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Internet plagiarism on the rise at Kenyon

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Collegian Staff

Student plagiarism is a steadily increasing problem at Kenyon, according to recent statistics from the Academic Infractions Board (AIB). And although the number of cases of academic infractions has increased over the past ten years, faculty can only guess at the reasons.

According to Associate Provost and Professor of Psychology Sarah Murnen, thirteen cases of plagiarism were brought before the AIB in the 2003/2004 academic year.

Although Murnen said that copying someone else's work and presenting it as one's own is the most common form of academic infraction at Kenyon, it is not the only one.

According to the 2004/2005 Course of Study, "plagiarism may occur in oral or graphic work as well as in written work; it may occur in artistic as well as in analytic work. Plagiarism can involve tests, examinations, laboratory reports, research results, papers, creative projects, or senior exercises. ... Submitting the same work for more than one course also constitutes plagiarism, although of a special kind."

Giving or receiving illicit help on an exam, inappropriate collaboration on assignments, and paraphrasing

without proper citation also constitute plagiarism. Murnen said the AIB regularly hears cases involving anything from one improperly-cited phrase to entire essays copied from the Internet.

According to Associate Professor of English and department chair Sergei Lobanov-Rostovsky, the most common form of plagiarism in the English department involves students copying plot summaries from the Internet. According to the AIB, more than half of the plagiarism cases brought before the

AIB in the last five years have involved the use of the internet.

While plagiarism comes in many forms, professors cite several trends in academic dishonesty at Kenyon. Professor of English Perry Lentz, who has worked on the AIB for more than 15 years, both as a member and as chair, said that plagiarism generally occurs equally in all academic departments.

Associate Professor of Psychology Andrew Niemiec added that a student's GPA has little to do with his or her tendency to plagiarize; academic

dishonesty cases involving both poor and excellent students are often heard. Lentz agreed, saying that one of the most serious acts of plagiarism in his career involved a senior Honors paper.

Niemiec also noted that cases of plagiarism generally tend to accumulate at the end of each semester.

While professors acknowledge that plagiarism sometimes occurs, some see it more of a problem than others do.

Lentz does not rate the recent

increase of plagiarism at Kenyon as an alarming trend. He is of the opinion that the number of cases of academic dishonesty has remained remarkably consistent over the years. Moreover, he said he sees academic dishonesty as a fact of life and part of American higher education.

In contrast, Niemiec said that "the influence of the Internet is disturbing, and the college will have to address this issue." He said plagiarism "poisons" the relationships between students and professors, which is particularly shameful for a college such as Kenyon.

Lobanov-Rostovsky agreed, calling plagiarism a "plague." He said that when students plagiarize, they steal from themselves and from their own educational experience and growth. The point of education, he said, is not to rely on someone else to be told what to think.

Moreover, Lobanov-Rostovsky said he finds plagiarism "tragic" because the quality of online sources is questionable. A reasonably talented Kenyon student, he explained, generally does better work without plagiarizing. For example, an A student would usually end up with a B using plagiarized work.

There are a wide variety of opinions as to why plagiarism is on the rise, but many professors agree that

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BALLROOM FOR BEGINNERS



Kevin Guckes

Students gather in Gund Ballroom for an evening of ballroom dancing lessons with the Kenyon College Ballroom Dancing Club (KCBDC). KCBDC hosts social dancing nights every Tuesday for students who are not on the competitive ballroom team.

First Year Council elected

BY SHEA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Last Sunday, the class of 2008 elected 31 first-year students to represent them on First-Year Council.

According to Dean of Residential Life and First-Year Council (FYC) advisor George Barbuto, FYC consists of hall representatives, building presidents, and representatives to Student Council and Senate. He said FYC is the "student's first chance to assume a leadership role in their first year of college."

Vice President of the Committee on Student Affairs Sam Shopinski '06 agreed that the FYC provides first year students "the opportunity to really dig into the rest of the College and have a say in college process."

Several of the new representatives, including Gund Building President Adam Leverone '08, said they ran for an office to become more involved.

"I wanted to get involved in the

College more than just going to class or going to parties," Leverone said. "I wanted to give something back to the college."

First-year Representative to the Senate Mike Zabek agreed that the desire to be involved was one of his reasons for running. In addition, Zabek said, "I have a lot of interest in policy and politics ... and how the school functions, how the College does business. ... I want to enter into that."

Zabek also said he hoped to be involved with the policy making on campus and he thought being a member of Senate would enable him to do that.

"I think that everybody comes here for academics and curricula," he explained, "so I think that's the most important thing that involves this school, and I want as big a share influencing that as I can get for myself and the freshman class."

Representative to Student Council Shawn Gulati '08 said his classmates' interest in the election

encouraged him and impressed him during his campaign.

"I really like my freshman class and wanted to represent them," Gulati said. "If I didn't like most of them, I wouldn't have done it."

Leverone and McBride Building President Jenny Lu '08 said they ran for building president because they liked the people in their dorms.

"I know so many people living in McBride," Lu said. "I just seemed more in touch with the people I live with."

Lu said her goals as building president are to "make this first year at Kenyon a really good one for everyone" and to "make the freshman class more connected to the student body."

As Gund building president, Leverone said he hopes to fulfill student requests for more technology in the dorm, such as DVD players in the lounges. "We want to

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Panel discussion examines election issues

BY KATE HELLMAN
Staff Reporter

Peirce Lounge was filled Thursday afternoon, when students and community members turned out to witness a four-person panel discussion about the upcoming presidential election. The panel, sponsored by the departments of History and Political Science, was meant to "have panelists offer pluralism in viewpoints, from non-partisan, to balanced, to partisan," said Professor of History Roy Wortman.

The panel consisted of Professor of Political Science Pamela Camerra-Rowe, Professor Emeritus of Political

Science Harry M. Clor, former head of the Knox County Democratic Party Sam Barone, and Chief of the Ohio Elections Council Judy Hoffman. Each spoke for ten minutes, addressing various aspects of the election.

Wortman said he had "noticed a keen interest in politics on the part of our students. From that interest came the idea to set up a panel on the presidential election of 2004."

Although Hoffman was a classmate of John Kerry's at Boston College and knew him personally, she was obliged to discuss Ohio's role in

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WEATHER OR NOT

Tonight: Clear. High: 69°F, low: 40°F.
Friday: Sunny. High: 75°F, low: 52°F.

Saturday: Scattered thunder storms. High: 65°F, low: 30°F.
Sunday: Sunny. High: 62°F, low: 36°F.

Plagiarism: AIB tackles academic dishonesty

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the information explosion is largely to blame.

According to Lentz, the advancement of technology and the use of the Internet have facilitated spontaneous – and sometimes unintentional – acts of plagiarism that happen out of a moment of desperation. He said that fifteen years ago plagiarizing was a more deliberate process because looking up sources in the library took time and effort. Nowadays, the accessibility of online sources has made it easier and faster for students to plagiarize.

Lentz also said that there are a variety of sophisticated websites, such as *schoolsucks.com*, that sell papers, thus making plagiarism easier and more tempting. Some of these sites can even match a paper with the student's GPA to diminish professors' suspicions.

The numbers support the theory. According to Ronald Griggs, Director of Library and Information Systems, Kenyon went online in 1994. That year, the number of plagiarism cases heard by the AIB jumped from two in 1993 to ten.

Niemiec agreed that the Internet is a major contributor in the rise of plagiarism. "I'm not saying that if we got rid of the Internet, this would solve the problem," he said, "but the

Internet is what seems to be driving plagiarism right now."

However, Niemiec said, social factors are also partly to blame. Lately, he said, there have been a lot of public cases in which cheaters have gotten away without appropriate punishment. He mentioned Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, the Enron scandal and President Bush's false claim of the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

According to Biology Department chair Siobhan Fennessy, yet another factor comes into play. She said that when students start falling behind in their work, they are more apt to plagiarize.

There is currently no formal mechanism used to detect plagiarism at Kenyon. Moreover, Lentz said the AIB discourages professors from looking for plagiarism excessively by themselves.

However, most professors agree that it is often easy to tell when a student has plagiarized. For example, many professors see a change in writing style as a possible indication of plagiarism. The common practice among Kenyon professors is then to type suspicious phrases into search engines to see if anything comes up.

As Fennessy remarked, "If [the student] can find it on Google, so can we!"

Lobanov-Rostovsky agreed that material copied from the Internet is

"extremely simple for faculty to find," and thus it is easy for students to get caught if they use online sources.

In addition, Lentz, Niemiec and Lobanov-Rostovsky said most professors check websites such as *sparknotes.com* on a regular basis in order to detect similarities in students' work.

According to Niemiec, the College is considering acquiring paid services, such as *turnitin.com*, that check students' work for plagiarism before submitting it to the professor. Another possibility is to institute an extensive plagiarism-detection training program for new professors.

However, not all professors believe such measures are necessary; in fact, many believe that the mandatory informational meetings, which happen annually during orientation, provide the faculty with sufficient information to deal effectively with academic dishonesty.

Lentz said he dislikes the idea of a plagiarism-detection training program. He said the best protection against plagiarism is the professors' respect for the student body at Kenyon.

According to the Course of Study, any member of the campus community can report alleged acts of plagiarism. If a professor suspects that a student has plagiarized, he must bring the case first to the chair of the department, and then to the chair of the AIB, both of whom

must agree that there is enough reason for concern for a meeting to be held.

The next step is a hearing before the AIB, during which the student can contest the charges and explain himself or herself. The AIB, which consists of three elected faculty members and two students, decides whether or not the accused is guilty. They then recommend a penalty for guilty students, which is executed by the Associate Provost.

Meredith Farmer, a student member of the AIB, said, "It's crucial to have student members on the AIB because students can offer a different perspective on some situations when the board attempts to pool information and provide background information that might be otherwise inaccessible to the faculty." Furthermore, she said, "if there is some stereotype that faculty members tend to be more harsh and that they contradict with students when it's time to sanction, I have to disagree. In my experience, members of the board have tended to agree, or at least to be in the same ballpark."

Farmer said she appreciates the confidentiality of the academic infraction hearing process and hopes that "despite this fact the Kenyon student body is aware that plagiarism is taken very seriously here. I prefer that the board has no immediate, ominous presence; this is a community of trust. Overall, Farmer rates the AIB as "remarkably fair and considerate."

According to Lentz, if students are found guilty of plagiarism, the AIB tries to inflict a punishment such that they will be "worse off than if they had turned in a blank assignment."

Professor Niemiec said the AIB is mostly concerned with the circumstances that drove the student to plagiarize, rather than a simple question of guilt. He said that by the time students reach the stage of the hearing, the evidence usually makes it quite clear whether they are guilty.

According to Murnen, only 17.65% of cases in the last ten years were found not guilty. The hearing mainly serves to assess the severity of the student's behavior and whether or not there was a deliberate intent to deceive.

The AIB can reach the decision "guilty with intent" or "guilty without intent." However, this distinction does not alter the fact that there will be some form of punishment.

According to Sarah Murnen, penalties vary according to the severity of the act of plagiarism. Possible penalties are an F in an assignment or a lowered grade in the course, an F in the course, or an F in the course plus suspension or expulsion from the College.

However, suspension and expulsion are rare; out of a total of 46 guilty verdicts in the past six years, only six students were suspended from Kenyon.

Senate discusses funding proposal for competitions

BY LAUREN ZENNER
Staff Reporter

Campus Senate tackled three issues in its second meeting of the year: assigning Senate members various campus committees, discussing Student Council's proposal to cover the travel costs for competitive campus organizations and addressing the issue of reviewing the judicial process.

Several faculty and student members of the Senate were assigned to sit in on each of five different campus committees. One

committee reviews the yearly reports for Peeps, Archons, Fraternities and Sororities. The other three committees are the Alcohol and Drug Education Team (ADEPT), the Media Hearing board, the College Calendar committee and a committee that will examine and review the rush and pledge schedules.

Nick Xenakis '05, Student Council President, reintroduced Student Council's tentative proposal to fund out-of-state travel for various organizations that compete off campus. Although Student Council is the body mainly responsible for addressing this issue, Senate discussed the specifics at length

because the proposal will need Senate approval to pass. For now, Xenakis said, the funds for out-of-state competitions will be taken out of the normal cache of funding provided for student activities by the Business and Finance Committee.

Xenakis added that, "although we're only talking about competitive organizations, for other groups in the future ... that come along [with] students wanting to attend conferences on behalf of certain organizations, we wanted to leave the door open for those people to bring forward ideas later on."

According to the Student Council proposal, the Student Life Committee would grant competitive status to groups that apply and meet the criteria set forth by Student Council. These groups would be allowed to travel to

up to five additional events out of state each year. The estimated budget for this is around \$18,000, which will be covered by the Student Activities fee.

The reactions of the members of Senate to the proposal were mostly favorable, but some had reservations. Faculty representative and Professor of Biology Robert Mauck said that "sports teams cause a lot of problems in the sciences because of [missed] labs. ... So basically you're introducing a whole new group [that is going] to have a big problem."

However, according to Xenakis, the students who are involved in organizations that compete off-campus do not make up "an incredibly large proportion of the student body." The number of teams traveling on weekends is not likely to be more than the number of sports teams traveling at the

same time.

Several members of Senate raised concerns about the possible discrepancies that may eventually arise between "competitive" organizations and other campus activities such as club and intramural sports.

Another point, raised by Greek Council representative Eric Raicovich '05 and agreed on by most of the members present, was that "we can't get away from the fact that we're here for academics ... and that's what's got to take precedence, sports included."

In addition to discussing funding for off-campus competitions, the Senate addressed the idea of revising Kenyon's judicial process because, according to some members of Senate, the process is currently inconsistent and not well understood by the student body.

VILLAGE RECORD

September 22 - September 28, 2004

Sept. 22, 6:00 a.m. – Vandalism, posters and whiteboards torn down at Mather Residence.

Sept. 23, 7:45 a.m. – Attempted break-in at Gambier Deli. Knox County Sheriff's Office was notified.

Sept. 23, 4:25 p.m. – Student vehicle damage from cement parking block at New Apartments lot.

Sept. 24, 7:16 p.m. – Students involved in non-injury vehicle accident in Mt. Vernon.

Sept. 24, 10:17 p.m. – Underage possession of alcohol at Norton Hall lot.

Sept. 25, 12:14 a.m. – Underage possession of alcohol outside New Apartments.

Sept. 25, 12:16 a.m. – Underage possession of alcohol at New

Apartments.

Sept. 25, 3:22 a.m. – Attempted theft of furniture from Gund Hall.

Sept. 25, 4:25 a.m. – Vandalism to ceiling at Old Kenyon.

Sept. 26, 3:24 a.m. – Students cited for open containers on Acland Street.

Sept. 26, 4:00 a.m. – Student falling out of back of pickup truck in Mount Vernon.

Sept. 26, 4:14 a.m. – Fire extinguisher discharged at Old Kenyon.

Sept. 26, 12:47 a.m. – Vandalism/painting on walls and doors at Old Kenyon.

Sept. 27, 4:04 p.m. – Medical call at Gund Commons regarding ill Aramark employee. Emergency squad was called and transported ill person to the hospital.

CORRECTIONS

Due to staff error, the article "New sober houses open for recovering students," published on Sept. 23, contains several inaccuracies. The article refers to a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, however Kenyon does not operate such a program. The sober house is simply a place for recovering students. The article incorrectly lists Lori Wenner as the head of drug and counseling services. Wenner's title is actually substance abuse counselor and education coordinator. The article incorrectly states that Wenner and College Physician Dr. Tracy Schermer pioneered the program, when in actuality the program was student-initiated. According to the article, the houses contain students who are "struggling with drug or alcohol addictions," however the students in the house are in recovery from addiction. The article also states that the sober house is in an undisclosed location; in fact, the houses are located on Duff Street. The article erroneously refers to Wenner as the house supervisor, however she in actuality acts as a liaison between the sober house and the Health and Counseling Services office. The article also incorrectly states that there are requirements for residency in the sober house; however there is no contractual agreement required to reside in the house, although some residents are under contract with the College for enrollment. A statement in the eighth paragraph of the article is unattributed, but should be attributed to a male resident of the sober housing. The eighteenth paragraph should read, "Fellowship between us is very strong" instead of "Fellowship is very strong."

Due to editorial error, the article "Kenyon Koinonia plans retreat," published on Sept. 16, erroneously refers to Kenyon's Koinonia group as a Christian farm community. Although a farm community by that name exists, they are unrelated to the Kenyon student group.

The *Collegian* apologizes for any confusion resulting from these errors.

FYC: Officers gear up to represent class of 2008

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make this dorm as fun and relaxed as possible," he said.

Gulati said he was involved with the student council at his high school and that the experience helped him decide to run for office at Kenyon.

"I felt like it was an organization I could bring more of my previous experience toward," Gulati said. "Senate does things I really wasn't involved with in high school."

Gulati and Zabek said they had not been at Kenyon long enough prior to the FYC elections to have a particular platform or goals for the upcoming school year. However, Zabek said he plans to look into the Master Plan and "how it's going to affect the future of Kenyon College."

"I think we're in a transition period... that we're beginning to compete in a different plane and our character is changing because of that," Zabek said. "In terms of character transition, our class has a distinctly different view of the college. I think our class is more academically minded than other classes."

Barbuto said he and Shopinski tried to notify people about the FYC elections early in the year. They put up fliers in the residence halls and had a booth at the Activities Mart. In addition, Barbuto said they sent out several emails to inform people about the FYC.

"We tried to do all we could," Barbuto said, and he added, "If you're the type of person who's going to be involved in student government,

you're going to seek it out."

Both Barbuto and Shopinski said they hoped that the FYC would remain more active this year than it had in past years.

In order to accomplish this goal, Shopinski said that he was hoping to provide the FYC with more structure than it had in previous years. Since it is less structured than the upperclass councils, it tends to lose focus as the year goes on, Shopinski said.

"We're trying to set up a stronger student advisor," he said. "Someone is supposed to be delegated that position from the Student Council, but it's always been a weak relationship." He added that several people were interested in the position this year.

"I hope that [FYC] will just be more active throughout the year," Shopinski added.

Barbuto agreed the FYC tends to lose focus as the year progresses. "As we get into the school year we all get busy and it's difficult to keep up the energy," he said.

Barbuto added that it is hard to keep up the representative's level of commitment. "I hope we have more people that are committed to it," he said. "It's hard to get people to come to a meeting at eight or nine at night for student government... You lose a lot over the long run."

Barbuto said the FYC also tends to lose focus as the first-year class becomes integrated into the Kenyon community. "As the year goes on, you become less members of the first-year class and more members of the Kenyon community," he said.

2004-2005 First Year Council officers



Shawn Gulati, Representative to Student Council



Michael Zabek, Representative to Senate



Jenny Lu, McBride President



John Cheever, McMath President



Ricki O'Neill, Lewis President



Adam Leveron, Gund President



Hylton Early, Norton President

BY ANDREW KINGSLEY

YEARS AGO

Students Assist in Book Transfer Efforts

October 5, 1962

Classes were cancelled for an entire day back in October 1962. The Senior Society asked students to donate two to four hours of their time to help load books into tractor-pulled wagons at one library building and unload them at the other. 120,000 books were to be moved in just one day by the entire student body, saving the library \$1,000-\$2,000 and two weeks of being closed.

Singers Visit Lord On British Jaunt

September 26, 1968

The Kenyon Choir had spent part of the summer before the 1968-69 school year touring part of Europe. After a stay in Brussels, they sang a few concerts in England. The highlight of their England tour was a visit to Greddington, the estate of Lord Kenyon. They got a tour of the grounds by Lord Kenyon himself, who showed them his racehorses and was all around "a very attractive and charming man, pleasant to talk to, and most hospitable."

Vandalism Increase? Telephones Target

October 11, 1979

Back when Mather and McBride were the only dorms with a phone in each room, vandalizing hall phones was the thing to do. In October 1979 the college had already accrued \$975 in telephone replacement costs. In one particularly phone-unfriendly evening, fifteen phones were rendered unserviceable. According to the article, "the cost of a school-wide, individual phone system is being looked into."

BY ZACH STOLTZFUS

NEWS BRIEFS

Last chance to register to vote

Voter registration ends October 4. Links to online voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications can be found on the Registrar's website (registrar.kenyon.edu). To verify that you are registered in Gambier, call the Knox County Board of Election at 393-6716. To verify that you are registered in your hometown, you will have to contact your home county (or city).

According to the Ohio Revised Code, out-of-state students are legally allowed to register to vote in Gambier, as long as they plan to stay or return here after College. For further information, see the Ohio Secretary of State's website, <http://serform2.sos.state.oh.us/sos/pubAffairs/elections/voterGuide/index.htm>.

Judicial Board reports sexual misconduct cases

At the beginning of each semester, the Judicial Board makes a report to the Kenyon community about the outcome of cases it heard the prior semester. In the spring of 2004, one complaint of sexual harassment was heard by the College's Judicial Board. The accused student was found not guilty, based on a preponderance of the evidence. In other cases, two students filed complaints, one on charges of sexual harassment and one on charges of sexual harassment, unwanted sexual touching, and sexual assault. The students chose to drop the charges before the hearing process was concluded.

Steele discusses judicial process with Council

BY ANDY CLAUTICE
Staff Reporter

Associate Dean of Students Cheryl Steele joined the Student Council at their meeting last week to shed some light on Kenyon's judicial process. Steele's visit was part of an ongoing discussion in the Council about potential reforms to the process.

Steele took time to outline the entire judicial process to Council members. She said the process begins when either a student or Security and Safety reports an incident and eventually ends in a student attending either an administrative hearing, which most students opt for, or a Judicial Board hearing.

"There are certain types of cases that we automatically refer to the Judicial Board: sexual misconduct... serious community issues like fire, fighting, serious damage," said Steele.

"The goal of our judicial process at Kenyon is educational, is learning... about decisions that you make," she continued. She said that the "meaningful parts of the sanctions" handed out by the process, such as informing parents about drug and underage

alcohol possession, are to help the offending student learn about the consequences of their decisions.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Jackie Giordano '05 asked Steele if it was actually necessary to inform parents in these cases, pointing out that students are often over eighteen and legally considered adults. Steele, however, maintained the importance of notifying parents, stressing that even if students are legally adults, these types of possession are still illegal. "The reason we [inform parents], she said, "is to try and get the families involved."

Steele also described the process of a Judicial Board hearing to the Council. Present at the hearing are Board members, a Student Council observer, Steele, the complainant, the accused and their advisors, with witnesses brought in while being questioned.

Sophomore Class President Nelie Zanca asked whether Board members have any knowledge about the previous records of the students they are seeing. Steele assured the Council they did not, saying, "When a student comes into a Judicial Board hearing, that board has no concept of whether

that student has a prior history."

Students' records are only revealed for sanctioning purposes if the student is found guilty. If any board member did have such knowledge would would refuse themselves from that case.

Steele also addressed the concerns of Junior Class Representative Hayes Wong, who asked whether students involved in a sexual misconduct case would be required to question each other. Steele replied that a student who felt uncomfortable could supply the Judicial Board Chair with questions and have that person ask them instead.

Student Council President Nick Xenakis '05 asked Steele about the status of appeals in the judicial process. Steele said that, "In the Judicial Board, I'd say a third to a half" of cases are appealed and in administrative hearings, she said the number was "less than ten percent." Only a procedural error, an issuing of an incorrect sanction or revelation of new evidence would give grounds for appeal, Steele said.

Xenakis also asked Steele what parts of the process she thought needed examination.

"I have confidence in the Judicial Board," Steele replied; however, she cited a few points to consider. Improvement of sanction appropriateness, desire to create a sense of student responsibility and questions of whether there should be more opportunity for a peer-to-peer judicial process were all listed by Steele.

Inconsistency within the judicial process was on the minds of some Council members. "There's a perception that how much you're paying, or what your status is at the College, that your consistency varies," said Student Council Treasurer John Lesjack '05, with other members citing academic standing or interference by varsity coaches as possible sources of variance.

Steele expressed concern over this and suggested that since case results are not made public by the school, some stories may not be accurate due to embellishment on the parts of the students. "I will assure you, it doesn't matter if it's a trustee's child [or] a faculty member's child," said Steele.

The Council will continue to discuss the judicial process this week.

In other business, Vice President of Student Life Sam Shopinski '06 listed several student groups that the Student Life Committee had approved. His main business, however, was informing the Council of his committee's intent to more aggressively require student organizations to supply agendas of their activities.

"This year, we're going to take [the agendas] a bit more seriously," said Shopinski. He also declared the committee's intent to review student groups' progress in October and November "to make sure [the student groups] did in fact... both have an agenda and fulfill that agenda to some degree."

Steve Hands '06, the Chair of Housing and Grounds, also shared the results of a poll put up on Kenyon's poll web site regarding division housing. Of the approximately two hundred respondents at the time of the meeting, Hands said, "about eighty-five percent... in some way [said that] sophomores should again be allowed to live in division." The poll had four options that allowed sophomores into division with varying levels of restriction and one option to leave them excluded.

Panel: Election discussions explain key issues

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the election from a strictly non-partisan standpoint at Thursday's panel.

"Ohio will be in the spotlight this year for two reasons," Hoffman said. "One, because we're a key state in terms of electoral votes, and two because most of our counties, 68 out of 88, are still using punch cards."

Hoffman said Ohio has not run into many problems with punch cards in the past because "we've always had a standardized rule for how to count a punch card ballot, unlike Florida." Nonetheless, she said, "We are moving towards advancing our voting system."

Hoffman said that in addition to concerns about the punch card system, there has been a growing concern over election fraud in Ohio. One of the most prominent cases involving alleged election fraud is Green Party candidate Ralph Nader's petition to be placed on the ballot in Ohio.

"Our office is currently holding a hearing on challenges to Mr. Ralph Nader's petition," Hoffman said. "Mr. Nader filed as an Independent in Ohio because his party is not recognized. His petition is being protested by opponents who feel there has been fraud in it. What is being discussed is whether or not circulators of his petition actually witnessed signatures." Nader is currently on the ballot in more than 30 states and is suing for ballot access in several others.

The other three panelists at the discussion were at liberty to express partisan opinions, and they spoke largely on what they see as the primary differences between the candidates. Camerra-Rowe said she thinks both Bush and Kerry have

"flip-flopped" on many issues, and she attempted to clear up the confusion this may have caused for voters. The war on terrorism and the economy, she said, are two of the determining factors for voters in this election.

According to Camerra-Rowe, "Bush's plan [for the war on terror] includes the willingness to use military force unilaterally and preemptively, and includes the spread of democracy throughout the world, particularly in the Middle East."

She contrasted this with what she views as Kerry's plan, which she said "advocates working multilaterally on the war against terror and seeking greater cooperation from our traditional allies. He has said that he does not believe in preemption for the purpose of removing a dictator nor militarily imposing democracy."

In regards to reviving the economy, Camerra-Rowe said Bush promises that he will maintain tax cuts during his second term, while Kerry is focused on reducing the national debt. According to Camerra-Rowe, Kerry's proposed solution is to reduce tax cuts for the upper class and minimize corporate subsidies while maintaining tax cuts for the middle class.

Regardless of who wins the election, Camerra-Rowe said, "a strong economy is key against the war on terrorism. We need fiscal responsibility in order to fund security initiatives both abroad and to deal with social needs at home. We cannot be a model for democracy if we cannot take care of our own people."

The next speaker, Barone, focused on the campaign tactics of each

candidate. He criticized Kerry for not taking a stronger stance on the war in Iraq earlier in the campaign—a shortcoming which he said is the reason that Kerry has been unable "seal the deal" with swing voters.

While several national polls in recent weeks show Bush moving ahead of Kerry, a Sept. 10 poll of Ohio residents in *The Columbus Dispatch* showed that many of the president's positive ratings have slipped in the past year, while most of his negative ones remained the same.

According to Barone, "Many people who are undecided are just sitting and waiting for a reason to vote for Kerry. They're crying out for John Kerry to say to them, 'you can trust me!'"

Barone praised political strategist Karl Rove as a "genius" behind Bush's campaign. "Rove successfully got a significant amount of people to believe that a decorated war hero is soft on war," Barone said, "and that became mantra of Republican convention in August. He turned Kerry's biggest asset into a liability."

Barone said many voters think Bush has done a poor job domestically, but that their votes will ultimately be driven by international issues. Nonetheless, he spoke about the need for each candidate to appeal to their base; Bush to evangelical churches and Kerry to those people most hurt by issues such as the health care crisis and unemployment. He said the upcoming debates are very important for both candidates.

Clor spoke last, opening by commenting that, "This is a particularly angry political campaign" and that political parties are extremely

polarized. Both candidates, he said, are working hard to attack their opponents, often simplifying issues to slogans such as "Bush lied, people died," which simply serve to "excite a mass audience of not very complex political minds through expensive media where garnering a few votes could make a difference."

According to USA Today, the campaigns have spent \$75 million dollars airing negative TV ads. Clor stressed the necessity for voters to carefully weigh and balance the pressing issues in order to be rational voters.

"It is naïve to expect to be told the whole truth in a political campaign," he said. "If you expect that, you are setting yourself up to be enraged. We can see the issues underlying the partisan maneuvering in so far as our thinking is not too much distorted by partisan indignation."

Clor said he thinks the war in Iraq is a "serious mess [but that] Bush gets credit for his leadership in the aftermath of 9/11... and for vigorously orchestrating the [toppling] of the Taliban regime." However, he said that Bush has made some "gross mistakes" in the war on terror and that Bush's campaign "obscures the ominous aspects of the Iraq situation by putting a much happier face on it."

Once the speakers finished their presentations, the floor was opened to questions and comments. Professor of American History Peter Rutkoff talked at length about his belief that Bush "needed" the war on terror in order to keep himself busy and to make the public view him as something more than just a "country club president."

A student in the audience then

asked the panel whether John Kerry's inability to create a coherent platform is contributing to a lack of confidence in him as a candidate. Barone said the issue is not clear-cut. He explained some of the complexities of campaigning, and implied that a lot of success depends on luck. He did, say, however, that Kerry's campaign was lacking in several ways and that "John Kerry will be kicking himself if he ends up losing this. He will be the first one to question his strategy."

Questions eventually turned to technicalities of voting in Ohio. One student questioned whether it was legal for out-of-state students to register to vote in Ohio. Hoffman said that it is not, and that doing so could even be considered criminal.

This statement sparked much discussion. One student mentioned that Kenyon Democrats and Republicans have been having extensive voter registration drives and have been encouraging out-of-state students to reregister in Ohio because it is a swing state.

Hoffman said that recent legislation prohibits students from registering to vote in Ohio unless they intend to stay in the state after college. "The county in which you are registered to vote is based on where you consider your home to be," she said. "If you consider the county where you attend college to be your home, you may register to vote in that county."

Students then asked whether their residency might be challenged at the polls. Hoffman said this was a possibility, but that students would most likely not be turned away from the polls even if they registered to vote in Gambier but are not from Ohio.

Mount Vernon home to major party HQs

BY KATE AUFSES
Staff Writer

In the 2000 Presidential election, President George W. Bush won Knox County, a county with an estimated population of 57,000, by 6,100 votes. This year, while the Knox County Republican Party attempts to keep that margin wide open and reaffirm Knox's reputation as "Bush Country," the county Democrats are simultaneously trying to close that slim, 6,100-vote margin in the presidential election and to oust several Republicans from local office.

The Knox County Democratic and Republican Parties, chaired by William Eagon and Kenneth Lane respectively, have a strenuous month ahead of them. Both parties have deemed this presidential election the most important in years and have been working tirelessly to increase voter turnout for both the local and national elections. According to Democratic Vice Chair John Ryerson '72, a Kenyon alumnus and resident of Gambier, this election is about reversing the "one-party rule" that he believes plagues Knox County. "The Republicans have controlled county government," Ryerson said. "We feel there needs to be a little balance." Meanwhile, Lane, Knox's Republican Chair, said his party is "working hard to make sure that [the Republican incumbents are]

not eclipsed."

Ryerson said that all of the Democratic candidates "share the same platform in terms of balancing one-party rule ... and encouraging public input." The Republicans, according to Lane, "have somewhat of an advantage since they are [mostly] incumbents. They know how the office[s] operate and know what's needed and what's been done."

According to the Republican Party, the most important issue in this year's election is "who is going to be the next president of the United States," and this is one issue on which the Democrats and Republicans agree. Ryerson said this election is "extremely important to Knox County, the state of Ohio, and the whole country. It is probably the most important election in years."

Lane agreed. "I don't want to sound overly dramatic," he said, "but this election ... is monumentally important for our generation and generations to come." National issues, according to Ryerson, "absolutely affect this county. This is the first time in a long time where national and local parties have the same platforms in terms of environmental protection, funding for necessary social ... and educational services." He added, "Failure to fully fund No Child Left Behind has put a tremendous burden on local governments and school districts." Lane said that from a Republican

standpoint, "While the President of the United States is certainly of great significance, local officials impact day-to-day life much more than the President. ... For example, the county sheriff is extremely important concerning homeland security issues."

The Democrats are also focusing much of their energy on issues of "growth and development," according to Ryerson. He mentioned "a tension" in "ex-urban areas between what we would like to preserve—the physical beauty of Knox County—and economic development." This, he said, is a "major issue facing the county and probably the college and township in the long run."

Because of the importance of this year's election, both parties believe that an increase in voter turnout is essential. Both have set up voter registration drives, canvassed door-to-door and by telephone to encourage voting. The Democrats believe they have "the best party organization in the county," while the Republicans say they have been working tirelessly to "coordinate [their] efforts among the national organization, state organizations, and local organizations."

Kenyon Professor of Biology Joan Slonczewski has been involved with helping the Democratic Party in "organizing voter registration drives ... coordinating the distribution of yard signs, efforts to phone voters and identify undecided voters." Ryerson believes that "every individual really

does count" and that this election "could come down to a few thousand votes or less," Lane agreed. "In a national sense, the population of Knox County is statistically insignificant, but when you combine it with other small counties in the U.S., we actually have a lot of voting power."

Slonczewski estimates that some 500 Kenyon students have registered to vote in Knox County since the primary elections. "That is the biggest effect," she said of these elections. "The tremendous growth of interest because students know that we are in a state that could determine the national election." Because of Ohio's clear importance in the 2004 presidential election, this year has been, according to Lane, "more hectic for both sides ... because both candidates have been in Ohio so much."

Locally, both parties' leadership is in charge of keeping their candidates on track. Candidates for local office will be, in Lane's words, "on the dead run for the next month and a half," hitting as many as five spots in one day. The county Tomato Show, the County Fair and township trustee and clerk meetings are—if they want any chance of being elected—"mandatory for candidates," according to Lane. Both party chairs must also deal with what Lane calls "all kinds of paranoia, sign stealing, vandalism," and phone calls from candidates complaining that "on whatever route they took to Kroger, they had three signs

and their opponent had four."

Interestingly, in Knox County, neither the Democratic nor the Republican parties keep headquarters open during non-election years. Both parties agree that headquarters are an excellent resource for voters, but, according to Lane, "Neither party here has the funds to keep those types of offices opened unless someone volunteers at an office." Voters tend to walk into campaign headquarters because they want presidential race material—bumper stickers, yard signs, pamphlets—but, said Lane, "once they are there they get the information and literature they need for the local candidates," often the elected officials who will affect the lives of Knox County residents.

As Kenyon students and Knox County residents ourselves for at least four years, we have a certain commitment to the county's democratic process, and both parties appreciate politically motivated students. Lane said that this year Kenyon students—and all students in general—are showing an unprecedented level of "interest and enthusiasm. ... They have extended out and looked at the issues, and sat down and figured out which candidates have the most planks [in their platform that are compatible with] they way they think."

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Knox County Commissioner: Four-Year Term



James Acton

James Acton of Gambier, the Democratic candidate for Knox County commissioner, says he is running for a four-year term as county commissioner on a platform of more open government that is more responsive to the people.

Acton has 38 years of business experience, 26 in corporate management with AT&T and 12 years as a small business owner, giving him experience in solving cash flow and labor issues.

Acton said that he wishes to "provide bi-partisan balance" to the Board of Commissioners and that it is "time to break the good-ol'-boy monopoly." All three of the sitting commissioners are Republicans.

Acton said that if elected, he would establish regular "office hours" in the evenings and on weekends in smaller villages and townships. Acton said that he would create a task force to study growth in Knox County, which he believes is the county's number-one issue. He said that he would also pursue more judicious use of the Area Development Foundation, a group that is responsible for awarding tax abatements (exemptions from all non-school related taxes) to improve the economic condition of Knox County.

-Sean Ryan



Thomas McLarnan

Thomas McLarnan, 59, of Mount Vernon, a Republican incumbent for Knox County commissioner, says that he is running for a third four-year term based on his record of fiscal conservatism.

In the eight years that he has been a commissioner, McLarnan said that the county redid its offices when it moved into a new \$6 million facility and built a new jail without raising taxes.

Finances are important to McLarnan, who has worked as a buyer for the Lazarus department store and as a manager for Kroger in Mount Vernon, as well as in other Ohio cities. "The number one [priority of a commissioner] is to make sure that there is enough money to go to each department," said McLarnan.

McLarnan said that the county has not raised taxes through the recent recession because he and his fellow commissioners have been "extremely frugal." McLarnan said that the commissioners also created the "Opportunity Knox" program to help people learn to build résumés and learn computer skills with money provided by the federal welfare-to-work program.

McLarnan also says that he will work to make urban sprawl more manageable. He favors zoning in the four townships that do not already have it to allow townships more voice in what goes into their area.

-Sean Ryan



James Lemon

James Lemon, 54, of Mount Vernon, a write-in candidate for a four-year term as Knox County commissioner, claims that the most important issues facing Knox County residents are the environment, the treatment of veterans and economic self-sufficiency.

A combat veteran of the Vietnam War, Lemon graduated from Madison Senior High School near Mansfield in 1968. He worked in business with public utilities in Florida until he returned to Mount Vernon seven years ago. Lemon says that his experience handling "about \$2 billion in revenue" over 20 years gives him the financial acumen to advise Knox County's budget.

Lemon also said that he helped persuade the commissioners to allocate the maximum amount to the Veterans' Services Fund, \$480,000, all but \$50,000 of which has already been spent this year. Lemon feels that more money needs to be available to assist current and former members of the armed forces.

Lemon also said that he would focus more upon bringing high-paying jobs to Knox County. According to Lemon, people in Knox County either have to be on public assistance or have to travel outside of the county, something that 4,000 people do daily.

-Sean Ryan

Knox County Commissioner: Six-Year Term



Paul Chapman

Paul Chapman (D), who has lived in Knox County for 33 years, is always "looking to give back to the community." It is for this reason that the Mount Vernon Nazarene University graduate seeks a six-year term as county commissioner.

Chapman is also running because he believes that "the county deserves a full-time commissioner. [My opponent] is not serving as a full-time commissioner," said Chapman. "Running two farms, he doesn't have the time to serve the people."

Chapman has experience in many different areas of local politics. He has served on the Mount Vernon City Council for seven years. During five of those years, Chapman was chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee. The last two years, Chapman was the chairman of the Finance Committee. And for the past three years, Chapman has been a Howard Township trustee.

If he is elected, Chapman hopes to bring his "experience as a member of the Mount Vernon City Council Finance Committee," and "a financial steward of Howard Township" to his role as commissioner. "[I will] deal with the financial challenges that will occur," said Chapman. "In the next four years we will be asked to do more with less. Everyone is asking for a little more these days."

-Dayne Baughman



Allen Stockberger

A "life-long resident of central Ohio," Knox County Commissioner Allen Stockberger (R) is seeking a third six-year term.

According to the Knox County website, Stockberger was elected as a Howard township trustee in 1977 and served eight years in that position. Stockberger was elected a Knox County commissioner in 1992. Stockberger said his achievements include "an efficient recycling program started in 2000... improved access to public buildings... and much-needed renovations to county buildings."

"It is good to have continuity in the position of county commissioner, since it takes a long time to learn the intricacies of the post," said Stockberger.

Stockberger believes that his opponent's statement that the county "deserves a full-time commissioner" is moot. "The position is, by definition, part-time," said Stockberger. "[And] with the advent of cell phones, [I am] available almost 24 hours a day, both to my constituents and my office aides."

Stockberger also believes that his dual roles of farmer and county commissioner allow him "to stay connected to the working class of Knox County." Otherwise, said Stockberger, he would be just "a full time bureaucrat."

-Dayne Baughman

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

Otho Eyster

Otho Eyster, 60, the current judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Knox County, is running unopposed for a third six-year term. Eyster was elected to the position in 1992. He received both his undergraduate and his juris doctorate degrees from The Ohio State University.

"Judicial elections are unlike other elections," said Eyster. "You are not allowed to have a platform except for your experience and your integrity. I could not say if I was pro-life or pro-choice, or for the death penalty or against the death penalty."

The Court of Common Pleas is a single-judge court, giving Eyster jurisdiction over all of the adult felony cases and civil cases involving amounts in excess of \$25,000 in the Knox County area. Eyster has had several death penalty cases in his tenure as judge, though he said he'd rather not have them, "as interesting as they are."

-Kathryn Chiasson

Knox County Sheriff

Jerry Day

"[Running for sheriff is] something I've always wanted to do," said independent candidate for Knox County Sheriff Jerry Day. "I've gotten to know people all over the county, and I just want to cover the whole county."

Day began his law enforcement career in 1974 when he worked as an auxiliary deputy for the Knox County sheriff's office. He joined the Fredericktown police department in 1979 and was promoted to Chief of Police in 1983, an office that he still holds today. If elected, Day said he hopes to strengthen communication between the sheriff's office and the other law enforcement agencies throughout the county by holding monthly meetings with department heads. These meetings, he said, will help the police agencies to determine larger patterns of crime throughout the county. Day said that while he was Chief of Police in Fredericktown, communication between the city council and the police department was effective at strengthening the relationship between the police department and city government.

Another of Day's priorities will be sound financial policy. He plans to pursue grant money and to earn revenue by housing other county's prisoners in the vacant space in the Knox County prison. He hopes that this increase in funds will offset other costs, freeing up money for other programs.

He also plans to institute a policy of regular working hours for the sheriff, during which the public can freely approach him. "The sheriff is a public servant," said Day, "and in order to serve the public you have to be there for them."

-Sara Brinda

David Barber

Sheriff David Barber (R) seeks reelection to the post. Barber has worked in Knox County law enforcement for 30 years and has been sheriff for eleven. He began his career as a police officer in the Mount Vernon Developmental Center and was first employed by the Sheriff's Office in 1979, working in a variety of positions, including work as a road deputy and a detective. When he first ran for sheriff in 1992, Barber held a position as lieutenant in charge of the detectives' office, and had been a detective for over ten years. Barber holds a bachelor's degree from Ohio Dominican University and an associate's degree from Central Ohio Technical College, both of which are in criminal justice.

Barber considered the 2002 addition of a much-needed county jail and sheriff's office to be one of his most noteworthy achievements. Barber also cited his work toward getting drugs off the streets of Knox County, resulting in the seizure of illegal drugs with a street value of over \$5 million during his years as sheriff.

Barber considered himself experienced, having served in nearly every possible capacity during his 25-year career with the sheriff's office. "I am [also] huge advocate of education and training for my employees," Barber said.

If reelected, Barber's top priority will be "continuing to provide quality law enforcement service and police protection to citizens and visitors of Knox County."

-Sara Brinda

Knox County Treasurer Sandra Mizer

Republican Sandra Mizer is running for a third four-year term as Knox County treasurer. "I think I have a proven record of accountability," she said. "I'm here in the office every day doing a good job for the citizens of Knox County."

Mizer holds a degree from the now-defunct Mount Vernon Business College. She was the Director of the Knox County United Way for thirteen years, and she has been County treasurer for the last eight years. She and her husband live on a cattle farm outside of Mount Vernon. During her tenure as treasurer, said Mizer, she successfully moved the treasurer's office to a new location and made paying taxes more convenient by implementing several new programs, including an Electronic Funds Transfer option. As treasurer, she also managed county tax records and county investments. "I invest [county money] safely, wisely and locally whenever possible," she said.

"I know I'm a Republican, which may not be popular at Kenyon," Mizer said. "I hope students will consider the person for the job rather than just the party."

-Megan Shipley

Jerad VanRhoden

"I have the willingness and determination to be the treasurer of Knox County," said Jerad VanRhoden, the Democratic candidate for a four-year term as Knox County treasurer. "If elected, I would execute my ideas and run the office to the best of my ability."

VanRhoden, 21, graduated from Mount Vernon High School and is currently majoring in political science at Ohio State University at Newark. He organized the Knox County Young Democrats in 2002 and interned on the successful 2003 campaign of Bruce Bain, current mayor of Newark. He also works at Ohio Eastern Star Home, a nursing home in Mount Vernon.

VanRhoden hopes to make several changes in the treasurer's office, including increasing online accessibility and extending office hours during tax collection periods. "The office should be open for the convenience of the citizens of Knox County, not the treasurer," he said.

"I feel that I have a connection with Kenyon students because of my age," said VanRhoden. "I'm a college student myself, so I know about the issues that concern young people."

-Megan Shipley

Knox County Clerk of Courts Mary Jo Hawkins

"I am running for the Clerk of Courts position again because I still love what I do," said Mary Jo Hawkins (R), the current Knox County Clerk of Courts. "I still enjoy coming to work every day. It's still a challenge, interesting, and I enjoy being an active part of our judicial system."

A lifelong resident of Knox County, Hawkins was first appointed Clerk by the Knox County Republican Central Committee in August 1999 to finish out an unexpired term. The following year, she was elected to her first term, and now seeks a second. Prior to becoming Clerk, Hawkins worked as the court secretary and the court administrator for the judge of the Knox County Court of Common Pleas.

"Since I have been in office, I have remained a working clerk," said Hawkins. "I'm on the job every day processing paperwork or issuing titles. I have been able to offer online access to the computerized records which allow round-the-clock access to these public [Knox County] records."

As electronic document technology becomes more reliable and affordable, Hawkins said that electronic filings will dramatically increase. "As this [new technology] gets approved through the Supreme Court, I would like to take advantage of this," she said. Hawkins also commented that it was important that her offices "provide fast, friendly and efficient service to the citizens of Knox County."

-Jenny Lu

Jim Coffey

"There are too many local jobs being unopposed in local elections," said Democrat Jim Coffey of Mount Liberty, Ohio, who is running for a four-year term as Knox County Clerk of Courts. "The public deserves better."

Coffey attended The Ohio State University and The Lincoln Institute in Cleveland. Coffey served in the United States Marine Corps with the First Recon Battalion Third Marine Division and has 40 years of corporate management experience with various companies, among them Westinghouse, IT & T and Sanese Vending. Coffey also served with the 2000 Census Bureau, and volunteered with ARRP Tax-Aide, a program established to help older persons complete their tax returns.

"Voters should know [that] I've always worked with an attitude [that] nothing is impossible. The impossible just takes a little longer to accomplish," said Coffey.

-Jenny Lu

Knox County Prosecutor



John Thatcher

John C. Thatcher (R) is running for a four-year term as Knox County Prosecutor. A lifelong resident of Knox County, Thatcher practices law with the private firm Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston, Ltd.

Thatcher's trial work in Knox County consists of litigation for individual personal injury claims, commercial small business issues and municipal law. Thatcher also worked in the Prosecutor's office as an assistant prosecutor prior to entering private practice. "The transition from private practice won't be difficult at all," said Thatcher.

Thatcher believes that his strengths lie in his experience in private practice. "The current prosecutor has never run a private practice," said Thatcher. "Government employees don't have to compete with other attorneys for legal business. Private practice is more proactive with counseling clients. We don't wait for the law to change before counseling." Thatcher plans to run the Prosecutor's office more like a private law practice by "increasing customer service" and "treating clients the same way he treats his clients now."

One area Thatcher wants to focus on is Knox County's low number of new felony cases for last year when compared to counties of similar size. "We need to ask ourselves... 'Do we have an exceptionally low crime rate, or are there other explanations for the low statistic?'" said Thatcher. "[Do we have] a prosecutor's office concerned about taking cases without a high chance of conviction?"

-Mike Frick



John Baker

Knox County Prosecutor John W. Baker (D) is seeking a fourth four-year term in office. Baker joined the Knox County Prosecutor's office as an assistant prosecutor in 1981 and has served as its director since 1991. "I serve as a legal advisor to township officials [and am responsible for] handling felony adult cases, juvenile cases and cases of neglect and abuse," said Baker.

According to Baker's campaign website, in his ten years as an assistant prosecutor, "felony theft convictions in Knox County doubled, robbery convictions doubled, burglary convictions tripled, bad check convictions increased 5 times over and arson and vandalism convictions increased 6 times over."

Baker is proudest of the Victim Assistant's Program that he started in 1991. "[It] gives victims a reference point in the courts," said Baker. The program sends notices to victims about upcoming court dates and sentencing dates and maintains a waiting facility for victims during the trial. Baker explains that at the time he implemented the program, communications with victims was not standard. According to Baker, prosecutors in other counties have since begun similar programs.

"I have more experience than my opponent, who has spent most of his time in private practice," said Baker. "That doesn't necessarily prepare one to assume the reins of county prosecutor."

-Mike Frick

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Consider voting in Ohio carefully

The question "Are you registered to vote in Ohio?" has become ubiquitous at Kenyon. Ohio voter registration forms can be found at every dining hall and on every street corner. Daily e-mails remind students of their legal right to vote in Gambier. Surely, someone is doing something right.

In haste to tilt the great swing state of Ohio towards their desired presidential candidate, however, those participating in voter registration have ignored the local implications of registering students as Gambier residents. Encouraging students to vote is admirable, though encouraging students who are unaware of local issues to vote in Ohio, however, is, quite frankly, irresponsible.

This is not to say that students from out-of-state should only vote absentee. Rather, students should remember that George W. Bush and John Kerry are not the only candidates on the ballot. Numerous local and state posts, such as Knox County Sheriff, Clerk of Courts or County Treasurer, are also being decided this year. In the long run, these officials will have a more direct impact upon the lives of Knox County's citizens than the new president-elect.

It is disappointing that the groups intent upon registering students as Gambier residents have focused entirely upon the presidential election. Where were the calls for voter registration in the gubernatorial election two years ago? How many students voted in Gambier's mayoral race last year? Who among you, without looking at our election section on pages 6-7, can name the candidates for County Prosecutor?

Before deciding on whether to vote in Ohio or by absentee, students from other states should first give serious consideration to this issue. If a student does decide to change his or her residency to Gambier, it is his or her obligation to learn as much about the local issues and candidates for every race. To cast an uneducated ballot is a severe disservice to the Knox County community of which we are a part.

Involvement in local politics, also, should not end on Nov. 2. Attend a Gambier Village Council meeting and make your views heard. Stop by Mayor Emmert's office hours and air your concerns about your village. Your beliefs are meaningless if they are uninformed and unexpressed at the polls in every election, local and national.

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--Adam Birka-White

No matter what I have been up to on any given night, my last activity before going to bed tends to be checking my e-mail. Perched on my desk chair in pajamas with my eyes half closed, I sift through emails from teachers, classmates, the Christian Life Society, and the occasional friend from outside school. Sighing a deep sigh of relief, I think that I have reached the end of my pool of messages when a sharp twinge grasps my heart; my tired eyes have found their way to the "ALLSTU" folder of my email account. The message inventory number, in bold font, reads "243" tonight.

At this point I have several options. I could be up for a good half hour reading material addressed to the entire school, or I could scroll through these messages, highlighting them all in one fell swoop, hit the delete key, and be in bed in under ten minutes. Let it be said that I have never once sent an allstu, and also that I tend to be a proponent of the second approach described above. And yet, upon viewing the "unsubscribe" button at the bottom of every allstu I read, something keeps me from gratefully clicking on this. What is it that remains so compelling to me, and many others on the Kenyon campus, about the allstu? I shall start by describing what I know about this form of e-mailing.

First of all, there seem to me to be seven distinct types of allstus:

1) The lost/need a ride allstu: These are the people who want something from you. Per-

haps you really did manage to lose your key or do need a ride home for the break. That is cool, and I can understand why you would bring that to the attention of the entire student body, but unless I am actually able to help, I am not particularly interested. Delete.

2) The found allstu: These are the people who want to help you. They admit that they stole your soiled Metallica shirt from that bush. I know I would be extremely appreciative if one of the many things I have lost here turned up over allstus, but I usually either forget all about the things I've lost, or they turn up within the confines of my own room. Delete.

3) The drunk allstu: A personal favorite. "My rommattue iis realykyg HJOT!!!!," etc., etc. Depending on my mood, I delete them with a more satisfied and less relieved smile on my face or, on occasion, move them to my personal folder.

4) The goofy allstu: Another personal favorite. Although the Metallica t-shirt email shown earlier technically falls under the category of "lost/need a ride allstu," Birka-White's tone is so dryly comic that it receives an immediate bump to the goofy allstu category A+. Keep on writing, people, please.

5) The birthday allstu: I'm sure if it was my birthday I'd appreciate this, but guess what? I was born in August. Delete.

6) The activities/club/event allstu a.k.a. "informative" allstu: Of course I'll pay attention to these if they relate to something I'm actually involved in, but in that case they wouldn't be sent under the heading "ALLSTU," now would they? Delete.

7) The political allstu: Sigh. This is the toughest category yet. I'm definitely an advocate of open political debate, but I'm just not sure whether this kind of discussion is effective on such a large scale. Usually it takes me a while to find the true source of the brimstone and, to be honest, I usually don't take the time to get there. But still, I can't quite bring myself to delete these political emails.

Maybe it's the way that these political allstus illuminate the concept of the allstu as a whole that keeps me interested in them.

The central concept in analysis or consideration of the allstu as a mode of communication is the fact that they exist in the realm of free speech. Therefore the recipe for an allstu includes not only some degree of self-regulation but also some degree of initiative.

For all of us, or certainly for me, it is at times difficult to become motivated to undertake any sort of project unless it's assigned or otherwise expected. It does speak volumes about the initiative and inspiration of Kenyon students if we're able to engage in what we intend to be meaningful communication without any prodding. Sure, there are some allstus, particularly political ones, that maybe should not have been sent but that certainly does not make me disrespect our right to send these messages as a whole.

Although of course my favorite brand of allstus are the glorious drunk and goofy allstus, what keeps me reading and gleefully saving them is not the same thing that keeps me from deleting the political ones right away. While I've been provided with more undeniably excellent comic raw material than I could ever hope for from my favorite saved allstus, the fact remains that they (as well as the lost/need ride, found, activities/club/event a.k.a. "informative," and birthday allstus) are, strictly speaking an essentially meaningless manifestation of the power to speak freely given to each of us by the allstu mailing option.

While sending or responding to political allstus doesn't light my intellectual fire and reading them sometimes results in pure annoyance, I do respect their right to exist. Remember that just as any allstu sender has the right to share whatever they wish with us, we have an equally extensive right not to care.

Until someone finds a more effective mode of all school communication, I say keep on loving everyone's favorite drunken and goofy allstus. Go ahead and delete those political ones, but do it with respect. You never know, when the urge hits you, you might want to tell the whole school about it, and isn't it nice to know you have the power to do it?

Rural election issues

BY BILLY CALLIS
Guest Columnist

Although I've lived in Ohio nearly all my life, I've lived in the suburbs and the city, not in a genuine small town or rural area. However, I do consider it my responsibility to think about issues that don't affect only me. I think that may be true of John Kerry, also.

You won't see him wearing a photo-op cowboy hat and dirty t-shirt, driving a pick-up around the ranch that Karl Rove told him to buy just in time for the election. That's Bush's farce. You may, however, see Kerry falling down on a ski slope, missing skeet shots, and taking his entourage with him to buy a jockstrap (I'm not making up the last part). So Bush has the edge in PR, and Kerry's stunts may not win him many friends in small-town America. But Bush's policies may be hurting rural and small-town America in ways few people realize.

According to Congressman Ike Skelton (D-MO), who studied casualty figures from the Department of Defense, as of October 2003, 43.5% of American soldiers killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom were from rural towns with population under 20,000. (<http://www.house.gov/skelton/pr031029.htm>) A statistical study reported in the *Austin American-Statesman* found that those killed in Iraq were "39 percent more likely than the nation as a whole to live in counties with fewer than 100,000 people." (Ibid.)

While Kerry's voting record on military spending is spotty, maybe the first step in supporting our troops is to not put their lives in danger in a war that may ultimately be defeating its own purpose.

I don't mean for one second to imply that the deaths of American soldiers have been in vain. They chose to put their lives on the line for us, and that's one of the bravest things a person can do. But the ultimate question is, is this war a good idea? Is it making us safer? Is Bush shipping largely small-town Americans off to war for a good reason?

Some make the argument that Bush acted on the best intelligence available. But he still acted without the consent of the UN, and thus further alienated the US in the world's eyes. While the Iraq war has rid the world of a terrible regime, it looked to many people—Arabs and Muslims especially—like the world was starting a war that killed tens of thousands of Muslim civilians, and that didn't do any favors to the international perception of America. Many believe it had the effect of polarizing and galvanizing violent anti-US sentiment.

Is there quantitative reason to believe the Iraq war has actually made us less safe? Yes. After the State Department released a report boasting a decline in international terrorism, which it credited to the war on terror, it then issued a correction and noted that terrorism had actually seen a "sharp increase" (<http://www.cnn.com/2004/US/06/10/powell.terror.report/>).

Bush's record on "defense" spending may be more attractive than Kerry's proposals, but in real terms, is Bush doing the right thing for rural and small-town Americans by waging war? The Americans who have died in the war are no safer. And due to the ill-conceived war waged by the Bush administration, the victim's families may not be safer either.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to register to vote in Gambier

Many students have asked around to see how to register and make sure they are registered. Fortunately, in this electronic age, it is very easy. Kenyon College's Registrar's office has nicely set up a link to register to vote. From www.registrar.kenyon.edu you can choose Voter Registration Form ([registrar.kenyon.edu/Voter_reg.pdf](http://www.registrar.kenyon.edu/Voter_reg.pdf)) or Voting by Absentee Ballot (www.iop.harvard.edu/programs/natlcampaign/absentee_ballot_guide.pdf) or even Voting In Ohio (serform2.sos.state.oh.us/sos/voter/index.html).

To check if you are registered here in Gambier, call the Knox County Board of Election at 393-6716. To check if you are registered in your home town, you will have to contact your home county (or city). Several states have on-line verification that can be accessed after googling "[your state] voter registration verification."

It is completely acceptable for college students to vote where they go to college in Ohio, as long as they consider Gambier the place to which they intend to return when they are gone. For further information on that, see the Ohio Secretary of State's website, <http://serform2.sos.state.oh.us/sos/pubAffairs/elections/voterGuide/index.htm>.

As mistakes can be made in filling out the form, and as mail can be lost, be sure to check with the local Board of Election to make sure you are registered. Gambier registration ends OCTOBER 4. The Knox County Board of Elections will be open late that night. Many other states end at a similar time (about 30 days before the election), so be sure to act on this now! For those of you who have registered locally, please call the Knox County Board of Election if you have not received a postcard from them about two weeks after submission of your registration or do it by October 4. Think back to how you filled out the form and make sure that you filled out the form correctly, putting "Kenyon College" in as your street address, and your post office box number as your mailing address.

If you have any questions, call 393-6716, and the Board of Elections officials will be sure to help. You may also email Michelle Mood at moodm@kenyon.edu or Sarah Heidt at heidts@kenyon.edu, and we will try to help you out. Voter registration in Gambier will be available again this week, Friday afternoon, either by the Post Office or, in the case of rain, on Farr Hall's porch. We can also help you register in other states. Questions are welcome.

—Michelle Mood, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

Housing brings hope

Addiction recovery home is vital to Kenyon

Dear Editor:

Last week you published an article entitled, "New sober houses open for recovering students." Despite the fact that there were many inaccuracies in the article, I felt that the article didn't really convey the underlying message of hope that this new housing brings. Although the issue of drug and alcohol addiction amongst the younger population has surfaced in the past few decades, colleges and universities have been quite slow to develop programs to address such issues. In fact, many colleges and universities across the nation do not even provide drug/alcohol counseling services, and are either quick to get rid of students who possibly have drug/alcohol issues, or else ignore them entirely.

Kenyon has really pioneered the approach of supporting students to work a program of recovery on campus. Many recovering students I know feel like they have to stay in a major urban area to be able to have access to a community of people their age in recovery. Luckily now, not only do we have groups that meet regularly on campus to discuss recovery issues, but we also have housing so that those who are seriously committed to staying sober can live with each other, and enjoy a sense of community and safety. My hope is that this community will continue to grow and flourish, and students who in the past have felt hopeless about dealing with their addiction/alcohol problems will become more aware of the recovery options available to them at Kenyon.

—Ed Hourigan '05

The Silver lining to a *Chain* of fools

A senior thesis production lets you laugh at the good, the bad, the ugly, and the just plain confused...

BY JESSICA FREEMAN-SLADE
Staff Writer

A woman frantic over the disappearance of her new husband, a counselor without a trace of optimism, a narcissistic underwear model, his newly obese former lover, and the cheating scoundrel that brings them all together: all the makings for a dark, satiric comedy that goes up this weekend on the Hill stage. *The Food Chain*, by Nicky Silver, will be performed on Friday, October 1st and Sunday October 3rd at 8:00 PM in the Hill theater.

The Food Chain, by the notably off-kilter playwright Nicky Silver, places the audience at odds with characters that are as abnormal as they are familiar. The production, directed by Caitlin Cody '05 as her senior thesis in the Department of Drama, may seem at odds with the typical thesis fare of the Kenyon drama community. Students majoring in the department usually seek out productions with dramatic roles, asking each actor and director to make a stab at their own tour-de-force performance.

However, Cody believes that the kind of subversive comedy in *The Food Chain* poses just as great a challenge. "Even though it is a comedy, and though people think comedy is easier to do, the characters are immensely difficult to play... all of these



Kevin Guckes

Three point of an "unfortunate pentagon" gather to decide whether polygamy really is the answer to all problems.

characters are completely sane and completely realistic in the logic of their own worlds." The surrealness of this world makes it hilarious, and yet below the surface of the absurd choices and situations, the topics of *The Food Chain* are uncomfortably recognizable.

The play examines the interlocking fates of five relative strangers, each bound to each other through their mutual obsessions, consumptive behaviors, and deep need for transformation and redemption.

The first scene is a late-night phone conversation between Amanda (Katie Weiss

'05, in her thesis production), a formerly anorexic poet for *The New Yorker*, and Bea (Emily Peters '07), a crisis center hotline worker who has been recently demoted to working the graveyard shift. Amanda is calling to talk about the recent disappearance of her husband Ford (Mike Porsche '05), who after only two weeks of marriage, has run away with a beautiful young model named Serge (Matt Biedlingmaier '06).

The second act probes further into Serge's life, as his previous lover, the neurotic Otto (Stewart Urist '08), comes to beg him for consolation, bringing

with him bags of junk food.

The actors threw themselves wholeheartedly into the absurdity of the script over the 5-week rehearsal period; deconstructing the unconventional story. Emily Peters, when asked about her cruelly sarcastic crisis counselor, says, "I took apart Bea's character as if I had a Baby Drama assignment."

In accepting the role of Otto in the first few weeks of freshman year, Urist found a unique challenge, saying, "It's intense. I'm used to a longer process... and the acting quality at Kenyon is so high here, it takes some serious adjustment."

Biedlingmaier, whose preening Serge cruelly rejects Otto's advances, says, "There's a challenge that every actor has to face in this play—you have to make your character relatable. Serge is extremely quick, and witty, but also very subtle. And every character is really lonely in one way or another."

The process, however difficult, has been a true labor of love. Weiss, whose 20-minute monologue dominates the first scene, has been keeping a journal to document her thesis work and as a means to understand the choices of her crazed character; "The monologue is just a juggernaut of emotions, and it's been really hard... but Amanda's a poet, and she has a preoccupation with words, and ideas, and she's in love with being in love. I love playing a character that's holding on to sanity by the tiniest thread."

Cody, who first heard of Nicky Silver and *The Food Chain* when she was twelve years old, has eagerly anticipated this production, and Kenyon's response to it. Though comedy at Kenyon is constantly in evidence, there is nothing quite as eerily familiar and deeply human as the humor provided in a Nicky Silver play, and *The Food Chain* is no exception. "By laughing at these characters," Cody says, "we are laughing at ourselves."

Tickets are available at the Bolton box office (pbx 5546).

KENYON FILM SOCIETY WEEKLY PREVIEW

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (2004)

Friday, 8:00 PM
Higley Auditorium

A director commonly become associated with a particular style of film and develop his/her own following. It's easy to identify a Stanley Kubrick or a David Lynch film, for example. It is not common for the same thing to happen with a writer. But *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* is, more than anything else, a Charlie Kaufman film.

Kaufman (*Being John Malkovich*, *Adaptation*) has, in his short career, already become synonymous with strange, imaginative films that manage to touch us, despite confusing the hell out of us at times. *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* does not disappoint. The film stars Jim Carrey (*The Truman Show*) and Kate Winslet (*Titanic*) as an ex-couple who undergo a procedure to erase memories of each other. Problems arise when, midway through the treatment, Joel (Car-

rey) changes his mind, and tries to hide memories of his girlfriend elsewhere in his mind. The film also stars Tom Wilkinson (*In the Bedroom*) as the doctor performing the bizarre procedure, and Kirsten Dunst (*Spider-Man*), Elijah Wood (*Lord of the Rings*) and Mark Ruffalo (*You Can Count on Me*) as his assistants.

Though the plot sounds as if it could be a bad science fiction film, in the capable hands of Kaufman and director Michel Gondry (*Human Nature*) it becomes an extraordinary dream-like romantic comedy. Much of the film takes place in Joel's mind, as his memories are systematically removed, and Kaufman and Gondry do a great job of making this seem as surreal as it should. Although each member of the all-star cast gives a strong performance, Carrey especially shines, displaying a subtlety that we've never seen before, even in his dramatic work.

What makes *Eternal Sunshine* work, as with Kaufman's other scripts, is the humanity at the core of the story. There are a

lot of weird things going on, but ultimately, this is a love story. Luckily, the characters are interesting throughout, and Kaufman easily avoids the usual romantic comedy clichés. It's rare for such a film to keep you guessing, but *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* has plenty of interesting twists to accompany its interesting characters. All told, it makes for one of the most unique, inventive, and brilliant films in recent memory.

The Secret Lives of Dentists

Saturday, 8:00 PM
Higley Auditorium

While *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* exists within a Charlie Kaufman fantasy universe, Alan Rudolph's *The Secret Lives of Dentists* (hereafter *Dentists*) tells of a dissolving relationship that is a little easier to grasp. David (Campbell Scott, *Roger Dodger*) and Dana (Hope Davis, *About Schmidt*) are the titular dentists who have been together since

dental school. Their lives seem perfect—the two-story in suburbia, three kids, two cars—but their romantic life extinguished a while ago, and they seem almost apathetic towards one another. Dana's passion for life is renewed by her role in a production of Verdi's *Nabucco*, and Dave suspects she's using the opera as a front for an affair.

Though on the surface the film is simply about a husband discovering his wife's infidelity, what sets *Dentists* apart is its introspective look at Dave's fragile psyche. Based on Jane Smiley's novella *The Age of Grief*, *Dentists* takes Dave's point of view as he struggles to determine whether his wife is being unfaithful, or if he has merely created this conflict to explain the rift between them. His internal strife manifests itself through his arguments with a difficult patient, Slater (Denis Leary, *Wag the Dog*).

This open expression of internal dialogue gives the film a theatrical feel, amplified by

playwright Craig Lucas (*Longtime Companion*)'s handling of the adaptation. Lucas moves the film along expertly, not pausing too long or too briefly to explain what's going on. The audience is expected to pick up on the undertones and subtleties at work between his screenplay, Rudolph's direction, and the pitch-perfect acting performances of Davis, Leary, and Scott.

Here, Scott's familiarity with the stage and with Lucas pays off. His understanding of not only the source material but also the message trying to be conveyed by the adaptation drives one of the deepest, most compelling acting performances of his career. He is a sad, melancholy character, once cold to his wife, yet very loving to his three daughters. His subtly brilliant performance stands out in *Dentists*, and that's all the more impressive considering the quality work by which he's surrounded.

-Jason Smith and Brian Schiller

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A discussion with Bei Dao

Arts and Entertainment interviews the famed poet about his life, work, and influence

BY SAMUEL FARMER
AND TED HORNICK
Collegian Staff

To call Bei Dao a critically acclaimed poet is like calling Stephen Spielberg a decent filmmaker. An influential emissary not only for poetry, but for the Chinese language, Bei Dao, born Zhao Zhenkai in 1949, recently visited Kenyon, lecturing about his work and about translating poetry. His pseudonym reflects a sense of willful isolation and his roots in the Northern China province (the name literally means "northern island"). He has been hailed in his homeland as the voice of his generation.

An important poet in the abstract style called the "misty school" of Chinese poetry, Bei Dao explained his classification, saying that that genre title was an "official label and most of us [Chinese poets] don't accept" it.

At the time Bei Dao and his contemporaries began to let their work be known, they did not have the right to dissent. The name the poet chose for his poetry is "Jintian," or "Today." "Jintian" is also the name of the highly significant underground literary magazine that Bei Dao created in 1978. It was the first unofficial literary magazine in China, and it lasted two years before the government cut its publication rights.

The cultural revolution instituted by Mao Ze Dong led to what Bei Dao

calls a "culture break," in which many original poets and authors' works were destroyed or lost. This power struggle disenchanted Bei Dao, leading him to move to the mountains outside Beijing and alienate himself. He and his fellow writers worked from the need to create a new artistic legacy for their country.

Following the Tiananmen Square massacre, Bei Dao was exiled because of the revolutionary nature of his work (the "Misty School" was designed largely for China's youth and helped inspire the 1976 demonstration). Bei Dao happened to be out of China at the time of the event, and was subsequently exiled. After years of rejected admittances and thwarted attempts to see his family, he was finally allowed back into the country two years ago.

When asked how his changing view of China had influenced his work, Bei Dao responded, "As a writer, you cannot explain your motivation for writing." He called the creative process a "mystery," saying words just flow like a "river." He added that he "followed the need to write from within," and could not identify how one displacement or place has altered his work.

"Jintian" was resurrected in 1990 and published from Stockholm. The new magazine, as its founder explained, is "very different," as it comes from "different start points." The original was composed in a time of "high political and social high pres-

sure, culture break during cultural revolution." Many writers were forced to leave China, many stayed, and the magazine was originally a forum for those artists to correspond through their work. Now, the magazine exists as an opportunity for new writers. Bei Dao expressed regret that the magazine's commercial options "are limited," as is the "identity" of being a Chinese literary magazine edited abroad.

Bei Dao writes with a great precision that reflects his process; "I revise my poems many times—more than twenty times," says the writer. "[there are usually] six months from the first draft to the final." However, the issue of translation poses a concern to the poet. As he explained there is no such thing as "perfect translation, and it may take generations [for his work] to reach perfection." His work has been translated into 25 languages.

When asked what advice he could give to the aspiring poets of Kenyon, Bei Dao maintained the importance of education but also felt that "life experience" and "travel" are forgotten values. He also felt that "translating is the best way to write," as you "imitate your favorite poet as a beginner." However, he felt one must "keep distance from contemporaries" to find a "different energy."

Bei Dao maintains that of all his works, he is proudest of "the work I will write later."

Shooting the moon

A look at "Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune"



Kevin Guckes

Frankie (Gitenstein '05) and Johnny (Vaught '05) take a chance with fate

BY ANNELIESE VAN ARSDALE
Staff writer

students? Well, yes. But that is the point.

Tormented love stories on the stage are always entertaining and always exhausting. In their senior drama thesis, Sarah Gitenstein '05 and Andy Vaught '05 bare the distressed, lonely, needy guts of Frankie and Johnny to Hill theater.

Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune is a love story about quirky, neurotic, verging-on-insane people that are star-crossed, or moon-crossed, lovers. Despite being destined for one another, because their names Frankie and Johnny are from a famous love ballad and a Van Morrison song, the onstage Frankie and Johnny struggle with this fate. This unconventional love story emphasizes the down, dirty, and sometimes depressing reality: the ugliness of sex before love, of eager romance, of pushy souls with heavy baggage. This play, however, is not simply an exercise in emotional out-pouring; it's also a story about connection and unexpected compatibility.

Vaught says, "There are a lot of plays that you walk away from feeling bad, and this is one where you walk away happy." *Frankie and Johnny* might be a disturbingly accurate look at a needy love affair between two desperate people, but there is also an undeniable element of the "beautiful" throughout the play, as Gitenstein describes it. Beautiful, charming and romantic, even with dialogue about sandwiches and old westerns.

Despite the uncharacteristic conversation material, isn't a play that deals with aging singles, half desperate for love, half allergic to it, an ambitious theme for college

Terrence McNally's play is an excellent project for the high stakes of a senior thesis. "We were looking for something challenging," said Gitenstein, "and this play demands exceptional energy from both actors" — when the line memorization alone is enough to keep two seniors busy.

This play is particularly demanding because of the intimacy between Frankie and Johnny; the cast confronted lines that could easily become corny. "Making love sound sincere isn't easy," says Vaught. Director Sarah Martin '05 sees the play as complex in its simplicity, and her direction narrows the focus to the action of two characters in a single room over the course of one night. Instead of action manipulating space and time with many entrances and exits, this play's world takes place in real time and space.

This production's direction concentrates on the dramatic action in the "entrances and exits within the relationship of Frankie and Johnny," Martin explained. This production is not focused on sex, or even on love, but instead on two frighteningly real people and their story. With this perspective, the director creates a moving and realistic romance — as exhausting, exciting and exhilarating as any crazed love affair could ever be.

Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune, by Terrence McNally, will be performed Thursday, September 30th and Saturday, October 2nd at 8pm in the Hill Theater. Tickets are available at the Bolton box office (pbx 5546) or online at www.kenyon.edu/danceanddrama.xml.

Forgotten should be

BY BRIAN SCHILLER
Movie Critic

The Forgotten

Directed by Joseph Ruben

Starring Julianne Moore, Dominic West, Gary Sinise, and Anthony Edwards

* (out of ****)

What I remember loving most about Alex Proyas' masterwork *Dark City* was its ability to challenge my perceptions of memory and identity. Films such as *Dark City* and *The Truman Show* force the audience to wonder just how strong a grasp they have on reality. That *The Forgotten* sets itself up to be another film in this vein is wonderful, but it gives up on its potential far too early. For that reason, it is a remarkable letdown.

The only possible way to read *The Forgotten* is as a complete failure to capture the creativity and imagination of Proyas' work, to which it is heavily indebted. Instead, the film takes the themes and concepts inherent in such films and wraps them around a two-part episode of *The X-Files* filled with aliens, conspiracy theories, and mysterious-looking men.

The opening fifteen minutes tell the story of a mother, Telly (Moore), dealing with the loss of her nine year-old son. She works with a therapist (Sinise) and her husband (Edwards) to try to cope. One day has a breakthrough: she's invented her son's life from the memory of a miscarriage. Her break is confirmed by who she thinks is a fellow grieving parent Ash (West), but his lack of memory again proves her to be a woman suffering

from mental distress.

The film almost immediately jumps the shark when two NSA agents arrive to usher Telly away and Ash has a melodramatic moment of recognition where he decides that she might just be on to something. The two dodge NSA agents and uncover bits and pieces about alien experiments together, and try to solve a mystery whose solution is apparent to everyone but the people on screen.

Moore is certainly an actress who works well in roles of psychological distress (see *Safe* or *Magnolia* for other examples), and her talent is on full display in the opening of the film. Her acting skills are wasted, though, as a contrived screenplay forces her to act as Mulder ("the believer") opposite West's Scully ("the skeptic").

Clocking in at only 96 minutes, the film runs smoothly but has far too much filler for its running time. The character of Detective Pope (Alfre Woodard) exists only in the film to suck up screen time and further the television-episode plot. The ending is not only weak, it's ultimately a cop-out and leaves the audience with a "moral" that is far weaker than its setup would suggest.

The problem here isn't an attempt to resurrect interest in a genre that died out while *The X-Files* was still on air. Had it opened on an abduction story, for example, the film could be read much more easily as camp, and would have been more entertaining for doing so. Instead, the film opens with the promise of challenging the audience, but in the end can come up with nothing more interesting than "the truth is out there."

PREMIERE THEATRES

Listings for the week of Friday
October 1st through Thursday
October 7th

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow, PG-13, 107 minutes
Oct. 2 & Oct. 3 @ 12:30 & 2:40
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Sex and love come to the Collegian

Love, relationships, sex—these are the subjects for which all have an insatiable appetite. Are there any other areas of life about which one could talk all day and never tire? I cannot think of one, though feel free to challenge me on that. There is always something to say, always a new twist on the issues that has not been explored. Sex talk never gets old.

This is a new column that will be written on a question and answer basis, but at the same time I want to attempt with each piece to delve deeper into an issue of modern debate. For example, preferences between abstinence, monogamy, or one night flings would be a very good topic. For every article, I will start with a general subject, petitioning the public to contact me via e-mail. I will then conduct interviews (anonymous unless otherwise requested), paraphrase and summarize the opinions of the campus and general community, do research on the subject at hand to evaluate the positive and negative aspects of whatever is in question and finally make educated suggestions on future behaviors in the hope that the reader comes away better informed and more knowledgeable when making future decisions.

At the same time, I will answer questions sent in by readers to the best of my ability, with the intention of ultimately helping the larger community. Our advice is by no means sacrosanct, and if anyone replies with a differing opinion, I will consider it and respond as needed.

Though needless to say I will not be able to respond to every e-mail I get, it is my promise to the reader that I will read and consider them all. I want this column to be a forum for differing views and opinions. While I will ultimately have the last word in what is addressed, I want each reader to feel he or she has a voice.

So, enough of the boring stuff—on to next week's topic! In our first few weeks at Kenyon, many people have spoken to us of hooking up, getting in a serious relationship, partying and staying faithful. It strikes us that these behaviors fall into two distinctly separate categories: steady, serious relationships and casual, fun and, most of all, noncommittal sex. Which does the Kenyon student body prefer? What about the general Gambier population? What are the pros and cons of each option? What about abstinence?

While we reflect on our own, please send in e-mails with comments! The audience will be essential to this column, and I'd like to establish its role as soon as possible. After all, it takes two to tango.

Send responses, comments, questions or anything for this column to love_advice_at_kenyon@yahoo.com.

Editor's note: This regular feature will be printed anonymously.

Teach For America recruiting

BY MARA ALPERIN
Features Editor

"One day, all children in this nation will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education."

This is the motto of Teach For America (TFA), a national service corps that works to enhance educational opportunities in low-income communities by sending volunteers to teach for two years. This organization was started in 1988 by a Princeton University senior; since then, more than 12,000 volunteers have joined.

Kenyon alumnus Nick Deifel, '02, went to Baltimore, where he taught eighth grade science. He worked at a small community school that was under-reformed, with low testing scores on the brink of reconstitution by the state.

Deifel laughed about how he got interested in TFA. "My junior year, I was on the computer lab in Ascension," he said. "I saw the poster, and I was procrastinating, so I went to the website. Then my senior year, when I was procrastinating again, I went back and ended up applying. It turned out to be an incredible experience."

According to its website, www.teachforamerica.com, TFA aims to "eliminate educational inequity." The National Center of Education Statistics sites that in some low-income schools, nine-year-olds are already three grade levels behind their peers in reading ability and math. Deifel called these statistics "appalling."

"In the short term, students need great teachers. In the long term, the whole education system needs

to be challenged," said Deifel.

The website estimated that TFA corps members have directly affected over 1.75 million students. Many classes accomplish two grade levels' worth of work in just a year.

Rich Bartholomew '06, one of the campus campaign managers, said that he has a lot of confidence in the organization's mission and corps members. "Before coming to Kenyon, I worked extensively with a job-training program for inner-city youth ... it isn't necessarily that inner-city teachers are at fault; rather, that the students are so poorly motivated—and, let's be honest, lazy—that they required an extra push. It is precisely this push that TFA corps members are expected to deliver."

Deifel said he wanted to get the school pumped about science. "I saw science as a performance art. I danced around the room a lot. I was the crazy science teacher who went into different classrooms during breaks to preform Random Acts of Science." He described one particular project, where his students used motion, friction and kinetic energy to create thrill rides for "Deifel Land." "I really valued my interaction with the students," he said.

Deifel said that the three other teachers he worked with were "so passionate and invested in teaching children. They set high expectations, and the students rose to meet them. Plus, I had such an enthusiastic Board of Directors."

"That's not to say I didn't encounter any challenges," Deifel continued. He explained that there

were no substitutes for teachers who were ill, a lack of school supplies such as paper and copy machines, and in his second year he was forced to teach science in the gym, since there was a dearth of classrooms. "I had to get creative. And because of the TFA support, nothing I met with was impossible."

He added that he felt like his problems were so minor compared to what some of the students had to overcome, just to get to school. One of his kids had eight younger siblings she had to get off to school every morning. "She was only thirteen," said Deifel. "And although she was always late to first period, she still came to school and managed to do her homework. As a corps member, I felt the problems were overshadowed by my kids' wills. It was extremely inspiring."

TFA recruits heavily at liberal arts colleges, according to Deifel, who is currently a graduate student and alumni recruit at George Washington University.

"A position with TFA is no ordinary job that anyone could do," said Bartholomew. It requires a very highly motivated, compassionate and determined person to get these kids to excel, not just pass. Based on the applicants TFA has gotten from Kenyon in past years, they believe that this school has a relatively large number of such people ... Kenyon students have good reason to apply."

"I hope that Kenyon students get pumped as well," said Deifel. "This is our generation's civil rights movement."

Deifel will be coming to Ken-

Dining hall news

BY JON POROBIL
Staff Writer

New dining hall trays debuted last week, sporting a streamlined shape and raising eyebrows among students. Common questions included: Why are they missing corners? What was wrong with the old ones? What will we use for sleds this winter? The answer to the first question, at least, is that the new trays fit better around circular tables.

The student body is still divided as to whether the change is worth it. "The new trays are great," said Mike Frick '08, "because it's easier to sit at the round tables with them, which makes dinner more social." Many others disagree. But why the change?

The old trays were aging fiberglass, according to Niles Gebele, General Manager at ARAMARK. "They were starting to fray, so it became a safety issue as well as a sanitation issue," he added. The new trays were not the only replacements; there are also new multi-colored plates and bowls. "We need a lot more dinner plates than students," said Gebele. "Many students take two, some even three, plates for dinner."

A recent *Notes from Food World* Student-Info e-mail sent by Kenyon's Food Service Director, John Darmstadt, shed more light on the issue. The new purchases are a result of heavy losses due to theft. The e-mail estimates the losses since last October—the last time new dining hall supplies were purchased—at \$11,000. In order to cut these losses, Gebele said there would be collection boxes "on every floor of every dorm" for students to return anything

they might have "borrowed" from the cafeterias. Gebele has mixed feelings about them, though. "By putting the boxes there, I feel like we're condoning [taking things out of the halls]."

No other action has been taken, or will be, to reduce the rate of theft. Instead, Gebele and Darmstadt rely on their own insistence, the "honor system," and the *Notes from Food World* e-mails. "We get paid by the school a fixed cost per student, and it isn't much," said Gebele. "We'd rather spend the money on the food." He did not divulge the amount of the budget, but did break down the funding allocation: about 30 percent of it goes to food, 50 percent to paying employees and the remaining 20 percent goes to other upkeep—like buying new silverware.

The next major expenditure, according to Gebele, should be to replace the malfunctioning soft-serve ice cream machines. "We have a lot of issues with refrigeration in general. In the 90-degree heat, with as many students as there are running through those dining halls, the machines are under a lot of stress."

Also this year the dining halls have switched to plastic foam coffee cups. Darmstadt's e-mail indicated nearly 350 coffee cups stolen in the last year. Gebele sympathized with the environmental concerns raised by the switch to plastic foam cups, but insisted that it was the only option presuming that, since the old cups never seemed to return, they were being thrown away anyway. "Where is it all going?" he asked. "Is it being thrown away? I hope not; then it's just a waste of everyone's money."

Random Moments

What do you think of the new trays in Gund and Peirce?



"I think they're tray-tacular."
—Zach Shapiro '08



"They are trapezoidal paradise."
—Gwen Faulkner '08



"The curves are sexy."
—Loren Rotner '07



"What, was there a shortage of corners?"
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BY MARA ALPERIN

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Lords get walloped in Friday night match-up

One week after losing 48-17 to Kalamazoo the football team plays the first game on the new turf



Stephen Klise

The footballers are once again stopped by Kalamazoo in their home opener this past weekend

BY JON SESSIONS
Staff Writer

The Lords footballers once again bowed their heads in defeat last Friday night in their home opener. Kalamazoo College's high-octane offense proved too much for the purple and white, as the Lords remain winless after a 48-17 defeat.

Kalamazoo took advantage of a defense that has been subject to few merciless offensive attacks early in the season. Sophomore quarterback Tim Kaselitz drew first blood on an eighteen-yard toss to James Woodfork, putting Kalamazoo on top 6-0 with 9:04 left in the quarter. After a Lords fumble,

Kaselitz was at it again within 30 seconds, finding Jeff Green on a 20 yard pass for another score. With 8:38 left on the clock, Kalamazoo had a 13-0 lead before the sun had gone down.

Kenyon finally got a little offensive momentum on their next possession. After marching through the swarming Hornets' defense on a 47-yard drive, senior Ben Woodcock's 36 yard field goal put the Lords on the board to restore hope in the hearts of the Kenyon faithful. Unfortunately, this hope was short-lived.

As soon as the Kaselitz got the ball back in his hands, he continued to pick apart the inex-

perienced Kenyon secondary. Six minutes into the second period, he hit Mike Liefeld in the numbers for yet another Hornet score in the air. Less than four minutes later Kaselitz struck again for another score. This time tailback Mike Benson hauled in the pigskin, tallying Kaselitz's fourth touchdown pass of the first half.

As they have done most of the year, the Lords offense tried to erase the deficit by taking matters into their own hands. Senior quarterback Nick Stalick and sophomore running back Alby Coombs teamed up to lead the Lords on a 74-yard scoring drive in the final two minutes of the

second quarter for the Lords' first touchdown. The seven play drive was capped by Coombs' jaunt into the end zone from three yards out. Coombs' third touchdown of the season narrowed Kalamazoo's lead to 27-10.

Unfortunately, any momentum Kenyon carried into the locker room was dashed when Kalamazoo kick returner Charlie Burnham ran back the opening kick of the third quarter 88 yards for a touchdown. The touchdown put the Hornets in command, 34-10. Three minutes later the Hornets tallied another seven,

a score. Sophomore wide receiver Carlin Shoemaker hauled in seven passes for 118 yards. The offensive line also deserves credit for giving Stalick sufficient time to throw and for opening up gaping holes for the Kenyon backs.

However, the potency of the Lords offense was diluted by the vulnerability of the Kenyon defense. For the third consecutive week, the Lords surrendered more than 45 points and over 450 total yards to their opponent. Although their Achilles heel has usually been stopping the opposition's ground

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Score
Kalamazoo College...	13	14	14	7	- 48
Kenyon College.....	3	7	7	0	- 17

as Mike Benson sauntered in from nineteen yards out. Benson would score again in the fourth quarter giving him three touchdowns on the night.

The Lords did manage to score in the third quarter when Stalick took it to the house on a keeper from one yard out. The Lords' second touchdown would be their final touchdown of the night.

There were some bright spots for the Lords in defeat. Stalick had another solid game at the helm completing nineteen of 35 passes for 226 yards. Coombs also continued his impressive 2004 campaign with 126 yards on 27 carries and

attack, it was Kaselitz's ease in throwing the pigskin that hurt the Lords Friday night. Kaselitz finished with 289 passing yards and four touchdowns while completing an impressive 20 out of 29 tosses. The majority of his passes were in the first half, well before the game was secure.

The Lords christen the new carpet on McBride Field this Saturday against NCAC rival Oberlin College (0-3). The Lords will look to earn their first victory. Each team has played three games and remains winless, so one team will walk off the new carpet with a win.

Allegheny, Marian beat Lords at Mavec Field

The Lords demonstrate improvement against Marian College, after losing NCAC opener to Allegheny

BY ERIC FITZGERALD
Sports Editor

While Bill Clinton's re-election in 1996 might seem like recent history, that same year saw the men's soccer team reach the NCAA Division III championship game. Anyone watching this year's team might consider that a distant memory. At 1-9-0, the Lords bare little resemblance to a team that will reach the NCAA Division III championship game.

As the Lords have won only one of their first ten matches, their record is anything but intimidating. The team has not lost hope, though, which was evidenced in their most recent loss to Marian College, Sept. 29. The 2-1 overtime loss to Marian College was disappointing considering two Kenyon goals were disallowed. Although the team's attack did not gain a victory, the team is showing progress on the offensive front.

"We managed to net several goals, almost all of which were called back for questionable off-sides calls," senior Josh Marshall said. "While we're disappointed with the loss after such a hard-fought overtime game, we're glad to see that our practice on shooting has been worthwhile, and has kept

us in these games."

Playing as a reserve, Marshall fired two shots against the Marian defense. The Lords outshot Marian, 13-10.

The visiting Knights scored their golden goal on a penalty kick in double-overtime at the 106th minute. Marian improved to 9-2-0 with their victory. As the match saw opportunities for each side, the narrow margin of the Lords' defeat is reassuring to certain members of the team.

"Overall, we're happy with how the game went," sophomore midfielder Yoni Geffen said. "We didn't wind up with the win, but we're pleased with the result."

The result against Marian marked an improvement from the team's loss earlier this week against Allegheny College, Sept. 25, in their conference opener. At Mavec Field, the Gators tallied a 4-1 victory. Allegheny sophomore forward Chris Fedele scored three goals and added an assist in a dominating performance. Junior David Palchak scored the Lords' lone goal off a penalty kick late in the second half.

After the loss to Allegheny, there were signs of improvement in the team's attack against Mar-

ian. As of late, the team has been focusing on its offensive game in practice.

"I feel like the last couple games have been better offensive performances," Geffen said. "Our offensive final third is starting to show some good performances."

After being shutout in six of their first eight matches, the Lords have scored a goal in each of the past two games. Once the Lords' offense hits its stride, the squad could become a threat in the remaining nine games of the regular season.

"Our conference record is in no way indicative of how we've been playing. Against Allegheny, we played a tight game for 75 out of the 90 minutes, but let down at incorrect times and the other team capitalized," Marshall said. "We are confident, we will definitely be bringing home results from here on out."

The Lords will get one more chance to prepare for NCAC competition when they travel to Washington & Jefferson, Oct. 2.

As the Lords have played only one game in their conference schedule, it is conceivable that they could reach the confer-

ence tournament with a finish in the conference's top four. The Lords could salvage a disappointing season if they can keep themselves from falling apart at "incorrect times."

The next home match is against Wittenberg University, Oct. 6, the second match of the Lords' NCAC schedule. Even if the Lords don't

have their sights on making a run at the Division III title this season, they can make a significant step in the 2004 season if they even their conference record.

Wittenberg is 3-6 this season. Last year, the Lords lost an offensive showdown at Wittenberg, 5-3. Smart money does not favor the Lords in another offensive blitz.



Andrew Kingsley

A Lord fights to gain control of the ball in a match against Allegheny.

SPORTS COMMENTARY

Squash players seek court

BY TIM HARWOOD
Guest Writer

During the late afternoon, it is not surprising to find Kenyon's lone squash court in use, while onlookers anxious await their turn to step onto the court. Sophomore Chris Fennell, president of the squash club, is pleased with the freshman class' talent since it will build upon last year's interest in the sport. However, Fennell is quick to note that increased participation has made it "increasingly difficult for the club to function properly with just one court."

Athletic director Peter Smith is no longer considering moving the equipment out of the squash court, because the costs would be greater than the benefits. Smith contests that there are two costs associated with the squash club's request. First, it is a difficult and time-consuming job to disassemble the Nautilus machines in order to move them through the doorway. Second, there would be a long period of time when no one could use the Nautilus equipment or the squash court. Smith views the difficulties that face the squash team as a paradigm as to what other varsity sports teams undergo, such as 11pm practices. Smith hopes that "athletes will

continue to have a mutual understanding [of one another's needs] and do the best with what we are given in the meantime."

At the moment, two of the racquetball courts are available for racquetball players and one of the two squash courts is available. The new Athletic, Fitness and Recreation center will feature eight courts.

As for this year, Fennell believes that a second squash court can remedy their current dilemma. Smith agrees with Fennell that a recent "youth movement" has caused a "resurgence" in squash amongst Kenyon students and other neighboring colleges. However, Smith has not obliged the club's request for a second court since the "costs [for the entire athletic community] will be greater than the benefits" that the squash club will derive.

Negotiations between the squash club and Smith about removing the weight equipment from Kenyon's only other squash court began during the fall semester of last year. Fennell explained how Andrew Simmons '04, the club's previous president, persistently pushed the club's agenda in meetings with Smith. This correspondence caused Smith to "seriously consider" the club's proposal last year. However, Smith decided not to accept the proposal due to the cost involved and a decrease in the

club's utilization of the squash court over the ensuing months.

When asked about placing the Nautilus equipment in a squash court rather than a racquetball court, Smith said the decision was based on "the 2002 attendance of racquetball and squash." Although racquetball was more popular than squash in 2002, Smith acknowledges that this trend has reversed over the past two years, as there is now more interest in squash than racquetball.

This reverse trend has caused Fennell to become more adamant about moving the equipment out of the squash court and into the racquetball court. "A second court would resolve a lot of our problems," said Fennell.

Fennell has high expectations for making the squash club a competitive program. This year, the squash club is scheduled to play at Navy and Vassar. "This year, we're making our first impression with so many teams" said Fennell, "and we hope to make a good one." Fennell hopes the club will be invited back to these tournaments and perhaps host a tournament in the new facility.

Editor's note: Tim Harwood is a member of the squash club.

Grapes of Raasch rally past Oberlin

BY JOE FREEMAN
Staff Writer

Let us gather and join hands in bidding farewell and safe passage to Kenyon's volleyball of yore. As the basketball backboards were raised skywards last Sunday, in preparation for the afternoon duel between Kenyon and the maroon-shirted Yeowomen of Oberlin, the Ladies strolled briskly onto the floor and into a new epoch. The women in purple and white trounced Oberlin, 3-1.

The two teams ran neck in neck during the game opener, never allowing the other to advance more than three points at a

seemed to surf over Oberlin in game two, and this time Captain Katie Walker took charge. Sliding back and forth along the net, frustrating the Yeowomen with her iron curtain defense and smooth touch, she dumped and dipped the ball in numerous directions and led the team to an easy 30-16 win.

Yet the Yeowomen came out swinging in round three of the bout, and the memory of the first, tense game blanketed the collective anxiety of fans. Bound in the bleacher's fetters they cheered and prayed for the success of their sovereign Ladies. Oberlin stayed just a pinch ahead as each minute passed, and

"I personally was very frustrated at our lack of focus and intensity and thought this afternoon was the worst we've played all season."

-Katie Walker

time. Just as the Ladies seemed to be pulling ahead, the Yeowoman would pick up the pace. When the game arrived at a nerve-racking 30-30, even courtside regular Isaac "Ike" Wilson '04 seemed uneasy, as he dipped one of Peirce's golden-brown nuggets into a smooth, barbecue sauce quietly so as not to cause distraction.

With each team only two points away from victory, someone on either team would need to step up and lead her respective minions through peril. Sophomore Patrice Collins, donning a purple 15 jersey, rose to the challenge. Brushing aside nerves, Collins leaped over the net and hammered the ball into the opposing floor to go up 31-30. Collins wiped her brow and readied for the next point. The Ladies served one deep into Oberlin territory, and a Yeowoman countered with a hit that floated just above the net. Collins didn't hesitate. With the ball in sight, she planted her left foot forward, then her right. With knees bent she sprung off the floor like the Michael Jordan we once knew, raised her hand back, and bear-slapped the ball for the winning point.

A former member of the squad named "Charlie" sat back and pondered the win. Coach [Todd] Raasch really knows what needs to be done. He is determined."

The Ladies' new coach, Todd Raasch, showed no signs of celebration as he prepared his disciples for the next challenge. As the Ladies went back onto the floor, he sat calmly on his thinking throne, ticking away at his clipboard, conjuring up powerful potions for his willful women to administer.

Using the momentum of their exciting win, the Ladies

pulled through to clinch the third 30-28, to the dismay of the Ladies and their raving, foot-stomping following in the stands.

The Ladies looked defused as they took to the sidelines. But the grapes of Raasch must have nourished and rejuvenated the down-trodden crew. They let loose their fury in the fourth game. Sophomore Sarah Brieschke, the game's most consistent assist dispenser, had been providing contracts for the team's sophomore hitwoman Patrice Collins the entire match. She didn't stop. Handing Collins a few more kills and helping the team roll to a 30-16 win, Brieschke finished the day with a total of 36 assists. Collins tacked up sixteen kills in the match, and Sarah Richardson contributed 11 kills.

Peter Smith, Kenyon's Athletic Director, sat forward in the bleachers and pondered the match and the team. "They are able to execute things they want to play," said Smith. "Overall, they are well-balanced, and they have a good offense, as well as defense."

Despite their victory, Walker remained tough on her team, as only leaders do. "I personally was very frustrated at our lack of focus and intensity and thought this afternoon was the worst we've played all season. Of course, a win is a win and we can only take what we learned from today and move on. We have some important matches coming up and can hopefully continue to be successful."

The Ladies brought their record up to a 6-7, an impressive start considering they amassed only 14 victories over the last two seasons. The Ladies traveled to Ohio Wesleyan University Wednesday, but come ye and bear witness to their burgeoning band at their next home game against the College of Wooster Wednesday, Oct. 6.

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Newman leads harriers to seventh place at Allegheny

BY D.D. CARDEN
Staff Writer

The laws of physics tell us that things in uniform motion tend to stay in uniform motion. True to this mantra, the College's favor-

There is a general whisper of excitement that slowly tingles through the lightning legs of this team. The course at Allegheny is also the course where the conference championships will be run.

Top Five Kenyon Finishers at Allegheny Classic

13	Tyler Newman	Sr.	27:05
16	Sean Strader	Jr.	27:08
58	Rich Bartholomew	Jr.	28:27
60	Kurt Hollender	Jr.	28:30
73	Ryan Weinstock	So.	28:48

ite harriers continue to stride up, up and away, as they finished seventh out of nineteen on a slightly overcast, temperate Saturday at the Allegheny College Classic. The harriers consider this result their best finish of the season.

The ground still wet from the steady rain of last week, each foot jockey trotted his way to a finish that demonstrates individual improvement.

"Everyone did the best they have this season," said senior co-captain Tyler Newman.

This race was particularly fulfilling for reasons beyond personal victories, however. The Lords find comfort in the notion that after a poor finish at the GLAC's two weeks prior to the Allegheny Classic, they were able to destroy most of the teams that beat them that dreary Saturday afternoon, at the GLAC's, Sept. 11. At Allegheny, the team placed third out of all the NCAC teams who raced this Saturday, losing only to Allegheny and Ohio Wesleyan.

"The race was satisfying" said sophomore Ryan Weinstock. "It's like we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. At first it didn't look like we could win conference, but now we have a serious shot at beating most of the teams."

This delights our quick harriers not only because of their respectable finish this past weekend, but they also relish its many hills. The course reminds them of their many miles up and down our own little mountain.

"It's a good course for the Lords," said Newman.

However, as any great competitor knows, the foot jockeys know this last race is still the beginning and there is still a long road to tread.

"We got to take it one meet at a time," said junior Mark Geiger. "We got a lot of tough meets ahead

and we can't get too optimistic. There are a lot of ins and outs."

The harriers' fans can dwell on this race for a while. Co-captain Newman finished at 27:05 for thirteenth out of 206. The Lords' other commander Sean Strader finished seconds behind Newman in 27:08 for sixteenth. But of all the performances, perhaps the most romantic and Newman's own personal favorite was freshman Stephen Politzer-Ahles coming in at 29:21 for 88th.

"He ran it under 30," said commander Strader. "It takes a while for a freshman to adjust to an 8K, being use to the 5Ks they run in high school. To run a good eight this early is a good sign."

The harriers ride on to Ohio Wesleyan next Friday for the All-Ohio Championship. The Lords expect another great finish, but it might be too early to expect them to demonstrate this much improvement every week. For now, the success of late is summed up by junior Johnny Sadoff, who said of his teammates, "I think this past meet went really well, and we're really starting to show our true form."



Kenyon runners round the bend at the Allegheny Classic last weekend.

Post-Season Predictions

American League

What a shock: the Yankees have found themselves with an underperforming team heading into the playoffs. For the second year in a row, it doesn't really matter, since they have the best record in the AL. Despite an offense that boasts the most home runs in the majors, they have pitching problems. No matter, the Yanks will beat either the Twins or A's in four games (blame the lack of a sweep on the starting rotation).

Thanks to the Red Sox clinching the wild card, the Angels or A's are going home early. Because they've done it for the past four years, I think Oakland will win in the end, despite its shabby play of late. They still have better pitching (in theory) than just about anyone and that should carry them, but I predict another early post-season exit.

Because of the close records of the A's, Twins, and Red Sox, there are many possibilities as to who is going to play whom, and where and when that will all take place. I say no matter what, we're going to have another Yankees/Red Sox ALCS. It'll be particularly exciting considering all the drama these teams have created over the season.

Bottom line: this isn't the Sox year, and it might be their last shot for awhile if they lose Pedro in the off-season. The Yanks will lose to the Cardinals in the Series, and Steinbrenner will go buy some more All-stars to make him feel better.

-Sara Kaplow

National League

The National League pennant should return to St. Louis for the first time since 1987. Three MVP candidates (Scott Rolen, Albert Pujols and Jim Edmonds) have led the Cardinals to the best record in base-

ball. Although Chris Carpenter's injury deals a setback to the rotation, the Cards still enter October with four pitchers who should keep the Cards in position to win any game. Of course, that's not saying much considering the batting order is the best assembled in recent memory and should score at least eight runs in every play-off game.

Of course, everyone in Cardinal Nation knows their beloved Cardinals have lost the last three times they've reached the NLCS. Two of those teams, Atlanta and San Francisco, could be on the Cardinals' post-season schedule.

Assuming one of the under-achieving teams in the NL Central (the Chicago Cubs or Houston Astros) wins the wild-card race, the Cardinals will face the Dodgers in the NLCS. Cardinals in three. If San Francisco or San Diego catches the Cubs in yet another one of the Cubs' late-season collapses, they'll get swept by the Cardinals, as well. As for the other play-off series, I actually foresee the Cubs winning out this weekend and facing Atlanta. Riding the momentum they'll have from winning the wild-card, the Cubs will get through Atlanta and face their rivals (and their humiliation) in the NLCS.

The last two teams to win the National League pennant also won the wild-card. This year, however, the Cubs are probably going to finish 15 games behind their superiors in the NL Central. I think the Cardinals sweep the lowly Cubs and roll into the World Series.

-Eric Fitzgerald

Editor's note: These predictions are based entirely on the editors' native residences and should not be considered seriously if you plan to gamble (illegally) on the 2004 MLB Play-offs.

Team Wolf: Kenyon's intramural soccer dynasty

BY JAKE APPLEMAN
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You've seen the notorious all-star. But have you heard the cry of the wolf? Team Wolf, intramural soccer dynasty, that is. The co-ed squad has dominated the intramural circuit with tremendous success. Senior captain Greson Torchio understands the history and tradition of his club.

"There's a long tradition with Team Wolf starting back to my freshman year. I just luckily joined and it was all seniors. They graduated and I recruited my friends as valid Team Wolf members. We won the championship the past two years. We're the team to beat."

They have been the epitome of Kenyon intramural soccer. Even though the level is intramural,

Wolf passes crisply, plays tight defense and goes all out, displaying a level of skill that belies the word "intramural." The key to Wolf's success is that each member knows the game well enough for a team concept to be employed — a stark contrast to many intramural soccer contests that end up looking like a pinball machine was placed next to the field hockey field. When Wolf takes the field, long balls are sent. Corner kicks search for heads. The slide tackle is in effect.

The air of confidence bred by constant winning doesn't hurt either. "It's kind of like a family," notes Torchio. "We bring enthusiasm to the sport and the team and that's why we win." Adds senior John Runne, "We've been playing together since sophomore year and we all know our strengths and we

all have fun together."

Along with Torchio and Runne, seniors Josiah Venter, Nick Sardar, Chris Miller, Alexis Arnold and Ben Mason are playing their third season for Team Wolf. Two-year Wolf members include senior Nick Sussman and juniors Laura Huss and Julia Kosinski.

Team Wolf matched up with the Psi U team, Sept. 19. Knowing that the Psi U's may be their toughest competition, Wolf huddled to prepare for the game at hand. The huddle then turned to clapping and screaming, which could have been interpreted as howling. The Psi U team played well, doing a good job of matching Wolf's non-stop energy and intensity. Unfortunately, senior John Runne and his infamous

shorts led a defense that cleared every early Psi U attack with relative ease.

"I think there are differing attitudes among players on the team with regard to winning, but based on the shorts I wear you can tell that my goal is to have fun," Runne remarked.

Wolf struck first thanks to Torchio's right foot. From that point on it looked like another victory to be chalked to Wolf, but a fortuitous bounce led to junior Jesse Winter tying the game for the Psi U's.

After time wound down in regulation, the real drama began. Wolf argued that there should be overtime. Tired and undermanned, the Psi U's left the field happy — to say the least — with a tie.

Wolf's obvious displeasure

with the outcome and lack of a determining overtime only reinforced their desire to win, showcasing their love of the game, which is the bottom line with this squad. They love to play and will take on any team at any time, consistently hooting and howling regardless of the opposition.

Wolf managed to talk some unprintable post-game trash that is meant to perpetuate the rivalry should the squads meet again.

Until then, check your inbox, but for now understand that they're confident with good reason. "I think we'll three-peat and defend the title," Torchio predicts. "It's my last year and I want go out on top. I'm hoping the tradition can go on. We've got some good freshmen and our goalie [Huss] is the bomb."

Denison defeats Ladies, 2-1, in NCAC game

BY MICK REYNOLDS
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"We weren't explosive from the start," said junior defender Kate Flinner, following the Ladies' second consecutive loss of the season at the hands of North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) rival Denison University by a final score of 2-1.

The wind was taken out of the Ladies' sails early in the second half, as Denison added to their lead only five minutes into the half. Denison, with a 2-0 lead courtesy of first-year Read Powell's first collegiate goal, added the insurance needed to put away the Ladies.

Senior forward Liz Aragona's

Field Hockey Results/Schedule			
Sept. 19	vs. Wash. & Jefferson	W, 3-2	
Sept. 21	at Ohio Wesleyan U.*	L, 2-1	
Sept. 24	vs. Denison University*	L, 2-1	
Sept. 29	at Wittenberg University*	6:00p.m.	
Oct. 2	vs. Oberlin College*	2:00p.m.	
Oct. 5	vs. College of Wooster*	5:00p.m.	

*-NCAC

Looking to rebound from a loss to Ohio Wesleyan University, which dropped their conference record to 1-1 and snapped a six-game winning streak, the Ladies could ill afford a lethargic start.

The Big Red set the tone early, when junior Jenny Lacey scored a goal with just under twenty minutes to go in the first half. Lacey, Denison's leading scorer, found the back of the net off an assist by first-year Marisa Kaminski. Going into the half, the Ladies defense remained strong, and the Denison lead held at 1-0.

goal, her second of the season, cut the Denison lead in half with about fifteen minutes left to play. Within one goal of the visiting Big Red, not even a final flurry of drives on goal in the last five minutes of play for the Ladies could send the game into overtime.

"I think we were very evenly matched, and it just didn't go our way," said senior captain Maggie Hill. "They happened to get the ball in the cage one more time than we did, but other than that, I think it was a very even game and could have gone either way.

Next time we just have to step it up one more notch and come out better than they are."

Both statistically and in play, the Ladies and the Big Red seemed to be an "even match." The Big Red outshot the Ladies 18-14, and recorded only one more penalty corner than the Ladies. Aside from that, the flow of the game was very much "back and forth" with neither offense nor defense for either team taking complete control. The Ladies agree they simply didn't capitalize on their opportunities as well as the Big Red did.

The Ladies now look to take out their frustrations with a visit to Springfield and the Wittenberg University Tigers, followed by a home match-up against the visiting Oberlin Yeowomen. Both look to be extremely important early season games, as the Ladies hope to rebound from their 1-2 start in the NCAC. The Tigers and Yeowomen were co-champs of the NCAC along with the College of Wooster's Fighting Scots last season and will be good early season tests for the Ladies. The away Wittenberg game, which was played on astroturf field last night,



Elena Fernandez

Senior Liz Aragona goes after the ball during an away match.

provides a new level of excitement and challenge for the Ladies.

"We love to play Wittenberg!" said Hill. "It is a very different game, and they have a huge home field advantage, but it

is always fun to play on turf under the lights. Last year we played so well against them on turf, and this year I am expecting to win."

The Ladies host a strong Yeowomen club, Saturday at 1 p.m.

Ladies soccer's streak ends vs. Ohio Northern U.

BY COLIN HODGKINS
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The streaking success of the Kenyon Ladies' soccer team suddenly came to an end against Ohio Northern University on Saturday.

A critical kick for the Polar Bears came within the cusp of freshman Rosemary Davis's clutches before creeping conclusively across the goal-line. The goal dealt the Ladies a crushing 3-2 overtime loss and stifled a streak of three consecutive successes. It also marked their third winless overtime of the season.

"We have to do a better job of winning close games," senior co-captain Heather Preston claimed.

The Ladies bounced back from their blunders and battle scars to beat Heidelberg College

on Tuesday.

The Princes looked perplexed in a 5-2 routing unworthy of royalty, as the Ladies picked up where they left off.

The Ladies leapt out early to a 3-0 lead, pouncing on their prey with three goals in the first half. After a Ladies corner kick turned into a goal that put Kenyon ahead 1-0, senior Guin Granite and freshman Jean Arnold rounded out the first-half scoring for the Ladies.

In the second half, the Ladies stumbled slightly, allowing their counterparts to creep back into the contest with two clutch kicks that closed the gap at 3-2.

The Ladies returned with resolve. They rebounded to rip two more goals of their own, improv-

ing their record to 6-3-1.

Freshman Brooke Rockwern blasted the Ladies' first goal of the second half by Heidelberg's defense, before being backed up by Blaire Heiser's boot which sealed the game at 5-2.

Heiser, last week's NCAC Player of the Week, has not relented her pace. She now has four goals on the season.

Senior Guin Granite scored in both games, the first in Saturday's defeat at the paws of the Polar Bears, and the second in the romping of the Princes. Granite also has four goals on the year.

"We just moved the ball well against Heidelberg," Granite said. "I didn't feel like we did that against Ohio Northern."

Although the defeat of Hei-

delberg has restored confidence, the Ladies' loss to Ohio Northern was unsettling to Preston.

"There has only been one game this year where we didn't play as a team, and that was this Saturday," Preston said, "but I

"There's not a team in our conference we can't beat, and Denison definitely isn't an exception."

-Guin Granite

was encouraged when we came together [against Heidelberg].

The win also came without the crux of the defense, freshman Katy Spear, who has been out with tonsillitis and is still questionable to play.

"There's not a team in our conference we can't beat, and Denison definitely isn't an exception," said Granite, last year's leading goal-scorer said. "I guarantee we make the Conference Tournament this year."

Cross country squad takes sixth at Allegheny

BY ANNE POMEROY
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Despite running on fumes after four consecutive weeks of intense competition, the Ladies cross country team pulled out another stellar race, finishing sixth among some of the toughest teams in Division III at the Allegheny College Classic on Sept. 25.

The field was composed of 21 teams and 230 runners. Among the teams competing against Kenyon were ninth-ranked Dickinson College, eleventh-ranked Allegheny College and arch rival and nineteenth-ranked Denison University. Dickinson, Allegheny, and Denison finished first, second and third, respectively, with Dickinson's Emily Hulme

beaking the course record at 22:17 to win the race.

Junior Christina McNamara again led the way for the Ladies, finishing fifth overall with a time of 22:40. Perhaps a testament to how well she ran, only 23 seconds separated McNamara from Hulme. Fellow junior Amy Wilkins came in 25th place in one of her best races of the season, stopping the clock at 23:52. Freshman Emma Reidy followed Wilkins, placing 32nd at 24:06. Rounding out the top five for the Ladies were junior Lauren Rand and senior Heather McMillan, finishing 40th and 52nd, respectively.

"We were excited to go against some tough teams and against teams that we normally

don't see during the season" Rand said.

This race was the first 6K course of the season. With the experience of competing on a longer course, the Ladies will now have a better idea of what to expect when they compete at the conference championship, which is at Allegheny College. Although this was the first time that many of the Ladies had competed on a 6K course they were grateful for the experience.

"It's great to see what the course will be like for the NCAC Championships and for the most part the extra distance wasn't as difficult as I thought it would be," sophomore Jenna Rose said.

The Ladies set out to keep

up with NCAC rivals Allegheny and Dickinson and they did just that: all five of Kenyon's scoring runners finished within the top 60 among a loaded field of competitors. Rose explained that "as the season progresses and we compete in some bigger meets we can probably catch up with Denison."

What makes this team performance even more impressive is that the Ladies have raced the past four weekends, which is unusual and tiring during a long cross country season.

"We were tired, but a lot of people still had strong races, especially Amy [Wilkins] and Christina [McNamara]," Rand said, "we just kind of had to suck it up and do our best."

The Ladies will have two weeks to rest for their next meet, the All-Ohio Championship on Oct. 8, at Ohio Wesleyan. Last year the team placed sixth among a strong field of competitors. The Ladies will face teams from all over Ohio from all three NCAA Divisions and the results will be separated afterward by division. The team is looking to match their showing from here last year, and hopefully top it, knowing that they have a very strong and close-knit team this year to send into competition. For the next month, the Ladies will be gearing up for tough races against teams now in mid-season form. Not to be deterred, the team is psyched to take on some more competition.