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THE KENYON COLLEGIAN

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Middle Ground robbed during weekend

BY WILLOW BELDEN
Editorial Assistant

"We think that Gambier is so far removed from the 'real world,' but we're not," said Joel Gunderson, the owner of Middle Ground Café, after the café was robbed over the weekend.

The break-in occurred Saturday morning between 12:45 a.m., when the night manager left, and 8:00 a.m., when Gunderson arrived to open the café. The drawers from both cash registers, the cash box from the upstairs office, some rolled change and a laptop computer were stolen—a total value of about \$2,500.

In addition, credit card machines were pulled from their wiring, and much of the wiring for the computer system was destroyed. "It looked like wild animals had been in here the night before," Gunderson said. "It was not a pleasant sight."

The Knox County Sheriff's office is conducting an investigation; however, they have found no suspects.

"There are signs of forced entry," Gunderson said. According to the incident report filed by Security and Safety Officer Jim O'Daire, the robber appeared to have come in through the

kitchen after using "a long-type screw driver device" to pry open a window near the kitchen entrance. The robber apparently reached in through the window and unlocked the door. Gunderson said a similar screwdriver or crowbar was used to open the upstairs office door.

This is not the first time a break-in has occurred at Middle Ground; the café was robbed in August, and

similar items—also to the tune of \$2,500—were stolen. This leads Gunderson and Director of Security and Safety Dan Werner to believe that it may have been a "repeat job."

"In August when we were broken into, you could tell they had worked very hard to get the cash drawers open," Gunderson said. "There were screw driver marks and chisel marks on the cash register. This time, instead

of attempting to forceably open them, they just grabbed the entire cash register box."

"I don't know if it's the same person or not," Werner said, "but it's awfully close. ... They knew what they were looking for."

No one has reported witnessing the break-in directly, but one Kenyon student reported seeing "suspicious activity" at Middle Ground between

1 and 1:15 a.m., according to the Security and Safety incident report.

"I came back to campus and walked by the Middle Ground around 1 a.m. to 1:15 a.m.," the student reported. "I noticed a person hunched over by the side of the wall next to the S.A.C. He seemed to be tampering with some utilities box or some pipes—maybe the air-conditioning or something—which seemed unusual to be doing at that time of night. The person seemed somewhat startled when I noticed him. He was wearing a large grey hoodie and had a larger-medium build. ... When I turned back around I heard shuffling as if he were headed around the back of the building."

The Peoples Bank of Gambier, which is situated next to Middle Ground on Wiggin Street, has two exterior cameras, one of which is pointed in the direction of Middle Ground. The Sheriff obtained the tape from that camera but has not reported any findings yet.

In the August break-in, Gunderson said there were no signs of forced entry, which made the Sheriff suspect that the theft might have been an inside job. However, Gunderson said, "in the summertime we have a grand total of two or three employees, so it's

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A LITERARY ODYSSEY



Hannah Drummond

Students, faculty and community members gathered last Saturday for a marathon reading of Homer's *The Odyssey*. The event was based in Peirce Lounge but roamed all over campus.

Annexation, development issues concern Knox County residents

BY CHARLOTTE NUGENT
Senior News Editor

Anyone who has recently driven down Coshocton Road in Mount Vernon knows that development has come to Knox County, but they may not know that a dispute is afoot over the methods used to expand the city of Mount Vernon.

A streamlined procedure for annexing land to cities, passed by the Ohio legislature in 2003, has been the root of much recent controversy in Knox County, as landowners have used the new law to attach their properties to the city of Mount Vernon in ways that some believe the law was not intended to be used.

Though the 2003 bill laid out five methods by which property contiguous to a city can become part of a city, it is "Expedited Type II" annexation that has been the focus of contention in the Mount Vernon area. Expedited Type II created a simpler process of

property annexation than the previous annexation law: under the old annexation process, "it could take months" for annexation to be approved, "even if it was one parcel and everybody liked the idea," said State Representative Thom Collier at a recent meeting of Knox Citizens for Smart Growth (KCSG), a local group that focuses on development issues in Knox County. "So the townships and municipalities agreed that if annexation was going to be successful, for those properties where there was no dispute, it should be done expediently, with no hindrances."

However, in a curious twist, Expedited Type II allows landowners to annex their property to a city even if the city does not desire the annexation. The only way that the city can reject an application for Expedited Type II annexation, said Collier, is if there is a technical error in the way the application is filed.

"Nobody would have thought to say 'if the city wants it,' because

it hadn't been an issue before," said Collier. "Perhaps today it is."

According to Mount Vernon City Council records, there have been four property annexations to the city of Mount Vernon since the passage of the 2003 law, all annexed under the Expedited Type II method. Two were privately owned, one was annexed for the Twin Oaks School and one was annexed for the Knox County Hospice.

The application for a fifth Expedited Type II annexation, from the owners of an 89-acre parcel north of Wal-Mart known as the Zelkowitz parcel, is currently being reviewed by the Mount Vernon Municipal Planning Commission and the City Council. If the parcel is annexed, the Newark company Stoneworks Development plans to build 100 two-person condominiums designed for "empty nesters" on the site.

Owners and potential devel-

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Campus reacts to loss with forums, discussions

BY BRYAN STOKES II
AND MAX THELANDER
Collegian Staff

Nearly three weeks since the death of Colin Boyarski '08, believed to be alcohol-related, the Kenyon community continues to grapple with the problem of Kenyon's drinking culture. Although there is general acceptance that this situation cannot be resolved overnight, also evident is a desire for student-driven change.

Dean for Academic Advising Jane Martindell and Dean of Students Cheryl Steele held two open forums on life at Kenyon on April 13 and 14. "In general, people [in attendance] were concerned that we were getting 'back to normal' way too fast, and not really learning from the tragic event and loss of Colin," said Martindell.

President S. Georgia Nugent has held a series of conversations on drinking, and recently e-mailed the entire Kenyon community, inviting "everyone to devote some time to generating ideas in the coming days as you gather in classes, athletic teams, faculty departments, staff meetings, and extracurricular organizations" by April 29.

"One of the real points of light in our current situation, I feel, is the engagement of students who are saying they want to step forward and make a difference," said Nugent in an e-mail to the *Collegian*. "In my view, this is likely to be the very best possibility for change. In the best case, by mobilizing student involvement, Kenyon could actually create a national model. This would not only be a tremendous service

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WEATHER OR NOT

Today: Partly Cloudy. High: 62°F, low: 37°F.
Friday: PM Thunderstorms. High: 65°F, low: 36°F.

Saturday: Rain/Snow Showers. Wind. High: 45°F, low: 27°F.
Sunday: Snow Showers/Wind. High: 43°F, low: 30°F.

Boyarski: After grieving comes consideration of off-campus housing

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to colleges, it would be an extraordinary memorial to Colin."

Campus Senate has also taken up this issue, particularly with regards to the off-campus party scene. According to Senate Co-Chair Meredith Farmer '05, Senate recently asked Ashley Fitch '05, who resides off-campus, to represent off-campus students in a non-voting position for the remainder of the semester.

"I asked Ashley Fitch to join us so that we could have a voice representing students who live off-campus and answering questions that we might have about drinking off-campus," said Farmer. "Invitations were also extended to [Director of Counseling Services] Patrick Gilligan, [Substance Abuse Counselor and Education Coordinator] Lori Werner, and ADEPT representatives.

"It is worth mentioning that at one of our remaining meetings, we will discuss the creation of a position for an elected, non-voting off-campus representative to the Senate," continued Farmer. "That position is something that I have been contemplating for quite some time—we have discussed off-campus housing in several meetings—and this discussion has convinced me that it would be an important addition."

In light of Boyarski's death, more attention is being focused upon the off-campus housing system. Robert Rauzi, owner of the Meadow Lane Apartments, commonly known as the "Pizza Huts," and the Morgan Apartments, commonly known as the "Milk Cartons," has faced problems of rowdiness, vandalism and disrespect to neighboring residents from student tenants. According to Knox County Sheriff Barber, Boyarski is believed to have been in attendance at a party held in the Morgan Apartments on the night of his death.

"If I had a choice, I wouldn't rent to students at all, to be perfectly blunt," said Rauzi. "I can't mix students with other tenants. Either not at all to students, or all students. Since students are now the predominant tenant market in that apartment building at least, I find that it's all students. If I had a choice, I'd rather not. But they're the only tenants available to fill the building.

"I have a tremendous amount of damage [in the apartments]," continued Rauzi. "Half the time, the apartment has to be completely redone each year, carpets torn out, windows replaced, walls patched. The boys are typically harder on the property than girls. Screen doors \$200 a pop get torn off every year. Typically, students are not very collectible because they don't work, and they don't have jobs and property. I'm usually

satisfied with the deposit, which I keep raising from year to year. This upcoming year, it will be \$500 per student."

Currently, according to Rauzi, there are 29 students residing off-campus in the Morgan Apartments. Although the sheriff has not been called to break up wild parties or address noise violations so far this year, Rauzi himself has received three complaints about noise, litter and vandalism. In light of these problems, Rauzi is looking to address the problem of student accountability and responsibility in these apartments.

"Most of the students are juniors or seniors; most of them are over 21," said Rauzi. "When they have parties, I have no idea of course, how old the people are who are coming. There's always the question of whose responsibility. My approach has always been to treat students like adults, I rent them apartments where they can live like adults.

"I would like someone to give me a suggestion as to how to [clean up the party scene]," continued Rauzi. "When you sort it all out, a landlord has one, and only one, tool available to him, and that's to evict the tenants. ... I believe that there has to be some better solution to giving the College more direct control over off-campus housing, so that the only remedy available is not eviction, but instead internal College discipline procedure. I have talked to the College,

seriously trying to accomplish that. One had to do with an agreement between the students and the College as a condition of getting to live off campus, that they would be subject to the same kind of things as if you were living in a dorm."

Some discussions have also been held about the possibility of the College purchasing or subletting these off-campus apartments, in order to exert more control over the events occurring there. According to Director of Security and Safety Dan Werner, although he believes current security patrols to be sufficient, his office is currently looking for student input to address the various problems posed by off-campus parties.

"We are communicating with various other offices on campus. This is a 'big picture' question," said Werner. "There are issues with off campus activity that will likely require a multi-dimensional approach. It is my feeling that there will always be off campus activity, and there may come a time when we attempt to enlist ideas from the students as to how to address this issue."

According to Martindell, the larger issue of campus security as a whole, in regards to drinking, has also been a topic raised by students in the open forums. "Many advocated for

some 'safe' options for students who become intoxicated—'safe rides' or a 'safe zone' where students could be taken to be checked out, but not written up by security. Most liked this idea, but there were a couple of students who thought that might condone drinking to excess."

Throughout all of these considerations, the primary focus is on student responsibility, rather than major preventative action by the administration.

"Prevention is a word that, professionally I have a difficult time with," said Werner. "As long as we are dealing with human beings, and all of the different challenges that come with that, prevention of the unforeseen is difficult. We will continue to listen, work cooperatively and do everything we can to keep this a safe environment."

Nugent echoed this belief, saying "Even as I write this response to you, I am reading Security reports from the last few days that detail execrable behavior on the part of students. In last week's *Collegian* editorial, it was suggested that perhaps Kenyon students don't have the ability to behave as responsible individuals. I don't accept that. Kenyon aspires to be the best. I'd like to see students themselves consider 'the best' to have something to do with their personal comportment, not just their test scores."

VILLAGE RECORD

April 13 - 19, 2005

- Apr. 13, 4:51p.m.** - Student vehicle towed from campus due to number of parking violations.
- Apr. 13, 8:45p.m.** - Medical call regarding student injured while playing basketball. College Physician was contacted and advised student to come to the Health Center in the morning.
- Apr. 13, 10:50p.m.** - Underage consumption of alcohol at McBride Residence.
- Apr. 14, 10:15p.m.** - Theft of item from Delt Lodge.
- Apr. 15, 3:28a.m.** - Fire extinguishers missing from Caples Residence. Maintenance is replacing them.
- Apr. 15, 8:57p.m.** - Report of small campfire at Acland Apartments. Residents advised to get permission in the future.
- Apr. 15, 10:33p.m.** - Evidence of party activity at Hanna pit. Student later advised that this area is not to be used.
- Apr. 16, 2:40a.m.** - Fire alarm at Mather Residence pull station on second floor. No smoke or fire found and alarm was reset.
- Apr. 16, 3:26a.m.** - Student receiving harassing phone calls at Bushnell Hall.
- Apr. 16, 8:13a.m.** - Theft of items from Middle Ground Café. Sheriff's Office notified for a report.
- Apr. 16, 12:35p.m.** - Report of suspicious vehicles/persons on campus roads. Vehicles have left campus.
- Apr. 16, 2:04p.m.** - Medical call regarding student injured at equestrian barn. Student transported by squad to hospital.
- Apr. 16, 9:26p.m.** - Report of suspicious vehicle in South Lot. Officers unable to locate vehicle.
- Apr. 16, 11:36p.m.** - Underage possession of alcohol at Caples Residence.
- Apr. 17, 12:54a.m.** - Vandalism door damaged at Lewis Hall.
- Apr. 17, 3:22a.m.** - Fire alarm Hanna Hall. Cover pulled off pull station. Alarm reset.
- Apr. 17, 5:51a.m.** - Underage consumption of alcohol at Peirce Hall.
- Apr. 17, 9:49a.m.** - Student vehicle towed from campus due to number of parking violations.
- Apr. 18, 3:09a.m.** - Report of suspicious vehicle persons at College Park. Sheriff's Office notified and deputy was sent to check vehicle.
- Apr. 18, 10:02a.m.** - Student vehicle towed from campus due to number of parking violations.
- Apr. 18, 10:22a.m.** - Underage possession at Caples Residence.
- Apr. 18, 7:58p.m.** - Medical call regarding student having allergic reaction. College Physician was notified and treated the student at the Health Center. Student later transported to hospital for observation.

Fall 2005 budgets received with less ire

BY ROSE BABINGTON
Staff Reporter

"Both the number of groups requesting funds and the amount of funds requested decreased," said Student Council Treasurer John Lesjack '05 in regard to the fall 2005 Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) allocations for Kenyon organizations.

While 87 student organizations requested funds totaling \$292,440.94 for spring semester 2005, only 66 organizations submitted requests for fall 2005 to the BFC for a total of \$226,378.37. The lack of funds available for spring 2005 caused concern among several student leaders whose groups did not receive their requested funding. Lesjack wrote in a campus-wide e-mail announcing the budget allocations that the BFC "hopes the fall 2005 Budgets are more pleasing to read than the spring 2005 budgets were."

The BFC allocated a total of \$145,221.52 in funds for fall 2005, as compared to \$126,761.02 for spring 2005. Lesjack commented that the fall budget "represents a remarkably better situation for campus organizations; we are able to fund more events for each group, to better fund existing events, and to provide better funding for competitive organizations to attend tournaments."

Lesjack pointed out that the time of the requests played a crucial role in the availability of funds. "The fall has been traditionally better than the spring in terms of budget requests, par-

tially because Summer Send-Off, TBTN [Take Back the Night], etc. occur in the spring and thus do not require a fall budget. Thus, the committee made sure to include a sizable supplemental to cover the increased cost of the spring semester."

The increased availability of funds was reflected in the number of groups who received nearly all of their requested amounts. Nineteen organizations received between 90 and 100 percent of what they requested. Fifteen organizations, on the other hand, received between zero and ten percent of their total requests.

However, Lesjack said that "student leaders have been very gracious in their praise of the budget allocation," including those who were fully funded and those who were not. Allyson Whipple '06 remarked that the organizations she is involved in—Danser's Co-Op, Night-CAPS, and the KCBDC—all "did very well in terms of funding this semester. Everyone got almost exactly what they asked for." She also commented, "I still don't like that we had to have a fee increase to get to this, even though it is a huge relief that we don't need to worry about money again next semester. I'd say funding totals for the upcoming semester are more consistent with past funds, last semester excluded."

John Ziegler '05, president of the Appalachian Service Organization (APSO), agreed with the general consistency of funding. "The amount we requested and received was consistent with funding we have previously re-

quested and received," he said. APSO was one of several groups to receive 100% of their requested funding, \$688. "As a non-profit service organization, we rely on the College for funding," said Ziegler. "We do a good amount of fundraising on our own, but we are very dependent on the school."

Stefanie Wilson '08, co-president of Renegade Theater, said that the BFC had been "more than fair" with the organization, although the group did not receive any of the \$570 it requested. Because new freshmen take over the theater group each year, "The BFC asked groups to be very specific in their budget requests and Renegade cannot possibly do this. The BFC said they would be glad to fund Renegade as soon as a more specific budget could be drawn up detailing exactly what shows next year's freshmen decide to put on," according to Wilson.

Loren Bondurant '07, president of Activists United, noted the "marked improvement from last semester where a number of legitimate requests were denied us due to the budget crunch." Although his organization requested \$1519.40 and only received \$277.70, Bondurant said that the BFC "allocated all of the funds AU requested for next semester, save money required to bring a touring exhibit to campus, which the committee encouraged us to reapply for when we have more information." He noted that "the new allocation puts AU in a position to be a greater presence in the fall, both on campus and off."

Kenyon wireless remains imperfect as school year nears end

BY JEFF FORCE
Staff Reporter

Kenyon's wireless network is now running in all major residence halls as well as the science quad, with planned expansion to over fourteen buildings this summer. Over a period of three years, wireless will be made available everywhere on campus, even outside. Meanwhile, testing has continued in regards to a College-owned computer distribution program for students.

Installation of wireless access points, known as WAPs, will occur first in Gund Commons, and Ascension, Rosse and Storer Halls. Director of Information Services, Ronald Griggs, said that the buildings were chosen for "students' workspaces... and to focus on common spaces, especially in Ascension." Kenyon

will be spending around \$80,000 on this summer's expansion, with the money provided by its Capital Improvements Budget.

According to Griggs, the cost is not a problem, and the only limitation is a manageable workload for LBIS staff. Since Peirce and Dempsey are awaiting renovation, wireless will be added there as part of the upcoming construction.

However, Griggs said the current wireless network "hasn't as been reliable as desired... and we have been making changes to make it more robust, so it works better." The two main problems currently affecting wireless are power supply and rogue networks run by students. New power technology means "wireless access points get power through the ethernet, and if power blinks, [as in a brownout] the points sometimes stop working," Griggs said LBIS

has been installing uninterruptible power supplies so that both the wired and wireless networks can be temporarily unavailable during maintenance.

Wireless signal interference from student-run rogue networks is harder to fix. "One problem was knowing the wireless network point was there but the student would not respond. ... We are working with the student affairs office to prevent rogue networks," Griggs said.

In addressing this problem, LBIS wants to stress the importance of respecting student privacy. At no time will they be entering students' rooms to search for rogue wireless network points. Griggs felt that it was in students' best interests to cooperate, since last fall wireless was unavailable to students living in Watson, McBride, Old Kenyon and Bushnell

because of rogue networks.

Use of the existing Kenyon wireless network is most commonly by students working in Olin and Chalmers. Stuart Schisgal '07 said he does "all [his] work in the library" using his laptop computer. He thinks that "as long as [wireless] is in the residence halls and commons areas, we don't need it all over the place." Aaron Hatley '08 uses the wired network in McBride but easily accesses the wireless network using his iBook. "It works fine. I like it at Middle Ground especially," he said.

Griggs finds that "people work more effectively when they can work wherever they want." He said the general trend has been that more students and faculty are switching to laptops, since not just students need to be able to work everywhere. Physics professor Ben Schumacher, who

has a wireless network at his home, said, "It seems normal to take my laptop anywhere in the building. ... It's kind of fun."

An unrelated change in policy is that LBIS will no longer support Windows Millennium Edition after the end of this semester. "We tend to make that decision based on when Microsoft stops selling [an operating system]," said Joseph Murphy, librarian and technical consultant, noting that Microsoft no longer supports Windows ME. "This year's juniors and below should have a more secure, more supported and easier to use operating system. ... Windows ME users are not banned from the network, but [if something goes wrong] it's your job to fix it." Students who are still using old versions of Windows are advised to upgrade to XP Professional for both security and stability.

Senate discusses curbing drinking among first-year students

BY SHEA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

The Senate met quorum for only parts of its extra meeting on April 14 in which members discussed drinking among first-year students.

Vice President of Student Life Sam Shopinski '06 presented an idea for orientation called Power Hour. "During orientation they [could] have all these simulated parties. ... You have 30-minute alcohol-free parties. After that half hour they turn on all the lights, turn off all the music and then upperclassmen come out of their roles."

At that point, the upperclassmen, who had been disguised as normal partygoers but playing specific roles, reveal what they

did during that half-hour. For example, one person may have been slipping people "ecstasy," which would really be crushed-up Altoids.

After the simulated party ends, it is followed by a half hour of conversation.

"The only thing you have to get rid of is alcohol," Shopinski said. "Everything else can be there." He later added, "I don't know how you can simulate a party without alcohol."

Senior class representative Steven Snodgrass said, "I think it's one of the best ideas I've heard."

The Senate was supportive of the idea but was concerned about working out the logistics. Student co-chair Meredith Farmer said that she would talk to Beer

and Sex facilitators to see if they wanted to be involved.

Dean of Residential Life George Barbuto presented the idea of replacing Resident and Community Advisors with Junior Advisors, who are unpaid volunteers.

According to Barbuto, Junior Advisors "have no recognized role in enforcing college policy in resident halls or on campus. In the case of a health or welfare emergency, their role changes."

Barbuto added, "They provide information to the Deans ... but they do what they can to hide where they got that information."

With this system, "most situations are handled in-house," Barbuto said. "So it becomes more a matter of what it means to be a member of this community."

Barbuto said he believes this new system "creates an environment where people don't feel that they'll get narked on or in trouble every time they goof up and drink too much." He also said this system will foster "a better community of trust and a lot more openness."

Senate Faculty Co-Chair Alex McKeown said he thought this was a way for students to take control of the situation. "It seems this is one way of fostering a different student culture," McKeown said.

Farmer also thought this was a good idea. "This seems like a step in the right direction," Farmer said.

The Senate also discussed possible changes to the Beer and Sex programs, including making it mandatory for all first-year students.

Sophomore class representative Norm Kaufmann said he agreed that Beer and Sex should be mandatory.

"Content won't be changed if it becomes mandatory," Kaufmann said. "Looking back, it's probably important for every freshman to go. ... Maybe it's not hitting the audience it needs to."

Off-Campus Housing Representative Ashley Fitch '05 agreed with Kaufmann, saying that a lot of students do not bother to attend.

"I think it worries me that people can just skip out like that because it's such a strong program," she said.

First-year class representative Michael Zabek disagreed with Kaufmann and Fitch, saying that Beer and Sex was effective because it is not mandatory.

"I think the only reason people listen at Beer and Sex is because it's so informal," Zabek said.

Student Council President Nick Xenakis '05, who also helps organize the Beer and Sex program, agreed with Zabek. Although he agreed that Kenyon might need some mandatory alcohol information sessions, he said he thought that all of these needs should not be placed on Beer and Sex.

The Senate also discussed an online course called Alcohol.edu but rejected it as an option.

"In general, I don't like online courses ... unless we don't have any resources, but I think we do," Assistant Professor of Philosophy Yang Xiao said.

Xenakis added that a lot of the information covered in the online course is covered by the Beer and Sex program.

At its next meeting on Thursday, April 21, the Senate plans to meet with ADEPT and to vote on whether to endorse a new CAS policy.

Robbery: \$2,500 in goods stolen

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total of two or three employees, so it's a dicey situation." The thief was never found.

After the August break-in, the locks on the café were changed. But the building still has no alarm system or surveillance equipment, and, as Gunderson said, because it has multiple

entrances and so many windows, it is difficult to secure.

"We obviously need a camera system or a full-blown alarm system," Gunderson said, adding that he plans to discuss the possibilities for installing such a system with Kenyon, as the College owns the property.

Gunderson added that the incident was "unsettling. ... I grew

up here, and the joke among people here ... is that you don't even lock your house—maybe even when you go on vacation. I think it's really easy to get lulled into a false sense of complacency about your safety here."

Werner agreed, adding that students and community members should be more vigilant about locking doors.

REACHING THE COLLEGIAN

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CORRECTION

Due to editorial error, quotes were misattributed in Random Moments last week ("Random Moments," Apr. 14, 2005). The duo of Liz Jacobsen '06 and Laura Wallace '06 was mistakenly identified as the duo of Olivia McGuire '08 and Mandy Cole '06, and vice versa.

The Collegian apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this error.

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RAPES INVOLVE ALCOHOL USE BY THE
VICTIM OR THE PERPETRATOR?

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Annexation: Clashes between citizens, developers as county grows

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 operators of the annexed or soon-to-be-annexed lands cited efficiency as reason for using the Expedited Type II annexation method over the other four methods. "I chose it because it was available and within the law," said Richard Butler of Fairborn, OH, who owns one of the annexed parcels. "The other method required lots of meetings and everyone in township to come and vote on it. I've been trying for three years to sell this property, and I was told other procedure could take up to a year."

Kim Rose, a Mount Vernon attorney representing Stoneworks Development, echoed Butler's statement. "Other types [of annexation] take a long time," he said. "[Stoneworks wants] to break ground in August. Construction inflation is ten percent per year, and if it's delayed, it increases costs of construction and costs on the consumer."

Not all of the annexations have received the wholehearted approval of the Mount Vernon City Council. The 2.72-acre Szerlip annexation (named after owner Carol Szerlip, a Mount Vernon resident) and the 2.72-acre Butler annexation were passed by the City Council on March 14 after having previously been defeated. The Butler annexation had been defeated twice, in September of 2004 and February of 2005.

City Council member Charles Dice explained why he changed his vote, from opposing the annexation to supporting it a few weeks later. "According to our law director, if I voted in opposition to [the annexation], I would expose myself to a lawsuit" from the property owner, Dice said in a phone interview. "I was told unofficially that it was a lawsuit we couldn't win... The city would have to defend me. Because of our financial difficulties in the city at this time, I did not want to put the city in a position to defend me."

Owners of annexed parcels had mixed opinions about whether they would have sued the city if the city had refused to annex their property. "Yes, I would do that,"

said Butler.

But Stoneworks said they probably would not. "If you've got to fight to get what you want, who wants to be in that situation?" said Rose. "You'd have to delay six months to a year and it wouldn't be feasible... I don't think we're going to file any lawsuits. It's not worth the effort." Szerlip could not be reached for comment.

At a recent Municipal Planning Commission hearing, local residents requested that the city of Mount Vernon to halt all annexation and rezoning until the law has been further explored. But Mount Vernon Mayor Richard Mavis said that the city's current interpretation of the law comes from its law director and will be followed.

"There are some people who've been to council saying perhaps you should not do any annexing or rezoning until... agreements are in place, but I don't think that's possible for us," said Mavis in a phone interview. "I think we still have to, within reason, honor requests that we have for annexation."

•An eventual solution?

Collier is currently trying to pass legislation that will resolve the city's dilemma. "We are drafting some amendments that will address the issue relatively simply," he said. "[The] Expedited [Type] II annexation process would say 'if the city wants the land or the annexation to happen, they could use Expedited [Type] II.'" Collier said it could take anywhere from two months to a year and a half to get the amendments passed, though he does not expect any controversy over them at the state level.

Collier also said that such "unwanted" Expedited Type II annexations could not have happened if there were annexation agreements between the city of Mount Vernon and surrounding townships. According to Mavis, such agreements would lay out a plan for how tax dollars from annexed lands would be distributed. Currently, tax dollars from annexed land continue to be paid to the township from which it was detached. Under an

annexation agreement, tax dollars would slowly shift to the city over several years.

Such an agreement would also create "service areas" adjacent to the city in which the city and township would agree that, if the property owners desired annexation, city services such as water and fire protection could be extended in the future. However, services would not be extended outside of these service areas.

"Basically, it sends a message to developers, property buyers and property owners that there are some areas beyond a certain point that if you're thinking about developing you should know ahead of time the city does not intend to extend services there," said Mavis.

Mavis said he is working to set up such agreements between Mount Vernon and the surrounding townships. "I went to the Regional Planning Commission [RPC] late last fall and asked them if they would be a vehicle to begin dialogue for these agreements," he said. Mavis said that the RPC has sent letters to him and trustees of surrounding townships in order to set up meetings to discuss annexation agreements. "I'm pleased that the RPC is moving along," he said. "I believe they are the vehicle by which we can accomplish this."

•Residents worry about tax increase, city service extension

A concern of groups like KCSG and MCRD is that the extension of city services to annexed properties will cause an increase in taxes. "The developers make a lot of money and everyone else has to pay for it," said Linda Tucker, the chair of KCSG, in a phone interview. "If a development goes in, it increases costs for roads, schools, fire, EMS and basic services... We have a lot of people in Knox County living on fixed incomes, and you're going to have retired residents who have lived here their whole lives who are going to have to move to avoid the tax burden."

Owners of annexed or soon-to-be annexed lands did cite city services or opportunities as the reason for annexing. Butler bought his land for personal use but then moved away from the Mount Vernon area. He annexed his land, originally in Monroe Township, to the city of Mount Vernon so he could change the zoning and sell it.

"All offers [to buy the land] were based on utilization of it for something other than zoning it had," he said. "The township only had two classifications for land - one was agriculture residential, the other was commercial... and the city had a third option called office institutional... I thought if I annexed the land I could apply for office-institutional so the majority of people who talked to me about needing land for a business would have something to use."

Rose said that a development such as the one Stoneworks is planning would not be feasible without city services. "The township doesn't offer sewer and water," said Rose. "You have to have sewer and water if you're trying to put 100 homes in this area... Environmentally, when you're concentrating a lot of people, having [city] services is better." Though Rose said he believed that some developments, such as the one at Apple Valley, have their own water and wastewater systems, "it would be impractical to create a water system for 200 people."

Mavis does not think that taxes will be raised, because the Stoneworks developers must pay the bill for the extension of city services to their property and for an improved road. "I think people would normally think that that's okay if their goal is to appreciate their property value," he said. "If they're... on a fixed income, that may be an issue because their taxes will go up... [but] there are some mechanisms within the tax structure that allow people to stabilize their taxes if in fact the

ground around them is being developed." Mavis also said that the city currently has sufficient water and wastewater capacity to support a 100-home development.

•Preservation of rural lifestyle

Another concern of area residents is the preservation of green space and the rural character of Knox County. "What I say comes from my heart," said Monroe Township resident Debbie Melloy at a recent Mount Vernon City Council meeting. "I do know that I represent the thoughts and the feelings of many of my neighbors in my area when I say that we do not want our rural lifestyle stripped away from us."

Rose believes that the Stoneworks development, a Planned Neighborhood Development (PND) in zoning terms, is a smarter use of land than many more rural homes. "Most cities would prefer a PND," he said. "In [agriculture residential zoning], there a minimum lot sizes... PND becomes a smarter use of the property because you're able to put more people in a smaller area. What we're trying to stop here in Knox County is you see one home on five acres. They did that to fit in with [agriculture residential] zoning." Rose also said that the development is planned so it won't be seen from the road.

Butler also believes that the office institutional zoning he is seeking for his property will be a good use of the land. "As long as I get it zoned to office institutional... I'll feel I've done my responsibility to ensure it's not obnoxious to neighbors," he said. "If I were one of those neighbors, I would not want a Wal-Mart or a gas station. When I lived in Mount Vernon, we had a medical office next to us. But there's nothing objectionable with a nice brick building and people quietly coming and going to see a doctor. It would actually protect people from the busy noise of the street."

Student Council talks student health

BY ANDY CLAUTICE
 Staff Reporter

Student Council was joined last week by Lauren Garvey '07 and Susan Teitelman '05 of the Feminist Union of Greater Gambier, which is spearheading a student initiative for improved health care at Kenyon. Among the topics of discussion were the goals for the initiative and what could be done to best facilitate changes that Council members agreed were in Kenyon's best interests.

At a previous Council meeting this semester, FUGG's original focus for health care changes was the hiring of a female doctor or nurse practitioner, but by this meeting their focus had broadened to include extended hours and larger facilities. Improved access to the most effective birth control options available was also added as a goal at the behest of Academic Affairs Vice

President Jackie Giordano '05.

FUGG members had previously presented a comparison of Kenyon's health care with that of several other liberal arts schools, and that information was revisited, casting Kenyon's services in a particularly deficient light. Most other schools considered - including Bates, Colgate, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster - have multiple physicians or nurse practitioners, compared to Kenyon's one.

Garvey described a meeting with Kenyon's physician, Dr. Tracy Schermer, in which Schermer agreed with the need for additional full-time healthcare professionals to service Kenyon's student body. He also mentioned the need for additional space beyond the current cottage that serves as the Health and Counseling Center, but emphasized that health and counseling services should hopefully be kept together, said Garvey.

Vice President for Student Life Sam Shopinski '06 cited the potential problem of needing both staff and facilities, as well as the importance of getting both at once. He did suggest that this problem could be overcome, saying, "having that happen may be more possible than we may think, because if you find the right donor, you can have everything all at once."

Shopinski also confirmed that the trustees would be considering the initiative at their dinner next Friday the 29th, and that showing significant student support and specific goals could go a long way toward having it implemented. The FUGG members already had petitions with over five hundred signatures, but pledged to create even more support and awareness.

Several Council members suggested various other plans of rallying student support, such as email campaigns, and these will be appearing about campus this and next week.



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Take Back the Night to provide fun, awareness

BY ASHLEIGH CHIN
Staff Writer

"The hope is that we can work towards emotional, psychological and spiritual healing for those who have survived while educating others about the grave reality of sexual violence," said Kelly Smallwood '05, speaking of the annual Take Back the Night events, which she helped organize. During the week-and-a-half period between April 17 and April 27, events will occur to help the community unite and take a stand against sexual violence.

Activities will take place to help promote this goal. These include a March and Speak Out on Sunday, April 24. There will be comfort zones staffed by sexual misconduct advisors at different

locations on campus following the March and Speak Out. Other comfort zones are being sponsored by other organizations during the ten days.

On April 23, the Light Up the Night Carnival will take place. The carnival is an all-campus, outdoor, non-alcoholic event that will take place on Ransom and Ascension Lawns from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and will feature an Ultimate Frisbee Tournament, carnival games, food and other attractions. Throughout the night, the carnival committee will light a certain number of candles to demonstrate the number of sexual assaults that occur every minute of every hour.

According to Smallwood, the goal of the Carnival this year

"is to tie together the educational aspect of Take Back the Night with a lighter, more hopeful tone while uniting the community, absent of all alcohol."

In addition to these events, there will be a discussion of the impact of sexual violence on the community co-sponsored by Epsilon Delta Mu and Kenyon Men Against Sexual Assault. "Sexual Violence and Women under 25," a panel discussion, will be sponsored by the Crozier Center.

Groups such as The Fools on the Hill, Two-Drink Minimum, Renegade Theater and an updated version of NQR4K (Not Quite Ready for Kenyon) will be taking part in a comedy cabaret on the Friday during Take Back the Night. During that event, dona-

tions for New Directions, a battered women's shelter in Mount Vernon, will be collected.

Other events include the dedication of a garden to survivors of sexual assault by the Unity House and a cardio-kickboxing class taught by Smallwood with Alex Matlack '05. The class is co-sponsored by KenyonFit and WKCO. Donations taken at the door will go either to the new blue lights on campus or to New Directions.

Throughout the ten days, Take Back the Night will offer survivors of sexual violence and their supporters the chance to decorate quilt squares in memory of their experiences. At the end of the week, these squares will be sewn together and displayed to the public. This year's Quilt

Committee hopes to put all of the squares from the last several years together in quilt formation and display them throughout the week in visible areas on campus.

Take Back the Night is an international rally and march, which began in England as a protest against the fear felt by women when they walk the streets at night. This year's Take Back the Night has been extended to provide support for people after the March and Speak Out.

"Take Back the Night does not claim to have the ability to eradicate sexual violence through one week of events," said Smallwood. However, she added, it does provide education and awareness in the hope of having a positive effect.

Recent graduate publishes successful novel, *Looking for Alaska*

BY MARA ALPERIN
Features Editor

Kenyon graduates have a reputation for innovating. However, according to Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies Don Rogan, it is "unusual to be successful quite early." Despite all odds, this was the case with John Green '00, who just published a critically acclaimed young adult novel entitled *Looking for Alaska* about a boy who deals

with a classmate's sudden death.

"It's a book about loss and guilt and forgiveness," said Green. "I knew the themes from the beginning. I wanted to write something that people could react to."

Green, who worked at the Children's Hospital in Columbus right after graduation, said that "when [he] walked out of the hospital, [he] wanted to keep doing something worthwhile with his life" and that he "knew [he] wanted to write for a

high school or college audience," but his career initially lead to reviewing books for magazines such as *Booklist* and *Mental Floss* and working as a commentator on NPR. According to Green, when he started to write, he had no idea his book would be successful. In fact, he has already signed a contract with Penguin for two more books.

"Just for fun, I Googled the book," Green said. To his surprise, it was listed as an interest on someone's LiveJournal site, with a quote from one of the main characters as the tagline.

"I'm just excited that people outside of my family are reading it," said Green. "I'm still not over that."

Rogan, a former professor of Green's, read the novel when it first came out. "I'm surprised he brought it off as soon as he did," said Rogan. "I was pleasantly astonished."

Green said that he got the idea for the story after graduating. Many of the characters and events from people and incidents at Kenyon and his high school. The setting of the novel, a boarding school in Alabama, is very similar to the school Green went to, as did, interestingly enough, Charles P. McIlvaine Professor of English Perry Lentz, with whom Green took classes.

Although the characters draw on many of his own qualities, Green stressed that the novel is fiction, not his high school memoirs. "I'm different from Miles [the protagonist]. ... I was overbearing and obnoxious. The guy I was would make a poor narrator," he said. "I was also skinny and

nerdy, but for different reasons."

"[Green has] always been a great story teller," said Rogan. "He came to Kenyon with a set of stories in his head."

Green noted that Rogan's religion classes were significant and mirrored the religion classes in the novel. He also credited Lentz's English classes as being influential.

"Everyone should take his literature class," said Green. "I still have my style guide. We read great books, which I never would have read otherwise, like *All the King's Men*."

"I was never nearly as good a student as I should have been," admitted Green. "I was a man of other concerns—particularly girls. I was massively obsessed."

However, the opinions of his professors differ. Rogan referred to Green as a "very good student. He was hard working and a good writer." Rogan laughed while describing Green upon his arrival at Kenyon: "John was the kind of freshman who was really ready to cream the place. ... It only took him two weeks to find out that everyone else was just as good as him. He kind of sulked, but he gradually came out if it."

Green denies it, admitting that he did not even make it into the advanced creative writing class at Kenyon.

"[The intro classes] are great, but there's only so much they can do for you," said Green. "One thing I remember learning from [Writer-in-Residence P.F. Kluge] is that you can't have a plot twist for the sake

of having a plot twist. You have to work hard to make it inevitable but not easily foreseen."

Alaska includes a plot twist, which is framed by chapters titled "with before" and "after" in their titles.

"The plot line is ingenious," said Rogan. He added that "the characters are believable and the dialogue is not forced."

As advice for burgeoning writers, Green continued, "Listen to your professors. They're like your parents when you're ten or fifteen—they always end up being right, even if you don't like it. Work hard. That's the main thing, in terms of writing, that they teach at Kenyon, more than anything I can say."

Green also recommended, "having discipline ... chances are, you'll have another job, and then you'll have to go home and work some more, even on weekends. Also, reading a ton will help you immensely." Green went on to list some authors: "Faulkner, Twain, Salinger ... oh, wait, those are all dead white guys ... Toni Morrison, Zora Neil Hurston."

He finally concluded, "It's not as impossible as people think. It's hard, the odds are against you, but not stacked to such a great extent. I'm not a genius, so surely there's someone at Kenyon who can write a great book."

"It's important to me that I don't still think of myself as being a writer—I'm still pretty much the same guy," said Green. "I don't want to be so focused on writing that I stop doing other things."

Random MOMENTS

What is the best thing to do with - or to - a propie?



"Close the curtains..."
—M. E. Head '05



"4 20 PARTY!!!"
—Sean Lyons '07



"Hmmm... maybe two propies..."
—Alex Stoyel '08



"Give them lots of Coke."
—Chris Miller '05

BY JESSE OPPENHEIM

Features Brief

If there's one thing Kenyon loves, that one thing might just be marathon epic poetry. Tapping into that seldom exploited predilection, the Senior Classical League (SCL) held a reading of Homer's *Odyssey* this past Saturday, April 16. The event kicked off at 8:00 A.M. when President Georgia Nugent arrived in Peirce Lounge to read Book 1, and, although "standing room only" does not describe initial attendance, many students and professors stopped by as the morning wore on. Several professors, including Classics Professor Adam Serfass and Professor of English William Klein, were guest readers during the course of the day. Student coordinator Kelly Henry '07 said she considers the SCL's first major event a success, commenting, "I think I went well, and the credit for that goes to everyone who read and listened and otherwise lent support. ... I believe the general sentiment was that experiencing great classical literature come to life added a new dimension to it." All told, the reading took about ten and a half hours, finally wrapping up at 6:38 in the evening. Henry said she hopes that the marathon reading will be recreated in years to come with various other classical works, and the possibility of an annual tradition has been put forward as well. This year, the experience proved, ultimately, to be a positive one for students and teachers, readers and listeners alike.

BY JULIA DOUBLEDAY

STUDENT ELECTIONS 2005-2006

Senior Class President



Dave Ginzer

I have enjoyed my involvement in Student Council in the past and would like to continue being involved. The position is important to the quality of life for seniors, and I feel I will fulfill the position well. Along with the members of the Senior Class Committee, the President is responsible for the planning of Senior Dinners, Pub Nights, and Senior Week. I believe these are events that I can help run smoothly and successfully. I have had experience planning these types of events with various other groups and in my RA position. I don't foresee many

changes in the format of these events, as they are well attended and well-liked by past seniors. Again, I believe my responsibility is to make these go smoothly, and not necessarily make drastic changes to events. In addition to planning senior activities, the President holds a seat on Student Council representing the members of the class. With previous positions on freshman and sophomore class, student life, business and finance, and safety and security committees, I feel I will represent students well. Thank you for your consideration.



Robert Peach

I want to catch your future! (Applause) Really, thank you so much. (Ap-

plause). I am so grateful for this opportunity to - no, thank you. (Applause.) You may ask why I am running for this esteemed office. Many a torturous night has been spent with quill in hand and candle nearby agonizing over this very conundrum. But after much thought and many a waste basket filled, I write you now-resolute. Over the past forty months, I have had the pleasure of touring every residence hall on campus. As both an RA and a normal person, I have engaged with bright, young people. Tolerance, compromise and authenticity are

prominent themes in our dialogue. To that end, I was the first student in American history to contribute and edit both liberal and conservative journals of opinion. Before Kenyon, I served two tours of duty as student council president, so I understand the dangers of fumbled bureaucracy and the importance of good leadership. My candidacy is not one of expedience or personal enrichment. My brain-trust, Andrew Kingsley, and I propose a fresh vision for Kenyon, a school in violent transition. We will keep the tradition alive. It's your future: go long.



George Williams

Let me begin by saying, as your junior class president, I have thoroughly enjoyed leading our class this past year. Having been through a year with the responsibilities of junior class president, I can say that together with the Junior Class Committee we have achieved much success. We accomplished many of our goals this past year, such as throwing our first class dinner, and it has been a pleasure working with all the members of the class committee. Although we are still waiting to see who our graduation speaker will be

next year, the list we have compiled is full of highly accredited professionals, and I am eager to find out which one will be speaking at our graduation. I hope next year to continue with some of the long-term goals we set for this year, such as full-time access to the Chalmers' computer lab and also move on to the new responsibilities as senior class president. The position of Senior Class President entails many new responsibilities, and I feel fully capable of completing them with determination and integrity.



Hayes Wong

Why, you ask, vote for Hayes? 1) I believe I can accurately represent the desires and opinions of our class because I have a good sense of its character and makeup. 2) I understand the inner workings of our student government from being a part of the First Year Executive Council and the Junior Class Committee, and I am also the Junior Class Representative to Student Council. With this background and experience, I am able to work within the system to effect changes. 3) Some issues I would like Student

Council to address next year are expanding the role of the Beer and Sex program on campus, having the library open 24 hours during exam week, joining forces with FUGG to bring a female nurse practitioner to campus more often and performing an extensive review of the housing lottery to ensure it is equitable. 4) I want to help make our senior year fun and memorable by organizing our much-anticipated senior events like Pandango and even some new ones like sledding races in February. 5) Just remember: the Wong way is the right way!

Matt Reynolds did not submit a photo or provide a profile

Senior Rep. to Council



Allison O'Flinn

There are so many students on this campus who want to take part in decisions that affect the student body. My position as

representative will provide an outlet for those who want certain issues addressed, but do not have the time, or are unsure of how to take action.

I hope to create enthusiasm among the students and let them know that they do not have to be a part of the student council to have their concerns be heard and acted on. Making sure the senior class feels that their last year here is one where they feel appreciated and listened to will help the student council organization be productive and reflective of the students' interest.



Jon Stein

I have chosen to run for the position of Senior Class Rep to Student Council for several reasons. The largest of the reasons is that I think it will be a fun

Senior Rep. to Senate



Alessandra Cusato

I first thought that my life would slow quite a bit after arriving at Kenyon, but I was wrong. From day one I got involved in different extracurricular activities that made me feel very comfortable in this unique community. My involvement at Kenyon has been mainly through extracurricular activities (Take Five, KCBDC, ISAK, MSAB, etc.), as well as communication with prospective students. All combined have given me a better look at what students are looking for and the changes they would like to see implemented. I am running for this

position because I want to be sure that all students feel safe on campus and that their needs are being met from day one. I will pay special attention to matters concerning residential life, especially bringing back the issue of off-campus housing, because I think it is good for preparing for life after college. It also gives everyone more options.

I will try to make matters related to the budget available. I think it is important for students to feel confident they will receive support when starting a new group or when planning an activity that involves the community. I want people to be more concerned on how to improve their objectives and make it better rather than be worried that they won't make it because of lack of funds. I don't have experience in campus government; I have never written anything like this before, but as I mentioned earlier, I do have experience working with different groups. You will receive my total dedication and commitment to get your voice and opinion heard, and I will be available whenever you need to discuss issues with someone.



Charlie Kelleher

I am running for Senior Class Representative to Campus Senate because I feel like a lot of the opinions of the Senior Class have not been heard and should be. I believe that we upcoming seniors have a plethora of good ideas that have not been implemented. I

think a big change I'd like to see is the possibility of getting a 24 hour food service on campus. I know this has been tried before, but I believe it should be pushed for. There are a lot of students who are intoxicated who drive off campus to get food late at night. While there haven't been accidents that I know of, that doesn't mean they won't occur in the future.

I believe that since next year is our last year on campus, anything we see fit to suggest changes to needs to be done now. We don't have much more time left, and I know that I don't want to leave school feeling that our presence didn't affect anything. This is why I am running for Senior Class Representative to Campus Senate.



Grace Twesigye

The reason that I'm running for this position is because I enjoy student government and the cam-

pus Senate. I am currently the class' representative to Senate and served in the position once before as the first-year representative. I am familiar with the legislative process and am a person with diverse interests both academically and socially. Next year, I would like to see changes outlining specific ways that tragedies such as the recent death on campus can be avoided to the fullest; anything else that people would like to talk about could be brought to my attention next year to put on the table.

and a good experience. I also believe that I am capable of representing most of the views of the class of 2006. My qualifications for a position of this nature include being president of my high school senior class; I was president of Lewis dormitory freshman year, as well as being one of two freshman reps to student council. While holding the position of rep to student council during my freshman

Independent Rep. to Senate

No candidate is running for this position

Junior Class President

No candidate is running for this position

KENYON DECIDES: ROUND TWO

Junior Rep. to Senate



Jeff Delozier

As the junior class representative to the Student Senate, I will represent the student voice in regard to student life and extracurricular matters. I believe that I possess the rapport with students, faculty and administrators essential to deliberating important matters that are of general interest to

our college community. Personally, as senate representative, I would like to establish more auxiliary bodies to promote student self-government of social organizations, see an increase in the judicial consistency of campus regulatory boards and promote more interaction between the college and our surrounding communities. We can strengthen the integrity of the college with more positive involvement in the Mount Vernon and Gambier communities. I would also like to intensify the impact of the student opinion on the Master Plan and fundraising campaign. By looking at what we value about Kenyon and what needs to change, we can make the college stronger, and an even better place to learn and live.



Emily Hankey

Though I have not been given the opportunity to serve my fellow classmates in a position on student government before, I believe that I would be a wonderful candidate for the office of Junior Class Representative to Campus Senate. I feel that over the past two years I have gotten to know my classmates very well and will be able to represent their opinions in an accurate matter concerning school affairs. I realize that I have no way of knowing the major issues that will be brought to the campus's attention over the coming months; however, I understand that after recent events on campus, a major topic of concern will be alcohol and drug use in Kenyon's student body. I am prepared to tackle this large and perplexing issue along with student, faculty and

administrative representatives.

I feel that I am qualified for this position because of previous experiences in many types of leadership positions. In high school, I served as an active four-year member of the Student Council and the Honor Council as well as serving as the vice-president of the Honor Council my senior year. Over the past summers I have served as an Outdoor Leadership Counselor, teaching young adults to live and survive in the wilderness of Maine. I have had many experiences in working with the community surrounding Kenyon, especially working as a volunteer at New Directions domestic abuse shelter in Mount Vernon. Currently I am the Community Service co-chair of Zeta Alpha Pi Sorority as well as a member of the Kenyon Links Program, a program designed to help high school students make their final decisions on where they will enroll in college.

I know this job will take up much time, but I am prepared for all it entails. I feel that my broad background in leadership experiences as well as the many classes and organizations that I am involved in will help me to be successful at being the Junior Class Representative for Campus Senate.

the Senate.

As representative, I plan to listen closely to members of the student council in an effort to better understand the official student views concerning the current affairs of Kenyon College. In addition to the official student view, I plan to pay close attention to the concerns of all students who feel that their opinion has gone unheard. After which, I will collaborate with other members of the student senate in order to pass legislation that best reflects the overall desires of the Kenyon student body.

I plan to formulate progressive legislation that concentrate on expanding and improving the quality of student life and extracurricular activities for all students of Kenyon College.

Junior Representative to Council



No Photo Submitted

Lili Bitting

Next year, as we become upper classmen at Kenyon, our role in campus government becomes even more important. The campus

will begin to look to us for emerging leadership and I know I will be able to prove a voice for our classes' individual issues and concerns, as well as help the junior class become the strong and emerging leaders that we need to become.

Although I have not participated in student government since freshman year, when I was on the Freshman Class Committee, I have stayed involved in the current needs of our class and the college community. I have stayed involved as a member of the Business and Finance Committee, where by sitting on this committee I get a snapshot of what Kenyon students

are doing with their free time and what is really important to them. As Zeta Alpha Pi's representative to Greek Council we discuss issues that affect both Greek and non-Greek students. Finally, as a tour guide, it is my job to stay well versed on all aspects of life at our college as well as play an active role in choosing the future of the Kenyon community.

I am confident that I will be able to provide the voice that all members of the class of 2007 need on Student Council, a voice that will seamlessly move us into the leadership position we will hold in the upcoming years.



Tom O'Keefe

I am running for the position of Student Council representative for the class of '07 because I think that our experience as a college community could be

enhanced. I see Kenyon as an institution of education with clearly marked boundaries between students and faculty. These artificial boundaries limit us and have brought about a separation of academic and social life. I would like to see us get past them and reunite these two aspects of life at Kenyon.

As I become more involved academically, I often find myself thinking: *What would life at Kenyon be like if faculty and staff attended parties and social events more often?* Interestingly enough, this was the reality of life at Kenyon 10 years ago.

structuring. In particular, I feel that the housing lottery is in need of a major overhaul. If elected, I would like to work with the Housing and Grounds committee to release more accurate and easy to read statistics that give you a real and accurate idea as to your chances of getting a certain room. It is my opinion that the statistics in their current presentation drastically overstate ones chances of getting certain rooms, singles in particular, and do little other than confuse and frustrate.

I also feel that the information given on the Kenyon website about the dorms needs to be improved. I

Since then, there has been an increased obligation for teachers to shift their focus from community-building to research and publishing. I believe this has been the cause of the above-mentioned separation. Without alienation from the encouragement of teachers, academic and social life could blend, leading to an increase in intellectual interest and motivation. If elected, I will research this matter, conduct interviews, and assert the voice of students in the pursuit to restore a lost source of vitality and inspiration to our campus.

think that the housing situation could be made much less painful for some people by putting dorm layout diagrams, clearly marked with division and special interests blocks as well as to what sex they are open to on the site, in addition to the room information that is already there. This would allow people to identify rooms or areas where they do not wish to live, and avoid them more easily in the lottery. It is my opinion that these changes would be very easy to implement, but would make the housing situation much less painful for everyone.



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Tim O'Neal

I am running for student council because I think that there are aspects of student life that need desperate re-

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Bob Warnock IV

I have recently decided that the gap between the administration and the majority of the student body has widened over the course of our past two years. Due to this reason, along with my growing concerns with the current set of student rights granted by the campus constitution, I announce my candidacy for junior class representative to

STUDENT ELECTIONS 2005-2006

Sophomore Class President



John Cheever

I'm running for re-election because I see a lot that's been left to do next year. I saw a lot of projects come up over the course of second semester (health center reform, food reform) and I'd like to represent you in the settling of these issues during the upcoming year. I've always tried my wholehearted best to represent the class as a whole and not just the people I know, and I think that's a big part of why Council went so well this year.

As a matter of fact, my phone number is 6821 and my email is cheeverj. If you have questions about how I would act in hypothetical situations or how I feel about issues you think are about to come up, please call and write.

More than anything this year I have tried to represent you as a class as comprehensively as I can, and now is your chance to tell me whether that's what you want.



No Photo Submitted

Erika Hubbard

I have accepted my nomination to run

for Sophomore Class President in the 2005-2006 academic year for several reasons. First, I am very interested in and highly qualified for student government. I served on Student Senate at my high school for two years. I also gained political experience as an intern in the office of Governor Bob Taft for three years and at the Columbus City Council for one year. I have several specific issues I would like to see the Student Council address in the coming year. I would like the Council to closely examine the housing lottery process and see if any changes could be made. Another issue I would like to

bring before the Council is one of great importance. In wake of recent events, it has become abundantly clear that student safety should be a serious priority at Kenyon. This is why I would like to see the Council consider supporting the creation of a shuttle service that could be used by all students to get to and from late night activities especially during the weekends. This would help ensure that no one walks home alone. Although these are some of my priorities, as Class President I would always be open to endorsing ideas presented to me by other students. Thank you for your support.



Ping Lai

I am Ping Lai and I'm a candidate for the Sophomore Class President for the upcoming student elections. I have held various leadership positions in high school and at Kenyon. I am currently a freshmen project head with the Archons Society and will be a co-chair of Chinese club next year. I plan to help the future sophomore class to be more involved around campus including service and other various campus activities. I will work closely with

different groups such as Safewalk to ensure the safety of our students. I think the sophomore class has a lot of potential for the future of the campus because I know there are many freshman who are involved and are dedicated in what they are doing around. I would like make sure that continues. I will offer my best in order to serve my fellow students and ensure the voices of opinion will be heard.



Julia Rowny

As a member of the First-Year Council, I've watched and helped my peers come up with activities to promote class unity — we've been working on fund-raisers and social events to help the freshmen feel more like a cohesive group. I am running for Sophomore Class President because I would really like to isolate those concerns and give them a voice in the Student Council. Our student representation cannot produce effective changes without first assessing what the student body truly needs.

For my part, I feel that the drinking culture and the roles of authority figures in our lives will be areas in which significant changes will take place. Next year, there will be no freshman quad, no geographical cohesion between us, as we all spread out to different areas of the campus. To continue with this union, we need a focal point on which to focus our important ideas and concerns, and my openness, honesty and approachability make me a good choice to carry these things, and our class, forward.

Sophomore Rep. to Senate



Michael Schnapp

I, Michael Schnapp am running for sophomore class representative to the senate in order to provide an active and outspoken voice for our interests. Campus senate essentially governs the extracurricular aspects of our lives at Kenyon; I wish to be part of this in order to make sure that ineffective,

unfair or scapegoat resolutions are not passed. In high school, I held a similar position to the one I am running for. As class rep for two years, I helped shape my high school's co-curricular code. I promise to always make myself open and accessible, as well as take seriously all suggestions made to me about policy by my fellow classmates. I promise to make sure to be vocal about matters concerning our happiness and well being, even if those positions are unpopular with the administration, and to carefully and thoroughly outline a strong argument for our side. Finally, I pledge to make sure our class is always aware of new pending regulations that directly affect us. There will be no surprises; my loyalty will always be with the class's well-being.



Chris Santagate

If I were to describe myself in a few words, it would be "the people's representative." I'm making my second attempt at Senate representative because I feel that I can fairly represent everyone. Since my crushing defeat in the first semester I have joined multiple clubs

Sophomore Rep. to Senate



Rob Dignazio

Dear Fellow Freshmen,
I am accepting my nomination for Sophomore Class Representative to the Senate. The Class of 2008 has experienced a very eventful freshman year. Many of us left home for the first time. Our first voting experience in Gambier was memorable, as freshmen waited outside the polls for many hours.



Elliot Forhan

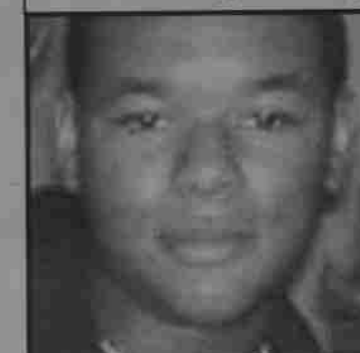
The opportunity to better the community within Kenyon is the driving force behind my candidacy as Class Representative to Senate. I think I am particularly able for the position because of the initiative, energy and commitment that I bring and have shown as a member of other on-campus groups, such as the varsity soccer team and the Archon Society. There are many positive things

As we become familiar with life at Kenyon, we must address the issues that will affect our experience for the next three years. The issues of fraternities and sororities, the role of athletics in college life and the housing situation are looming topics that the Senate—and the College as a whole—will have to address next year. Although only in the planning stages, the College intends to make Kenyon more of a "walking campus." If adopted, this plan will change the dynamics of College life, especially the role of the north end of campus. If these issues interest you, feel free to share your ideas and concerns with me, as I would be happy to discuss them with you. I value the strong community of Kenyon and hope you take the time to vote in student government elections this week.

I would like to see happen at Kenyon. On college support, visitors from the South African national choir are now helping to teach the Chamber Singers songs in their native languages. I want to bring more such exciting people to campus. Regarding residential life, I support fraternity division housing and would like to improve maintenance to eliminate cold showers entirely.

As to the recent student tragedy, I recently attended a Kenyon Men Against Sexual Assault meeting where members brainstormed ways to make the college's drinking culture safer. I want to continue constructive dialogue with the administration, Greek organizations and the student body to open people's minds to effective, preventative measures without compromising social life.

Finally, as a Senate member, I intend to welcome suggestions from classmates and other members of the Kenyon community for the college's improvement.



Christian Glason

I am running for the position of Sophomore Class Representative to Senate simply because I love this school and it has given so much to me; I am trying to give a little back. Having served as the Student Body President

of my high school for two consecutive years, I know that I have the skills it takes to do the job. As your Senate Rep, I plan to succeed where others have failed. The Senate Rep is supposed to serve as a liaison between the administration and the students, but so often the students get left out. I want to make sure the students understand that I am interested in representing my class, not myself. I will do my best to ensure that that the students are brought back into this process and get the input they deserve. I will do my best to make sure Kenyon continues to be a place that every student feels comfortable. But, most importantly, I will do my best.

and organizations, allowing myself to get to know more people in the Kenyon community. I believe this increase in knowledge, coupled with my experience from other governing campus bodies (BFC), allows for a strong campus foundation that any school representative should have. I would like to represent you because I can get your requests heard. I will try to handle some of the issues on campus by not quitting till changes are

made; I am talking about problems with parking and housing. I will do everything I can to make sure that the rising sophomore class is represented well. I believe that I am a very approachable person, and, therefore, if I'm elected, people who have concerns should feel comfortable to talking to me about any problems they may have. If elected I will do my best to see that all concerns are addressed and every voice is heard.

Shawn Gulati did not submit a photo or provide a profile

KENYON DECIDES: ROUND TWO

Sophomore Rep. to Council



Gwen Faulkner

My name is Gwen Faulkner and I am running for Sophomore Class Representative to Student Council. I have over eight years of student

government experience and am currently the Lewis Hall President. One of many ideas I would campaign for is providing shuttles into Columbus on the weekends and, furthermore, trying to create a discounted shuttle program to the airport. Columbus should be accessible for both those that own cars and those that don't. Not only would providing a more frequent shuttle service to Columbus prove beneficial for entertainment purposes, it would also serve as an educational resource and a draw for prospective students. This goal is just one of many changes I hope to see happen should I be elected onto Student Council. There is no time like the present to make Kenyon all that it can be and I'd like to make sure that the Sophomore Class has an influential role in developing the bright future of Kenyon College.



Laila Gagnon

My name is Laila Gagnon, and I am running for Sophomore Class Representative to Student Council, class of '08. I am running for this position because I want to en-

hance my connection to my fellow '08 classmates and make a difference in life on this campus. As many of us here do, I have a genuine interest in my classmates and their opinions, as well as the general workings of the college and its related organizations. If elected, one priority of mine would be to see to it that more students have the opportunity to play a role in the activities of the student government. This year, I felt as if I never really knew what was going on with the campus government. I believe that it is important to keep the campus informed about the issues that will affect each and every one of us. As a representative, I would aim to keep all members of our class updated on what is being discussed. This way, anyone who is compelled could feel free to approach me and offer insight or opinions on how to best deal with issues to benefit the sophomore class and the student body in general.



Andrew Irvin

If elected to the position of Sophomore Representative to Student Council, I feel I'd be able to cooperate comfortably and successfully with the rest of the council to structure student

activities and formulate policy within student government. I've proven myself adept at organizing activities on this campus through my contributions as a member of both Social Board and the Hon. Gallery. I want to extend beyond pulling together musical performances on this campus from around the country and focus on other events I haven't been in a place to oversee in my current roles. The role I would like to assume is outlined directly in Article III, Section 1, of the Campus Government Constitution that "the Council shall initial proposals for the betterment of student life and for the good of the College as a whole." So many students have approached me this year to express their appreciation for what I'm doing with the musical programming on this campus, I saw it as a natural progression to expand what I focus on to include the rest of student life. I want the chance to approach it with the same zeal I've shown in my endeavors this year. Thank you.



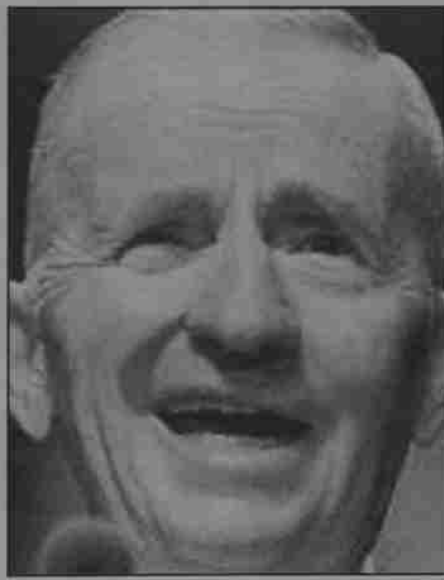
Jenny Lu

The Sophomore Class Representative to Student Council is responsible for bringing the concerns and views of the sophomore class to light, then working with the Council to address these

issues. I have enjoyed working with and for the first-year class as Building President, and would like to continue to serve students as Class Representative to Council. My involvement on campus has shown both the enthusiasm and commitment that I have for our school and our students.

This year, I have heard numerous complaints about the lack of a good study environment. With the library closing at 2:00 a.m., many students go to Gund Study Lounge—only to have to deal with terrible lighting and a computer shortage. Light-bulbs are often missing, and the lights don't always work. Many students have probably felt the frustration of seeing a computer not in use, but still "occupied" because someone has left a program running and books out while taking an hour break. If elected, I would work with Student Council to improve the current 24-hour study places, and push for more. I hope to continue working for Kenyon students to the best of my abilities as Sophomore Class Representative to Council.

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Answering the call

This week, in the wake of the death of freshman Colin Boyarski, the Office of the President put out a call for student opinions on Kenyon's party culture, with a focus on whether Kenyon socializing fosters substance abuse problems. In the spirit of public discussion, the *Collegian* has gathered feedback from the entire editorial staff. A cross-section of students from every class and around the country — and world, the staff had many observations in common.

1. **Students will drink and experiment no matter what. "Crack-downs" will only increase dangerous behavior.** Alternatively called "adulthood ceremonies," "forbidden-fruit gluts" and "get-it-while-you-can syndrome," the fact that American young people binge drink in proportion to the level at which regulations are made and enforced is well known to most people in this demographic. Kenyon is no different. More importantly, giving students reason to fear calling for help when there is a problem is an inevitable and very dangerous side-effect of "no tolerance" policies.

2. **Housing and security policies need to be put on the same table.** It's an open secret that the College has pressure on one hand to make iron-clad rules and at the same time find ways to avoid disrupting student life. The compromises are well known: The Acland and "New" Apartments are not watched by security to the same extent as Hanna Hall, even though all of these are "upperclass" residences. Fraternity parties at Old Kenyon can expect much more scrutiny than fraternity parties at lodges.

More seriously, students find that the least regulated places to party are the Morgan and Meadow Lane apartments, where many of their peers live, on-record or off, with no regular Security presence and almost no accountability to College policies. Because SafeWalks was allowed to expire last year, these apartments are often a "perfect storm" of maximum debauchery and minimal emergency options. This needs to be dealt with.

3. **Regulations on very large parties need to change.** The number of students who get dangerously drunk on keg beer alone, in any year, can be counted on one hand. Regulating kegs, fire codes etc. and *not* really regulating the doors at registered parties is the perfect way to promote very heavy "pre-gaming," the most popular form of self-destruction on campus. Stop counting kegs. Start encouraging parties to register.

4. **Beer and Sex is more trendy than effective.** While tacy signs and banana birth control get students talking, the conversations are rarely valuable. A far better program would have upperclassmen playing the role of ... themselves. Telling stories of what can go wrong at parties and how to prevent harm from being done. No gimmicks. No t-shirts. Mandatory attendance would be good. In the uncensored experiences of one older Kenyonite there is more useful wisdom than any curriculum made by committee. That wisdom can save property, academic standing and, as we now know, the very lives of students. This would not only be effective, but is the very picture of the sort of peer-support initiatives both student government and the administration seem to favor.

As new facts come to light and the "culture" debate continues many suggestions will be floated in the weeks to come. These are the *Collegian's*. Here's a toast to the hope that they will help. Stay safe Kenyon, and have the time of your lives.

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Why are female columnists rare?

ELLEN PIERSON
Staff Columnist

About a month ago, Maureen Dowd of the *New York Times* wrote an editorial about how disproportionately male-dominated columnist positions are in the major papers. Of the nine columnists on the *New York Times* staff, Dowd is the only woman. At the *Washington Post*, since the death of Mary McGrory, there are no female columnists. The *L.A. Times* and the *Boston Globe* each have one woman on the columnist staff—Ariana Huffington and Ellen Goodman, respectively.

As a small-town "female columnist" myself, I was startled to learn how great the gender gap in this field really is. I am not under the impression that as a *Collegian* staff columnist I wield influence. Nevertheless, I try to take this position seriously, and it has certainly never occurred to me to be particularly intimidated on account of being a woman, so Dowd's point gave me a lot to think about.

First of all, I can definitely understand how being a professional columnist could be intimidating. It's harder than it looks. Last year when I saw Thomas Friedman speak, he surprised me by talking about how he gets nervous about every article he writes. Editorials are supposed to come off sounding tough, but, in reality, most writers second-guess almost everything. I probably only have about ten readers, at least half of whom are members of my family, and even I always feel nervous that someone is going to criticize me.

I don't think I'm alone. You're setting yourself up as an authority and making it possible for people to shut you down, so it can be hard for anyone to write opinions. But that doesn't explain why it is so much harder for women. Dowd says that after her first six months as a columnist she felt discouraged. She says, "I felt like I was in a *Godfather* movie, shooting and getting shot at. Men enjoy verbal dueling. As a woman ... I wanted to be liked—not attacked. ... Guys don't appreciate being lectured by a woman."

There are no female columnists because guys don't like being lectured to by women? This explanation almost seems too simplistic to be satisfying, but it's hard to deny that there are far fewer women in positions where they dole out opinions regularly. Not only are editorials

dominated by men, but the same goes for T.V. punditry and talk radio. So many years after the feminist movement, does American society still have qualms about women in power? Are women kept out of these fields, or do they choose not to enter them?

A lot of the official barriers are gone. There are few jobs that women cannot reasonably expect to be able to do. But there are also certain jobs that women simply do not do. There are two different ways of accounting for this: first, as Dowd suggests, women are reluctant to enter certain fields as a result of societal pressures and expectations, and second, a less politically correct explanation, men and women may simply be suited to different roles and may gravitate naturally towards what is most appropriate for them.

The answer, presumably, lies somewhere in the grey area between all the things we don't entirely understand about the psychological process of internalizing gender roles and about the physiological differences between men and women. With so many variables, it is difficult to come to any clear conclusions, but we can still identify contradictions and tensions in the way that we approach gender.

There is a strange dichotomy between the way we talk about women in power and the way we treat them. Being the first woman to do this or the first woman to do that is generally a laudable distinction. Institutions where there is a gender-balanced staff or where the executive is a woman can pat themselves on the back for being so progressive. But the fact that women are now capable of obtaining these positions does not mean that gender has become an obsolete issue.

While it is difficult to make definite comparisons between people in different situations and to attribute different treatment directly to gender, it does seem that many women in authoritative roles face more intense criticism when they make mistakes than men do. Janet Reno faced vitriolic criticism after the incident at "Waco" while Donald Rumsfeld and others met with almost no criticism from within the government over deception and incompetence on a much greater scale.

People also tend to make more personal remarks about women in power. Dowd says that people often

ask her how she can "be so 'mean'" — a question that Tom Friedman, who writes plenty of tough columns, doesn't get. Martha Stewart has a well-known reputation for being a disagreeable, and, while that may be true, people rarely make these kinds of comments about male executives like Kenny Lay. Criticism of Lay tends to focus on his actions but not on his character or personality. As a culture, we expect men in executive positions to be aggressive jerks. But when women behave in this manner we don't quite know how to react to it.

We've created a standard where "success" for women often means succeeding in areas once dominated by men, but we still haven't decided how we want women to act in these positions. The essential contradiction here is that although we value more "masculine" traits, when women act masculine we don't like it.

The angry reaction to Harvard President Lawrence Summers' statements about the gender gap in math and science ignored some of the larger issues that he touched on, albeit perhaps not very tactfully. It almost seems like the "politically correct" way to talk about gender is a kind of hypersensitive "women are just like men—don't you dare suggest that we are any different." That only succeeds in upholding the paradigm that traits traditionally identified as masculine are better.

I'm not saying I agree with Summers—the scientific studies that he cited could turn out to be completely bogus. At one point doctors thought that "movement of the womb" caused women to be insane, and that didn't turn out to be true. I am willing to admit, though, that there may be scientifically legitimate differences in the way men and women think. Making gender comparisons is not inherently wrong, but the danger lies in valuing one gender over the other.

If we want women to take on more public roles, I think we need to change the way we think and talk about gender. Women shouldn't have to behave like men to succeed in the worlds of business and politics, nor should they be crucified for displaying traits typically thought of as masculine. There are tons of intelligent and opinionated women out there, and the best way to ensure that these women's voices are heard is simply to listen.

Black Box Theatre seized by a drama blitz!

BY ALLISON ROPER
Guest Writer

This past weekend marked the production of the highly anticipated One-Act Play Festival held in the Black Box Theatre. Each play was written, directed and acted by Kenyon students, a refreshing alternative to the productions that usually involve published works. Though an amateur collection of plays, it was full of talent, making a good case for the highly-lauded creative energies of Kenyon undergrads.

The One-Acts opened with *The Week Play*, written by Tom Coiner '05 and directed by Emily Peters '07. As we have come to expect from these two, their show both entertained and challenged the audience. Coiner's play revolved around Weck, played by Ed Hourigan '05. Weck, upon his return home, finds himself in the hands of the "Throng," played by Fritz Clauson '07, Jessica Freeman-Slade '06, Emily Margolis '07, Brendan Mysliwiec '08, and Beth Tuckey '07. The "Throng" is a group of mysterious souls, ordered around by the sadistic "Mr.," played by Ted Hornick '07. Weck learns of the impending marriage of his ex-girlfriend Mary, played by Carrie Spitz '08, and best friend Mert, Adam Reifsnnyder '08. The problem is that Weck does not find fault with the marriage and despite constant barraging from the Throng, Weck tries little to win Mary back. In the end, Mary exits, *sans* man, along with all the female characters, leaving the men alone and apologizing after a comically heightened and well-done showdown between the men and women.

This battle-of-the-sexes play is

aided and antagonized by the intrusive outside forces of the Throng, whose sole purpose seems to aid the main characters in their decisions. Though their presence is entertaining and the dialogue is poetic, their role seems a bit forced, as the world of the play is never clearly established and we are left to question the verisimilitude of their situation. Are they imaginary characters, servants, or the manifested conscience of a single character? The problem is that they seem to belong just as much to Mary as to Weck, and so are impossible to categorize. The performances, all strong, were lead by Spitz and Reifsnnyder who captured their roles best. The show's culmination in the witty verbal tennis-match, however, redeems the characters as they become suddenly more familiar and complete. Peters' direction, which only faltered slightly in the sometimes wandering pace of the Throng's "dia-monologue," was clear and precise and illuminated the comedic moments beautifully.

Phobia, by Anna Curtis '05, a refreshing play, came next in the line up. Incredibly well-written and sharp, it had the audience laughing hysterically one moment and guiltily on the verge of tears the next. Director Lisa Hamer '07 effortlessly brought Curtis' work to life. Oliver, played by Mike Porsche '05, and Beth, Elizabeth Dexheimer '08, are two strangers who find themselves trapped in an elevator for several hours who end up exploring some of the world's most interesting—if not obscure—phobias and discover themselves through the common human bond of fear. Dexheimer and Porsche portrayed the two quirky characters brilliantly and the chemistry between them cemented Curtis' dialogue all the more.

Though some scenes seemed superfluous to the plot, we were happy to have the extra time with the two and enjoyed the long battle between Porsche and the peanut butter cracker; this scene was by far one of the funniest of the night and applause was appropriately given to an actor who can command an audience so strongly with the simple movements of his eyes.

The third play of the evening, *Smooth Operator* by Ellery Biddle '05, was directed by Anneliese Van Arsdale '05 and Leah Rappaport '07. The two directors' experience with the theater was clear as the characters and setting were well-refined and recognizable. The piece focuses on two college-aged roommates who cannot agree on their plans for the evening, as the night quickly transforms into a power-struggle of top-dog, under-dog. Charlie, played by Ryan Merrill '07, and Miller, played by Drew Schad '08, found the truth and delicate connection between the two friends. In fact, they played their characters so realistically that their conversation reminded me of a couple I've heard during my four years here. The script's extreme realism, however, made the play lack a certain element of the theatrical energy, and Biddle's entertaining dialogue needed a little more spark.

One of the best features of the play, however, was the brilliant use of the space, especially in a limited theatre venue. Though one might argue that physical confinement, at least of one character, was still the driving force for the conflict, it was intriguing to have an actual fourth wall used in the production. With

Van Arsdale and Rappaport's use of the actual door of the room, another level of believability was created and the audience was able to better feel the play's suspense. Good timing is often hard to achieve, particularly between an onstage character and an offstage one; both Merrill and Schad nailed it without question.

The final and strongest play of the evening was *George Wallace in Hell*, written by Andy Vaught '05 and directed by Sarah Martin '05. This *Hush*-like play presented the story of George Wallace, Andrew Kingsley '06, an Alabama governor and candidate of the American Independent Party and opponent to Nixon in his presidential race of 1968. Though Wallace was assassinated by Arthur Bremer, Pat Shaw '07, who is scarily familiar with the "handbook." Wallace's story is not yet over; Vaught picks up precisely where life left off, in this dark and admittedly Dante-like, but truly hilarious, portrayal of a southern segregationist who desperately searches for a new kind of freedom in Hell, manning a revolution with his assassin-turned-pal Arthur.

Despite the necessary pejorative racial comments that no southern segregationist would be complete without, we find ourselves

loving the racist Wallace as soon as he rises from his five gun shots. The relationship between Kingsley and Shaw is so tight it is waterproof, though perhaps not tea-proof. One of the funniest moments, particularly for anyone who can claim a southern cultural affiliation, was the moment where Wallace realizes the tea is unsweetened. This realization becomes the catalyst for the entire fiery revolt, which turns out to facilitate Wallace's reunion with his treasured wife Lurleen, played by Kat von Kann '08. Von Kann plays the delicate role well and immediately reveals Wallace's soft side which makes his final solitude much more poignant.

Satan was played by Tad Gruman '08, who brought such class to the hellish role that it was sad to see the antagonist finally leave. Vaught's wit and Martin's energetic and creative directing combined to create a truly entertaining piece complete with great stage-fighting and movement. It was the improvisational skills and talent of Kingsley and Shaw, however, that truly shone, ending the entertaining night with a bang. I say to you, student one-acts today, student one-acts tomorrow, student one-acts FOREVER. Gun-shot!

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A number of Kenyon students were perturbed by the lack of ads for Arts & Entertainment in last week's issue of our fine paper. Well, maybe we don't need any more writers. Maybe we have the best rootin'-tootin' staff of writers on the campus working for us. Maybe we're content. Maybe that's the case and you blew your only chance. Sorry ... Or maybe we just forgot to advertise last week. Hornicke or Weiss are our e-mail addresses. Write us so you can write for us.



Kevin Guckes

Catherine Stetler's new exhibit, currently on display in the Horn Gallery, was inspired by Armenian immigrant Ashile Gorsky and explores questions of emotions and memories. The beautiful series combines acrylics with a number of media. Said Stetler, "This show, created for my American Studies comps, is very personal, since it was inspired by a traumatic incident from my childhood when two of my high school teachers were convicted of sexually molesting a number of students.... I was affected very much by what happened. The show, full of visual layering and vibrant reds, is an artistic representation of the emotions I felt as I went through the process of coping with such a significant event."

-Ted Hornick

If it ain't broke, don't fix it—but if it is broke ...

BY BRIAN SCHILLER
Movie Critic

With formulaity becoming an increasing problem in mainstream film, the past two weeks have done audiences no favors, offering film remakes *Fever Pitch* and *The Amityville Horror*. Both end up as comedies of errors based on stories too good to be done justice on screen—sad that the fates would wish it the other way. Were *Fever Pitch* loyal to the Hornby original, the Sox would manage to lose again, but hurrah for the idiots! Jay Anson's original novel on the Amityville house and the new film posit this entire ghost story as true, when the legend has been disproved for almost twenty years.

Fever Pitch's formula, the average romantic comedy, is made doubly obvious by its predetermined finale, the overpublicized and impossible Red Sox run for the 2004 World Title. The romance of Ben (Jimmy Fallon) and Lindsey (Drew Barrymore) flourishes in the offseason, but then Ben comes out to Lindsey as a die-hard, curse-fearing Sox fan. She doesn't understand at first what she's gotten into: a fanfare of antics and tomfoolery that can come only from those sad, pathetic Red Sox fans.

And that's all you need to know about *Fever Pitch*, because there's literally no depth whatsoever to the film. Ben is a stereotypical Red Sox fan, and Lindsey is a stereotypical "girl" who doesn't get it and does little more than react to Ben's Sox-loving hijinks. Both weakly tussle with the question of why the other is still on the market, as if their own freakish dedications to baseball perfection aren't enough of a hint.

Fallon's not playing far off his SNL farce of a Red Sox fan,



Ryan Reynolds spelunks in *The Amityville Horror*, Jimmy Fallon acts moronic in *Fever Pitch*.

Kevin Guckes

probably because said farce was rooted in truth. Ben's little more than a grown-up version of this stupid kid, and in him and in Red Sox Nation is where *Fever Pitch* finds its redemption. Childish as tandem directors Bobby and Peter Farrelly can be, they've lived the life of the Red Sox fan and manage to re-create that lifestyle in all its over-the-top glory. The cheers for seeing the real meat of Nick Hornby's source material and that of the 1997 David Evans film in the sports obsession as a strangely appropriate community for those who inhabit it lie all on the Farrelly brothers, who manage to pull off the gimmick just until the all-too predictable third act.

Ben's world is believable, despite Fallon's inches above mimicry performance. Barrymore makes advertising

executives look roughly like the moronic children they cast in their ads. There's not an inch of believable performance within her, and she proves yet again that she's fit only for work in Adam Sandler romantic comedies and *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind*.

At least she has a niche—I'm still struggling to come up with a film in which Ryan Reynolds would be at all appropriate. He's struck out with comedy, and now he can add horror to his list of massively inappropriate lead roles. Inappropriate, but not devoid of entertainment—indeed, there are few film moments funnier than the completely non-threatening Reynolds standing red-eyed in a cellar gripping a shotgun.

The lesson? This is what happens when you're engaged to the woman who wrote "You

Oughtta Know."

It's sad, though, that such moments of campy horror don't extend further over the remake of *The Amityville Horror*. With the original haunting and novel now completely disproved, the filmmakers decide yet again to try to convince audiences that this haunting in the Lutz household was real. Sad that people will probably buy it, but sadder that people will probably buy such a weakly constructed jump-scare-a-thon that gives up all its surprises within the first fifteen minutes.

The tortured Lutz family

consists of George (Reynolds), Kathy (Melissa George) and three children growing accustomed to George as their new father. The married couple scope out a house at a great real-estate deal—too good to be true, just like dating Drew Barrymore—but then learn the house's dark secret—one year ago, a boy killed his entire family in the same house. Claiming demons made him do it didn't get him acquitted, but such claims seem to strike oddly true with ominous rattlings from the boathouse and a curious imaginary friendship between one of the dead and the youngest Lutz child.

Ominous, however, can only carry a film for so long. Sure, there are scary scenes in *Amityville*, but most consist of exactly two frightening images replicated over and over throughout the film. Whatever originality exists in this update of the Amityville legend lies in replacing the mysterious "Red Room" of the original with a truly moronic Native American torture cellar.

Laugh while you can—there are only a few instances of true camp in *Amityville*, matched by the Farrellys' willingness to laugh at themselves and Red Sox Nation in *Fever Pitch*. But by the time both of these loose adaptations make their way to the finale, the wheels come flying off in two horrendous concluding chapters.

Fever Pitch — **

The Amityville Horror — ZERO STARS

Chenette to bring down house

BY SARAH FRAIMAN
Staff Writer

Listen up, Tim Chenette is proposing to tickle your musical taste buds with his Honors recital. Come check it out Saturday, April 23, at 1 p.m. in Brandi Recital Hall.

Hailing from Grinnell, Iowa, Chenette will be playing his second recital this year. But don't come expecting the ordinary. This time, Chenette unveils a cantata—a short, operatic piece for church—written in the eighteenth century by Georg Benda. This performance will be the piece's premiere in America.

Chenette will be playing the organ and leading a twelve person orchestra as well as an eight-person chorus. He will also be giving a talk before his performance about the process he went through in order to

make his performance possible.

It was "a lot of work, mostly a lot of tough decisions and a lot of small problems ... I had to enter all the notes into a notation program ... I had to make sure that it looked good on paper and that people could read it," said Chenette.

This Honors recital will be focusing not on the performance, but rather on the process, sharing what Chenette went through and the history of the piece.

This "performance is the culmination of the process, rather than the focal point," said Chenette.

He hopes that the audience comes away from the performance "as excited about the project as [he is] ... and about the music."

Starting piano at age five, Chenette has developed a love of classical music.

"Once you listen to a certain kind of music for long enough, you don't really have a desire to listen to anything else ... and it's very satisfying to play challenging music as well," he said.

As someone who used to want to be a rock star, Chenette hasn't strayed too far in his musical dreams. He will be attending graduate school at Indiana University in the field of music theory.

Working with an orchestra and choir, Chenette is excited to show off his work. He's looking forward to "just seeing all the work that [he's] ... done embodied ... [as] presented."

The accompaniment includes at least two faculty members. Most of the others are in either orchestra or chamber singers.

"It really is a talented group of musicians, which is why I'm excited about it," he said.



Kevin Guckes

Students learn about the intricacies of a fascinating musical tradition throughout the week as Gamelan takes over Kenyon College.

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Gamelan on again Being "adult" or a dolt

Harmonious Indonesian tradition returns

BY LIZ SEIGLE
Staff Writer

What better way to describe music than "moonlight poured over a field?" According to Luce Assistant Professor of Asian Music and Culture Henry Spiller, one European visitor to Java made such a remark in response to what is called "gamelan" music, a term for Indonesian percussion orchestras that are composed of primarily bronze gongs, gong chimes and metallophones. Next Thursday, April 28th, Kenyon will experience what Spiller calls music "characterized by many layers of melodies, seeming to move independently and yet coming together at important rhythmic points."

Playing what appears to the senses as static and yet dynamic at the same time, Tyler Newman '05 thinks that "cooperation is something that really defines gamelan music, as well as much of the Indonesian culture: all of the parts fitting together at the right time." At Kenyon, the Sudanese-style gamelan is studied, with an underlying understanding that the Sudanese language and culture dominates the western third of the island of Java in Indonesia. Sudanese, which refers to the country in North Africa, remains the second largest ethnic group in Indonesia. This coming week, Kenyon is fortunate to have some visiting Sudanese artists, such as composer and musician Ismet Ruchimat and dancer and singer Ati Sumiati, to enrich Kenyon's student body with culture and entertainment. Ruchimat is one of West Java's most reputable composers, who often combines Indonesian musical traditions with popular music styles of today such as reggae.

Gamelan music has had its influence on the music of the past and of today. Among the many intrigued European composers, Claude Debussy, after hearing a gamelan ensemble in Paris, was inspired to emulate the gamelan style in some of his own works. Some more recent composers to share Debussy's intrigue include John Cage, Lou Harrison, Philip Glass and Mickey Hart. Today gamelan music is used in ritual ceremony. It can also be found at social and cultural gatherings as a form of welcoming to guests and audiences. In addition, it is used as a means of accompaniment in both traditional and modern forms of dance, drama, theatre and even puppetry. It focuses not on the individual, but on the collective group, namely, connecting the individuals that make up these social groups.

As a student of Spiller

and his method of teaching gamelan music, Susan Iskivitch '07 says "the gamelan scale only has five notes and we label them by number, so by repetition, it is fairly simple to learn." Spiller says his teaching requires "a distinct type of listening and playing that asks of American students to apply different sets of skills and social conventions." He wants to imbue a sense of "Sudanese musicianship" that requires working together and creating instrumental parts that are in sync with the parts played by other musicians. He says, "in my experience, students are at first baffled and unable to identify their own mistakes; every once in a while, however, a student has an epiphany—he or she discovers a new way to conceive and hear a part, and suddenly it all makes sense." This can be a profound cultural experience for that student; he or she is being immersed in a new way of life and can then acquire some type of understanding about how we as humans differ in culture.

So join in on the cultural festivity that will be sure to provide you with a mirror into a world you've never experienced and offer an excitement not to be missed. The gamelan ensemble performs in Brandt Recital Hall on Saturday, April 24th, at 8:00 p.m.

BY GEOFF NELSON
Humor Columnist

A moderately funny but otherwise unimpressive comedian once said that the difference between being in college and being graduated is that you go from being called a "big partier" to being called a "problem drinker." While my drinking habits aren't on trial here, my soon-to-be graduated self is. So what am I going to do when I graduate? I really haven't gotten that question a lot recently. I'm glad you asked.

Interestingly enough, before you asked I hadn't even given a single thought to it. In fact, unless at least ten people per day ask me what I'm doing next year, I rarely even remember college is almost over. The other day I nearly registered for the housing lottery, and if I hadn't met someone on the way who asked me what I was doing next year, I would have completely forgotten I was graduating in the first place. Thank you, inquisitive friend.

A lot of people think that questions about future plans can be annoying, but I think they help keep seniors in line. They remind us of our lack of employment, non-existent career goals and a heightened sense of apathy that makes people who listen to String Cheese Incident look like real go-getters. So it would be really helpful if you all could just keep asking us what we're doing next year. I mean, by sheer probability I should have an answer sometime before 2010.

I thought long and hard about how to answer this question and I just couldn't come up with anything. Well, that's not entirely true; it's just the answer I came up with does not sound too strong. Something about the phrases "living with" and "my parents" being in the same sentence just doesn't evoke the bohemian rhapsody that I was shooting for.

So I tried to come up with some answers that would make me look like I had plans, but apparently "listening to Ace of Base" and "playing *Face-Off 97* on original PlayStation" aren't legitimate job opportunities, even if the Vancouver Canucks' frontline of Trevor Linden, Pavel Bure and Gino Odjick are among the greatest collection of athletes in sports video game history.

My living situation is pretty weak, and it looks like the hardest part of my future employment will be saying "Welcome to Supercuts, how can I help you?" with a straight face.

And what about graduate school? Seemed easy enough. I got into college once, and, okay that was a close shave, but how hard could it be to do again? Well, I found out that getting into a grad school isn't that hard but deciding what you want to go for just sucks.

I considered everything. I could probably teach, so I thought about getting a Masters of Teaching. I also thought I could be a dean, so I considered a program in Education and Student Administration. And I

already had 75 dollars, so I knew I could get a medical degree from University of Phoenix Online. But none of these seemed appealing and some of them were actually hard to get into. Well, University of Phoenix did admit me to their Ph.D. program on account of the fact that I wrote my name legibly and couldn't recall committing a homicide, but I turned them down. That's right, I turned them down. I think this is what the Career Development Center is talking about when they tell me that my skills are in demand.

After I learned that online sports gambling could also not be considered a full time occupation, I sort of gave up my search. Well, maybe "gave up" isn't quite the phrase I'm looking for. How about "quit"? Not quite right either. "Acquiesced," sounds smart and dramatic, but it doesn't really sum the whole experience up.

And that was when I realized, I didn't give up, or quit or even acquiesce, I just retired. That's right, I retired. Some people say that makes me lazy, but I've never been happier. I get into movies for four dollars, eat dinner at 3 p.m. and fall asleep while watching *Everybody Loves Raymond*. The government sends me my social security check twice a month, and I eat at Denny's like I've been poisoned and the only antidote is undercooked bacon and had pancakes. And the best part is, I never have to worry about working again, so don't even bother asking. I'm all set. The real question is what are YOU doing next year?

KENYON FILM SOCIETY WEEKLY PREVIEW

The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou
Friday, 8:00 PM
Higley Auditorium

The fourth film by popular indie auteur Wes Anderson, *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou*, doesn't differ a whole lot in tone from the director's previous work (*The Royal Tenenbaums*, *Rushmore*, *Bottle Rocket*), but why mess with a good thing? Anderson has proven himself more than adept at handling this style of story—alternately serious and laugh-out-loud funny, but always fun and filled with quirky characters and dialogue.

The Life Aquatic is the story of Steve Zissou (Anderson veteran Bill Murray), a once famous oceanographer and documentary filmmaker who has fallen on hard times. His recent films have failed, he is in danger of losing funding and his crew is growing restless. Just as a well-known journalist (Cate Blanchett) offers the possibility of returning Steve to the spotlight, a man named Ned Plimpton (Owen Wilson) shows up, claiming to be his son, throwing his entire life into disarray. The ensemble cast also includes Anjelica Huston as Steve's wife, Jeff Goldblum as

his rival and Willem Dafoe as his most loyal crew member.

Not as financially successful as Anderson's real breakthrough film *The Royal Tenenbaums*, *The Life Aquatic* was relatively overlooked by the masses. This is unfortunate, because the film is every bit as good as its predecessors. The cast is absolutely perfect, down to the smallest part. The script touches on the traditional Anderson theme of middle-aged men in crisis, but handles it in such a way that it still seems fresh. Perhaps no one (at least in contemporary cinema) is better at balancing comedy and drama than Anderson is.

The Life Aquatic has an almost surreal feel to it. This is also true of Anderson's previous films, but it is more evident here. The characters are a little wacky and dialogue can seem a bit off; this isn't exactly how people behave in everyday life. But Anderson and his co-writer, Noah Baumbach, use this to their advantage, and the film is actually more memorable as a result. The underlying emotions always ring true, no matter how weird the story gets (for example, when the pirates show up). Wes Anderson is one of the truly unique voices of the 21st century, and *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou* is yet another example of what a fine filmmaker he is.

Mean Creek
Saturday, 8:00 PM
Higley Auditorium

A fine debut for writer-director Jacob Aaron Estes, *Mean Creek* features a cast of surprisingly talented young actors in a cross between *Deliverance* and a teenage coming-of-age story. When Sam (Rory Culkin, *Signs*) tells his older brother Rocky (Trevor Morgan) about the problems he has been having with local bully George (Josh Peck), Rocky decides to get revenge. Along with their friends, they come up with a plan to invite George on a boating trip for a party, then to humiliate him in front of everyone. But what starts off as a childish prank soon takes a turn for the worse.

To say much more about what exactly happens would spoil the story, but the film is ultimately about how these kids deal with the consequences of what happens out on the river. Estes handles the proceedings with a delicate subtlety. There are plenty of opportunities for the film to turn to shallow moralizing, but Estes thankfully avoids that option. His characters, and the choices they face, are all complex and remarkably true to life. What

makes the film so frightening is the feeling of reality, the feeling that this could actually happen.

Estes' young cast is also amazing. The film is almost completely devoid of adults, so these kids have to carry the film on their own, and they do so admirably. It's rare for such complex, well-developed roles to be available for teenagers, but the actors in this film make the most of the opportunity. Rory Culkin proves that there is indeed some acting talent in the Culkin family, and the rest of the cast, mostly heretofore unknown, is equally impressive. The entire cast won a special distinction award at last year's Independent Spirit Awards because the award committee was unable to single out just one of them to honor.

From the surprisingly mature performances of the cast to the steady hand of first-time director Jacob Aaron Estes, *Mean Creek* heralds the arrival of a number of bright, talented people. This is an exciting, intelligent, and ultimately haunting film about growing up in the face of tragedy.

- Jason Smith

Men's lacrosse loses three in a row

BY JON PRATT
Staff Reporter

Yesterday afternoon the Lords became 1-2 in the NCAC and 4-7 overall after losing to the College of Wooster Fighting Scots 13-4. The loss came at a crucial time in the Lords' season, a time when the Lords had the chance to earn a place as one of the top two teams in the conference. Now that time is gone, and the Lords must face the fact that they are fourth in the conference, behind Ohio Wesleyan University, Wooster and Denison University. The Lords also only have two more conference games left in the season to come up with wins.

At one point during the Lords' battle against Wooster on Wednesday afternoon, the Lords were up 2-1 after first-year Noah Flessel and junior Sean O'Neill scored consecutive goals. But the Lords' lead did not last long once Wooster fired in four consecutive goals, giving them a 5-2 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, first-year Nate Pritchard showed his refusal to concede by scoring a goal. However, the Fighting Scots went into a five goal scoring frenzy, making the score at halftime 11-3. With fourteen minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Lords and the Fighting Scots were forced off the field by a lightning storm and a score favoring Wooster 13-4 lingering on the scoreboard.

The Lords are caught in a downward direction after losing yesterday and losing to OWU by a score of 16-2 and Muhlenberg University by a score of 20-9, last week.

"The bottom line is that we didn't come to play against either team," said junior Brad Harvey. "We were still in both games at [the] halftime [mark], but we couldn't bring it together in the second half."

The Lords' scorecard for the game against Muhlenberg on Sat. April 16 acknowledges Harvey for scoring three goals, Pritchard for one goal and two assists, sophomore Luke Larson for one goal, junior Adam Kleinman for one goal, sophomore Sean Wheeler for one goal, sophomore Adam Lucas for one goal and O'Neill for one goal. As of yesterday, Larson and Harvey lead the Lords' scoring. Larson has seventeen goals and six assists, while Harvey has seventeen goals and three assists. Wheeler is third in scoring with fifteen goals and eleven assists. Goalkeeping senior Dave Neiman has 108 saves.

The Lords look to put themselves back into the winning category at Bellarmine University at 2:00 p.m. on April 23.

"We need to get back to playing the game with an emphasis on the little things: passing, catching, taking care of the ball," said Head Coach Brendan McWilliams. "We need to have a full team effort."

Upcoming Schedule

April 23	Bellarmino Univ.	2:00 p.m.
April 30	*Denison Univ.	1:00 p.m.
May 4	*Oberlin College	4:30 p.m.

*home games



Owen Louie

Sophomore Patrice Collins watches as teammate and classmate Kristin Hansen makes a tackle while sophomore Stephanie Black and junior Karen Chau follow. Because of the size of Ashland's team, Hansen is actually tackling sophomore Hannah Drummond as first-year Sarah Holzman looks on.

Kenyon rugby teams take on Ashland

Down on the lower fields on Saturday, numerous students, parents and residents of Gambier witnessed two athletic spectacles in the form of men's and women's rugby games. The teams, which are club level and separate from one another, attracted many spectators on the gorgeous weekend afternoon.

The women's team crushed Ashland University 34-0, with four different players scoring tries. Junior Kate Flinner and sophomore Patrice Collins scored two tries each, a try being worth five points, and junior Misty Kintzley and sophomore rookie Kristin Hansen scored one try each. Sophomore Stephanie Black made two kicks, each worth two points. Senior captain Kelsey Harden said that "this was one of the best games that I have seen the team play. The back line especially came together, and our scrum has been strong all semester."

This was true the previous weekend when the team lost to Oberlin 10-7 on a shaky call from the official. The points came on a try by Flinner and another kick by Black. Harden commented that the scrum "was the dominating force of the game."

The men also took on Ashland University, with the Lords falling 33-13. Ashland scored first, but the Kenyon men came back to score on a penalty kick worth three points. By the end of the half, Ashland had scored a total of four tries while the Lords clung to the three-point kick.

The second half started out strong for the Lords, as sophomore Jesse Rosenbluth scored a try before one minute had expired from the clock. Rosenbluth would go on to score the Lords' only other try of the game, but it was too little too late, as Ashland scored two other tries in the half.

Equestrians compete in ANRC meet

The Kenyon College equestrian team has been busy of late, traveling and competing two weekends in a row and planning their annual Open Barn event.

The first event was the Regional Championships, where the team placed sixth overall out of ten teams. Many of the opposing teams are much larger than Kenyon's, which now boasts over twenty student riders. Individually, senior Lindsey Eckert placed third in the intermediate flat division, junior Tracey Siegrist placed sixth in the same division, senior Julie Devine took fifth place in the intermediate flat division and sophomore Chris Hanawalt placed sixth in the advanced walk, trot and canter division. Siegrist also took home first place in the intermediate fences division, and qualified for the zone championships, as did Devine with her second place in the same division.

The following weekend, three ladies traveled to Sweet Briar, Virginia to compete in the Affiliated National Riding Commission Intercollegiate Championship, hosted by Sweet Briar College. The intense event is comprised of four phases, including a written exam and extensive judging. Sophomore Megan O'Neil joined Siegrist and Devine at the event, with Siegrist placing seventeenth after all four phases of the competition.

The team's Open Barn event will take place this Saturday from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. According to Devine, the event will be, as always, "a great success with many spectators."

Women's tennis grabs back-to-back victories

BY LAUREN GREENE
Staff Reporter

With their convincing 9-0 win over the Hiram College Terriers on Tuesday the Ladies evened-out their NCAC record at 3-3. The day prior the team had topped the Wooster Fighting Scots in a 9-0 victory. On both days the Ladies swept all spots with only the number one spot playing a third set in the Wooster match. Women's tennis defeated Hiram handily, allowing the Terriers only two points overall.

This strong play is a promising way to end out the season with only one more match-up against Ohio Northern before

the NCAC tournament this weekend. The Ohio Northern Polar Bears have recently tied the school record with eleven consecutive wins. This is a streak that the Ladies are aching to put to rest. Not only is Thursday's game a chance to end a rash of victories for the Polar Bears, it is also the final regular-season match at home for the team. This signals both the end of the season and the impending graduation of teammates. Four seniors will be leaving the team two of which are captains. Co-captains Caitlin Looney and Emily King, as well as Annie Mark and Stephanie Cohn will be playing their

last match as Ladies.

Last week held three consecutive matches for Women's tennis on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Ladies had one day to recuperate and then were away at DePauw University to play Carthage College that Saturday. Only one of these challenging matches went in the ladies favor. The match-up Thursday against Otterbein College produced only one loss in the number one spot. The loss to Oberlin was almost too close to call as Kenyon came up short 4-5 late on Wednesday. Oberlin pulled out the win in the final set of the final match-up on the court

against Caitlin Looney in the number 5 spot. The win pulled the formidable Oberlin team to a 14-2 record.

As the season comes to a close the Ladies admit that their record may not exactly be as they would like. "We've had very close matches, one in particular with Ohio Wesleyan. We started at 4:30 and had to finish two deciding matches indoors until about 9:30 at night. Changing venues due to long matches has been unfortunate for Kenyon," explained senior co-captain Caitlin Looney. "We lost two matches, one to Ohio Wesleyan and one to Oberlin, that

way, losing 4-5 respectively. Had we won these close matches we might be in a better position as far as the draw goes for this weekend's tournament."

However, this will in no way slow the team down. Thursday's game is just another opportunity to showcase their hard-earned skills and grab another win before—hopefully—heading to Granville for the NCAC tournament.

"[The] match against Ohio Northern should be tough (as any match is) but I am confident of a victory," says Looney. "I am looking forward to this weekend—there will be a lot of tough competition."

Ladies lacrosse team takes one, loses another



Kevin Guckes

First-year Amanda Drummond avoids a defender as she carries the ball down the field while junior teammate Madeleine Newcomb gets open nearby.

BY MARIO NUNO-WHELAN
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday the Ladies' lacrosse team demolished conference rival Oberlin College in an exciting 15-4 win at home. With the fine-tuned offense and an unyielding defense, the Ladies allowed only four Oberlin goals in the first half and completely shut them out in the second. However, on Tuesday, the Ladies were not quite as successful, as they fell to Wooster 19-4 in a disappointing conference game on the road. The Oberlin game brought an end to a three-game losing streak, and with the recent loss to Wooster, the Ladies are now 4-5 overall and 1-2 in conference.

Against Oberlin the Ladies seemed unstoppable. "The Oberlin game was all about execution," said

first-year Amanda Drummond. "Our team focused on technique, and worked hard to make every pass connect, every shot find the net, every check clean and effective. Though Oberlin isn't exactly the toughest team in the conference, we played hard for the full 60 minutes and did not back down at all." Drummond finished the game with an astonishing seven goals against the Yeowomen and now leads the team with 27 goals this season.

As the goals went back and forth between the Ladies and the Yeowomen for the first ten minutes of play, an early timeout was enough to ignite that fuel the Ladies needed to take command.

"We were trailing 2-1 early in the game, but a quick timeout and motivational speech from

Coach put us back on the field determined to play our game," said Drummond. "We quickly settled into our pattern, and from there on the game was decidedly ours."

First-year Amy Zimmerman brought the Ladies to an even 3-3 with an assist from junior Madeleine Newcomb, and in the last fourteen minutes of the first half the Ladies were able to drop another five goals and break with an 8-4 lead.

"We gelled together," said Zimmerman. "Offense, defense and the mid-field, creating an unstoppable force."

Offensively, the second half was Drummond-domination. She scored four of Kenyon's seven goals, landing a total of seven of nine shots overall and lending one assist. Junior Allie Riordan

finished with four goals, and Zimmerman added another three, while junior Kaley Bell landed a crucial lead-taking goal in the first half.

On defense, the Ladies were just as impressive. Sophomore Julia Siron caused a total of six turnovers, while junior Caitlin Wells turned five and senior goalkeeper Maggie Rosen played a flawless second half. Allowing only four goals in the first half and none in the second, Rosen finished the game with a total of ten saves for the Ladies.

"You could see it in our stature on the field and [in] the way we were playing," said Riordan. "Once the feeling of winning was there, there was nothing Oberlin could do to stop us."

However, on Tuesday the Ladies found themselves on the opposite end of an offensive domination as the Fighting Scots captured a 19-4 win.

With an early 5-0 lead in just ten minutes of play, Wooster's unchecked run was finally stopped as sophomore Lauren Greene landed the first Kenyon goal with twenty minutes left to play in the half. After another goal by Ladies' sophomore Katharine Bente, Wooster managed to sink another three and went into half with an 8-2 lead.

"On offense, we had good positioning and setup, but couldn't seem to finish what we started," said Drummond. "I think what hurt us the most was our transition, which was not very clean and was considerably slower than usual."

In the second half, Bente and Riordan contributed one more goal apiece, while the Scots dropped another eleven, and out shot the Ladies an unfortunate 39-24 overall.

"We lost, big time," said Drummond. "Our defense in the first half really stepped up and did a great job of stifling Wooster's

offense, but in the second half the Scots managed to find the holes."

One factor that may have played a vital part in the loss against Wooster is the fact that the Ladies were missing second-in-conference scorer and team leader Kaley Bell. Bell, who plays home attack, suffered an injury in the game against Oberlin, and while it is not definite, may not return to play this season.

"The fact that Kaley is such a key player, both in terms of skill and leadership, is a real blow," said sophomore Ali Kittle. "But... it gives the team an opportunity to pull together, and really support each other both on and off the field."

While it is not certain right now, Bell remains confident that she will play again and, that for the time being, the team will be able to adjust to her absence.

"I think the team is capable of playing without me but obviously it is going to take some adjusting, as it does whenever a player is taken out of the normal mix," said Bell. "It's hard for the seniors and other juniors because we have all been playing together for three years, but I know they can do great things without me being involved, [and] yes I will be playing more this season, hopefully soon!"

Until then, the Ladies will have to make the adjustments necessary to find that flow, and perform once again with the well-oiled mechanics of their more successful games.

"[It'll] be a tough spot to fill," said Head Coach Robin Cash, "but there are players that can step up."

The Ladies take on Allegheny College next in a conference game this Saturday at noon on the home field.

Men's tennis continues conference domination

BY KEITH CANIANO
Staff Reporter

The Lords' tennis team had another successful string of matches, taking two out of three to boost their record to 12-5 overall, and 5-0 in NCAC competition. The Lords beat Oberlin College 6-1 at home on Thursday before losing in Greencastle, Ind., to Carthage College 5-2 on Saturday. The team quickly rebounded to sweep the College of Wooster 7-0 on their home court on Tuesday.

Playing alongside the Ladies, the Lords beat Oberlin in a dominating performance in front of a large crowd on a breezy Thursday afternoon. Senior Borko Tesic beat Oberlin's Nick Orgen in straight sets, 6-1, 7-6 in the number one seed singles match. At the second seed, senior Mike Herrick had little trouble dispatching Mark Knee 6-2, 6-0. Although third-seeded sophomore Sean Stewart succumbed in a tight, grueling

match against Chris Pay, he was picked up by the lower seeds as senior Joshua Mabra, first-year Greg Sussman and junior Matt Haugen won their matches in straight sets to put up three points for the Lords.

The Lords swept the doubles matches against the Yeomen with top-seeded Tesic and Herrick keeping their composure throughout a windy match against Orgen and Knee, winning 8-2. The points flew fast in Kenyon's other two matches as senior Joe Freeman and Stewart teamed to win 8-0 and Mabra and Sussman triumphed 8-1.

Saturday's match against Carthage saw the Lords fall in some close matches. With the top seeds Tesic, Herrick and Stewart losing some tight matches, the Lords' lone singles point came through Freeman's victory over Zach Newhouse, 6-2, 6-1, in the most dominant performance by either side that day. The Lords' luck

fared much better in the doubles tournament, taking two of three to secure their other point. Tesic and Herrick lost the top-seeded contest to David Schmidgall and Brad Livingston 8-4, but the Lords' depth pulled out the point for Kenyon. Freeman joined Stewart to record an 8-6 win at the second seed while Mabra and Sussman toughed out a 9-8 win to secure the point.

Tuesday saw the Lords improve their division record to 5-0 and record their seventh shutout of the season with a dominating 7-0 victory over Wooster. The Lords appeared to have put Saturday's disappointment behind them, winning all six single matches in straight sets. Tesic beat the Fighting Scots' Conor Boyle in the number one seed 6-1, 6-1. Playing at the number two seed, Herrick had little difficulty beating Wooster's Nikhil Gonsalves with an equally impressive 6-1, 6-1 triumph. Stewart won the third-

seeded match 7-5, 6-1 against Alec Garnett while Freeman, Mabra and Sussman breezed through the opposition to take the remaining three points for Kenyon.

The Lords' dominating performance did not end in the singles column as the men took two of the three doubles matches to secure the sweep. Tesic and Herrick won the top seed in familiar fashion 8-0 against the Fighting Scots' Brian

Ebbits and Ted Hickey. Freeman and Stewart fell at the second seed 8-5 but were picked up with Haugen and junior Brian Steginsky's 8-6 victory in the final match.

With the season winding down, the Lords' last home match was yesterday against Denison University. Many seniors played their final match at Kenyon before going to the NCAC tournament in Granville, Ohio, April 22-23.

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KC track teams place 18th, 19th

BY PING LAI
Staff Reporter

Last Saturday, the Kenyon men's and women's track and field team competed at the All-Ohio Championships in Delaware. Although the Lords and the Ladies finished in the middle of the pack in several events, they came up short in the overall standings. The men's team finished eighteenth overall and the women's team finished nineteenth overall.

Among the individual performances, junior Katie Walker took the top finish of the day for the Ladies, placing second in the long jump with a distance of 5.40m. Among the Lords top finishers were sophomore Ryan Weinstock, who placed seventh in the 5,000-meter run with the time of 15:58.87 and junior Rich Bartholomew, who placed eighteenth with the time of 16:04.17. Also placing well was junior Robbie Molden in seventh with the time of 10:09.39 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Other Lords results included first-year Andy Berger who placed eighteenth in the 400-meter dash with the time of 52.08 seconds, first-year Brandon Balthrop who took seventeenth in the 400-meter hurdles with the time of 59.61 seconds and first-year Stephen Politzer-Ahles who took 29th place in the 10,000-meter run

with the time of 38:01.77. Senior Zack Rosen placed 28th with the time of 24.73 seconds in the 200-meter dash. The Ladies' results included senior Heather McMillan, who placed thirteenth with the time of 5:12.06 in the 1,500-meter run, and senior captain Jennifer Quinby who placed twelfth with the time of 42:28.31 in the 10,000-meter run.

Last Saturday was a disappointing performance from both the Lords and the Ladies. With only one more meet before the NCAC multi-events and the NCAC Championships towards the end of April, the Kenyon outdoor track and field teams have much work to do.

The next meet for the Kenyon Lords and Ladies is this Friday at the Kenyon Last Chance Meet at 5 p.m.

Sophomore Matthew Fideler said, "I haven't had a lot of time practicing with the team yet this season, but they all are a good group of guys... I'm excited to get back on the track and compete. We'll go out there and compete and see what happens."

Fideler, a sophomore high jumper and triple jumper for the Lords, suffered a leg injury before the beginning of the season, which caused him to withdraw from several meets. He will be able to compete this Friday at the Kenyon Last Chance Meet.

Ladies go 1-1 vs. Allegheny



Steve Kline

Sophomore Annie Brobst makes the throw to first in a recent home game. The Ladies split a doubleheader with Allegheny over the weekend to bring their record to 11-16 overall and 3-6 in the NCAC. Next up for the softball team is another double-dip, this time against the Oberlin Yeowomen this coming Saturday at 1 p.m.

BY HILARY GOWINS
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Coming off of two losses to non-conference opponent Mount Vernon Nazarene, 6-2 and 5-4, last Thursday, the Ladies' softball team split even with a tough Allegheny squad this past weekend. After a strong but unsuccessful performance in game one, resulting in a 3-1 loss at the hands of Allegheny pitcher Giannina Coccaro, Kenyon was able to piece together some big-time hits and come from behind to defeat the Gators 6-5.

Of the win, Head Coach Stephanie Monday said, "It was a great come-from-behind win for us, with timely hitting from Dana Halicki, Stephanie Hemmingson and Amy Thurber." As has been the case in many of the Ladies' wins this season, clutch hitting down

the stretch was the key.

The Ladies entered the final inning of the second game down 5-4, but were sparked by a double into right center by senior Dana Halicki. Shortly after Halicki's hit, first-year Stephanie Hemmingson hit a double to left field, allowing Halicki to score. The next big hit was off of the bat of sophomore Amy Thurber, who nailed the ball into center field to score the go-ahead run. On the mound, sophomore Sarah Eisner finished strong, not allowing the Gators to score in their last at bat.

As the Ladies prepare to take on their next conference opponent, Wittenberg College, in a doubleheader at home, the Ladies' strategy is a little different from what they had originally imagined. Thurber and senior Alison Diegel agreed. Said Thurber,

"At the beginning of the season we were hoping to be at the top of the conference during the regular season. However, due to a slow start we are now aiming to get into the conference tournament." The Ladies look to stay focused and see how far they can get the rest of the season.

Before the Ladies had a chance to regroup in the seventh inning against the Tigers, thunderstorms caused the game to be cut short, and Wittenberg walked away with a 7-4 win. Despite the loss, there were bright spots in the Ladies' performance. Senior Dana Halicki hit her first home run of the season over the right field wall. Kenyon's next conference matchup will be a doubleheader at home against Oberlin this Saturday.

Baseball Lords break records, look ahead to tournament

BY MARC STEINER
Staff Reporter

It was a busy week for the Kenyon Lords baseball team. Packed into five games were program records for victories in a season—numbers seventeen, eighteen and nineteen—and a continued chase for a spot in the NCAC tournament. Record victory no. 17 came courtesy of another outstanding effort by staff ace junior Michael Coe. Coe allowed only four total hits in the Lords' 3-2 victory over Capital University. Fresh off of receiving the NCAC pitcher of the week honor for his sharp performance in Kenyon's 3-2 victory over nationally ranked College of Wooster, Coe further validated his receiving the award by shutting down Capital.

Performing all the better in pressure situations, Coe secured both narrow victories for Kenyon despite having less run support than the team's potent bats usually provide. Coe, a consummate team player, diminished his award and pointed to the timely hitting and fielding of his teammates as reasons for the victories. Asked if the award was particu-

larly meaningful to him personally, Coe said "No, not really; it's more of a team award, as cliché as that sounds."

As the records continued to fall with victories eighteen and nineteen, Kenyon's bats came alive. The team drilled over ten hits in each game of their doubleheader sweep of Case Western Reserve. In the first game, a 4-1 victory, the hit parade was led by sophomore Carlin Shoemaker, who came into the game with a 13-game hit streak. He was a homer short of hitting for the cycle, going 3-for-3 with an RBI triple in the third. His triple plated junior Matt Marcinczyk, who went 3-for-3 in the second game, a 10-5 victory.

For the pitchers, sophomore Dan Shelley delivered a very solid seven innings in the first leg of the doubleheader, giving up only four hits for the game. The second game saw freshman Hugh Guill take the mound, and he built on his key relief appearance where he shut the door in Kenyon's victory over Cedarville University to pitch a complete game to complete the doubleheader.

Guill offered an honest and playful reasoning for his improved performance against Cedarville and Case Western Reserve after a meltdown against Wooster, commenting that "in the first [inning] I was starting to go down that path I went in the Wooster game, but this time I didn't let myself fall into that mindset 'just don't throw a ball, just don't throw a ball!' I was thinking 'I'm gonna throw a strike.'"

He added that, mechanically, he "had a little more behind everything, my fastball was looking better, my curveball I was able to get over the plate, and when I do that, I can help the team."

The single-season wins record set by this year's squad lends itself to a question: Who is responsible for the record number of victories? The two constants behind the team's success have been a productive offense and a tough, solid defense. Coach Matt Burdette pointed to the team's strength up the middle with shortstop sophomore Brandon Holsberry, second baseman Shoemaker, catcher junior Tyler Kavanaugh and center fielder sophomore Chad Rothschild as

the core of a defense that yields few easy hits.

The team's fielders are leaned on heavily by the pitching staff. Composed of few power arms, the Lords' pitching staff keeps the ball down, putting lots of balls in play that the defense usually gobbles up. But the improved play of Coe and Shelley, as well as the pleasant surprise of first-year contributors like Guill, has allowed the Lords to take another step. They are not satisfied merely to rest on their

laurels, and Guill said he spoke for the team when he expressed the desire "to finish the last six games of the season 6-0."

With a 4-1 record in their last five games, the team positioned itself for an exciting stretch-run to make the tournament. They begin their stretch run with a big four game series at Allegheny. When asked about the key series with Allegheny, Coach Burdette responded "we're treating the next four games as if they were the playoffs."

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