the summer for Preservation Wayne. **Elizabeth Verrill MacDonald** informs us that she recently moved to Burlington, Vermont, from Washington, D.C., with her husband, Locky, and their two children, Jackson (seven) and Duncan (three). **Brian J. McFadden**, Lubbock, Texas, married Susan Burns of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, on August 2, 2003. Brian is an assistant professor of English at Texas Tech University and Susan is a nurse in the operating room at the University medical center. **Virginia Law Manning**, Newton, Pennsylvania, informs us that she left her job at Johnson and Johnson to care for her son, Thomas Harriman Manning, who was born on May 13, 2003. **Kristin Swanson Pastoriza** and **Hugh G. Pastoriza '91** announce the birth of their second child, Mason Swanson Pastoriza, on January 23, 2004. Mason has an older brother, Thomas (three). They live in Carnation, Washington, outside of Seattle, where Hugh owns and operates Creekside Angling Company, a fly-fishing store. They would like everyone to check out their Web site at www.fishcreekside.com. **Mark H. Sterns** tells us that he recently moved back to Los Angeles, California, where he is working for Netflix. **Elizabeth Bell Townsend** and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Bell Townsend, on April 26, 2003. Emily joins her older brother, Avery (four). The Townsend family lives in Falls Church, Virginia. **Adrienne M. Youngblood** married Bill Sedgwick in 2001. Their first son, J.T., was born in 2002 and their twins, son Justin and daughter Jordan, were born in 2004. Adrienne says, "Yep, we are sticking with J names!" It is busy in the Sedgwick house, because Adrienne

works full time as a project manager at a local advertising and marketing firm and Bill is a high school teacher. Adrienne says her brother, **Joe Youngblood '91**, is doing fine as well. The Sedgwicks live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Jason Breeman reports that after he received his M.B.A. from the Wharton School of Business in May of 2002, he joined UBS in its Prime Brokerage group, based in New York. He resides in New York City but travels to Boston, San Francisco, Dallas, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Los Angeles on business frequently. He invites anyone who lives in those areas to drop him a line at [jason.breeman@ubs.com](mailto:breeman@ubs.com). **Matthew R. Brokaw** and his wife, Debbie, announce the birth of their first child, Lauren Elizabeth Brokaw, on October 10, 2003. The Brokaw family lives in Glen Allen, Virginia, and Matt presides over a growing general dental practice on the west end of Richmond. **C. Todd Burgess**, Pokfulam, Hong Kong, reports that he and his wife, Katrise, have been in Hong Kong for the last two years. Todd works at Coutts Bank, a private bank, and he and Katrise are trying to travel as much as they can, most recently to Africa. Todd tells us that he has stayed in touch with **Michael J. Chambers** and he visited Mike's art gallery, SPIKE, in New York City. **Julie Gluck Cutter** informs us that she, her husband, David, and their son, Noah (two), have been living in Evanston, Illinois, since November 2003. They tell us they are loving being back in Julie's home. **Tracey A. Fatzinger**, Glen Allen, Virginia, reports that she is still staying happily at home with her children, William (five) and Sarah (two), but she

also still enjoys her twenty-hours-per-month job working as a part of a multi-disciplinary team that diagnoses children with autism or related disorders. **Suzanne B. Fritz** married John Sacchi in October 2002. They live in Los Angeles, California, where they both work in the entertainment industry. Suzanne reports that in March 2004, she joined Warner Brothers as vice president of feature film publicity. **K. Alexander Hinrichs** says that he lives in Bellevue, Washington, a suburb of Seattle, with his wife, Lynn. He works at Microsoft and was the project manager for the Windows Small Business Server, which recently won best of show at COMDEX. He now works as a project manager for the upcoming version of Windows Server. **Melissa K. Kaluzny** and her husband, Myatt Williams, announce the birth of a son, Nicolas Kyle Williams, on January 31, 2004. The Williams family, which also includes Myatt Crosby (three), lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. **Thomas J. Longo** and his wife, Karin Maria, announce the birth of their daughter, Victoria Longo, on May 17, 2004. She joins three older sisters, Anne (seven), Elizabeth (five), and Caroline (two). The Longo family recently moved to a home on an island in Mystic, Connecticut, and at about the same time, Tom started a new job with The Hartford, as an IT sourcing consultant. **Kristin Guthrie MacDonald** and her husband, Sam, announce the birth of their son, Oliver Guthrie MacDonald, on July 20, 2004. The MacDonalds live in London, England. **Stephen M. McClure**, Los Angeles, California, reports that last spring he had ten photography pieces in a show called "Heartbreaker" at Echo Gallery in Chicago, Illinois. His work can be viewed on his personal site at www.darkenvy.com. **Rev. C. Bryan Owen** tells us that he is serving as priest-in-charge of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in West Point,

Mississippi. He lives there with his wife, Julie, and their children, Mary Emerson (five) and Hobson (two). Bryan writes, "And even here in the land of Bulldogs and Bud-lite, I can still occasionally find Guinness in the draught can. Thanks be to God!" **Hugh G. Pastoriza** and **Kristin Swanson Pastoriza '90** announce the birth of their second child, Mason Swanson Pastoriza, born on January 23, 2004. Mason has an older brother, Thomas (three). The Pastorizas live in Carnation, Washington, outside of Seattle, where Hugh owns and operates Creekside Angling Company, a fly-fishing store. They would like everyone to check out their Web site at www.fishcreekside.com. **Kimberly A. Puhala**, Natick, Massachusetts, tells us that she recently entered graduate school at UMASS/Boston for a Ph.D. in public policy. She lives with her partner, JoAnne, and their two dogs, Mocha and Brie, and would love to hear from former classmates. **Louise W. Reed** informs us that she and **Matthew D. Olson** recently divorced and are "each creating new lives" She passed the C.P.A. exam and has been working for a local accounting firm doing both audit and tax work. She lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with her daughter, Abigail (five). **Hugh G. Resnick** reports that he is now the assistant director of marketing for research and analysis at the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. He lives with his wife, **Victoria Hill Resnick '93**, and their daughters, Hanna (five) and Abigail (two), in Greenwood, Indiana. **Megan Lewis Schurter** and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Tristan Alexander Schurter, on August 7, 2004. The Schurter family lives in Jersey City, New Jersey. **Jennifer Vanderburgh Sullivan**, Annadale, Virginia, reports that she is an independent writer in the Washington, D.C., area. She started her own business three

years ago and says she has never been happier. She says that she spends most of her time covering art and design topics, and her first book was published in spring 2004 by Rockport Publishers. She and her husband, Sean, had a baby boy, Liam Benjamin Sullivan, in November 2003. **Simon Yoo**, Tokyo, Japan, reports that he is still working in the investment banking division of Citigroup in Tokyo. He says, "I have to report that Citigroup has now made the same mistake twice in three years: they have given me another promotion. I am now a director.... My wife, Sumiyo, and I don't have any immediate plans for kids. The big news for us is that we recently purchased a vacation home at the Kapalua Resort in Maui. Please note that only generous Kenyon Fund donors are eligible for invitations to Maui."

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Kathryn D. Blanchard and her husband, Chris Moody, announce the birth of their first child, Augustin Blanchard Moody, on September 6, 2004. The family lives in Durham, North Carolina. **Kate Foster Boyd** and her husband, John, announce the birth of a daughter, Gayle Boyd, on December 9, 2003. The Boyd family lives in Columbia, South Carolina. **Sara Joyce Corley** and **Stephan J. Corley**, Redmond, Washington, report they are both busy with work and their two daughters, Mae (three) and Nell (one). **Catherine A. Keating** and her husband, Francis Timoney, announce the birth of their second child, Louise Banks Timoney, in the spring of 2004. She joins an older brother, Jack (two). The family lives in Brooklyn, New York. **Jay B. Khetani** and his wife, Sarah, announce the birth

of a son, Alexander Khetani, on December 4, 2003. The Khetani family lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts. **Rachel Schwartz Louis**, Williamstown, Massachusetts, tells us that she spent 2003-04 in an academic certificate program in outdoor leadership. Highlights included ice climbing and winter camping in the White Mountains, whitewater canoeing during spring melt in Massachusetts, and a beautiful kayaking trip off the coast of Maine. Now she is back as an administrator at Williams College. **Elizabeth E. Moss**, Vero Beach, Florida, announces the birth of her daughter, Morgan Morrison Moss, on February 20, 2004. Elizabeth writes, "She is one of the most smiley babies I've ever seen." **Liza Schott Natale** and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Emilia Jane Natale, on February 27, 2004. Liza also tells us that she recently started a private practice in pediatrics in mid-town Manhattan. The Natale family lives in New York City. **Mark H. Vacha** and his wife, Kristina, announce the birth of their second son, Benjamin Anthony Schoof Vacha, on May 17, 2004. He joins their older son, Luke (three). The Vacha family lives in Richmond, Virginia.

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Robert Cardone tells us that he took a promotion with his company, Stickhead Lacrosse, and is now regional manager of the Columbus, Ohio, region. He and his wife, Kelley, have moved to Westerville. **Robert F. Gluck** and his wife, Ann, announce the birth of their third child, Max Comer Gluck, on July 30, 2004. Max joins two older siblings, Martha (four) and Robert (two). The Gluck family lives in Burbank, California.

Lisa Kay married Ryan Primmer (Lawrence University) in August 2002. **Jennifer Stryker St. Julian** served as her maid of honor. Lisa works in equity derivatives sales for Merrill Lynch. The Primers live in New York City. **Kevin C. Kropf** and his wife, Meredith, recently moved to Conway, Arkansas, where Kevin has accepted the position of executive director of admissions at Hendrix College. Kevin previously worked at Albion College in Michigan. **Tamara Wechsler Lowengrub** and **Paul S. Lowengrub** announce the birth of twins, Matthew Lance and Arianna Lauren Lowengrub on September 2, 2003. Tamara writes, "With Cara Lynn (six) and Evan Levi (three), we have four kids under the age of seven. As a result, Paul is undergoing extensive therapy (joke)." Paul works as an economic and financial consultant, and he also teaches part time at the Johns Hopkins Business School. Tamara has been working as a free-lance writer and nutrition consultant and she also teaches part time at Northern Virginia Community College. The Lowengrub family lives in Washington, D.C. **Charles W. McConnell**, Elmhurst, Illinois, tells us that he is living in suburban Chicago with his wife, Amy, and their daughter, Lucy (three). After graduating from Cornell's Hotel School, he went to work for the NPD Group as a restaurant market research consultant and has been with the company for three years. He sees **Eliot E. Dam** a good deal, and **Daniel J. Smith** every summer for a Cubs-Cardinals game. **Kristin Weaver Matschke**, Wilmette, Illinois, informs us that she has been promoted to vice president at the Northern Trust Company in Chicago. **Allison Slevin McCormick** and **Thomas C. McCormick** announce the birth of their son, Thomas Patrick McCormick, on March 11, 2004. "He's a very happy baby and Alli is a great mom!" Tom

reports. The McCormicks live in Quakertown, Pennsylvania. **Douglas D. Mott** informs us that he recently opened a photography studio in an old carriage house in downtown Chatham, New Jersey. He encourages anyone to stop by or visit his Web site, www.douglasmott.com. Douglas says that his daughter Tessa (four) "has taken her first strokes toward joining Kenyon's Ladies Swim Team. Sofia (two) fearlessly tries to join her big sister." Douglas and his wife, **Tina Lipmanowicz Mott**, live in Chatham. **Hugh G. Resnick '91** reports that he is now the assistant director of marketing for research and analysis at the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. He lives with his wife, **Victoria Hill Resnick**, and their daughters, Hanna (five) and Abigail (two), in Greenwood, Indiana. **Paige E. Shalter** married F. Andrew Bruening on October 4, 2003. She is teaching eighth-grade government and civics at Hammond School in Columbia, South Carolina, and Andrew is working on his Ph.D. in geology at the University of South Carolina. The Bruenings live in Columbia. **Lillian Johnson Wendt**, Carpentersville, Illinois, tells us that she is employed by McHenry County as an assistant public defender. She says life is grand as she and her husband, Christopher, work on remodeling their 1887 home and play with their new puppy. Lillian would love to hear from local Kenyon alumni.

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Maura B. Connelly and **Colby J. Penzone '95** announce the birth of their daughter, Lily Penzone, on September 9, 2004. The Penzone family, which also includes Charlie (two), lives in Lexington, Massachusetts. **Katherine Larson**

Farnham tells us that she, her husband, Chip, and their daughter, Helen (one), recently moved to Chester Springs, Pennsylvania, as a result of Chip's job transfer. She writes, "We bought a lovely eighteenth-century stone farmhouse to fix up, and are enjoying the semi-rural life (except for our stinky well water)...." Kate was able to keep her job as an architectural historian by switching her office to the John Milner Associates headquarters in West Chester, Pennsylvania. **John D. Hatfield** and his wife, Marcy, announce the birth of their son, Samuel Alva Hatfield, on July 23, 2003. The Hatfield family lives in Evanston, Illinois. **Robert M. Herzog** reports that in 2003, his family relocated to Omaha, Nebraska, for a new job. On August 28, 2003, Elle Miller Herzog was born, joining her sister, Mia (three). **Sandford Jaques III**, Iowa City, Iowa, reports that he graduated with a doctorate in microbiology last summer and then headed to India to study Yoga and to do some traveling. **Melanie D. Katsakis** married Nicholas Feles in October 2003. They spent their honeymoon in Portugal and Spain and have now settled down in Birmingham, Michigan.

Amy R. Kover, New York City, tells us that she is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom with her daughter, Eliza (one). Amy says that Eliza "is a fantastic baby and looks great in purple!" **Brad L. Lapin** married Julie Fishman on November 8, 2003, in Rye, New York. Brad is a senior account executive at Serino Coyne Advertising in New York City, and Julie is a journalist. Brad and Julie live in Greenwich, Connecticut. **Michael J. Leymaster**, New Albany, Ohio, tells us that he works in Westerville, Ohio, with a small pediatric group practice. Michael says, "I'm about forty-five minutes away from Kenyon and would enjoy hearing from fellow alumni." **Katharine Weiser Macdonell** and her husband, James, announce

the birth of their second daughter, Julia Reese Macdonell, on June 13, 2004. The Macdonell family, which also includes Samantha (three), lives in Ossining, New York. **Zachary B. Morford** and his wife, Lara, announce the birth of their daughter, Melanie Elizabeth Morford, on January 20, 2004. The Morford family resides in Silver Springs, Maryland.

Kathryn Foley Niemeyer and **Peter E. Niemeyer** announce the birth of their daughter, Maya Lucie Niemeyer, on June 3, 2004. After taking the summer off, Kat returned to work as a therapist for the Brien Center for Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Peter continues to teach at the Mt. Greylock Regional High School. He recently earned his Firefighter I/II certification and continues to "have fun fighting fires on the side." The Niemeyer family, which also includes Walker (three), lives in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

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Kathleen Brauer-Bell and her husband, Chris Bell, are pleased to announce the birth of their first son, George Edward Brauer Bell, on June 27, 2004. **Heidi Geisert Herald** is the baby's godmother. Kate continues to run her communications business, Writer Girl Communications. **J. David Hicks** and his wife, Cindy, announce the birth of their son, Stephen Walker Hicks, on June 3, 2004. The Hicks family, which also includes Alexander (five) and Daniel (three), resides in Memphis, Tennessee, where David says he sees **Patrick J. McFadden '92** with his two children. **Cynthia L. Hustead** married Greg DuChane (Purdue University) on April 3, 2004. She writes, "We are busily getting our home in Dublin, Ohio, 'merged'

and enjoying married life." Cindy is a project coordinator for INFO-hio in Columbus. **Hyun S. Kim**, Seoul, Korea, reports that he has left Washington, D.C., and has been posted to the U.S. Embassy in Seoul as a vice consul and political secretary. **Lisa R. Kindleberger** married Joseph Hagan (University of Louisville) on June 5, 2004, in St. Louis, Missouri. **Meredith J. Winters** served as a bridesmaid. Lisa and Joe now live in Denver, Colorado, where Lisa works at the Metropolitan State College of Denver. **Mikheil A. Kushner**, Baltimore, Maryland, informs us that she's still the director of University of Maryland, Baltimore County's Women's Center. She teaches, coordinates programs, and offers resource and referral counseling. **Kristin Gasser Misso** informs us that she and her husband, John, recently relocated to Houston, Texas, and love it. She works as in-house counsel for Enbridge Energy Inc. **Colby J. Penzone** and **Maura B. Connolly '94** announce the birth of their daughter, Lily Penzone, on September 9, 2004. The Penzone family, which also includes Charlie (two), lives in Lexington, Massachusetts.

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Dorey A. Butter, Washington, D.C., tells us that she is working for a nonprofit organization called Time Dollar Institute. She recently participated in the National WWII Reunion: Tribute to a Generation, a Smithsonian-run event that ran in conjunction with the WWII Memorial dedication. Dorey was privileged to work with two of the original Band of Brothers, an eighty-nine-year-old Navy WAVES code instructor, a Navajo code talker, and many other fascinating people. **Joshua**

H. Cornehlisen reports that San Francisco, California, has been an amazing place to readjust and settle for a while after two years in Africa and two months making a movie about his grandfather in North Carolina. His days are split between a public school and a private school, but he hopes to have his own classroom soon.

Mitra J. Fabian and **Andrew W. Kindon** were married in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 5, 2004. Andrew tells us that he started a full-time tenure-track position as an anthropology instructor at West Valley College in Saratoga, California. In January 2005, he will also begin a new field project in Southern Belize. In addition, Andy has been busy with his band, End on End, which toured Japan and plans to tour Europe. Mitra is pursuing an M.F.A.

degree at California State-Northridge and has been busy with her artwork. She recently had a solo show at Bergamont Station in Santa Monica, California, and has also participated in several group shows. **Lesley Garofalo Gibbs**, Pomfret, Connecticut, tells us that she is still the associate director of admissions at Rectory School in Pomfret, and as of fall 2004, she is also the director of secondary school placement. Lesley says that thanks to her husband, Donald, she is able to further her career while being a good wife and a good mom to their two children, Maya (four) and Jeffrey (two). **Reverdy**

P. Johnson, San Francisco, California, tells us that he was promoted to region manager for San Francisco with Score Educational Centers in October 2003. He writes, "It keeps me busy and provides the new challenge of remote management and business operations. But, it's still in education, which makes it so great."

Rev celebrated **Sara Rothenberg Hauck's** thirtieth birthday with her in Portland last March.

Eric N. King informs us that he

enjoys being a student again at Harvard Business School. He was pleased to come back last May for the Kokes reunion and to show off Kenyon to his wife, Caroline. **Jonathan M. Krissoff** reports that after he received his M.B.A. in 2002, he moved back to Chicago, Illinois, and started working in commercial real estate as a broker and developer.

Alison Rosenblat Loughran and her husband, Ed, announce the birth of their daughter, Katherine Delaney Loughran, on May 20, 2004. The Loughrans live in Mechanicsville, Virginia.

Margaret C. Maloney, New York City, reports that she has been doing voice-overs for Verizon Wireless TV commercials. She is also recording her third book-on-tape. **Amy R. Martin**, Chicago, Illinois, tells us that she graduated from dental school at Marquette University in May 2003 and completed a one-year residency program in Chicago in June 2004. She is now working as a dentist at the Chicago Board of Trade Building. Her husband, **Michael P. McPharlin '95**, is a fifth-grade teacher at the Latin School of Chicago. **Patrick J. Moorhead**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, tells us that his business is continuing to grow and he's enjoying his fourth year as an instructor at Drexel University. He is also looking forward to the Tenth Reunion. **Elisa J. Niemack** and **Thomas P. Torrisi Jr.** were married at Ash-Lawn Highland (home of President James Monroe) in Charlottesville, Virginia, on August 28, 2004. **Todd D.**

Krugman, **James H. Ryan**, **Thomas C. Goodrich**, **Geoffrey A. Green**, **Amy Gallivan Damico**, **Pia V. Catton**, and **Rosemary Torrisi Turgeon '93** were all members of the wedding party. Tommy is working as a financial services consultant at IBM while Elisa is getting her master's degree in architecture at the University of Virginia. Elisa and

Tommy live in Charlottesville.

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David A. Beck married Kathryn Connors (Mount Holyoke) on August 14, 2004. He is a fifth-year associate with Jones Day. David and Kathryn live in New Albany, Ohio. **Alisoun Davis Bertsch** and her husband, David, announce the birth of their first child, John Alexander Bertsch, known as "Sander," on August 5, 2004. The Bertsch family lives in Danville, Pennsylvania. **Adrienne Misheloff Czechowski** and **Aaron M. Czechowski '98** announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Meaghan Czechowski, on June 25, 2004. The Czechowski family, which also includes Ezra (three), resides in Baltimore, Maryland.

Ginny L. Hillier writes, "I'm busy playing with my two nieces and living a peaceful life with my boyfriend, Adam Looney, in the countryside in Delaware, Ohio. I am currently working on my hours for my independent social work license by helping to prepare foster parents for their hard jobs of helping troubled children." **L. Elliot Holt**, Brooklyn, New York, informs us that she is a copywriter at TBWA/Chiat/Day in New York City. In addition to writing ads, she writes short stories in her own time. She began an M.F.A. program for fiction writing at Brooklyn College in the fall of 2004. **Susannah M. Horwitz**, Somerville, Massachusetts, reports that she graduated in May 2003 with a master's degree in expressive therapies from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is working full time as a school counselor for students ages fourteen to twenty-one who have been referred to her special education, alternative high school because of severe

behavioral/emotional difficulties. She is also the lead singer in a local Boston band and is working on recording a full-length album. The band's Web site is www.fragilealex.com. **Rita D. Kahng**, Cary, North Carolina, reports that she is finishing her Ph.D. in child clinical psychology, while her husband, **Brian W. Bartlett**, has completed his three-year orthodontic residency at Ohio State University. They will be spending the next three years in the Research Triangle area of North Carolina. **Barbara L. Kakiris** reports that she is still living and working in Cleveland, Ohio. Her job at NASA keeps her very busy, as do the joys of home ownership. She has been traveling a lot, and she was thrilled to visit the Kenyon campus last February. She says she ran into Jon Moodey and his wife, Martina. **Benjamin A. Kleinerman** and his wife, Kimberly, announce the birth of their second child, Zachary David Kleinerman, on April 29, 2004. Ben received a tenure-track position at the Virginia Military Institute, so the Kleinerman family, which also includes Madeleine (one), has moved to Lexington, Virginia. **Amanda J. Mason**, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, informs us that she is still living in the Boston area and working in software. She also is singing with the Tanglewood Festival Chorus and the New World Chorale, including solo performances with the latter. **Megan L. McDonald** and her husband, Adrian Higgins, announce the birth of their son, Latham McDonald Higgins, on May 28, 2004. The family lives in Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts. **Meredith V. Mortimer**, Madrid, Spain, informs us that she changed jobs and is now working for Warner Brothers International Television in marketing. She continues to design jewelry that is sold in stores in Madrid and Los Angeles, California. **Erin McDonald Oalican**, Westford, Vermont,

reports that she is a social worker for the State of Vermont. She and her husband, Warren, recently bought their first house together. They also just finished building their own wooden kayaks and have been spending their free time paddling around Lake Champlain. She says that she would love to hear from Kenyon classmates.

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Vanessa A. Brown and **Peter M. Sughrue** were married on June 26, 2004, in Bridgehampton, New York. The bridal party included **Edward N. Brown '94**, **Thomas W. Pettus '97**, **Frederick C. Bierman**, **John T. Hobson**, **Cordelia Allen Jensen**, **J. Ryan Miller**, **Andrew B. Solar '99**, **Mary C. Trask '99**, and **Julia L. Beynon '00**. Vanessa and Peter live in New York City. **Jessica A. Chew**, Huntsville, Alabama, informs us that she has completed the training to become a licensed massage therapist. She has opened her own practice in Athens, Alabama, and hopes to specialize in working with people in pain due to worker's compensation injuries. Jessica occasionally sees **Douglas D. McMillen**, who she says is in his last year of residency at Emory University. **Derek R. Cooney**, Temple, Texas, tells us that he and his wife, Norma, are in their second year of emergency medicine residency at Scott and White Memorial Hospital of Texas A&M University in Temple. **Aaron M. Czechowski** and **Adrienne Misheloff Czechowski '97** announce the birth of a daughter, Sophia Meaghan Czechowski, on June 25, 2004. See <http://czechowski.net/sophia> for photos. The family, which also includes Ezra (three), resides in Baltimore, Maryland. **Gregory L. Ferrell** married Tanya Venskus on July 3, 2004, in Seattle, Washington. **Christopher L. Schilling**, **Michael**

E. Collins, **James J. Olszowy**, **William I. Brody**, and **Andrew C. Miller '95** were the groomsmen. Greg is a sales representative for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Huntington Beach, California, while Tanya is a social worker at College Hospital in Cerritos, California. They live in Huntington Beach. **Mary Kielt Gallagher** married Maximilien Jean-Laurent Nivaud (Boston College) in Rancho Santa Fe, California, on May 22, 2004. **Lauren E. Weymouth** attended the affair and tells us that the highlight of the event was that instead of a cake, the groom's father opened a life-size bottle of champagne with a sword. **Rachel L. Grossman** married Colin Bills on April 12, 2003, at the American Visionary Arts Museum in Baltimore, Maryland. **Abby P. Fenton '97** and **Jean-Paul Gressieux '96** participated in the ceremony. Rachel and Colin live in the Petworth neighborhood of Washington, D.C., where they bought a home about three years ago. **Andrew H. Lerchen** married Melanie Fuss on June 19, 2004. **Martin C. Valeri** was the best man, and many Kokosingers and Kenyonites were in attendance. Andrew writes, "Great times and great friends. Thank you all!" **Kate E. Masley**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, informs us that she advanced to candidacy in the Ph.D. medical anthropology program at Case Western Reserve University. She also received a grant from the National Science Foundation to fund her dissertation research. **Robert A. Milt** married Stephanie Loranger (Boston College) on August 8, 2004, in Marion, Massachusetts. Robert and Stephanie are living on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. **Jenine Lewis Mosher** and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of a son, Gabriel Lewis Mosher, on March 13, 2004. The Mosher family resides in St. Paul, Minnesota. **Katherine A. Peters**, Los Angeles, California, reports that she completed a Christie's

Education Graduate Program and received an M.Phil. degree in art history and connoisseurship from the University of Glasgow in July 2004. **Christine T. Robinson** married Steven Boese on October 25, 2003, at Wayzata Community Church in Wayzata, Minnesota. They extend their gratitude to Kenyon friends who were present at the wedding. After three years of public health work, Christy started physician assistant (PA) school in May 2004 at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. Steve works in project management at Great River Energy in Elk River, Minnesota, where the couple recently built a home. **Ian H. Schwab** married **Katherine A. Varda '99** in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the spring of 2004. **Sarah N. Buntzman '99**, **Marisha I. Stawiski '99**, **J. Brooks Martin**, and **Jonathan E. Keeling** participated in the wedding, and **Elizabeth N. Pendleton**, **Jordan A. Schmidt '99**, and **James J. Kurella '96** "shared their verbal skills." Katie started her OB/Gyn residency at Ohio State University in July 2004, and Ian sells aquarium supplies in Columbus. The couple owns a home in Grandview, Ohio. **Alison St. Vincent Von Kennel** and **Andrew P. Von Kennel** moved to New York City last June after Andy graduated from SMU Cox School of Business with marketing and financial consulting concentrations and took a job with OMNICOM. Alison works for Uproar, a subsidiary of TracyLocke, doing children's marketing. —
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Adrian C. Amedia and **Christine L. Masterson** announce the birth of a son, Avery Maximus Amedia, on April 13, 2004. The family resides in Richmond, Virginia. **Courtney K. Bambrick**, Ambler, Pennsylvania, informs us that she

is the administrative assistant at the Merriam Theater in Philadelphia. She also works occasionally as a costumer with Act II Playhouse in Ambler, Pennsylvania, and as a party teacher with Gym-boree in King of Prussia. She was a Barrymore nominee in Philadelphia and thus saw "tons of plays" last season. She sees **Patricia M. Owen** often, and she is in touch with **Christina L. LeStage**, **Shannon M. James**, and **Stephanie E. Camp**. She went to New York in May 2004 to see **Sergei Burbank '02** and **Krista M. Apple** in a play directed by **Devon F. Higby**. A press release informs us that **Michael J. Barmach**, Rocky Hill, Connecticut, received a doctor of medicine degree on June 4, 2004, from Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, in Philadelphia. He is the husband of **Elizabeth Fleming Barmach '01**. **Joel Davies Bauschatz** and **James M. Bauschatz '00**, Kirtland, Ohio, announce the birth of their first son, Paul Conrad Bauschatz, on June 14, 2004. James has a degree in elementary education and is subbing for the Lake County School District while he finalizes his Ohio teaching certificate. Joel has been able to continue her position as a research assistant for the Craniofacial Resource of the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine, by working remotely from home, writing papers and running the Craniofacial Resource Web site. **James D. Dennison** married **Renee L. Peltz '00** on June 21, 2003, in Sharon, Pennsylvania. **James B. Riggs** was a groomsman and **Deborah A. Benson '98** wrote a poem and read it as part of the ceremony. The Dennisons live in Tucson, Arizona, where Renee is getting her Ph.D. in family studies and human development. **William N. Federspiel**, Williamsburg, Virginia, reports that he is pursuing a master's degree in the Thomas Jefferson Public Policy Program at William and Mary College. **Lindsay M. Irvin**,

Ontario, Canada, reports that she finished the first year of her Ph.D. in medieval studies at the University of Toronto. **Andrew D. Jenkins**, Chicago, Illinois, tells us that apart from holding his data entry job, he is interning at a Chicago recording studio and working to be a producer/engineer. He is also interning with a promotions company and hopes to start a record label. **Lauren B. Johnston** informs us that she has lived in New York City for four years. She completed a master's degree in journalism at New York University and she is now a producer for CBSNews.com. **Rebecca L. Kerman** married Igal Alon in Israel in May 2004. She and Igal live in St. Louis, Missouri, where Rebecca runs a boutique that she started in 2002. The shop specializes in handmade jewelry, decor, and gift items. **Elisabeth Joo Kim**, Chicago, Illinois, tells us that she finished her first year of graduate school at the University of Chi-

cago in the spring of 2004 and then worked during the summer at the U.S. Department of the Treasury in the international development policy office. **Ann K. Krier**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, informs us that she is halfway through the two-year master of public health (MPH) program in health behavior/health education at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Her summer practicum involved developing training curricula for Latino peer educators on such health topics as diabetes management and HIV/AIDS. **Erich K. Kurschat**, Chicago, Illinois, tells us that he was promoted to human resources manager at Levy Restaurants. He also auditioned for a third choir in Chicago and he performed last summer with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony Chorus, and the Apollo Chorus at the Ravinia Music Festival. **Irene Li** married **Paul J. Dutton**

on May 29, 2004, in Pasadena, California. They reside in San Francisco, California. **Geoffrey A. Loose**, Somerset, New Jersey, reports that he graduated from the University of Michigan with a master of arts in education and is now teaching at Rutgers Preparatory School in central New Jersey. **Gabrielle R. Luebke** married **Gregory G. Stephenson '00** on August 9, 2003. Gregory is enrolled in the architectural graduate program at the Illinois Institute of Technology, while Gabrielle works in human resources for Starwood Hotels at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. They live in Chicago, Illinois. **Pamela R. Maslen** married Jonathan J. Nellis (Colorado College) on August 14, 2004, at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Jonathan is a second-year student in the M.B.A. program at the University of Michigan. Pamela is a consultant on the Disease

Control Priorities Project, a partnership between the National Institutes of Health, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to produce the second edition of *Disease Control Priorities for Developing Countries*. She will begin her graduate studies in the master of public health program at Johns Hopkins University in July 2005. The couple resides in Ann Arbor, Michigan. **C. Bradford Mena**, Frisco, Colorado, is an operations manager for V.I.C. Landscaping. He says that he has enjoyed working outside in the Rocky Mountains, writing, "Having my hands in the earth and creating beautiful gardens is the best way to spend a summer." **Joshua E. Prime** married **Charlotte M. Haas '00** on July 31, 2004, in San Francisco, California, at the Ferry building. The building is an old, historical San Francisco site, and their wedding was the first to be held there.

FINDING A UNIVERSAL EXPRESSION

It seems like they just show up on the shelf: rows of small cards, some serious and poignant, others sarcastic and silly, each one encapsulating an emotion that anybody can share. But working behind the scenes to provide an ever-fresh selection of greeting cards are teams of writers and editors. Among them: Jessica Dolce '99.

If you have ever browsed a selection of cards produced by American Greetings, you may have read Dolce's work. For more than three years, she has supplied the poetic sentiments and the brief wit for greeting cards displayed in retail stores across the country.

Lemons, says the cover of one of Dolce's cards, decorated with illustrations of lemon wedges and martini glasses. The inside delivers a fresh take on a familiar saying: *When life handed her lemons, she added ice, vodka, and a sippy straw. A toast—to wonderful, resourceful you! Congratulations.**

Dolce loves her job because it affords many opportunities for such playfulness. But writing successful cards isn't easy. A good greeting card needs to capture a sentiment, but it also has to appeal to hundreds of thousands of potential buyers. "You have to find a universal expression," Dolce says.

Part of her job involves developing new product concepts, which requires her to be aware of popular tastes. "I keep up on all the current trends by reading a lot of magazines and listening to popular music. I also get a lot of ideas from people-watching, from observing my family and friends," she says. "But every idea sparked by one of those sources always comes through my own voice."

Dolce was an English major at Kenyon, but the seeds of her career were planted much earlier. "When I was little, I had my own line of greeting cards. They were all in rhyming verse with pretty construction paper," she says. "I was making cards for every possible occasion, and it became an endearing family tradition." Dolce's father teased her, saying that she would grow up to be a greeting-card writer. "But I don't think he ever really thought I would," she says with a laugh.

When she first started working at American Greetings, Dolce devoted all of her time to writing cards. Two years ago, she became the lead editor overseeing the descriptions printed on the boxes of several hundred products in the company's multimillion-dollar Christmas ornament line. She also works with a number of other special product lines.

One of her new product launches is Bachelorette Boutique, a line of bachelorette-party supplies that is being rolled out nationally following successful testing in Target stores. "It's a good-girls' version of a bachelorette party. Not everyone wants a risqué, bawdy party," she says, noting that the new line provides a fun alternative. Products in the line include bubbles, tiaras, car signage, and a bachelorette oath that reads, *what goes on at the bachelorette party stays at the bachelorette party!**

Dolce holds the Bachelorette Boutique line close to her heart—she was one its three creators. "That line is my baby, something very precious to me. To see it come out on the market is really exciting."

Dolce is currently writing and editing for two new, trendy card lines, Winking Moon and Tremont Studios. Dolce helped write the background story that appears on the back side of all cards in the Tremont Studios line.

Sending a greeting card is a personal gesture. That's true quite literally for Dolce, who often sends friends or family members cards

that she herself wrote. "I always autograph the backs now," she says. "They get such a kick out of that."

—Adam Gilson

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Katie E. Gotschall, Sarah R. Mills, and **Karen M. Hurley** were the bridesmaids. **Paulo J. Ribeiro '99** served as a groomsman. Josh and Charlotte spent their honeymoon in Tahiti and Bora Bora and now live in San Francisco, California. **Stephen M. Scott,** Chicago, Illinois, reports that he has decided to leave his career as a Web designer and has started taking classes full time at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He is pursuing his master's degree in higher education administration and policy. **Jamie E. Smith** writes, "I am still living in Washington, D.C., and currently doing the press and public affairs for the Albright Group, a global strategy firm." **Shelby A. Van Voris** married Capt. Stephan Schoenborn on August 13, 2004, following a long trip to Europe. The ceremony was simple and was attended by her brother, Paul, and her father, **Peter Van Voris '70**. Stephan is a captain in the U.S. Army, while Shelby is working on her master's degree in public health, focusing on epidemiology, at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Georgia. The couple resides in Richmond Hill, Georgia. **Katherine A. Varda** married **Ian H. Schwab '98** in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the spring of 2004. **Sarah N. Buntzman '99, Marisha I. Stawiski '99, J. Brooks Martin,** and **Jonathan E. Keeling** participated in the wedding, and **Elizabeth N. Pendleton, Jordan A. Schmidt '99,** and **James J. Kurella '96** "shared their verbal skills." Katie started her OB/Gyn residency at Ohio State University in July 2004, and Ian sells aquarium supplies in Columbus. The couple owns a home in Grandview, Ohio. **John A. Weibull,** Decatur, Illinois, reports that he is the emergency services director for the Mid-Illinois Chapter of the American Red Cross, having previously been the emergency services coordinator of the Northwest Indiana Chapter. **Molly M. Westerman** married Eric Weber

(Xavier University) on May 22, 2004, in Louisville, Kentucky, at the Seelbach Hotel, the setting of Daisy and Tom's wedding in *The Great Gatsby*. Eric received his master's degree from New York University only days before the wedding. Molly and Eric live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where Molly teaches and studies at the University of North Carolina. Her first scholarly article, on *The Remains of the Day* and postcolonial and narrative theory, appeared in the September issue of *Mosaic*.

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Benjamin D. Bagocius informs us that he lives in Portland, Oregon, with **Deborah A. Benson**. He works as an Americorps volunteer in Portland as an inclusive recreation companion. He also teaches poetry writing to third-graders and sixth- through eighth-graders once a week at local schools. He began training in figure skating again and takes lessons from Diane Rawlinson, Tonya Harding's former instructor. Ben reports that **Amanda K. Gilvin** and **Victoria B. Fellingham** also live in the Portland area.

James M. Bauschatz and **Joel Davies Bauschatz '99,** Kirtland, Ohio, announce the birth of their first son, Paul Conrad Bauschatz, on June 14, 2004. James has a degree in elementary education and is subbing for the Lake County School District while he finalizes his Ohio teaching certificate. Joel has been able to continue her position as a research assistant for the Craniofacial Resource of the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine, by working remotely from home, writing

papers and running the Craniofacial Resource Web site. **Claire K. Beckett,** Chicago, Illinois, reports that she has returned from Benin, West Africa, where she served as a rural community health volunteer in the Peace Corps. Her projects included HIV/AIDS prevention work with youth and girls' education initiatives. While in Benin, she photographed extensively, and this fall she began M.F.A. studies in photography at the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston. **Susan Oman Bennett** reports that she and her husband, Jason, moved to Pasadena, California, last summer so Susie could start a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary. She just finished her master's thesis for her M.S. in psychology at Villanova University. **Kathleen S. Birck,** Indianola, Mississippi, informs us that she received a master's degree in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania in December 2003 and then moved back home to Maryland while waiting to get a job working in an underserved rural area of the country for the National Health Service Corps. She passed her boards and she is now officially a family nurse practitioner, working at the Community Health Clinic Inc. in Isola, Mississippi. **Trevor A. Biship** tells us that after living in St. Louis for several years, he moved to Irvine, California, to become an M.F.A. directing candidate at the University of California-Irvine. He is the second Kenyon director in five years to be at the University, as **Bryan L. Doerries '98** graduated from the program as well. Trevor's St. Louis premiere production of Neil LaBute's *Bash: Latterday Plays* opened to critical success in the summer of 2003 and earned his first published review in *Backstage Magazine*, one of the premier theater and film trade publications in the United States. **Devin C. Bowles,** Canberra, Australia, reports that he finished

his master's degree in anthropology and took a job with the YMCA. **Kurt M. Cross,** New York City, says he started working for an investment bank right out of Kenyon, but moved over to do media finance at Miramax Films almost two years ago. He recently moved in with his girlfriend, and he applied to business schools last summer. In June 2004, **Jessica Berretto Donaldson,** Jamestown, Rhode Island, finished service with Peace Corps Jamaica, where she had worked as a community environmental health advisor. She then joined Teach for America and is teaching elementary school in Washington, D.C., while pursuing her master's degree in teaching. Jess is married to **Adam G. Donaldson '99.** **Cleoanne B. Estrera,** Charlestown, Massachusetts, tells us that she and her husband, Matthew Etherington, moved back to the United States from Bristol, England, two years ago. They are living in the Boston area, where Cleoanne is in graduate school studying to become a family nurse practitioner at Massachusetts General Hospital. **Elizabeth C. Spengler '01** is in her class. Matthew is a director of Lower School music at Milton Academy in Milton, Massachusetts, and had the Owl Creeks perform for his students during their tour in January, 2004. **Shannon M. Farney,** Savannah, Georgia, reports that she is pursuing her M.F.A. in film video production. She writes, "Stop by for a visit if you are in town, I would love to see some fellow Kenyonites!" **Jessica D. Goldman,** Columbus, Ohio, reports that she is having a great time working at the law firm Squire Sanders & Dempsey. She is excited that **Mathieu M. Glassman '99** is also in Columbus for his veterinary school residency. **Heather L. Graber** married **Paul W. Stinson** on June 7, 2003, at Kenyon with many Kenyon faculty, staff, and alumni in attendance. **Kelsey S.**

Olds '99, Elizabeth N. Roche, John B. Pecorak II, and Stan Zhukarev participated in the ceremony. Paul and Heather live in Andover, New Hampshire, where Paul is the head women's soccer and women's lacrosse coach for Colby-Sawyer College. Heather is an assistant director of admission at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. **Charlotte M. Haas** married **Joshua E. Prime '99** on July 31, 2004, in San Francisco, California, at the Ferry building. The building is an old, historical San Francisco site, and their wedding was the first to be held there. **Katie E. Gotschall, Sarah R. Mills, and Karen M. Hurley** were the bridesmaids. **Paulo J. Ribeiro '99** served as a groomsman. Charlotte and Josh spent their honeymoon in Tahiti and Bora Bora and now live in San Francisco, California. **Ann E. Hebert** married Tim Zito (Miami University, Oxford, Ohio) in July 2004 in Granby, Colorado. **Rebecca G. Shattuck** was one of her bridesmaids. Ann is working toward her M.Ed. and a teaching certificate in elementary education at Regis University in Denver, Colorado. **Burke P. Hilsabeck** informs us that he lives in Chinatown in New York City, on a snake-shaped street that used to be called 'The Bloody Angle.' **John A. Zahl** is another inhabitant of his building. Burke worked as a counselor in a methadone clinic for two years. He writes, "I now type this e-mail from the receptionist's desk of a midtown insurance office. The woman whose job I am temporarily occupying is, as far as I can tell, a dog lover, a student of fashion, and a Sagittarius." **Elisabeth A. Hire**, Washington D.C., says that after three wonderful years with the Kennedy Center, she took a position as a scheduler with John Kerry for President. **Amanda L. Kasten** married Eric Bresie on April 17, 2004, in Austin, Texas. Eric is a software developer for

AAI Corporation, while Amy teaches English at a small Catholic school. **Andrew C. Kureth** informs us that he has been living in Warsaw, Poland, for the last three years, teaching English as a foreign language. Please contact him if you ever find yourself in Poland. **Melanie Blakeslee Lachance** reports that she is a high-school college counselor and is also in a counseling master's program at North Carolina State University. She writes, "We have an English bulldog, Gerhard, who makes us laugh. Every day is an adventure!" Melanie and her husband, **Paul K. Lachance '98**, live in Raleigh, North Carolina. **K. Monica Lai** married **Brian C. Leonard '01** in September 2003 in San Francisco, California. Members of the wedding party included **Denys K. Lai '99, Michael B. Courtney-Brooks '99, Amanda J. Arrick, Colleen M. Gildea, Eric C. Hakeman, and Andrew S. Rushing**, with many other Kenyon alumni present. Brian is now in veterinary school at the University of California-Davis as part of the veterinary scientist training program. Monica and Brian live in San Francisco. **Bradford W. Lystra**, Ann Arbor, Michigan, says that he finished work on two like-minded presidential campaigns, lobbying for ACT-Ohio and Dean for America-Michigan. Last summer, he led a forty-day leadership expedition to the Alaskan Arctic with five eighteen-year-old students. Brad is seeking a graduate degree in community and regional planning, but at the time of writing, the school was yet to be determined. **Kristine D. Maier**, Seattle, Washington, reports that in May 2004, her boss at Pura Vida Coffee asked her to move to the company's Seattle headquarters. She had worked for Pura Vida for the past two years remotely from Pittsburgh. While her title remains quality assurance manager,

moving to Seattle was a promotion to allow her to become a fully integrated member of the management team. She says, "If you are ever in Seattle, please look me up. I'd love to take you out for coffee!" **Kevin S. McFadden**, Buffalo, New York, reports that he is working on his Ph.D. in music composition at the University of Buffalo. His trio for violin, bass clarinet, and piano premiered last March, featuring a performance by Jean Kopperud of the New York New Music Ensemble on bass clarinet. Kevin finished a collaborative work with choreographer Gerry Trentham (faculty, Buffalo State University) titled *Bad Air(e)*, which premiered April 30, 2004, at Buffalo Contemporary Dance. **Kristin A. Meister**, New York City, tells us that she graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in May 2004. During law school, she worked at the Pentagon for the general counsel in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and in London at an international human rights nongovernmental organization. Last summer, she studied for the New York bar in Ann Arbor. In early fall, she took a six-week post-bar trip to South/Southeast Asia, and in October she began working as a litigation associate at Dewey Ballantine LLP in New York City. **Vanessa Miller-Sims**, Falmouth, Massachusetts, reports that she is still at Woods Hole working on her Ph.D. She has passed her qualifying exams. She and her husband, Brian Bush, adopted a greyhound, and Vanessa says she is sweet and a good friend. **Sarah R. Mills**, New York City, informs us that she is teaching kindergarten in New York. She received her master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, in the spring of 2004. **Rebecca A. Milusich**, Brighton, Massachusetts, reports that she has finished her first year of graduate school for special education at Simmons

College and has one more year to go. She is also working as a one-on-one teacher for a kindergarten student with special needs. **Gary T. Mitchell**, Belmont, Massachusetts, tells us that he "lost his Chicago gig after a takeover" and now is living in a Boston suburb and working for a small hedge fund. **Michael A. Moses**, Columbus, Ohio, says that he lived in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for four years with **Aafreen D. Chanduwadia** and **Daanesh D. Chanduwadia '98** and worked in public health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In May 2004 he moved to German Village in Columbus with Aafreen, and now he works at Ohio State University in sponsored research. **Renee L. Peltz** married **James D. Dennison '99** on June 21, 2003, in Sharon, Pennsylvania. **James B. Riggs '99** was a groomsman and **Deborah A. Benson** wrote a poem and read it as part of the ceremony. The Dennisons live in Tucson, Arizona, where Renee is pursuing her Ph.D. in family studies and human development. **Lauren E. Prince** married Blair Lucas, of Melbourne, Australia, in March 2003. The ceremony took place at the Marriage Bureau of Nanjing, China. They had to postpone their formal Chinese wedding ceremony, slated for May 2003, on account of SARS. Their formal Chinese wedding took place in February 2004. Lauren and Blair live in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China, where Lauren teaches kindergarten at the Suzhou Singapore International School. **Jessica K. Rhines**, Seattle, Washington, informs us that she is loving Seattle and she is working as a legal guardian for the incapacitated. She is in a graduate program for psychotherapy at Bastyr University/Leadership Institute of Seattle. **Emily E. Robichaud** writes, "I'm living in New York City again after a brief bohemian sabbatical in Maine and Sanibel Island. I am

a nanny for a nine-month-old baby girl, Miss Cate, and working for a family who is the opposite of every New York nanny nightmare from the *Nanny Diaries*." Emily started a master's program in the decorative arts at the Cooper Hewitt Museum in fall 2004.

Anne G. Schneider reports that she is living in sunny San Diego, California, studying to get her master's in speech-language pathology. **James T. Sheridan**, Houston, Texas, reports that he finished his fourth year as a teacher of English as a second language at McReynolds Middle School, an inner city school in Houston, where he was placed by Teach For America. At McReynolds, he runs an enrichment program called CSP: Clase Sin Paredes (Classroom Without Walls), which strives to prepare at-risk students for high school and college. **Maraleen D. Shields**, Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, says that since the beginning of 2004 she has been trying to fill the shoes of **Kathleen S. Birck** as the president of the Philadelphia Regional Association. She went back to Kenyon in the spring for a visit and had a great time with **Brian A. "Bart" Bidlingmeyer '03**, **M. Matthew Neimat '02**, **Neil E. Hall '02**, and **George W. Cook '99**. She has recently talked to **Kelly S. Denson**, **Lonnie D. Manns**, and **Erika E. Prahl**. Professionally, Maraleen made a law firm switch back to Reed Smith LLP. She says that move would never have been possible without the help of **Arthur H. Stroyd '67**. **Gregory G. Stephenson** married **Gabrielle R. Luebke '99** on August 9, 2003. Gregory is enrolled in the architectural graduate program at the Illinois Institute of Technology, while Gabrielle works in human resources at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. They live in Chicago, Illinois. **Jessica L. Talling**, Amherst, Massachusetts, informs us that she is in graduate school getting her degree in school psychology at

the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She had been working with boys with emotional and behavioral problems in Vermont for three years. She spent the summer of 2003 building a house near Burlington, Vermont, and spent last summer leading wilderness adventure trips in New England. **Sonja R. Thomsen** tells us that she graduated from the San Francisco Art Institute in May 2004 with an M.F.A. in photography. She moved back to the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area last summer, and she's now teaching color photography at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. Some of her photography can be viewed at www.sonjathomsen.com. **Zachary K. Turner**, New York City, reports that he is working for a nonprofit organization that helps nonviolent offenders get jobs. This has been a nice transition from active duty in the Marine Corps. He is now in the reserves hoping not to be called up. **Catherine "Cassie" E. Wagner**, Murphysboro, Illinois, informs us that she earned a master's degree in library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and she accepted a position as the Web development librarian at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. **Leah R. Wedul**, St. Paul, Minnesota, says that she completed her master's degree in counseling psychology and has a year to go for her master's in human resource development at the University of Minnesota. She spent the summer in Albuquerque, New Mexico, serving a summer internship at PNM Resources Inc. —

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Cray J. Coppins III married Elizabeth Heatwole (Washington and Lee University) on August 14, 2004, at Shoreacres Club in Lake

Bluff, Illinois. Quite a number of Kenyon alumni attended the celebration. Cray is a financial advisor at MassMutual in downtown Chicago, Illinois, and he tells us **Nathan D. Aldinger** is a coworker there. Cray and Elizabeth live in Evanston, Illinois. **Christine A. Cunningham** married Jay Laymon on June 14, 2003, at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Gambier, Ohio. Many Kenyon alumni were in attendance. Christine and Jay announce the birth of a son, William Joseph Laymon, on May 4, 2004. The family lives just a few miles outside of Gambier, on Kenyon Road in Mount Vernon. **Linnea Larson Deutschle**, Columbus, Ohio, informs us that she opened an online jewelry store in March of 2004. The jewelry may be found at The Dairy Barn in Athens, Ohio, or on the Web site www.tigerfaedesigns.com. **Kelly M. Duke** married **Matthew M. Bryant** on July 31, 2004, at Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. **Samara L. Estroff** and **Wendy A. Littlepage** were bridesmaids, **Tyler J. Meier** ushered, **Colin H. Yuckman** gave a reading, and **Michelle H. Chapman '02** was Kelly's maid of honor. In the fall of 2004, Kelly began a Ph.D. program in African history at Johns Hopkins University, while Matt started law school at the University of Maryland. Kelly and Matt live in Baltimore, Maryland. **Lurette S. Frost**, Alamosa, Colorado, tells us that she is living on a beautiful ranch in southern Colorado and working for la Puente Home, a homeless shelter and food bank that provides outreach services. She is running the community garden project and teaching nutrition education. She also is pursuing a master's degree in education. **Emily A. Guy**, Columbus, Ohio, reports that she recently received a contract to write a serialized novel online at www.keepitcoming.net/something-dark.html. **Megan J. Hill**, Litchfield, Connecticut, relates that she is

studying brain-based learning in the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Mind, Brain, and Education Program. **Heather L. Holbrooks-Kuratek**, San Francisco, California, informs us that she is attending law school at the University of San Francisco. **Jesse B. Horowitz**, Chanhassen, Minnesota, reports that he is a technology manager at Wells Fargo, a diversified financial services company. Also, Jesse says he has been living in his first house for more than a year. **Kelly C. Johnson**, Pennington, New Jersey, tells us that she recently completed a three-month cross-country bicycle trip that started in New Jersey and ended in Washington State. The participants were able to raise more than twelve thousand dollars for the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. **Neala J. Kendall** informs us that she moved to Seattle, Washington, for graduate school in aquatic ecology. She spends her summers in Alaska doing field work. **Brian C. Leonard** married **K. Monica Lai '00** in September 2003 in San Francisco, California. Members of the wedding party included **Denys K. Lai '99**, **Michael B. Courtney-Brooks '99**, **Amanda J. Arrick '00**, **Colleen M. Gildea '00**, **Eric C. Hakeman '00**, and **Andrew S. Rushing '00**. In the fall of 2004, Brian began the veterinary scientist training program at the University of California-Davis. Brian and Monica live in San Francisco. **W. Robert Lewis**, Fairborn, Ohio, relates that he began graduate school in the fall of 2004 after working at an applied psychology research firm for three years. He has begun a Ph.D. program in organizational psychology at the University of Connecticut. **Wendy A. Littlepage**, Denver, Colorado, tells us that she has been working with young children in a preschool program at the local YMCA. She also has been doing volunteer work and helping her aging grandparents. **Natalie S. Martinez**,

Columbus, Ohio, relates that she is currently in her final year of graduate school at Ohio State University's Knowlton School of Architecture. Last year, she received the Elliot L. Whitaker Traveling Fellowship to study the work of architect Peter Zumthor in Switzerland. Also, she received the Dublin Women's Charter Group Grant for Education. **Elizabeth J. McCarty** married **Joshua W. Katzman** on September 14, 2003, in Boston, Massachusetts. Members of the wedding party included **Emily W. Andersen**, **Erin D. Barr**, and **John T. Kerins**. The Katzmans live in Arlington, Massachusetts. **S. Elizabeth McClelland** married James Anderson (University of Canterbury, New Zealand) on September 4, 2004, in Seattle, Washington. Members of the wedding party included **Melissa A. DeGaetano**, **Gil D. Reyes**, and **Sarah A. Hart**. Elizabeth is an administrator for the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education in Glasgow, Scotland, while James is a clinical psychologist at Ravenscraig Hospital in Greenock. The Andersons reside in Glasgow. **Robert "B.J." Murphy**, East Sparta, Ohio, informs us that he took the bar exam last July and in August started working at Black, McCuskey, Souers, and Arbaugh in Canton. He saw **William J. Bielefeld**, **Douglas J. Dillingham**, **Michael F. Hartley**, **John T. Kerins**, **Evan M. Lips '02**, and **Brian M. Taubman '05** at his annual summer pig roast in Canton. **Sarah E. Postellon**, Chicago, Illinois, reports that she graduated from Dominican University's Graduate School of Library and Information Science with a master's degree in library and information science in August 2004. **Jessica H. Robinson**, Southborough, Massachusetts, tells us that in July 2004 she graduated from Simmons College with an MBA after completing an accelerated degree program in just eleven months. **Erin R. Shanahan**, Chicago, Illinois,

reports that she graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law on May 23, 2004. She has accepted a position at Gilbert Law Summaries, a publishing company for law school study aids. **Jeana M. Visel**, Ferdinand, Indiana, tells us that she entered the novitiate with the Sisters of Saint Benedict in April 2004. She has a small part-time ministry in the monastery's communication department.

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Eleanora M. Anagnos, Lake Forest, Illinois, relates that she had been working on an M.F.A. degree in painting at the Tyler School of Art in Rome, Italy, until she moved to Philadelphia in the fall of 2004 to complete her final year of graduate school. **Jessica Huff Booth** and **Adam J. Booth**, Gambier, Ohio, announce the birth of a son, Isaac Joshua Booth, on July 31, 2004. Isaac weighed in at eleven pounds and was twenty-three inches long. Jessica informs us that the couple will be staying in Gambier for an extra year to give themselves "time to get used to parenthood before diving into graduate school." **Elizabeth P. Hickey**, Washington, D.C., reports that she is in graduate school at Catholic University of America for a master's in social work. **Michael J. Krejci**, Nashville, Tennessee, informs us that he has been working as a talent/booking agent for Red Ridge Entertainment on Nashville's Music Row. He continues to pursue songwriting and hopes to make a career out of it one day. Contact him at www.RedRidgeEntertainment.com. **Sarah E. Schill**, Bethesda, Maryland, says she began a master's program in American studies at the University of Wyoming in Laramie last fall.

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Joshua M. Karren, Chevy Chase, Maryland, tells us that he has been working as a liaison officer at Bluestone Law Ltd. in Bethesda, Maryland. **Christopher T. McKeon**, Stamford, Connecticut, informs us that he will be starting an M.F.A. in acting program at the University of Washington in Seattle. **Veronica A. Medwid**, Sante Fe, New Mexico, relates that she is living with **Alyssa C. Latuchie '04** in Santa Fe. **Rose L. Miller-Sims**, Charlotte, North Carolina, tells us that she has just completed a year of volunteer service with Americorps working as a construction crew leader for Habitat for Humanity in Charlotte. She writes, "In fact, I've enjoyed it so much that I've opted to stay for a second year of service!" **Michelle I. Mills**, Byron, New York, relates that she is currently living with her parents and "trying to figure out what to do with her life." She welcomes e-mail correspondence from Kenyon alumni at michelleimills@yahoo.com.

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IN MEMORIAM

Albert E. Pappano 1932 on April 19, 2004, of a stroke at the Rockville Nursing Home in Maryland. He was ninety-three and a resident of Washington, D.C.

After attending Kenyon for one year, Albert went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in classics from Western Reserve University. He completed a doctorate in classical languages

at Washington University in St. Louis in 1937.

At Kenyon, Albert was a member of the freshman football team and Delta Phi social fraternity.

Albert taught at Washington University until 1941, when he joined the U.S. Department of State as a foreign service officer. After postings to Mexico, Canada, Europe, and the Far East, and a year out for advanced economic studies at Harvard University, he retired in 1970 at the mandatory age of sixty, having served for thirty years. He worked for two additional years in the international affairs area of the U.S. Treasury Department and then left government to work with a private consulting firm concerned with international trade and monetary affairs. He continued to consult until 1983. In 1964, Albert was a member of the U.S. team negotiating the General Agreements on Tariff and Trade (GATT) Kennedy Rounds in Geneva, Switzerland.

Survivors include two daughters, Francine Jacome and Carla Goldberg; a son, Patrick A. Pappano; a stepdaughter, Catherine Graham; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Egbert W. Neidig 1934 on July 8, 2004. He was ninety-one and a resident of Orlando, Florida.

A native of Goshen, Indiana, Egbert attended Kenyon and then graduated from the University of Michigan. He did graduate work at the Ohio State University.

Egbert became director of the Cincinnati area Community Chest in 1947. He moved to Orlando in 1958 to be the executive director of the United Way, retiring from that position in 1972. He remained active in a volunteer capacity with the United Way, serving as campaign chairman, president, and chairman of the board of directors. He served on the boards of a number of other community organizations, including the Salvation Army,

Arts United, the Florida Symphony, the Area Agency on the Aging, and the Gordon Barnett Foundation. An avid sailor, he had been president of the Florida Sailing Association and Smyrna Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-three years, Florence; two sons, Michael and John Neidig; and four grandchildren, Harper, Cecile, and Adam Neidig, and Mary Silver.

Bernard R. Baker II '36 on June 16, 2004, of a stroke. He was eighty-eight and a resident of West Palm Beach, Florida.

At Kenyon, Bernie was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity. He earned his law degree at Harvard University in 1941. He was a Navy officer during World War II, rising to the rank of lieutenant commander.

Bernie was president and later chairman of the B.R. Baker Co. menswear store, which was a downtown Toledo, Ohio, landmark for eight decades, and headed many other Toledo-area organizations over the years. He ran the men's store until 1961, when it became a division of Botany Industries Inc. He then became chairman of the local chain, which included four branches at area shopping centers.

For many years, Bernie wore two hats—as retail executive and law-firm partner. Until the 1990s, he was a partner in the firm that went by a number of names over the years, including Brown, Baker, Schlageter, and Craig.

Bernie was secretary of the Toledo Blade corporation from 1962 until 1990, and for a time was also a director and corporate counsel.

Known for his civic work, Bernie served on the boards of numerous organizations. He was a longtime trustee of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont, Ohio.

Bernie is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Elinor Shutts

Baker; a daughter, Lynn A. Baker; a son, Bernard R. "Robin" Baker III; two grandchildren; a niece, Eleanor M. Hight; and a nephew, Frank Hight. Memorial contributions may be made to the Medical College of Ohio, 3000 Arlington Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43514; Boys and Girls Club of Toledo, Administrative Office, 2250 North Detroit Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43606; or Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County, Suite 204, 800 Northpoint Parkway, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407-1946.

Harold L. Cullings '38 on May 20, 2004. He was eighty-nine and a resident of Hilton Head, South Carolina.

At Kenyon, Harold majored in mathematics and physics and was president of the math club. He played intramural football, basketball, and baseball and swam, and was a member of Delta Phi social fraternity.

Harold pursued a career in mechanical engineering working for various companies as project engineer, chief engineer, director of engineering, and vice president of engineering. In retirement, he continued to consult in and teach hydraulic and mechanical engineering.

Survivors include his three daughters, Sara Cullings, Karen Cullings, and Phyllis Tichy.

The Reverend Robert A. George 1940 in 2000. He was eighty-five and a resident of Defiance, Ohio.

Robert earned a bachelor's degree from Mount Union College and then went on to earn a bachelor of divinity degree at Bexley Seminary. He did his graduate work at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. During World War II, he served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Robert served in many parishes over his long career, including as a canon at the Washington

Cathedral in Washington, D.C. He retired as pastoral assistant at Trinity Church in Toledo, Ohio, in 1994.

His first wife, Christine Thompson George, with whom he had a daughter, Jane, passed away in 1960. In 1962, he married Jane Robertson. It is not known whether his wife and daughter survive him.

Frederick Greeley '41 on May 12, 2004. He was eighty-four and a resident of Leverett, Massachusetts.

Fred attended Harvard College before transferring to Kenyon. He was a member of Delta Phi fraternity. A biology major, he had a long-standing interest in ornithology, developed while associating with the staff of Chicago's Field Museum during summers in northern Wisconsin. He also assisted in Donald Griffin's study of homing in Leach's petrel and worked with Albert Hochbaum at the Delta Waterfowl Research Station in Manitoba.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1941 and became an Air Force navigator in the European campaign. He experienced his first and last parachute jump when his bomber was shot down over Belgium. He was rescued by the underground and hidden until the arrival of Allied troops. Until his death, he maintained contact with the Belgian villagers who saved him. In 1996, he participated in Kenyon's sophomore seminar on World War II, which paired students with WWII veterans. Students queried the veterans, and their correspondence was then donated to the Kenyon archives.

After the war, Fred entered the University of Wisconsin, where he became closely acquainted with Aldo Leopold, noted for his essay "Land Ethic" published in Leopold's essay collection *A Sand County Almanac*. Fred went on to earn an M.S. and

Ph.D. in zoology. He studied deer nutrition in New Hampshire, pheasant distribution and nutrition with the Illinois Natural History Survey, and in 1960 joined the faculty of the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management (now Natural Resources Conservation) at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Fred single-handedly converted the wildlife curriculum from applied management to science-based wildlife biology and founded a Ph.D. program. He retired in 1981 to enjoy summers at the family camp property in Wisconsin and winters at his home in Massachusetts.

Fred served as chairman of the New England Section of the Wildlife Society, chairman of the regional Blackbird Control Group, and was a member of the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, the Northeastern Bird Banding Association, Wilson Ornithological Society, American Ornithologists' Union, the Wildlife Society, and the American Society of Mammalogists. He was a charter member of the state's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Advisory Committee.

He is survived by his wife of almost sixty years, Priscilla "Perky" Hannaford Greeley; four daughters, Lynn, Harriet, Lois, and Alice; and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Aldo Leopold Foundation, P.O. Box 77, Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913-0077.

Frank G. Love '41 in 2001. He was eighty-five and a resident of Lima, Ohio.

At Kenyon, Frank was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He majored in history, and it was his life-long hobby and avocation. During World War II, he served in the Naval Air Corps in both the American and Pacific theaters of operations.

Frank worked for most of his career in retail merchandising

RICHARD L. SHORKEY

Richard L. Shorkey '38 died on June 17, 2004. He was eighty-eight and a resident of Beaumont, Texas.

Richard was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity and also a member of Kenyon's first swimming team. He majored in biology and went on to earn a medical degree from the Ohio State University School of Medicine. His residency in New Orleans was interrupted by World War II. He served as a U.S. Navy medical officer in the Southwest Pacific.

After the war, Richard settled with his wife, Lois, in Beaumont, where he devoted himself to the practice of orthopedic surgery. Lois died in 1987.

For many years he devoted his time and energy to the Cerebral Palsy Center. In 1989, the Cerebral Palsy Foundation created the Dr. Richard L. Shorkey Award for Exceptional Service to Handicapped Children and honored him as the first recipient. In 2001, Beaumont dedicated the Richard L. Shorkey Education and Rehabilitation Center in his name.

In a profile published in the *Alumni Bulletin* in January 2003, Richard said, "I've always thought that being a doctor was the highest profession in the world and I still do. I'm still awed that I became a physician."

In 1985, Richard retired from his surgical practice and became medical director of Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital, serving in that capacity until 1992. When questioned about his role at the hospital, his comment in his low-key but humorous fashion was, "When you deal with Irish sisters, you're never in charge."

Richard was a gifted painter and he exhibited both his own work and works that he collected, including some James Whistler etchings. In 1997, he exhibited a selection of fifteen of his paintings at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas (AMSET). He was an honorary life trustee of AMSET and also endowed a symphony chair at Lamar University as well as a nursing scholarship. Friends and family remember him for his exceptional generosity with both his material goods and his spirit.

Richard is survived by his four daughters, Elinor Jean Shorkey, Mary Shorkey Hager, Carol Shorkey Parker, and Alice Shorkey Butrum; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, Edward S. Shorkey '45.



for R.T. Gregg and Company of Lima. He also spent several years with an advertising agency, creating ads for both heavy industry and consumer products.

Fred married Mary J. Gregg in 1941. She died in 2003. They had two sons, George and Gordon Love. It is not known if they survive.

Robert L. Daniel 1943 on March 24, 1998, of cancer. He was seventy-four and a resident of

Athens, Ohio.

Bob enrolled at Kenyon during World War II as part of the pre-meteorology program established by the U.S. Army to train weather forecasters for war service. After completing the program, he was on active duty in the Army until the end of the war. After the war, he completed a bachelor's and master's degree at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and went on to earn a Ph.D. in American social and cul-

tural history from the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

He held teaching posts at Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon) and Cornell University before settling in to a tenured position at Ohio University in Athens. He often spent summers doing research in locations such as Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C., and had Fulbright-sponsored appointments in London, England; Utrecht, The Netherlands; and Manila, Philippines.

Bob published books on American philanthropy in the Near East and on women in American history. At the time of his death, he was working on the second volume of *Athens, Ohio: The Village Years*. The first volume covered the history of Athens through 1920.

Bob is survived by his former wife, Barbara Pugh Daniel; a daughter, Martha Daniel Hansgen; two sons, **Robert S. Daniel '74** and Joseph Daniel; and four grandchildren, Will, Kai, Noelle, and Jesse Daniel.

Russell E. Lynch Sr. 1944 on July 16, 2004, of cancer. He was eighty-one and a resident of Avon Lake, Ohio.

Russ was a 1940 graduate of Gambier High School, where he was an All Ohio basketball player. He attended Kenyon for two years, studying history and political science and leading the Kenyon basketball team. He also played football. He transferred to Capital University on a basketball scholarship, graduating in 1946 with a bachelor of science degree in education. He did graduate work at Akron University, Kent State University, and Rutgers University. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Russ taught and coached at Hamilton Township Schools, Gambier High School, St. Mary's High School, Clearview High School, and Oberlin High School

before moving to Avon Lake in 1963. His Oberlin team of 1957-58 won the Southwest Conference championship, and Russ was named SWC Coach of the Year. In 1963, the team won SWC and the sectional tournament and Russ was again named SWC Coach of the Year.

At Avon Lake, Russ coached boys' basketball from 1963 to 1968, winning the conference championship and Coach of the Year honors in 1964. He then became head coach of the Avon Lake Shoregals basketball team, leading them to SWC Championships and Coach of the Year honors in 1982-83 and 1988-89. He was inducted into the Lorain County Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Russ started the Occupational Work Experience Program (OWE) at Avon Lake High School in 1973. He was elected the first president of the Ohio OWE Coordinators Association, and for the 1983-84 school year he was the OWE teacher of the year. He taught "The OWE Experience" at Kent State University to all incoming OWE teachers. Russ retired from teaching in 1985 and from the athletic department in 1989.

Russ served as a member of Avon Lake City Council from 1978-85 and was president of the council from 1980 until his retirement in 1985.

Survivors include his wife of sixty years, Vesta Keyes Lynch; a daughter, Sue A. Burrill; a son, Michael C. Lynch; six grandchildren; and a brother, James Lynch.

Thomas S. Smith '44 H'70 on May 12, 2004, of cancer. He was eighty-three and a resident of Pine River, Wisconsin.

At Kenyon, Tom was a member of Phi Kappa Epsilon social fraternity, serving as secretary and then president, and Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity. He also played baseball and basketball. A physics major, he gradu-

ated magna cum laude. During World War II, he taught in the pre-meteorology program held by the Army Air Force at Kenyon from January 1943 to February 1944. After completing his undergraduate work, Tom went on to earn a doctorate in physics at the Ohio State University in 1952. He was awarded honorary degrees by Kenyon in 1970 and Ripon College in 1971.

Tom taught physics at Ohio University. In 1961, he was appointed assistant to the president and professor of physics. From 1962 to 1967, he was vice president for academic affairs and professor of physics. In 1967, he was named provost. In 1969, Tom was chosen to lead Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, and he remained in the post of president until his retirement in 1979.

In 1972, President Richard Nixon appointed Tom to the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science, the selection committee for the prestigious awards for distinguished contributions in physical, biological, mathematical, or engineering science. The following year, Wisconsin Governor Patrick Lucey appointed Tom chairman of the newly created State Ethics Board, a position he still held when he retired.

In retirement, Tom served as executive director of the Lakeshore Consortium in Support of the Arts in the Fox River Valley.

Tom is survived by his wife, Lillyan Beaver Smith; a daughter, L. Courtney Smith; and two sons, T. Steven and David C. Smith.

Ora W. Young Jr. '44 on May 1, 2004, after a short illness. He was eighty-two and a resident of Valdosta, Georgia.

At Kenyon, Ora was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and Ryebucks. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force stationed in the United States. He returned to

Kenyon in 1947 and completed his degree in 1948.

Ora worked as an air-traffic controller under the Civil Air Administration and then the Federal Aviation Administration for thirty-six years. He was the assistant chief of the Atlanta, Georgia, center at the time of his retirement.

Ora was a hereditary member of Daedalians, a World War I flying organization, of which his father was a founding member.

Survivors include a daughter, Mala Young Vallotton; two sons, Christopher C. and Jonathan R. Young; and three grandsons, Rouse, Joseph III, and Wesley Vallotton. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of South Georgia, P.O. Box 1727, Valdosta, Georgia, or to the charity of one's choice.

Jack Y. Kasai '49 on July 14, 2004. He was seventy-nine and a resident of Columbus, Ohio.

During World War II, Jack was placed in the internment camp at Gila Bend, Arizona, and later served in the 442nd Infantry Battalion, receiving the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for service in France and Italy. After the war, he entered Kenyon, majoring in physics. He earned letters in baseball, football, and track and was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity as well as president of Kenyon Klan.

Daughter Jill Kasai wrote, "Dad thoroughly enjoyed Kenyon and returned for reunions when he could. Just last year at Christmas-time, he spoke of his roommate, **William C. Seiberling '49**. Since Dad was on scholarship and work study (he bused tables in the dining hall), money was stretched and only used for essentials. Nice clothes were not essential. Bill was a kind and generous man and just happened to be the same size as Dad. Bill had a closet full of suits and told Dad to wear them. His generosity and kindness extended to other endeavors,

such as assisting Dad in entering graduate school." Jack did post-graduate work at the University of Missouri.

Jack was employed by Bell Labs/Western Electric for thirty-eight years as an engineer.

An umpire of high-school and college baseball and girls' softball, Jack was recently inducted into the American Softball Association Umpires Hall of Fame.

In addition to his daughter Jill, Jack is survived by a son, Jerry K. Kasai; and a granddaughter, Jaclyn Kasai. Memorial contributions may be made to either the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 102454, Atlanta, Georgia 30368-2454, or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America, Donor Services, P.O. Box 4261, Pittsfield, Massachusetts 01202.

Arthur J. Rushay 1949 on April 26, 2004. He was seventy-six and a resident of White Bear Lake and Hudson, Wisconsin.

Arthur attended Kenyon from June 1945 to September 1945. He completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota and went on to earn his medical degree at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine.

Arthur practiced general medicine in White Bear Lake and Hudson until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, and three daughters, Suzan Fritze, Carol Otero, and Janis Casey; and three grandchildren, Alex and Ariana Otero, and Colin Casey. Memorial contributions may be made to Kenyon College, Office of Development, Gambier, Ohio 43022-9623.

T. Oliver Brace 1950 on July 12, 2002. He was seventy-nine and a resident of Camrillo, California.

Oliver served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Following the war, he attended Kenyon briefly.

He worked as a data processing analyst for various firms, including Douglas Aircraft Com-

pany, U.S. Borax and Chemical Corporation, and IBM.

Oliver had two daughters, Connie J. Brace and Barbara L. Brace; and a son, Barry L. Brace. Information on survivors was not available.

Richard D. Flinn '52 on May 6, 2004. He was seventy-four and a resident of Hillsboro, Ohio.

At Kenyon, Dick majored in history and was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity. After serving in the Army branch of the National Security Agency in Kyoto, Japan, he attended Northwestern University, where he earned a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in finance.

Dick's distinguished international banking career began with First National Bank of Chicago, where he established the Tokyo, Japan, office. As vice president and senior international banking officer for Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit, he was responsible for Asian, Australian, and Middle Eastern operations.

Dick taught courses in history and finance at universities in Japan and the United States. He received a citation from the U.S. Department of State for the development of American history classes at U.S. Information Agencies (USIA) overseas establishments.

An avid genealogist, Dick researched and published several family histories. He shared a common ancestor with Mary Fay, first wife of Kenyon founder Philander Chase, and traced more than one thousand descendants of Chase. He published his book, *The Descendants of Philander Chase*, in 1991. Dick served as past director of the Japan-America Society for Genealogical Research, past president and treasurer of the Southern Ohio Genealogical Society, past governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Illinois and Michigan, and past elder of the Ohio Society. He enjoyed

traveling the Midwest with his dogs, discovering and exploring historic cemeteries.

Dick is survived by his wife, Deanna; four sons, David and Steven Flinn and Craig and Steven Bronson; six grandchildren, Michael and Kate Flinn and Rachel, Sarah, Robert, and Christopher Bronson; a sister, Frances Rathke; two nieces, Ellen Rathke and Debbie Lewis; and a nephew, Charles Rathke Jr. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 234 North High Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133.

Robert E. McComb '53 on March 22, 2004, of cancer. He was seventy-five and a resident of Alexandria, Virginia.

A chemistry major at Kenyon, Bob went on to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry from Michigan State University.

He worked as a research chemist for several firms. He retired from the U.S. Library of Congress as a preservation research officer.

Bob is survived by his wife, Kathleen; a daughter April McComb; two sons, Craig and Brian McComb; a granddaughter, Caitlyn McComb; and two grandsons, Robert and Patrick McComb.

Jerome D. Reese '53 on March 16, 2004. He was seventy-three and had been a patient at the Sepulveda Veterans Administration Hospital in San Fernando, California, for the past eight years.

A member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, Jerry also participated in football and track and was manager of WKCO. He served for two years in the U.S. Army.

Jerry pursued a career in the insurance industry, earning the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters designation (CPCU) as well as an associate degree in management studies and risk management from the Insurance Institute of America.

Survivors include a daughter, Laura Reese Spisak; two sons, Philip and Paul Reese; a granddaughter, Cara Spisak; a grandson, Michael Spisak; a sister, Jane Miller; and several nieces and nephews.

Allan L. Johnston Jr. 1963 on August 7, 2004. He was sixty-three and a resident of Oakwood, Ohio.

Duffy attended Kenyon for one year and was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He graduated from Wittenberg University with a degree in economics.

Pursuing a career in real estate appraisal, Duffy retired as vice-chairman of the Gem Real Estate Group, Inc.

Duffy was active in community affairs, serving as past president of the Dayton Rotary Club, past president of Comus, and past vice president of the Dayton Boy's Choir.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Joan Wood Johnston; a daughter, Virginia Jaye Wickham Johnston; a son, **Peirce Wood Johnston '89**; two granddaughters, Hayley Joy Peirce Johnston and Elizabeth Jane Silver Johnston; and his mother, Jane Louise Silver Johnston. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rotary Club of Dayton, 17 South St. Clair Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402, or Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45420.

Jeffrey R. Fisher '65 on May 5, 2004, of a heart attack. He was sixty and a resident of San Francisco, California.

Jeffrey entered Kenyon in the class of 1965 but took time out for a couple of years to work and consider his path in life. He returned to Kenyon in 1966 and graduated with a degree in English in 1968. Jeffrey was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity.

After graduating from Kenyon, he spent three years in Paris and developed a lifelong affinity for all things French. He later earned a master's degree in

linguistics from Brown University and also earned certificates in French language and literature from the Sorbonne and l'Alliance Francaise in Paris.

Combining his love of the theatrical arts with the day-to-day business of making a living, Jeffrey began his marketing career as producer, vice president, and treasurer of Melody Fair, a theater-in-the-round founded by his father, Lewis T. Fisher, in his hometown of Buffalo, New York. He later was director of marketing and education for the Buffalo Philharmonic and corporate communications writer for Goldome Realty Credit Corp. and NVR Savings Bank.

In 1994, Jeffrey began a year-long stint as director of development and marketing at the San Francisco Film Society. In more recent years, he was a freelance marketing strategist, writer, and communications and business consultant.

In addition to his father, Jeffrey is survived by two sisters, Amy Fisher and Christine Lewis.

David E. Powers '66 on July 19, 2004. He was sixty-one and a resident of Ewing, New Jersey.

A political science major at Kenyon, David was on the debate team and was a member of the choir and WKCO. He earned a master's degree in education at Temple University School of Education in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and taught junior high school in the Philadelphia public schools for fourteen years. During his last four years as a teacher, he attended Temple University School of Law at night, earning his degree cum laude in 1980. At the time of his death, he was deputy attorney general for the State of New Jersey, a post he had held since 1984.

David is survived by his wife of thirty-two years, Florence Schreiber Powers; a son, Jonathan D. Powers; two sisters, Cyndie Hall and Deborah Powers

Oliver; a niece, Danielle Oliver Hentz; a nephew, R. Scott Oliver; mother and father-in-law, Justice and Sidney Schreiber; and four cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3076 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648, or The Fund for David's Bench, P.O. Box 592, Thousand Island Park, New York 13692, for the placement of a bench on the shores of the St. Lawrence River in memory of David.

Edward R. Telling III '66 P'91 on August 13, 2004, of cancer. He was sixty and a resident of Rockford, Illinois.

At Kenyon, Ed was co-captain of the swimming team and a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He received a juris doctorate from the University of Cincinnati in 1970. Following his admission to the bar, he returned to Rockford and joined the firm of Williams and McCarthy, where he practiced law for more than thirty years. At the time of his death, he was an officer and director of the firm and the senior member of its litigation group.

Over the years, Ed served a wide range of civic and charitable organizations. He had been a trustee of Roc-Vale Children's Home, Goldie Flobert Center, Boys and Girls Club of Rockford, and William S. Howard Charitable Trust.

Ed is survived by his wife, Laura Ference Telling; three daughters, Sarah Telling Jordan, **Laura Telling Seward '91**, and Emily Telling Poulos; their mother, Carol Busch Telling; grandchildren Caroline and Riggs Jordan and William and Catherine Seward; his father, Edward R. Telling; three sisters, Pamela Grimes, Kathryn Bentley, and Nancy O'Shaughnessy; a brother, Thomas Cole Telling; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, 946 North Second

Street, Rockford, Illinois 61107, to be added to the Edward R. Telling memorial fund. All contributions will be used to enhance the Bicentennial Bike and Running Path of Rockford Park District.

Timothy J. Lang '67 on January 25, 2004. He was fifty-nine and a resident of Southfield, Michigan.

A chemistry and mathematics major at Kenyon, Tim was a member of Alpha Sigma Chi fraternity. He went on to earn a doctorate in physical chemistry from Wayne State University in 1977 and a master of science in multidisciplinary engineering from Purdue University in 1995.

Tim retired from General Motors Corporation in 2002 as an environmental chemist after twenty-one years of service. He was also a professor at Wayne State University and Northwood Institute.

He is survived by his wife, Nancyjo Kujawa Lang; a daughter, Kelly Lang; a son, Kristopher Lang; three grandchildren, Conor, Brennen, and Erin Lang; and his parents, Alden and Aino Lang. Memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, Michigan 48076.

Charles J. Lantz '69 on May 13, 2004. He was fifty-six and a resident of Lancaster, Ohio.

At Kenyon, Chuck was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity, which he served as vice president for three semesters. He was on the *Reveille* staff during his junior year. He went on to earn a juris doctorate from American University Law School in Washington, D.C.

After practicing law with the Legal Aid Society of New York City and Westchester County, he joined his father's firm, in Lancaster. At the time of his death, he had been a member of the firm for more than twenty years.

Chuck served as a Lancaster city councilman, president of Lancaster City Council, and chairman

of the Supreme Court Council for grievances and discipline.

He is survived by his daughters, Leslie, Jennifer, and Andrea Lantz; a sister, Susan Carr; a brother, James W. Lantz; and his parents, James A. and Eileen W. Lantz. Memorial contributions may be made to The Recovery Center, 1865 Cedar Hill Road, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

Evelyn Pesaresi Salmini '85 on July 19, 2004, of breast cancer. She was forty-one and a resident of Alpine, New Jersey.

Evie majored in English and drama at Kenyon and was active in the Kenyon College Dramatic Club. She was a successful voice-over artist in television network programs and commercials and performed in many dramatic, musical, and comedic productions.

Evie traveled extensively with her husband, who is president of Salmini Worldwide, a film company that specializes in the sports of running, cycling, and triathlon. She enjoyed entertaining business clients and friends in the major capitals of Europe.

In addition to her husband, Ambrose C. Salmini, Evie is survived by her two-year old son, Sterling LaFayette Bleeker Salmini; two stepsons, Ambrose and Schuyler; her mother, Josephine Black Pesaresi; a sister, Josephine Pesaresi Hallam; and a brother, Martin Hugo Pesaresi. Memorial gifts may be made to the Alpine Community Church, Closter Dock Road, Alpine, New Jersey 07620.

Other Deaths

Formalist poet **Anthony Hecht** on October 20, 2004, of lymphoma. He was eighty-one and a resident of Washington, D.C.

After graduating from Bard College in 1944, Hecht served in the infantry in Europe and Japan during World War II. He witnessed the liberation of the concentration camps, an experience evoked in recurring images of the Holocaust in his work and that

was central to his understanding of evil in the world. After the war, he used the G.I. Bill to study with John Crowe Ransom at Kenyon and later earned a master's degree at Columbia University.

Hecht became the first poet to receive the Prix de Rome from the American Academy in Rome. While in Rome, he translated some poetry by Rilke that was later set to music by Lukas Foss in the cantata *A Parable of Death*. He also devised a form of light verse called double dactyl that proved popular on college campuses in the United States for a long time and led to a 1966 compendium, *Jiggery Pokery*, which he created with John Hollander.

His early work was courtly and urbane but later gave way to searing chronicles of the twentieth century's horrors. His first book, *A Summoning of Stones*, published in 1954, won him immediate attention. He went on to write a half-dozen more volumes of poetry, publishing about one each decade; two books of critical essays; and a 1993 critical study of W.H. Auden's poetry called *The Hidden Law*. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his second book, *The Hard Hours*, published in 1968; the Bollingen Prize in 1983; and the \$100,000 Tanning Prize presented by the Academy of American Poets for lifetime achievement.

Hecht had another professional life as a professor, teaching at institutions such as Smith, Bard, Harvard, Georgetown, and Yale, though most of his career was spent at the University of Rochester. His honors included fellowships from the Ford, Rockefeller, and Guggenheim foundations, and the Robert Frost Medal.

In addition to his wife, Helen D'Alessandro Hecht, he is survived by two sons from his first marriage, Jason and Adam Hecht; a son from his second marriage, Evan Alexander Hecht; and two grandchildren.

Dolores Ayers Wolfe on May 3, 2004. She was eighty-three and a resident of Country Club Retirement Campus in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Dolores was a lifelong resident of Gambier with deep and lasting ties to Kenyon and the village.

Dolores graduated from Gambier High School in 1939 and during World War II she managed the Hayes Grocery Store. She worked for the College for eighteen years as an Addressograph operator in the development office, retiring in 1983. She was the widow of Leo W. Wolfe (1916-1999), who served as mayor of Gambier for several years; sister to two Kenyon graduates, **George E. Ayers Jr. '46** (deceased) and **Paul E. Ayers '39** (deceased); and cousin to **Charles W. Ayers '46**.

Dolores is survived by two daughters, Susan Caceci and Linda Jackson; two grandchildren, Aaron and Natalie Jackson; and one sister, Mary Henry.

Deaths for which we have no additional information

Justus P. Seeburg II 1945 in 2002.
Milton M. Honda 1958 in August 2003.

Correction

Karl M. Davies '68 was incorrectly listed as Karl M. Davis in the *Bulletin* issue 26.4. He died on October 20, 2003.

JO USHER RETIRING AFTER 12 YEARS

After twelve years of service to Kenyon, Director of Annual Funds Jo Usher P'94 will retire at the end of June. Usher came to Gambier in the summer of 1993 after living in Los Angeles, California, for thirty years. During her time at the College, she has overseen a range of activities in the Office of Alumni and Parents programs, including regional event planning, the Kenyon Parents Fund, and the Kenyon Fund Leadership Giving Program. For the past three years, she has directed all annual-funds programming. Usher's next adventure will take her to Seattle, Washington, where she looks forward to spending time with twin Kenyon daughters Jen Usher '94 and Katie Snyder '94, Katie's husband Alfred Snyder '94, granddaughter Ellie Snyder, and daughter Lindsay.



As an expression of gratitude for her dedication, friendship, and service, Usher's colleagues are preparing a scrapbook for her. Alumni, parents, and friends are invited to send a letter or a creation (measuring no more than 8.5 by 11 inches) to include in the scrapbook. Please send submissions to Lisa Schott '80, executive director of alumni and parent programs, College Relations Center, Gambier, Ohio 43022-9623 by June 1, 2005.

THE KENYON REVIEW GOES TO ITALY!

Spend eight fabulous days in the foothills of the Cimini Mountains, ninety minutes north of Rome, exploring both the countryside and your own writing. The inaugural *Kenyon Review* Writers Workshop in Italy, **held June 5-12, 2005**, will offer sessions in fiction and poetry, taught by *Kenyon Review* editors David Baker (poetry) and Nancy Sydor-Zafiris '76 (fiction). Writers of all abilities are welcome, with a special invitation to Kenyon alumni, parents, and students. The cost for the workshop, including tuition, room, and board, is \$2,495. Spouses, partners, or friends who wish to accompany you but not enroll in the workshop may come at a cost of \$1,795. Travel costs are not included.

In addition to daily workshops, there will be ample time for exploring the village and surrounding area. Also planned are day trips, including a special presentation on wine tasting and local foods by Marc Millon '77, noted wine and food author. Applications must be received by March 15, and spaces are filling quickly.

For more information and an application form, please see the *Kenyon Review* Web site, www.kenyonreview.org, or contact Ellen Sheffield, *Kenyon Review* programs coordinator, at sheffield@kenyon.edu or 740-427-5207.

HE'S BACK!

Sporting his trademark plaid pants and wielding his antique bugle, **John Young '50** rallied Cleveland-area alumni and parents who turned out to cheer on the Kenyon football Lords at the Kenyon vs. Case Western Reserve University football game on September 18. Football parents Ginny and Byron Bowman P'02,'07 of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, organized pregame tailgate gatherings at all the Lords' football games and drew record crowds of alumni and parents to support the team this fall.



IN MEMORIAM

William Hopple '24 celebrated his 102nd birthday on October 20, 2004, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Russ Geiger, director of major gifts, and Tom Lockard '67, director of capital funds, attended the celebration. At the time, he was the College's oldest living alumnus. Sadly, Mr. Hopple died in mid-December. Prior to his death, he established an endowed award to be presented to all who succeed him as oldest alumnus. **Harold Thebaud '28**, of Nashville, Tennessee, will be presented with the Hopple Award in the spring.



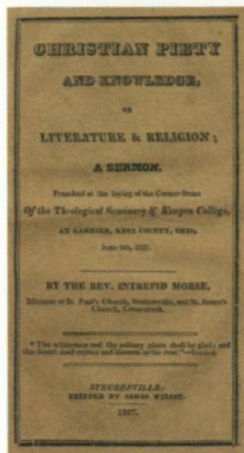
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A RARE FIND

The Class of 1975 proudly sees itself as part of the modern Kenyon. But thanks to a remarkable gift from class member Adele Davidson, the men and women of '75 can also say that they have helped the College rediscover a piece of its earliest history. In honor of her class as it prepares to celebrate its thirtieth reunion this spring, Davidson is giving the College library a first-edition copy of the sermon that was delivered at the laying of the cornerstone of Old Kenyon in 1827.



The document is titled "Christian Piety and Knowledge, or Literature and Religion; a Sermon, Preached at the Laying of the Corner-Stone of The Theological Seminary and Kenyon College, At Gambier, Knox County, Ohio, June 9, 1827." The sermon was delivered by Reverend Intrepid Morse, the minister of St. Paul's Church, Steubenville, and St. James's Church, Cross-Creek, Steubenville. An appendix includes the "Ceremony of Laying the Corner-Stone," led by Bishop Philander Chase.

Davidson, an associate professor of English at Kenyon, discovered the sermon more or less by chance. A dedicated bibliophile, she enjoys browsing in book stores and on the Internet, looking for interesting texts. Knowing of her interest, Fine Arts Librarian Carmen King directed Davidson to www.addall.com, a Web site that facilitates searches for books, including rare and out-of-print books, by combining the listings of a number of online resources.

Just to see what would come up, Davidson typed "Gambier, Ohio" into the search engine. There, on the computer screen, was a description of the sermon. The twenty-four-page document was in its original printed wrappers and in near fine condition. Moreover, Davidson learned that the College library did not possess a copy.

The sermon speaks to the values upon which the College and seminary were founded, values that remain at the core of a Kenyon education. "Learning," said Reverend Morse, "can and does enlighten the mind, expand the faculties, and prepare for greater and more extensive usefulness in the sphere of action and on the stage of life."

CLICK AND VOTE

For the first time, the election of Alumni trustees and Alumni Council members will take place online. In order to cast their votes, alumni will log on to Kenyon's online community, view the candidate information, and select their preferred candidates on the online ballot. Those who do not have Internet access may request a paper ballot by calling 800-KENYONC in mid-February.

An announcement will be made in the February issue of the electronic newsletter *Kenyon News Digest* to notify alumni when the online ballot is available. If you do not currently receive the *Kenyon News Digest* or know how to log on to the Kenyon online community, please contact Jill Shriver at shriverrj@kenyon.edu or 740-427-5147.

Once the voting is complete, Alumni Council will evaluate the effectiveness of the online voting process. Traditionally, about 14 percent of alumni cast votes in the annual elections.

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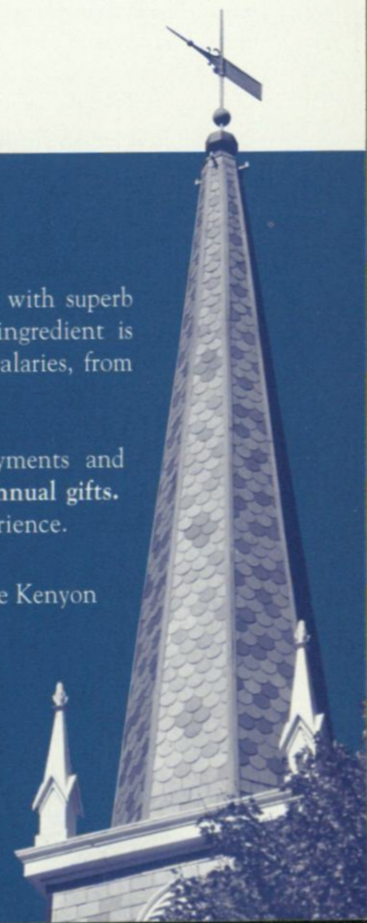
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DON'T (Do) TOUCH

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FRANCE AND AMERICA COMES DOWN TO A SIMPLE TRUTH: YOU ARE WHAT YOU (DON'T) SQUEEZE

By Dan Laskin

I've been asked to explain the difference between France and the United States in about a page. Easy.

There's the language, of course. We use homespun American phrases like "laissez-faire" and "c'est la vie," while they flourish fancypants words like *le week-end*, *le hot dog*, and *le marketing*.

But the key difference is more palpable. In America, we squeeze the Charmin. In France, they squeeze the cheese.

America, which invented jazz, saved Europe from fascism, and put a man on the moon, is the land of sensuously soft toilet paper. France, which gave the world Chartres cathedral, the Enlightenment, and Impressionist art, seeks perfection in ripened milk.

Yes, I know, the supermarket guy in the TV ad actually says: "Please *don't* squeeze the Charmin." But then he himself goes ahead and cops a furtive feel. Indulging in this forbidden pleasure, he looks out at us with a bashful smile and a playful shrug, as if inviting us to go ahead, too.

Oh the sweet surrender of that squeeze, fingertip and palm sinking into curvaceous plenitude. Puritan cruising the hygiene aisle, the American abandons his inhibitions. Please don't squeeze the Charmin indeed. The warning is really a come-on.

And the Frenchman fondling his *fromage*? Actually, he doesn't. He will ask for a Sainte-Maure de Touraine, and he will specify *plus frais* (moister, milder) or *plus sec* (drier, more sharply flavored). But, before buying, he's not allowed to touch the cheese himself. It's the *fromager*, the cheese guy, who performs this operation. Fixing the customer with an appraising glance, he surveys his collection of Sainte-Maures and then

selects a specimen, lifting it with finesse and applying a subtle, decisive pressure.

It's clinical, like a doctor feeling for swollen glands. It's loving, like a mother caressing her baby. It's artistic, like a sculptor fingering his block of marble to divine the face of an archangel within.

That is to say, it embodies the entirety of civilization. Probing the mold-dusted surface of the Sainte-Maure, the cheeseman is reassuring himself that with every sale (what we Americans call *cha-ching!*) he's channeling the centuries-old traditions and hierarchies

cousin, complies. This social ritual follows religiously observed rules. The priest proffers, the communicant receives, the miracle transpires: a cheese becomes France.

And there you have it: France, a civilization-encrusted miracle held together by rules. There's a fastidiously right way and a boorishly wrong way to do absolutely everything, from serving cheese to giving kissy-kisses. "*Ça ne se fait pas*," they say. "That's not done."

America, by contrast, is the land of anything-goes. Rituals? We improvise, the less formal the better. In place of *le patrimoine*, that accumulation of traditions and social contracts, we have a supremely individualistic principle, reborn with each American, dependent on nothing but personal desire. It's the American Dream: a license to pursue happiness, no prerequisites, no restrictions, no expiration date. Don't squeeze the Charmin? Sez who? It's a free country.

They've got civilization, a certain *savoir-vivre*, and incredible cheese which they're not supposed to touch. We've got freedom, an ethic of success, and excellent toilet paper that we can paw to our heart's content.

As a happy American who loves living in France for extended periods, I must say that both systems appeal to me, and both can make me cranky.

I feel, well, squeezed.

Dan Laskin, Kenyon's publications director and the Bulletin's associate editor, lived in France during the fall 2004 semester. His wife, Professor of French Mary Jane Cowles, is in France for the 2004-05 academic year directing the Sweet Briar College Junior Year in France program.



and classifications and craftsmanship of all cheeses, and their regions, and the rich histories of those regions, their princes and artists, architectural treasures and natural splendors—he's holding the whole culture in his hands. He, the *fromager*, assumes responsibility for the *patrimoine*, a word that could be translated as "heritage" but that carries the force of George Washington, the Grand Canyon, and the Super Bowl all rolled into one.

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Clara K. Hoeslerbauer '05

Let it snow!

Like most of Ohio, Gambier experienced heavy snow and ice in late December. Power outages were common, leaving some Gambier residents without electricity during the holidays.