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## Sign theft signals isolated homophobia

By Gianna Maio  
Managing Editor

Recent incidents of homophobia concerning Safe Zone signs on campus have again stirred debate as to whether Kenyon College is a safe environment for homosexual and bisexual students, faculty, and staff.

The recent tensions surround the placement of Safe Zone signs on the doors of concerned students, faculty, and administrators. The signs are used to indicate a safe zone for anyone struggling to identify or struggling with their sexual identity. Recently, there have been numerous recent reports, mainly centered in Old Kenyon and Lewis dormitories, of vandalism and theft of these signs.

The Safe Zone signs were created and distributed during the first few weeks of classes by members of ALSO (Allied Sexual Orientations) and the Queer Student Union (QSU). Kirsten Bauman '97, co-president of ALSO along with Susan Kyle '96, says that signs "were provided as an answer to homophobic harassment of several students at the beginning of the year."

Bauman also notes that there

is a history of homophobic activity at Kenyon, and says, "Signs last year were taken down. There is a history of vandalism here."

Both Bauman and Kyle cite the goal of the signs as being a way to educate the community and to raise the issues of sexual identity. Their purpose is also, in part, a test of the College community's feelings about the issue and are a visible sign for the gay community. ALSO and QSU were careful to produce signs that do not contain an anti-heterosexual message, but the groups were that people might interpret them in such a way.

Mike Stern '96, house manager of Old Kenyon, says that he personally has not noticed any vandalism of the signs but says he "has received complaints of three separate incidents from two different residents." Bauman believes the incidents in Old Kenyon involving the signs may have something to do with all of the social events that take place there on weekends. "Things happen with drinking," she says.

Regarding the Safe Zone signs that were taken down in Lewis dormitory, Bauman places emphasis on the first-year students who live in the dorm. "They are prob-

ably first-year students who aren't ready to deal with these issues at college," she says. Bauman is a resident advisor in McBride residence, but has noticed no problems with the signs on her hall.

Andy Richmond '96, a resident advisor in Lewis, says that he "has not noticed any signs being taken down. I have one on my door and a student on my hall also has one." He has noticed more of a problem with rape awareness signs being stolen.

Although some of the student response to the signs has been negative, Kyle and Bauman note that the overall response has been positive, especially on the part of the faculty and administrators.

Michael Levine, professor of psychology, was a victim of a homophobic incident at Kenyon last year but had no hesitation in placing a Safe Zone sign on his office door this year. He says he was not aware that signs were being stolen but comments that he is "not surprised." He says that many faculty members have shown interest in the signs.

Despite the positive response to the signs by most of the Kenyon community, some students are apparently upset about the sign

vandalism. According to Matt Lavine '97, house manager of Caples dormitory, graffiti was written on the elevator wall of Caples earlier this week relating to recent homophobic tensions on campus. The message appears to be a statement by someone who is angered by the negative response to the Safe Zone signs.

Bauman and Kyle are hoping to overcome the tension on both sides of the issue by continuing to distribute the signs and making

Kenyon a safer environment. They are planning to distribute more safe zone signs during Coming Out Week, and will also be distributing them in the dining halls in the near future.

The signs are currently available through both Bauman and Kyle, and at the Crozier Center for Women as well.

According to Bauman, the recent tensions are just another reminder that "we still have work to do."

## Lightning storms cripple ICS

By James Ray  
Staff Reporter

Campus-wide repairs of the crippled computing and telecommunications services have yet to be completed; failures continue several months after the initial lightning surge on Aug. 8, that was responsible for disconnecting 29 buildings (75 percent of the campus) from the VAX network and ravaging countless hard drives and databases.

Monetary value for the damaged equipment and phone lines has not yet been determined, as insurance agencies need to assess whether it is more cost effective to repair or replace. "Until that decision is made, we have no way of estimating the cost of the repairs or replacements," explained Manager of Business Services John Kurella. Kurella said that the first priority was getting PCs back on-line again and in operation. "This is not to say that these computers are fine -- there may well be PCs with damaged motherboards, hard drives, or other hardware."

Ron Griggs, director of networks, systems, and technical services, reported that the focus of the work is on repairing and replacing damaged equipment. "The flood caused network outages north of Wiggin Street and west of Route 308," he said. This was considerably aggravating to ICS technicians, since they had already repaired these areas after the Aug. 8 occurrence.

Kenyon's second electrical storm on Sept. 12 was smaller than

the first; the damage was limited to the south and east sections of campus. The effects, however, were experienced by students in all of the southern dorms. Caples, the Aclands and the New Apartments were also affected.

Damage was also reported in the Bolton Theatre, Ernst Athletic Center, and Wortheimer Field House. Griggs added that he felt especially bad for those students, faculty, and staff because "some of them lost a lot of work." He also referred to Brenda Howard, secretary for the Carolina and Ohio Science Education Network (COSEN) and The Psychological Record, whose computer was destroyed twice by lightning.

"The first storm came in through the VAX line and blew my hard drive," Howard recalled. She said, however, that her fax machine and other equipment remained unaffected. Her system was down for approximately three weeks until ICS was able to replace her hard drive. Unfortunately this was only the beginning of Howard's trouble.

The morning of Tuesday, Sept. 12, in what Howard believed to be calm weather, she went on line at 8:30 a.m. with her new computer. "I stepped out of the office for what couldn't have been more than a minute, when all of a sudden lightning struck." She heard an electrical jolt coming from the communications connection in the wall, "so I ran right in and unplugged everything."

Howard was too late; when see ICS page two

## College adjusts to increased enrollment

By David Carroll  
Staff Writer

The class of 1999 is not just the first class in 100 years for whom a certain Kenyon song is appropriate, it is also considerably larger than recent first-year classes. This year, the admissions department admitted 441 new students, according to John Anderson, dean of admissions. Anderson said that the target size of this class was only 415, which means that 26 more students chose to attend Kenyon than were expected.

"We must be doing something right," says Assistant Director of Admissions Cristin Bishara. According to Bishara, the unexpected increase speaks well of the College's appeal to prospective students. Anderson agrees, saying that it is a "reflection of not only greater name recognition, but of greater appreciation of the College's finer qualities."

How will Kenyon cope with an overabundance of enthusiastic first-years? Quite well, says Anderson. He believes the number of students in the new class "is not a

problematic number," adding that Kenyon has the physical, teaching, and extra-curricular capacity to handle the extra students. In some cases, faculty have been asked to increase the enrollment limits of their courses by one or two students, and extra sections of more popular English and psychology courses were created, among other compensatory measures.

Anderson comments that the admissions department will most likely raise the target class size as a result of the academic adjustments, but he remains assured that Kenyon will not change in size significantly.

"This lets us be a bit more selective, and we'd like to continue that trend," he said. As an interesting side note, Anderson mentioned that many private Ohio schools are finding incoming classes to be well above the target number--up to 30 percent larger than expected.

When asked what effect the increased enrollment is having on the College's financial outlook, Craig Daugherty, director of financial aid, is positive. "It was a

very, very good year," he said. In spite of the boost in numbers, the College's first-year budget is actually closer to the expected than in past years. The class of 1998, for example, had an overextended budget due to the overuse of financial aid.

Despite these problems, Daugherty says that a normal percentage (37 percent) of the class of 1999 received a financial aid package. In addition, the amount of average need-based packages actually increased. This promising state of affairs is the result of good planning, says Daugherty, "and a little bit of good luck."

For Bishara, the class of 1999 has special significance because it is the first class she has helped bring to Kenyon since joining the admissions department after her graduation from the College in 1994. "I was told working in admissions could be disappointing," she explains. "You work all year with these great kids, and then they go elsewhere."

Bishara says that this year she has experienced no such disappointment.

## Weather for AutumnFest

Friday: Mostly sunny-with a high near 80

Saturday: Dry. Lows in the 50s. Highs in upper 70s to 80s

Sunday: Dry. Lows 55 to 60. Highs in the low 80s

Monday: A chance of showers. Lows around 60. Highs around 80

-- information from the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan



# Wooster president-elect Susanne Woods withdraws

## News Analysis

By Beth Bennett  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Both Kenyon College and the College of Wooster began searches for a new president in the 1994-95 academic year. Both institutions announced their choices in the Spring. Both new presidents, Robert A. Oden at Kenyon and Susanne Woods at Wooster, were to take up their new positions on July 1. Yet in three weeks, Kenyon will inaugurate a new president and Wooster will be wondering what went wrong.

Susanne Woods withdrew as president-elect one day before she was scheduled to take office. Though both Woods and Wooster say that her withdrawal had to do with disagreements over the role of the presidency, some academics and students are concerned that homophobia played a role in Woods' decision.

Wooster issued a statement

on June 30 in which Woods announced that due to "significant differences concerning the role of the president," she was withdrawing as president-elect. She noted that these differences "could not be mutually resolved."

Woods and Wooster signed a confidentiality agreement and have refused to discuss issues surrounding Woods' decision. However, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, in their Aug. 4 edition, suggests that the real reason Woods did not take office is related to her personal life.

According to the Aug. 4 edition of *The Chronicle*, some of their sources maintain that Woods notified a few trustees about her personal life during the presidential search, though she did not mention that her involvement with Ms. Shaver, an English Professor at Denison, was a lesbian relationship. However, other sources say that Woods' sexual orientation was

not discussed during the committee meetings.

As reported in *The Chronicle*, Woods is listed in the Denison campus telephone directory as Shaver's partner. Shortly after Woods was hired, copies of the Denison phone directory began to circulate among professors at Wooster.

Further, *The Chronicle* implicates, in the same edition, that Kenyon College Professor of Biology Ryn Edwards identified Woods as a lesbian in an open letter to Kenyon's newly appointed president, Robert A. Oden. Edwards' letter, as well as letters from other community members, was published in the 1995 spring issue of the *Gambier Journal*.

In her letter to Oden, Edwards wrote, "As a woman and a lesbian, it is my hope that you will make strong alliances with the women presidents of our neighboring colleges of Denison, Oberlin, and Wooster's newly-appointed president, lesbian Suzanne [sic] Woods."

Edwards explained to *The Collegian* that, "our sexual identity fluctuates throughout our lives, for

some more than others. Certainly this may be more easily recognized as we move up through puberty and then often later in life when many of us feel non-sexual."

Edwards said to *The Collegian*, "What is unfortunate about the Wooster case is that the Board refused to believe her [Woods] claim to non-lesbian identity."

John Dowd, vice-chairman of Wooster's board of trustees and the head of last year's presidential search committee, told *The Akron Beacon Journal* for their Sept. 2 issue, "I've heard all the rumors. I've read *The Chronicle* article. None of those rumors are correct."

Yet Dowd would not elaborate on why Woods resigned, citing a confidentiality agreement between Woods and the college.

According to the Sept. 1 issue of *The Wooster Voice*, Wooster's student newspaper, among the student protests "the most viable occurred at convocation," when students wore purple arm bands and carried signs to "symbolize their discontent with the official explanations for the [Woods] resignation."

Wooster has since been put-

ting together a new presidential search committee. Students have petitioned the trustees to allow more student involvement in the search committee, and have urged the adoption of a non-discriminatory hiring policy regarding sexual orientation. According to *The Wooster Voice*, Dowd will oversee the process; the search committee (composed of faculty and students) will find the candidates, and the trustees will make the final decision. R. Stanton Hales will serve as Wooster's acting president.

Woods, currently the academic dean at Franklin and Marshall College, is taking a year-long sabbatical at Brown University Women Writers Conference, a program she developed during her 19 year tenure as an English Professor.

Rhonda R. Riverra, an emeritus professor of law at Ohio State University, a lesbian, and an expert on legal issues involving gays and lesbians, told *The Chronicle* that academe "gives up such wonderful people because of bigotry." She said that Wooster probably wanted to avoid bad publicity, "and now they are going to get it."

## Authorities seize marijuana

By Nader Qaimari  
Staff Reporter

The Knox County Sheriff's Department seized 335 marijuana plants on Wednesday, Sept. 13, according to the Sept. 14 issue of the Mt. Vernon News. The plants are said to have an estimated street value of over \$400,000.

These plants, seized mainly from cornfields, ranged from four to fourteen feet high, and, as County Sheriff D. Barber stated, were of "very high quality."

The plants were found when Barber's office conducted its second marijuana eradication operation, which had already seized about 265 plants prior to Wednesday. Detectives spotted the plants from helicopters, picked the plants,

and then loaded them onto trucks.

The Sheriff's Department does not have any suspects yet. However, when suspects are identified, their names will be sent to the county prosecutor's office for further investigation.

The marijuana plants were found at 11 locations in Knox County. Those aiding Barber's office in the search included members of the Ohio National Guard, the Ohio Department of Wildlife, and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. Such eradication operations are to be expected of Barber's office, which is known for its successful drug control tactics.

--the reporter compiled most of the above information from the Sept. 14 issue of the Mt. Vernon News.

## ICS

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she attempted to reboot her computer she found that her hard drive had been scorched beyond repair. ICS has not yet replaced her hard drive, and she is currently using a base Epson PC. "When you have all your work in these [computers], you become dependent on them for your daily tasks," she added.

The beginning of the academic year has considerably checked ICS's progress. "We're making headway, but things like installing SNAP connections to student's microcomputers weigh heavily on our ability to make repairs," said Griggs. "The last time I checked, we had 190 problems still to be solved." He realizes that the number is huge, and is proud of the technicians for doing an efficient job. "It's discouraging when we fix so many things and then get 30 new reports."

The primary cause for downed systems is that a weakened network, when put under the stress of an entire student body, faculty, and staff, is more apt to crash than it would be otherwise. "I think we are still seeing failures linked to

equipment that was weakened by the first storm," said Griggs. He explained that approximately 99.7 percent of all failures occurred after the storms. Although the negative effects of the first storm should be resolved by the middle of October, he said that problems could still arise from the second storm.

In the past, ICS has tried preventative measures, but these have generally proven costly and ineffective. Because almost all of the damaging surges have come via the dataline, technicians attempted to guard against surges in this area with various devices. Dean of Students Housing Bob Graves was the first to receive such a preventative device.

"My computer was one of the only ones that had blown out last summer," explained Graves, "so as an extra precaution, I was given a surge protector on both my power and communications lines." The device was intended to protect his PC from surges travelling through the network. "It didn't help at all--the lightning bolted right

through." "Now I take the precaution of always unplugging both lines every night when I leave the office." Although the protectors are designed to prevent this problem, Graves maintains that nothing is 100 percent effective. "With the time I've already lost, I just can't afford to have it happen again."

The campus phone system, likewise damaged in the storm of Aug. 8, was in the final stages of replacement at the end of the summer. "This summer we had a big project to put in a new phone system to replace the old costly one," said Griggs. "The changeover was supposed to happen Aug. 11, and when the storm hit, both systems were severely damaged."

Griggs estimated that ICS will require three weeks to reinstate its regular problem response time. "Normally we can fix problems within two days of notification, but we've got such an overload that it has been taking longer."

Griggs advises students with PCs to unplug your power and data plugs during a storm.

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## McLaren Ponders: How free is free speech?

By Jess McLaren  
Staff Columnist

Writing for *The Collegian* these days is something of a privilege, especially considering that the chances of my articles being torn down or vandalized are pretty slim. I am referring to the recent spate of dishonorable acts concerning ALSO's "Safe Zone" signs, as well as the tendency for any remotely controversial, thought-provoking signs and posters to mysteriously disappear within hours of being posted. In past years, the majority of these deceptively petty actions were pretty much confined to first-year dorms and halls, and we could rest assured that "they just don't know any better yet." Unfortunately, it is starting to look like the rest of us still have quite a bit to learn. The "Safe Zone" signs have not been given an entirely warm reception in Old Kenyon, either.

In addition to the ALSO signs, the Queer Students Union's "Heterosexual Questionnaire" has been short-lived in the halls of Kenyon. This particular flier is often viewed as being more controversial, and certainly more confrontational in its approach. But is there anything wrong with being confronted? A sign advocating gay rights will not change the mind of a staunch homophobe, but it might provoke an extra thought or two. In the same vein, vicious graffiti in an elevator will not do a thing for understanding, but it will increase those oh-so-lovely feelings of animosity and resentment.

There is only so much preaching that can be done about the issue of understanding sexual diversity on the Kenyon campus before I start sounding like a cross between Walt Disney and Candace Gingrich. The more accessible issue is that of defining free speech, and how we use it. The gay rights example is the most prominent, but other signs representing other groups are damaged, such as the Rape Awareness postings ("Rape 101...", "It was 2 a.m., we were drunk..."). There is always the possibility that signs have been removed unintentionally, or by accident. As much as I would like to believe this, I find myself hard-pressed to do so. Too many messages representing the same groups have been mutilated too many times in the

three years I have been at Kenyon.

Slogans, mottos, announcements, and invitations for discussion via posters are a campus mainstay, it seems. Kiosks, cork boards and telephone poles on campuses across the country are plastered with garishly-colored yet artfully-designed various and sundry tidings. No doubt that any number of these colleges and universities have similar problems with silent antagonism, but we do not need to join their ranks. Gripping and moaning about the supposed uselessness of a liberal arts education will get us nowhere. Honing our hard-earned liberal arts skills, however, will result in a sizable pay-off. An ease of communication, an ability to listen without judging, to maintain our own opinions while learning other views--this, I think, is what Kenyon represents, and what represents Kenyon. I would be horrified if I were to look back and see that four years and \$100,000 later all I had to show was a narrow-mind and an ability to rip a poster from a wall.

While it is safe to assume that it is only a tiny number of students who are surreptitiously wallowing in intolerance, any number is an ominous number. We are only hurting ourselves when we deny others the right to free expression. Hopefully, common sense can dictate when free speech is being abused; abusive language in an elevator, for example. If a member of the Queer Student Union were approached by a student who explained rationally why he or she disagreed with a certain sign or slogan, the Queer Student Union member would most likely appreciate the candor, calmness and willingness to talk rather than deny.

That scenario might be a little trite and idealistic for some; if that is the case, it is still very easy to avoid offending others while still not being offended. If, hypothetically, a student finds him- or herself very disturbed by the presence or placement of a "Safe Zone" sticker, the best thing to do, if voicing an opinion is not an option, is to simply stay out of the safe zone. After all, it is only a sticker, and it will not bite--honest.

## Letters to the Editors

27 September 1995

Dear *Collegian* Editors:

I am writing you for two reasons. First, I want to correct some misinformation which appeared in *The Collegian* on 21 September 1995. This misinformation was in the front page article "Senate considers exam-prep courses." My second reason for writing is that I would like to inform the Kenyon Community of the debate, and of the current status of that debate.

The article was correct in her reporting on the events which took place last spring in Senate. It failed, however, to distinguish clearly between what happened last year and what is happening this year. This would be an easy mistake for anyone who has not been involved with the exam-prep course issue, for it is quite complicated.

This mistake was that at the time of the reporting, Senate had not even met; the article incorrectly stated that the issue had been put forth before Senate again. In fact, the issue had been laid to rest until Student Council, not Senate, took it up when we returned from summer vacation. Those of us in-

involved in the debate were left very confused when *The Collegian* reported that Senate had taken up the issue, when really it was Student Council's initiative.

Community members new to Kenyon probably are asking themselves what this is all about. Before applying to graduate, business, medical, or law schools, applicants are required to take one of a variety of tests: the GRE, GMAT, MCAT, or LSAT. These tests are something like the SAT, only a lot more difficult; and they require a lot of preparation. This is the heart of the debate. Is a Kenyon education sufficient preparation? Or do these exams test something which we Kenyon students do not learn? As the article pointed out, the courses are very expensive, and a lot of students cannot afford them. This was a sticking point last year in Senate; but, as it stands, only Kenyon students who own vehicles can take the courses, which are offered in Columbus and at Denison. Clearly, barring exam-prep courses from campus only makes them more exclusive. These are just two of many debates surrounding exam-prep courses.

As the article states, I have an unsigned contract between Kaplan, a professional exam-prep course company, and Student Council. Clearly, we are aware that we do not have the authority to sign a contract with Kaplan. For this reason, Student Council wrote President Oden a letter in which we asked him to authorize Student Council's lending of rooms to Kaplan. On 27 September 1995, President Oden informed me of his decision to remand the issue to Senate. In conclusion, *The Collegian's* prophetic article would have been correct if it were to appear in today's issue. Unfortunately, that was not the case. The result was that Student Council's diligent effort to resurrect the issue was overlooked.

Those of us who support bringing professional prep courses to campus are disappointed that we have gone full circle and face another battle in Senate. I encourage students with an opinion to contact their Senator.

Sincerely,

Kevin Aepli  
Student Council President

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# 'You've never truly lived until you've experienced Beyond Therapy'

By Rachel Grossman  
Staff Writer

"I am really impressed with this," said Josh Adler '98. "Lunch, I mean. We are even better than ziti." He is referring to Beyond Therapy, Kenyon's only sketch comedy group.

Beyond Therapy was founded during the second semester of last year when Adler, Ben Viccellio '98, Dan Fishbach '98, and Jason Lott '97, decided to form a student-written, student-performed sketch group on campus. They held auditions, formed the group, and held one show at the end of the year. It was a hit.

They begin this year with a performance Saturday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. in Rosse Hall.

The group has changed since it was last seen on the Hill. Beyond Therapy lost five members from last year: founding member Jason Lott, Keith Wilde '97, and Billy Shields '97 are abroad ("though



Meagan O'Dowd

The members of Beyond Therapy live up to their name.

we really do not know what happened to Billy for sure," claims Adler), while Kayte Brauer '95 and Scott Finstwait '95 were "lost to life" with graduation.

After a huge turnout at auditions earlier this month, eight new members were chosen: two women and three men performers, and three writers. Everyone in the group was elated. "They're great, the new people," Adler commented.

Veteran member Kate Nave '97 agreed that the group could not

be happier with their new members, but "missing Jason [Lott] is a big thing. Jason was like the core of the group."

Beyond Therapy has developed an effective creative process in preparation for its first two shows. One of the members comes up with an idea, writes a script, and presents it for group criticism and revisions; the group eventually decides whether or not it will be

performed. Another exercise is more group-oriented. The entire company gets together and kicks around ideas, and assigns the writing of the script when someone latches onto a concept and wishes to develop it. It is then group-edited and is possibly selected to be performed. The only deciding factor is how many laughs it gets. The group members describe the whole process as "fun" and "enjoyable". In fact, there does not seem to be a weak point in the group at all. Nave commented that "there is a nice mix of comedy. The straight people can work off the physical people and the same way around...it is an eclectic group...With that many different people in one room you get so many variations."

Adler is very excited about Beyond Therapy's first show of the year, although he will not be there for it. He has very high hopes

for the group's second performance. Adler said that "it will be funnier than *Cats*. You'll want to see it again and again."

Mike Stern '96 joked, "Oh, you've seen comedy shows in the past." A pause followed as he put his thoughts together. "But you've never truly lived until you've experienced the sheer overwhelming power of Beyond Therapy." He then added that the pause was "a dramatic one, for effect."

The members of Beyond Therapy, in no particular order, are: Adler, Greg Wilton '97, Nave, Fishbach, Angela Funk '96, Stern, Viccellio, Brian Nowakowski '99, Gretchen Hyden '97, Yuri Bredle '96, Damian d'Entemont '99, Molly Schonthal '99, CoCo Battle '97, Andy Devilbiss '97, Cory Claffey-Koller '98, and Eric Harper '98. The group's name comes from a play by Christopher Durang of the same title.

## FILMS

By Rachel Engelke  
Senior Staff Writer

*McCabe and Mrs. Miller* Friday, Sept. 29, 8 p.m. Bio. Aud.

Warren Beatty stars as McCabe, a wheeler-dealer, and Julie Christie is Mrs. Miller, the whore who wins his heart, in this turn-of-the-century western about the establishment of a boom town and its attempted takeover by mining thugs. Set in the American Northwest, this 1971 comedy-drama is one of director Robert Altman's best. *Entertainment Weekly* calls this "a *High Noon* for the cynical '70s." Also starring Keith Carradine and Shelley Duvall.

*Nashville* Saturday, Sept. 30, 8 p.m. Biology Aud.

Robert Altman satirized Hollywood with *The Player*; he hit the fashion industry with *Pret-a-Porter*; but long before those films, he made his mark on movies with *Nashville*, the hilarious, often anxious look at the country-western

music business. It's a satirical though frequently saddening view of America, filled with political anxiety following the 1960s and Watergate. Altman assembled a now-familiar ensemble cast of 24 characters whose paths cross during a long weekend in the spring of 1976, when Tennessee is holding its presidential primary. One of the greatest films of the 1970s, the talent includes Keith Carradine, Ned Beatty, Lily Tomlin, Karen Black, Jeff Goldblum, and Henry Gibson.

*Singin' in the Rain* Wednesday, Oct. 4, 10 p.m. Biology Aud.

Gene Kelly stars in and directs this 1952 classic about the panic that swept Hollywood as it converted from silent films to "talkies." Kelly is Don Lockwood, the dashing silent film star of the day who falls for the less-than-glamorous girl-next-door Kathy Seldon, played by Debbie Reynolds. Donald O'Connor portrays Lockwood's best friend and sidekick and steals the movie with the slapstick dance routine "Make 'Em Laugh."

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## WKCO's plans for this year challenged by severe weather

By Heath Binder  
Staff Writer

Maybe you have been wondering lately why, when you turn on the radio, all you can hear is country music, top 40 tunes, or the thunder of Z-Rock, the local heavy metal station. Where is WKCO, Kenyon's eclectic radio station that was at full-blast by this time last year?

Unfortunately, the answer to this question is not too positive. The station's plans for this year—and they were grandiose plans—have been put on hold until at least October Break because of a lightning storm that struck the WKCO tower (located in Peirce Hall) and disabled its systems this summer.

The station had originally planned to upgrade its components this year. The school purchased several new CD, record, and tape players in addition to a mobile broadcast unit for sporting events. These parts would have drastically improved WKCO. However, as the

new pieces were being shipped in, the station transmitter, which turns signals from the station's Farr Hall studio into radio waves for broadcast, was fried by lightning.

WKCO engineer Derek Cooney '98 explained that normally the transmitter would not be affected by a lightning bolt. However, when the storm hit, the situation on campus was far from normal.

At the time, Kenyon had both a new telephone and fax system installed. This most likely played a role in the lightning's damage.

There are two lines of communication between the studio and the tower. The tower also has a device called a grounding wire, which, in the event of a lightning storm, draws any lightning that hits the tower underground, where it is rendered harmless to the radio equipment. When the crews for the various campus improvements were wiring, they may have disabled the grounding wire. While the wiring of these systems, according to Cooney, "was very beneficial to the Kenyon community," he asserts that it was most

likely the first in an "unfortunate cascade of events that led to the damages to the transmitter." With the grounding wire cut, the lightning storm hit the tower and blew out the equipment.

The search for help takes time. According to Carisa Miller '96, the station's co-manager, "We have to contact an outside engineer, but everything's pretty dodgy at this point."

Cooney pointed out that insurance and money matters are the key issues in the search because professional engineers are expensive.

The WKCO staff held a meeting last Sunday night to discuss these matters, but no solution emerged from the talks.

As dire as WKCO's situation seems right now, its members are still working hard and trying to recruit new members. They are hoping that as soon as the transmitter is repaired, things will turn around, because, as Cooney says, "We've revised and improved our entire program."

## AutumnFest Schedule

### Friday, Sept. 29

6-8 p.m., All-campus picnic, Ransom Lawn  
8 p.m. KCDC production  
8:30 p.m. AutumnFest bonfire, between Leonard and Hanna Halls  
9 p.m. Miller Observatory Open House

### Saturday, Sept. 30

9 a.m. Historical tour of campus, conducted by Tom Stamp '73. Meet at the North door of the Church of the Holy Spirit

9 a.m. 10th Annual Alumni Varsity Swimming Triathlon, Ernst Center  
10-11 a.m. Kenyon "Town Meeting" with President Robert A. Oden, Jr. Bolton Theater  
11 a.m.-12 noon. "Coffee and Conversation" with President Robert A. Oden Jr. Peirce Lounge  
11 a.m.-12 noon. InfoFest '95: Part I. Information discovery through the Kenyon libraries. Roth Classroom, Peirce Hall basement  
1-2 p.m. InfoFest '95: Part II.

Information discovery through the Internet, using the World Wide Web. Roth Classroom, Peirce Hall basement  
1:30 p.m. Kenyon Lords Football vs. Wittenberg. McBride Field  
8 p.m. Beyond Therapy Comedy Club. Rosse Hall  
8 p.m. KCDC production  
9 p.m. "The Ghosts of Kenyon: A Walking Tour," conducted by Timothy B. Shutt. Meet inside Church of the Holy Spirit



# Shutt conducts annual tour of Kenyon's ghost stories

By Eric Harper  
A&E Editor

On Saturday, Sept. 30, Associate Professor of English Timothy Shutt will conduct his tour, "The Ghosts of Kenyon." The tour will begin at 9 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

"Basically, I try to tell the truth about what reports people have made over the years. Some seem implausible to me, but some less so," said Shutt. He added that "all the purported events—with one exception—giving rise to these ghosts are true."

The tour is conducted around campus through Old Kenyon and the dance studio (where a swimming pool was once located), and generally ends in the grave yard.

Shutt was first approached about the idea by Alumni Affairs five years ago. Eventually, it piqued such interest that he began giving the tours every alumni weekend, as well as four or five times over the course of the summer. For this

coming Alumni weekend, Shutt plans to dress as a ghost with full white face and evening dress.

Shutt suggested that there are several reasons why the tours have become so popular. "I think that it is partly the stories, partly the performance aspect of the thing and the mere fact of being out in the dark, and partly the silliness of the affair."

The stories themselves have taken on a life of their own, however. Many of Kenyon's ghost stories have been recorded in books such as *Haunted Ohio*, as well as on the Internet. "The mere process of telling a story over again shapes it, and the more you tell it the more it gets shaped. For just that reason, the best ghost stories tend to be more or less complete fiction. There is standard stuff. And of course, the best stories are complete fictions. Because the randomness quotient in real life is so very high, rigorously truthful stories tend to be ill-shaped and dull." The simple act of telling a story with dead-pan

expression, he went on to say, is likely to make it part of the tradition forever.

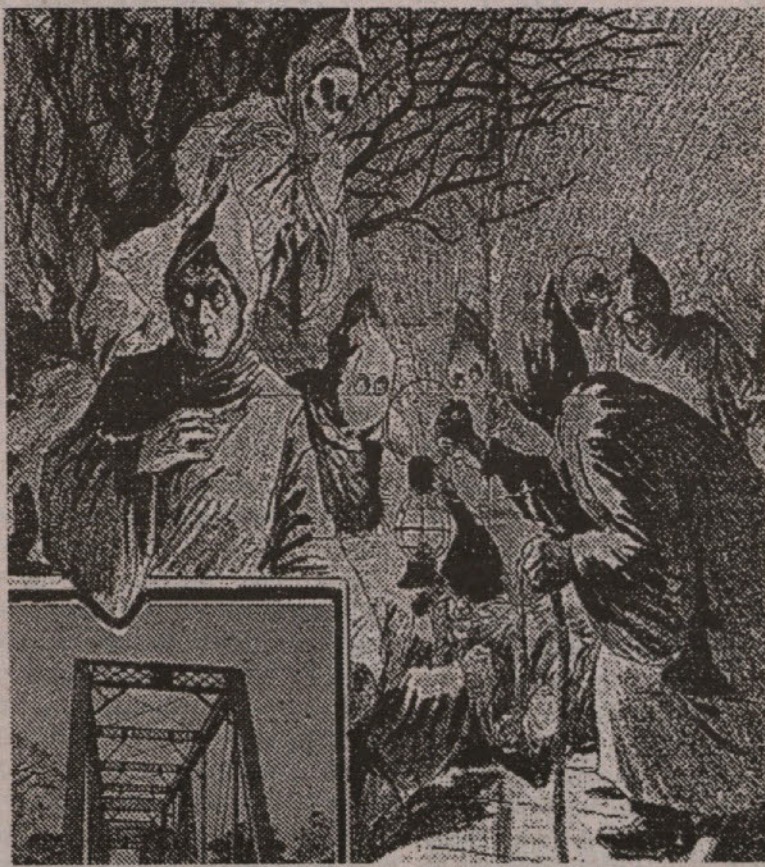
Shutt has heard fewer reports of Kenyon's ghosts in recent years. He cites as one possible explanation the number of books that have been published on the subject. "Why maintain oral tradition when what it preserves is in a book?"

Of the many campus stories, Shutt has three particular favorites: the story of Stuart Pierson, who died on the railroad tracks; the story of Old Kenyon; and the story of Caples.

"They reveal something real about the College," Shutt explained.

As to the reports of psychic events which surface from time to time, Shutt could not comment on their legitimacy.

"It is certainly true that people have felt haunted," he admitted. "Keep in mind that Kenyon is said to contain the Gates of Hell. Usually things like that arise for a reason."



Artist's conception of Stuart Pierson's ordeal, which originally appeared in *The Chicago Chronicle*, Nov. 12, 1905.

## Hill Theater graced by two productions of Tennessee Williams plays

By Michelle Santangelo  
Staff Writer

For the past month, the Hill Theater has resonated with actors' lines, directors' notes, and the slap of paint brushes in preparation for the year's first senior thesis production. "This Property Is Condemned" and the accompanying one-act, "Twenty-Seven Wagons Full of Cotton," both by Tennessee Williams, will be performed on Sept. 29 and 30 at 8 p.m.

Jamie Smith '96, director of "This Property is Condemned," said, "When we first picked up the script, it was like 'Choose Your Own Adventure,' because there was so much we could have done with it. We've hit a lot of dead ends, but we're on the right track."

Julie Hermann '96, Smith's partner in the senior thesis project, plays Willie, a young orphan in the Mississippi Delta during the Great Depression.

Joel Lee '98, who is the only one of the three students not fulfilling a senior thesis requirement, noted, "There's an understood high level of commitment since Julie and Jamie, naturally enough, approach the play seriously."

Smith and Hermann did not select the piece themselves. According to Hermann, the drama department recommended it as part of the senior exercise.

"When Julie asked me about directing it, I wasn't a drama major yet," said Smith, "and then I became one."

"I was struck by the issues that are in it," said Hermann. "I think [Tennessee Williams] is a great writer, but I don't know if he's a great playwright. That's what I want to find out."

The script itself has brought many challenges to the threesome,

the foremost of which is trying to decide exactly what the subject of the play is.

"I want to get away from...the Tennessee Williams mood piece," said Smith. "It's really sort of interesting the way the play veers between comedy and pathos."

"It has a lot to do with trust and friendship," said Smith.

"And truth and fiction," Hermann added.

"It's about showing how your pre-supposed ideas can be wrong," said Smith. "It sort of deals with the loss of an idolized past and not what actually happened."

Lee said that the play relates the story of a boy playing hooky who seeks out the younger sister of the town whore, and is also the story of two kids on a railroad track.

The rehearsal schedule, which has been crammed into a month's time from the first read-through to the closing performance, has been an obstacle. "It's a very stressful working condition," said Hermann. "We're both double majors, so we wanted to give it our full attention before we got involved in too many other things."

The companion play, "Twenty-Seven Wagons Full of Cotton," is being directed by Eve Zappulla '97.

"Twenty-Seven Wagons Full of Cotton" has the same setting as "This Property is Condemned," but deals with a case of arson and follows the consequences for the three characters involved.

"I've had a hard time dealing with the violence of Vicario and the hatred, the lack of conscience he possesses," said Matt Welling '98. "He's very sociopathic. He's cunning and manipulative, and evil."

"We can come to rehearsal and come away with things we

didn't know were there," said Matt Hermann '98, who plays Jake Meighan. Hermann, who has also found his character somewhat disturbing, said, "All of the weird things he justifies are kind of scary. The logic of his mind—[it's] kind of a broken mind." Of acting in general he said, "It's like getting inside someone else's nueroses."

Alisoun Davis '97, who fills the role of Flora Meighan, remarked that her favorite thing is "trying to figure out what the heck

the play is about."

"What strikes me as unusual is how well Alisoun fits the part," Zappulla said. "I really enjoy working with all of them. It means a lot for me to have her come back to the stage for this show, because she is just so talented."

Zappulla expressed excitement over the technical aspects of the show as well. "The lighting should be neat," she said. "I'm excited to work with Dan Hayden [99] to see what he brings to it."

### If You Go...

**What:** "This Property is Condemned" and "Twenty-Seven Wagons Full of Cotton" by Tennessee Williams

**Where:** Hill Theater

**When:** Friday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Sept. 30 at 8 p.m.

## Entertainment off the Hill

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Big Head Todd & The Monsters, Oct. 23, \$14.50/\$16

**Jai Lai Restaurant, 1421 Olentangy River Rd**

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# Kokosing River flows through Kenyon's history

Known as 'Kokosing,' 'Owl Creek,' and 'Vernon River,' nearby stream captures Kenyon spirit

By Kristen Filipic  
Features Editor

"Old Kenyon, we are like Kokosing.

Obedient to some strange spell,

Which urges us from all reposing,

Farewell, Old Kenyon, fare thee well."

Since the early 20th century the resounding tones of Kenyon's most beloved song have echoed from the Gambier hill. The Kokosing River has been immortalized in Orville Watson's lyrics and the names of two of Kenyon's a capella groups—the Kokosingers and the Owl Creek Singers.

The Kokosing River, which is not actually a river, not being 100 miles long, stretches along 65 miles and drains a land area of 481 square miles. Just east of Knox County, the Kokosing River joins with the Mohican River to form the Walhonding River, which flows into the Muskingum River and then drains into the Ohio River.

Native American tribes and early pioneers used the Kokosing extensively. Huron, Shawnee, Wyandotte, and Delaware tribes used the Kokosing River Valley as hunting grounds in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

After the Greenville Treaty of 1795, the Native American tribes became much less prominent and European settlers began moving in.

At the time of the first settlements in 1803, the Kokosing was "of sufficient size for small boat and canoe travel by Indians and pioneers and many of the tributaries of the river were dammed to provide power for the settlers' various mills," according to Frederick

Lorey's *History of Knox County, Ohio 1876-1976*. According to Professor of Biology Ray Heithaus, the deforestation and soil erosion that came with the settlements reduced the flow of the river, minimizing its economic importance to the region.

The river which we now call the Kokosing has been known by other names throughout its history. In his 1924 book *Kenyon College: Its First Century*, George Franklin Smythe recorded "To Bishop Bedell's good taste we owe the restoration to our stream of its Indian name, 'Kokosing' or the 'Place of the Owls'. This had been anglicized in early times into 'Owl Creek' ... Bishop Chase imposed upon it the name 'Vernon River', now happily forgotten." Bedell served as president of the Bexley Theological Seminary from 1860-1870.

Washington Irving, best known as the author of "Rip Van Winkle" and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" travelled through central Ohio in 1841, passing by the Kokosing River. In a letter to his sister, Mrs. Paris, dated Sept. 13, 1841, Irving wrote, "The magnificence of the beauteous forests is beyond my anticipation ... those glorious trees now present the sublimes of vegetation."

Irving also wrote a descriptive text accompanying "A study of trees, made on the bank of Owl Creek, Ohio, a few miles below Kenyon College." George Harvey's 1841 picture of the Kokosing, entitled "Autumn—Gigantic Sycamores," which Irving described, is now displayed in the Special Collections area of Olin Library.

In this text, Irving wrote, "Such splendour of coloring I have

never seen in the lovely island that gave me birth." After tracing the course of the Kokosing, joining with other rivers until it empties into the Mississippi and flows into the Gulf of Mexico, Irving wrote "many a one who has made the most noise in the world, and filled the greatest space in the public eye, has had no greater beginning than little Owl Creek."

When Philander Chase decided to build his college near the Kokosing River, his choice of locations was by no means uncontested. According to Chase's 1848 autobiography, *Bishop Chase's Reminiscences*, "Those who contended for fixing it [the College] near a city did not make their appearance at the convention. But their minds were not quieted on the subject. They retained their objections in full vigor. They resigned their seats in the Board of Trustees, and predicted the ruin of the institution if placed on Owl Creek."

The Kokosing flooded while Chase was building a sawmill to process the timber used for building Old Kenyon. Smythe recorded, "The Bishop looked forth over the waters, despair in his heart, for he thought that the dam must have been destroyed, and all his labors lost. But, when the flood subsided, there was his dam, standing firm, and the water, following the slightly excavated trench, had dug out the raceway for him and saved him many dollars. Thenceforth the opinion spread among the people of the region that 'God was Bishop Chase's friend.'"

Early Kenyon students looked to the Kokosing for recreation as well. The 1865 *Reveille* records four different boating clubs. The Kokosing Boat Club was founded in 1877, but soon died out in favor of canoeing, which became popular in the 1880s.

Many students enjoyed canoeing along the Kokosing, but a few took this to extremes. In 1886, three Kenyon students canoed from Gambier to Cincinnati. In 1890, four other students repeated the feat. Each time the 500-mile journey took 19 days. According to Smythe, "the adventurers had a wonderful time roughing it along the way." Canoeing remained popular until 1913 when a storm destroyed the canoe house and most of the canoes.

The Kokosing flooded once again on Sept. 14, 1979. The Sept. 20 issue of *The Kenyon Collegian* reported that "remnants of Hurricane Frederick released three to five inches of rain on the already over-saturated Kokosing Valley, causing the usually quiet Kokosing River to leave its banks, flooding the area around it, and closing Route 229 and Canterbury 33 to traffic for several hours."

Although "the lower level of Farr Hall had water running out of its doors and both Bexley Hall and Smythe House basements were



Dave Schellol

## Kokosing River today.

awash," only the New Apartments suffered serious damage. Roof leaks in the New Apartments were so pervasive that one student had to take up temporary residence in the Alumni House.

Then, as now, severe weather played havoc with the College's computing system. The flooding left the Gambier area without power for two and a half hours, also shutting down the computers. Sept. 14, the day of the flood, was also the last day for course changes for the fall semester, but the class changes could not be entered until power was restored.

Kenyon's relationship with the Kokosing River continues to the present day. Heithaus and Doug McLaren, a member of the Gambier Village Council, are organizing the Kokosing Scenic River Association, which is working to have the Kokosing declared a State Scenic River.

Heithaus said that the Ohio's Scenic Rivers Program is "designed to help preserve and even restore some aspects of the river." The state developed this program in the 1970s, which "coincided with major environmental legislation," including the first Earth Day, according to Heithaus.

A flyer distributed by the Kokosing Scenic River Association reports that "In an inventory conducted by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in 1987, the Kokosing was one of only ten rivers and streams apparently meeting minimum Scenic River standards, but not yet designated."

Designating the Kokosing as a Scenic River would prevent erosion of the river, restrict new developments along its banks, promote cleanup, and mandate that special attention be given to environmental concerns in the area. Heithaus emphasized that the agricultural community is already caring for the Kokosing responsibly, but the official designation would further protect the river.

Heithaus described the

Kokosing as "one of the cleanest rivers in the state." Over 60 species of fish live in the Kokosing along with many invertebrate species which could not exist in a polluted environment.

Some Kenyon biology students study the aquatic species in and around the river. Heithaus said that Mt. Vernon High School has a program studying the Kokosing, integrating chemistry, biology, and geology, and this program may expand to other area high schools as well.

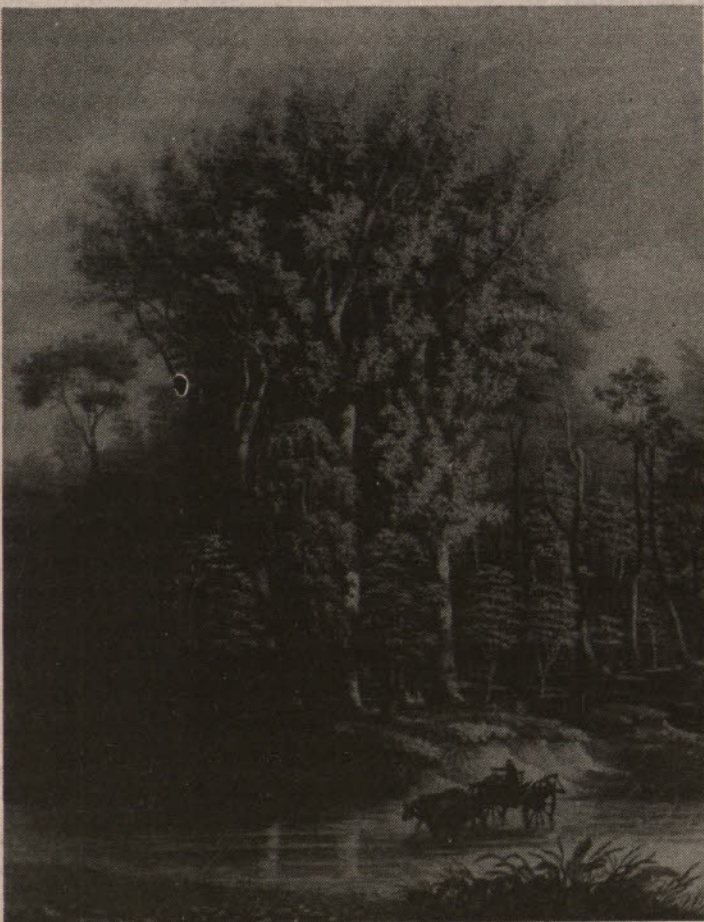
According to Heithaus, the Kokosing River qualifies as a State Scenic River, but the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has not yet conducted the formal studies of the river that will officially classify the Kokosing as a State Scenic River.

Before the study can be conducted a majority of the municipalities along the Kokosing have to pass a resolution requesting that the ODNR conduct it. Currently, Heithaus said that two or three municipalities have passed such a resolution.

When asked how Kenyon students could get involved in the organization, Heithaus said that "ODNR wants to hear not only from public agencies but from a variety of citizens' groups." Currently, students can submit letters of support urging that ODNR complete the necessary studies to designate the Kokosing as a Scenic River. Later on, volunteers will be needed for tree planting and clean-up projects.

As biology students study the river and community groups organize to preserve it, the Kokosing still holds the imagination of the Kenyon community. Each spring the campus resounds one final time as the graduating class sings of "A river like Kokosing, In meadows sweet with asphodel, Where mem'ry dwells dear past supposing.

Farewell, old Kenyon, fare thee well!"



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"Autumn—Gigantic Sycamores" by George Harvey



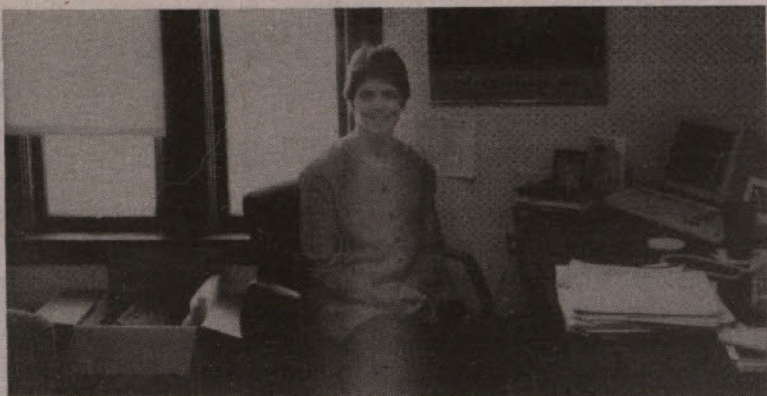
# New CDC director hopes to increase communication

By Lauren Johnston  
Staff Reporter

This year, Kenyon students have a new director running things in the Career Development Center (CDC). Maureen Tobin comes to the College after serving as the assistant director of the Arts and Sciences Career Center at The Ohio State University.

As she settles in to her new position, Tobin's primary concerns center around establishing a working relationship with her new students. "My focus has always been on liberal arts students," Tobin said. "And I'm looking forward to meeting and working with the students of Kenyon."

Tobin says that she is adapting to the Kenyon College atmosphere quite well and enjoying it. Before she worked at Ohio State, she was familiar with small colleges. "I attended a small college myself, and after spending time in a larger university I really started to miss it. The effect that actions have on real people is so much more visible in a small campus environment. Here at Kenyon



Maureen O'Dowd

## Maureen Tobin moves into her office

I feel as though the relationship between faculty members and students is on a very comfortable and personal level. I'm learning a lot from the student input I get from the interns working here at the CDC, as well as the students who come in looking for advice and information about career opportunities."

Tobin also adds that "I know more of the faculty here. The faces are fewer and more familiar. The work place is more comfortable. I definitely prefer the close-knit feel of a small school like Kenyon."

In addition, "I have found it

exceptionally friendly," she noted. With approving surprise Tobin observes that, "When you sit down you automatically start talking to people, and that's not unusual here." Tobin speaks very highly of the "casual friendliness" characteristic to most Kenyon residents and speaks very simply of her experiences thus far by saying that, "Overall it's just been great."

Tobin has many plans for the CDC during her tenure. She said that the previous director, Barbara Gensemer, instigated several helpful programs during her 19 years at Kenyon. First and foremost, Tobin

plans "to continue to build up what [Gensemer] started."

Tobin first mentioned the Extern Program, which is available to students in their sophomore, junior, and senior years. Interested students are able to spend a week of a college break with a Kenyon parent or alumnus, learning about possible career interests. This experience enables students to gain exposure to particular career field to help in deciding where their interests lie and what types of careers they may wish to pursue, Tobin said.

Tobin also praised the Kenyon Career Network. This is a group of four thousand volunteer parents and alumni who are willing to help current Kenyon students explore career opportunities and establish internship positions. Tobin is very enthusiastic about the possibilities of the network, saying "This is a wonderful program opening all sorts of doors for students, and I'd really like to see more alumni involvement as the year progresses."

Her other goals include constructing more avenues of communication between the CDC

staff and the Kenyon student body. "I want to spread the word about the CDC to more first-year and sophomore students so as to better facilitate their needs. The CDC isn't just for seniors about to enter the working world. It's also to help other students to be more aware of which careers are open to which majors, to help set up summer employment, or to just answer questions. The more students we see and talk to, the more in tune we are with the needs of a greater percentage of the Kenyon community."

Tobin also remarked that one way to encourage more students to visit the CDC and take advantage of its facilities is through faculty relations. "The development of strong faculty relations will enable more students to learn about the Career Development Center through their professors and maybe they'll be more apt to come and see what we're all about."

Finally, Tobin stressed again that "We want to see as many students as possible. You don't have to know what you want, that's what we want to help you to know."

## Lendon, Meyer discuss honor, justice, Christianity

By Maggie Breving  
Staff Reporter

Ready for a little rumble, Kenyon? Rumor has it that the temperature is going to rise this evening in the auditorium of the Biology building.

The kick-off time is 8 p.m. The legendary lecturer Professor Jon Lendon from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his esteemed opponent, Elizabeth Meyer from the University of Virginia, will travel along the course of origin and early history of concepts that have molded Western attitudes and behavior. Their debate is called, "So They Are All Honorable Men: Honor, Justice, and Christianity in the Roman World."

Find out which ancient history professor will score first. The chosen terrain includes the role of personal honor in the life of a Roman aristocrat like Caesar—a man who considered his honor a possession "more precious than life itself." And, how did this aristocratic concept of honor influence, conflict with, and ultimately prevail over not only Roman conceptions of equal justice, but also over the competing values of

the early Christians?

Both opponents possess impressive past professional records. Meyer has taught survey courses in Greek and Roman history and led seminars on slavery, Roman imperialism, the Roman Empire, Alexander the Great, and other related topics. She received her doctorate from Yale University in 1988. Her book, *Belief, Practice, and Law: Documents in the World of Justice*, has been accepted for publication by Cambridge University Press.

Lendon's statistics indicate that he is no slouch either. Lendon earned a doctorate from Yale University in 1991, and won the John Addison Porter Prize for best dissertation in the humanities at Yale. Along with his dissertation, *Perceptions of Prestige and the Working Roman Imperial Government*, his publications include the book manuscript *Empire of Honor: The Art of Government in the Roman World*.

Cliff Weber, head of Kenyon's classics department, discovered that Professors Lendon and Meyer were a "smash hit" in their face-off at Tulane University. In an unauthorized guide to courses at MIT students characterize Lendon as "a speaker to rival Cicero," and his classes as "brilliant, eloquent lecture-performances." We're "probably going to have a public disagreement," warned Weber.

So mark your calendars: this evening at 8 p.m. there will be an ancient rumbling in the Biology building. Not only does this event promise an intense discussion of an important subject, it is also, according to Weber "likely to be a hoot."

## Amnesty International seeks to ease suffering

By Charlotte McGlothlin  
Staff Reporter

How many people do you know who are willing to sit down and write out a plea for someone they have never met? The Kenyon College chapter of Amnesty International does exactly that every Monday night in the Campbell-Meeker Conference Room of Ascension Hall.

The main objective of this organization, according to coordinator Benares Finan-Eshelman '97, is "to basically make some changes ... in the lives of people that suffer."

Finan-Eshelman, along with fellow juniors Emily Sprowls, who is currently studying in Belize, and Amy Herda heads the organization. As its primary activity, Amnesty International writes urgent action letters in support of those who are persecuted in violation of their human rights. These include political prisoners or those persecuted for other reasons, such as refusals to conform to national and local

laws for religious reasons.

Members of Amnesty International feel that citizens of every nation have the right to freedom of speech, to religious expression, and to hold their own independent political viewpoints. Finan-Eshelman made a particular note of the enormous struggle of minorities to enjoy basic civil rights and the present string of injustices that homosexuals are now experiencing. Not only are these global concerns, Finan-Eshelman said, but such injustices and struggles take place in our own country.

In the past, members of Amnesty International have taken part in campus coffee houses, candlelight vigils on Middle Path and around campus, letter-writing sessions, the circulation of petitions, and volunteer recruiting.

All Amnesty International meetings are open to anybody with the desire to help people, according to Finan-Eshelman. The group meets every Monday at 10 p.m. in Ascension 120.

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What: "So They are All Honorable Men: Honor, Justice, and Christianity in the Roman World" lecture by Professors Jon Lendon and Elizabeth Meyer.

Where: Biology Auditorium

When: 8 p.m. this evening

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# Owen York explains duties of Interim Provost position

By Amy Rich  
Senior Staff Reporter

"The provost is the chief academic officer of the college," explained Owen York, Kenyon's Acting Provost and Professor of Chemistry Emeritus. York has held this position since his predecessor, James Gunton, resigned last spring. York will continue while a search for a new provost is conducted.

"The provost is the person responsible to oversee the faculty, doing the hiring and evaluations," he said. This includes helping department chairs to develop their curricula and working to convey the views of the faculty. "The area of major responsibility for the provost is to be the faculty's advocate with the senior staff," York explained.

"I also work closely with the academic dean, and together we deal with issues that come directly from students and faculty, including student concerns and the like," he said.

"The library falls under my purview and through the academic dean, the registrar's office as well." The provost also controls the instructional budget, which comprises the largest single item in Kenyon's budget, York said.

York has been an active member of Kenyon's faculty administration since he began teaching chemistry here in 1961. "I was active in the early days of the Advanced Placement program," he said. "I was a chief reader, which meant that I helped write the exam and organize the grading of it." He has also served the board that organizes the entire Advanced Placement program.

At Kenyon, this interest led him to help found the School College Articulation Program (SCAP), a partnership that originated between Kenyon College and several high schools in the Cleveland area. SCAP allows high school students to take Kenyon College classes at their high schools. Fourteen high schools, including seven public

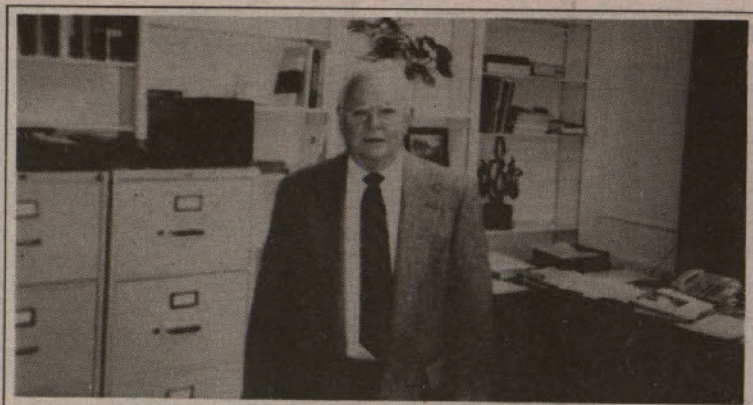
schools, in central and northern Ohio now participate in this program. Sixteen classes are offered through SCAP, enrolling 500 students.

York also took a year off from teaching at Kenyon to help organize the design and construction of Olin Library. "I had to study what the College's needs were in order to build a new, modern library," he explained.

He briefly held the position of provost in the past when former President Jordan took one semester of leave, "so I had some experience in that regard," he said.

York accomplished all this while teaching. "I think Kenyon is a fantastic place. I wouldn't have stayed here so long if it wasn't. I enjoyed teaching immensely, and that was largely due to the support the faculty gets from the students. It makes teaching a joy."

York retired from teaching in 1993, but continued to be active within the College by organizing the search for a new president. In



Meagan O'Dowd

## Interim Provost Owen York.

the process, he "came to know President Oden quite well," he explained, so "when the search was complete, President Oden asked me to take on the responsibility of being provost."

"When the former provost resigned, it was decided that it would be best to have an interim for a year," he said, adding, "We plan to start the new search very, very soon—within the next few weeks."

"We're looking for a provost who can fulfill the duties I listed

before. Someone with experience in administration," York said. "But Kenyon represents a unique group of colleges with perspectives that differ from many others. We want to find someone who shares those interests as well as someone who is forward looking and will see what responsibilities and what opportunities are available for the College. There is an emphasis on opportunity, because these are times when institutions like Kenyon can contribute immensely."

## RAP to confront racial tensions

By Erin McDonald  
Special to the Collegian

The Racial Awareness Program (RAP) is currently planning a new year of stimulating bi-monthly programs for Kenyon. RAP is a group that deals with racial issues, both on the immediate campus and in the world around us. The group has been in existence here at Kenyon since the 1990-91 academic year.

Kenyon's program was originally based on a program devoted to increasing racial awareness at the University of Cincinnati. On a visit there, several Kenyon students learned about the program and felt that it was necessary to have a similar group here.

RAP experienced a dormant period, but with the arrival of Michael Williams, who served as multicultural program coordinator in the 1994-95 academic year, the group was revived. Programs last year included panel discussions, guest speakers, and informal open discussions.

This year the group is working on discussion topics such as the idea of the "model minority", interracial relationships, and subtle racism, with the assistance of their new advisor, Dafina M.L. Stewart. The semester's first program, entitled "What? That's not Racist! ... Is it?" will be presented on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

The Racial Awareness Program engages members of the Kenyon community in discussion concerning racial issues which are often sensitive. At every RAP program the point is to bring these issues to the forefront in a safe environment. The members of RAP believe that open lines of communication provide the first step

towards understanding and acceptance and hold that misunderstanding and insensitivity about races and ethnicities different from one's own is often caused by ignorance.

The facilitators recognize that RAP sessions will not end with an easy solution to the racism inherent in the fabric of America; however, they do leave with the hope of provoking thought, gaining some knowledge, and increasing some awareness. In addition, they wish to inspire people to make changes in their own lifestyle and attitudes, rather than passively accepting the standards that have been set.

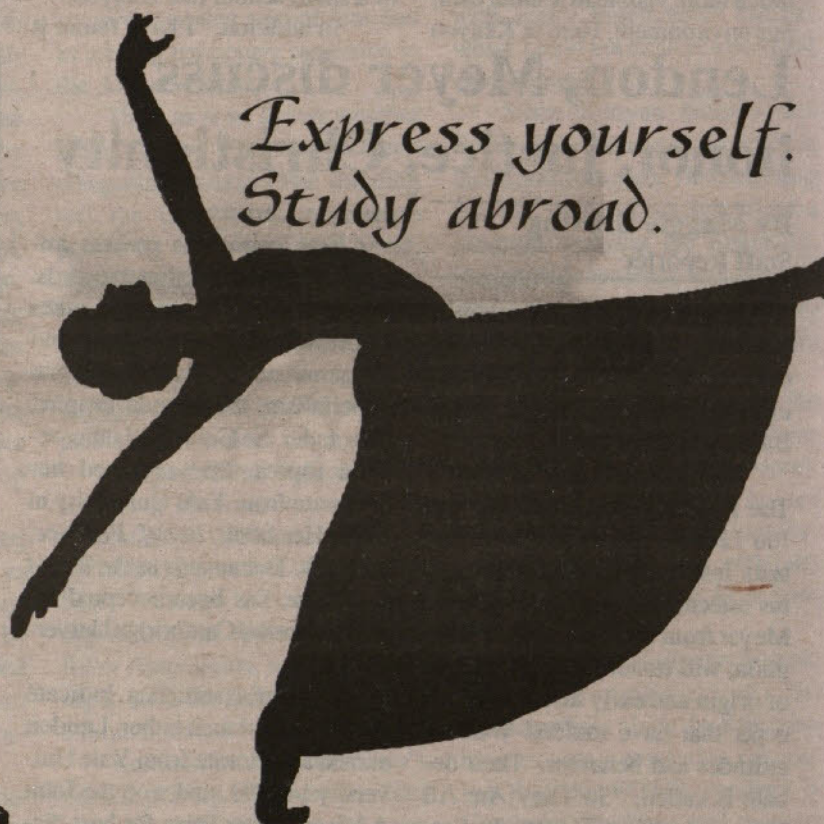
The members of RAP come from different backgrounds and

have diverse interests. But they all have one thing in common—they are dedicated to heightening awareness of racial issues in the Kenyon community through open, honest dialogue.

The Racial Awareness Program is a student-facilitated organization, advised by newly-appointed Multicultural Program Coordinator Dafina Stewart.

The facilitators for the fall semester are: seniors Stephanie Segal, Kristin Shrimplin, Lisa Smilnak, Laura Wheatley; and juniors Jennifer MacConnell, Erin McDonald, and Kenyon Warren.

Anyone interested in becoming a RAP facilitator next semester should contact Dafina Stewart in the Student Affairs Center.





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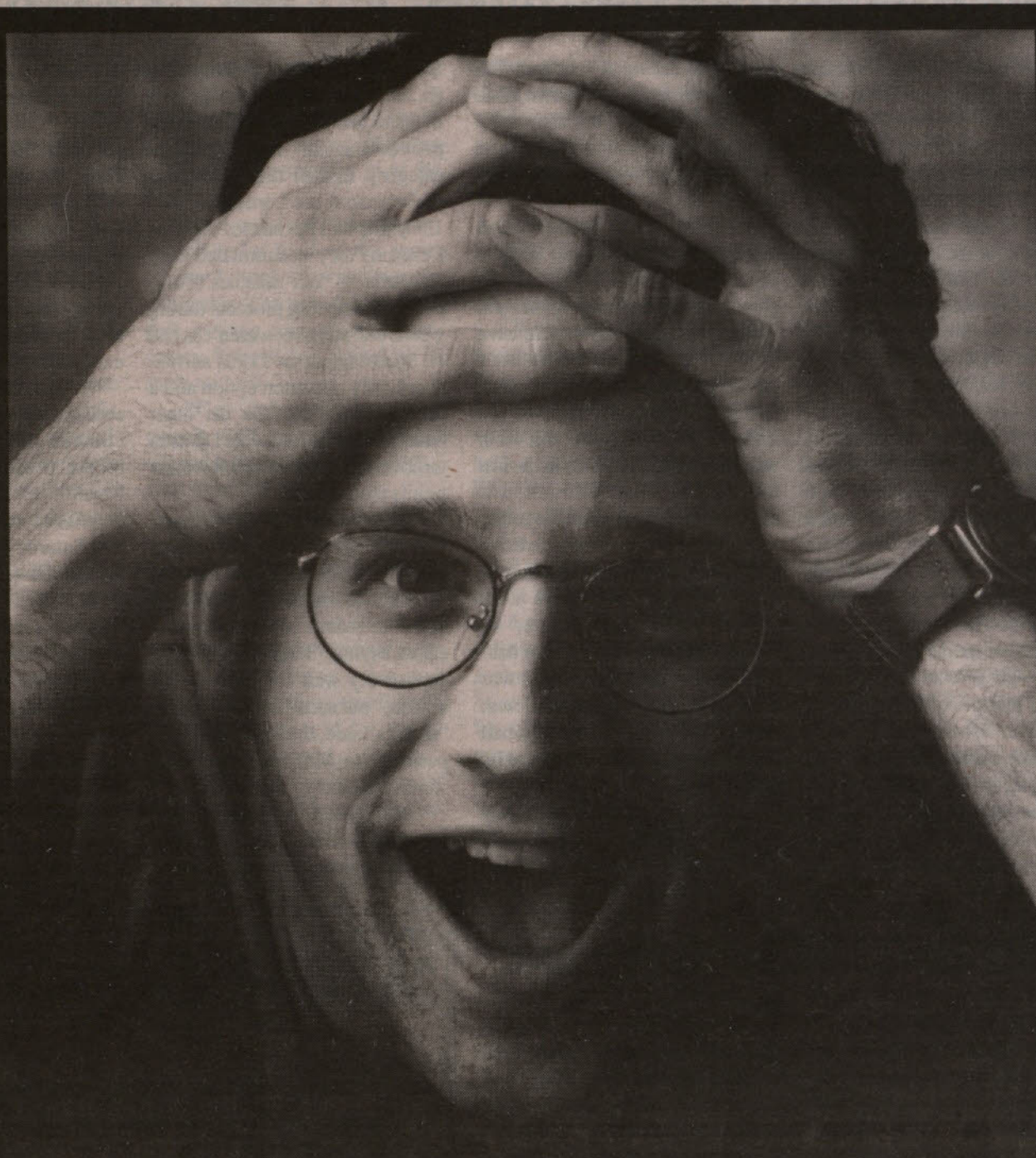


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# Lords football disappointed with 7-7 tie at Denison

By Heath Binder  
Staff Writer

Saturday, the Lords football team had their chances to pull out a win over the Denison Big Red. But they made too many mistakes, and, as is usually the case, these two things cancelled each other out and the Lords could only muster a 7-7 tie against archrival Denison.

"We should've beat 'em. There's not much else to say," said Lords quarterback Frank Scalabrino '98, who had Kenyon's only score of the day, a four-yard run with just over 10 minutes in the game. His disappointment was justified; the Big Red, still winless at 0-3-1, were able to escape defeat because the Lords (1-1-1) could not convert on three scoring chances, two of which were in the fourth quarter.

These missed opportunities overshadowed another fine rushing performance by running back Devin Johnson '98, who followed up last weekend's 150-yard effort against Oberlin with a new career-

high of 161 yards on an astounding 37 carries. While the Lords were tough on the ground, their air game was almost nonexistent for the second week in a row, as they managed only 58 yards passing.

The first of the Lords' problems came in the second quarter, when kicker Cory Munstersteiger '99 narrowly missed a 27-yard field goal attempt which sailed left. His miss was especially painful because it followed a Denison turnover. Lords lineman Dan Brigg '98 recovered a fumble by Big Red quarterback Chris Ehrlich with 11 minutes to play in the first half. The Lords offense steamrolled down to the Denison 10 behind Johnson, who rushed for 29 yards on three plays, including one run of 26 yards. The Lords were gaining offensive momentum, and the miss brought it to an abrupt halt.

The other two failures, however, proved to be even worse. The first, which came at the start of the fourth quarter, cut short a Lords drive that reached the Denison 5. Scalabrino, who started the drive by hitting Johnson for a 26-yard

gain, was facing a fourth-and-2. The Lords were still down, 7-0, and needed to tie, but they were stopped when Scalabrino could only manage one yard on a quarterback sneak.

The third and final problem arose after the Lords had tied the score with 10:07 to play in the game. After exchanging several fruitless drives, Kenyon defensive back Pat Stoklas '98 picked off a pass from Denison's second quarterback, Brian Nicholas, at the Kenyon 29 to stop the Big Red, who had moved 30 yards in the last four plays. What followed was poetry, as the Lords strung together two passes and seven runs to drive to the Denison 21. Facing a fourth-and-4, however, the Lords were out of field goal range, so Scalabrino forced a pass to full-back Jeff Bauer '96, who was tackled short of the first down. Denison took possession of the ball and the last real offensive threat by the Lords was thwarted.

Although it may not be readily apparent, there were several positive aspects of the Lords' game on

Saturday. The most obvious statistic, 176 total yards on the ground, overshadowed a significant improvement in the penalties category. In their first two games of the season, the Lords racked up 150 yards on 17 penalties. Against Denison, they accumulated only 30 yards on four miscues. Turnovers, another big problem during weeks one and two, weren't as bad on Saturday, as the Lords surrendered only one interception and a fumble. They did, on the other hand, manage to force four Denison turnovers, but couldn't produce any points from them.

Head coach Vince Arduini, who saw his Lords move to third place in the North Coast Athletic Conference with their 1-0-1 record, noted his team's superb defensive effort, saying, "They've played exceptionally well for most of the season," but added that he was still "disappointed, because we were in position (to win) more than they were. We have to execute better."

He praised the efforts of defensive lineman Doug Wise '96, who garnered two-and-a-half sacks,

10 tackles, and was named the team's Defensive Player of the Week. Defensive back Mylin Johnson '96 and lineman Thayer Case '97, who returned after suffering a stress fracture in his leg, both contributed notable performances as well. Offensive tackle John Lindsey '98 netted Player of the Week honors as he graded out at an astounding 95 percent in his execution of the offense.

With the defense's third straight superlative effort, they climbed into first place in the NCAC in terms of total yards allowed, boasting the stingiest defense in recent Kenyon history.

Saturday, the Lords host perennial Division III powerhouse Wittenberg. The Lords' glaring lack of balance between their running and passing games must be corrected if they are to contend with the Tigers (3-0-0), who defeated another national power, Allegheny College, 31-17 last weekend. This game will be the most difficult test this year for the Lords. Kickoff is at 1:30 p.m. at McBride Field.

## Cross Country successful at Invitational

By James Ray  
Staff Writer

Kenyon's cross country team took the front line Saturday in a campaign to topple NCAA Division II-equivalent runners. Keri Schulte '97 and Annick Shen '97 stepped away from the shackles of injury to lead the Ladies to a second-place finish with 56 points. The team trailed only host Cedarville College, who had 26 points.

Cedarville's power charged in the form of Becky Jordon, who commandeered first place with a time of 18:37. Oblivious to defeat, Schulte finished only 13 seconds later, taking second place at 18:50. Captain Gretchen Baker '97 claimed seventh with a time of 19:23. The next three Kenyon runners finished with times all within a minute of Baker's time. Shen claimed 13th with a time of 19:57; Christine Breiner '99 with 20:13, and Beth Fincke '99 with 20:16.

In only her first week back, Schulte managed to use her uphill skills at a critical point to earn her second-place finish. "I finally caught up to [Jordon] past the two-mile mark," she recalled. "She started to pull away again on the last lap, but going up the hill, I was able to catch up to her somewhat."

Schulte said that she was nervous as the approach. "I wasn't sure how I would do, not having raced since [the] track [season]," she said. "When the gun went off, I didn't think about any of that. I just ran."

Just running was not enough for Baker, however, who was forced to use more complicated strategy en route to her impressive finish. It took teamwork—with a

runner from another team. "I was running with this girl from Wilmington, and we were working to break up the Cedarville pack," Baker said. "We seriously gained on them, but we had just given them too much space at the beginning." Closing the gap proved frustratingly impossible for Baker, as she lost to the sixth-place runner by only one second.

"Having Annick right there behind me, closing the gap between myself and the rest of the pack, really helped improve our time." She loved seeing more purple out on the course, and said that Schulte and Shen also helped pull the team together psychologically. "They're both so enthusiastic about competing again after a respite; it brings a positive attitude to the team."

All teams racing, with the exception of Wilmington and Kenyon Colleges, are part of the National Athletic Intercollegiate Association (NAIA), an organization which grants athletic scholarships. "This makes them comparable to NCAA Division II teams," Schulte explained. Still, Kenyon beat seven out of the eight teams racing, a better performance than what was projected for them earlier this season.

The Lords took the middle road Saturday, placing fourth with 128 points at the Cedarville meet behind Taylor University, whose 25 points landed them in first place. A national champion and his sidekick took the first and second places: James Njoroge with 24:52 and Shad Kilemba with 25:33, both from Taylor.

Following the strength of this duo, Kenyon's captain Dan Denning '98 came in third place at

25:58. Behind him was Shawn Pealer '97. Between Pealer and Mickey Mominee '97, there was less than a minute's difference. Pealer came in 27th at 27:45, Ryan Snyder '99 in 30th at 27:56, Jason Miles '98 in 31st at 27:57, and Mominee in 32nd at 28:40.

"Both teams ran pack-runs," said Coach Duane Gomez. "We'd been working on this, and it finally came through."

Denning, however, was striving for a personal record time against Cedarville. "In the last 300 meters, I caught two guys short," Denning said. "A guy from Walsh [College] and I had been running together for about three-and-a-half miles, and then we came up to the Cedarville guy with about 400 meters to go."

Denning has a unique strategy which he was unashamed to reveal. "What goes through my mind when I go up a hill is that I'm a mountain goat. Thinking of this makes me go faster. I call it the mountain goat technique."

There were no uphill victories for Snyder, according to Pealer, who saw the first-year Kenyon runner fall down soon after the first mile. "This very likely affected his finishing time, since several people passed him at this point," Pealer explained. "We wanted to get our pack under, and this time we finally managed to do that."

The Lords will run Saturday at Denison, while the Ladies will practice for their upcoming meet on Oct. 7 at Ohio State University. "They're all Division I teams there," said Baker, "so we don't expect to take first. It's a chance for us to race against teams outside of the [North Coast Athletic] Conference."

## Wednesday's scores:

### Men's soccer:

Kenyon 3, Case Western Reserve 0

### Women's soccer:

Marietta 1, Kenyon 0

### Field hockey:

Ohio Wesleyan 5, Kenyon 0

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forced into a seven-aside, sudden-death overtime.

"In my career at Kenyon," said Kim, "we have never won in overtime. But we had the first possession of the ball, and we said, let's do this quickly before we all get tired." After only 30 seconds of overtime play, Rimelspach took another midfield pass from Kim down the side of the field, and shot toward the far corner. Her goal gave Kenyon their second victory in as many days. "It was a goal I'll never forget," said Rimelspach.

"These games were proof of the abilities we knew we had, but

haven't been able to pull off," commented Kim. "They were huge for our confidence; our momentum is really moving now."

"They were exciting," agreed co-captain Pia Catton, '96. "They were good teams, but we proved to be better. When we match up again with teams of equal ability in our conference, we'll feel more prepared this time."

The Ladies will take their home field again Saturday, against the Yoewomen of Oberlin College. Having lost to Oberlin four times in the last two years, the Ladies are ready for revenge.

*Rev Johnson is still interested in running a sports cartoon, so if you'd like to give it a shot, e-mail him at JOHNSONRP!*



# Lords soccer suffers first defeat, looks towards OWU

By Greg Ferrell  
Staff Writer

Despite a tough loss to Tiffin University last Wednesday, the Kenyon mens' soccer team improved its season record to 7-1 with wins against Earlham and Otterbein Colleges. The Lords are currently ranked first in the region, and are undefeated in the North Coast Athletic Conference.

Kenyon extended its home undefeated streak to 37 straight games Monday. "Mavec Magic" was quite apparent as the Lords came away with an impressive 2-0 win in front of a modest afternoon crowd at Mavec Field.

The Cardinals of Otterbein came into the contest on a two-game winning streak, with one of those victories coming against a solid Denison University team that boasts three of the top ten scorers in the NCAC.

In no time at all, the Lords posted a 1-0 lead as midfielder Tony Mohammed '97 streaked up the right sideline and made a su-

perb cross into the penalty box where the ball was touched by an Otterbein defender, giving Kenyon a penalty kick. Wayne Albertyn '97 casually knocked it in at the 37:54 mark.

The Lords held their one goal advantage for most of the game, constantly applying pressure to the vulnerable Otterbein defense with deft passing and several near-scores. Kenyon had a total of 12 shots on goal.

"Our defense played extremely well, we passed well, but we had a little trouble finishing," said Albertyn.

With just over seven minutes remaining in the contest, midfielder Andre Kalufanya '99 skillfully penetrated the Cardinals' defense with aggressive dribbling, and booted it in for the unassisted score. This sealed Otterbein's fate, as it gave Kenyon a more comfortable 2-0 lead, which held for the remainder of the match.

"It was an exciting game" Kalufanya said. "They were pretty good, but we created a lot of

chances to score. We came out strong, passed well, but we just couldn't seem to finish."

The Otterbein contest marked the beginning of a long, arduous stretch of difficult games for the Lords that is not only vital for the outcome of this season, but may be the most important two weeks in the history of Kenyon soccer.

The brutal stretch started Monday against Otterbein, and will end 12 days and four games later.

As part of the stretch the Lords took a trip to Cleveland to face off with a powerful Case Western Reserve University squad on Wednesday. The Lords came away with a 3-0 win.

Continuing their marathon, the Lords return home Saturday for the AutumnFest game against the reigning Division III champions, Bethany College. Kenyon will then have a mere three days to prepare for what will probably be the biggest game of the regular season when conference rival Ohio Wesleyan University comes to town on Wednesday, Oct. 4. The winner of that match, in all likelihood, will end up taking home the 1995 NCAC title at the end of the year.

"The local rivalry between Kenyon and Ohio Wesleyan is one of the highlights of Kenyon athletics," said head coach Jack Detchon. "It would be sad, therefore, if foul language and general unseemliness were to besmirch this excellent encounter. This will be a very hard game, and we hope that all of the students will support Kenyon as much as they can, but in a correct

way, and everyone knows what we mean by that."

Kenyon travelled to Indiana Saturday to do battle with another one of its conference rivals. Last year, the Earlham Quakers played the Lords in a tough 1-0 loss at Mavec Field and were determined to come out victorious this year at home. However, the scoring clinic that Kalufanya put on thwarted any such hopes of Earlham, as Kenyon rolled over the Quakers, 4-0.

Although the Lords began the game a little slowly by not scoring in the first half, they came out strong in the second period. The first goal of the game came when Mohammed, who is averaging 2.4 goals per game this season, scored an unassisted goal 11 minutes into the second half.

Then, in an extraordinary span of four minutes, Kalufanya scored three quick goals. The first came when Isaac Gowin '97 made one of his patented throw-ins all the way to the penalty box, where it was met by Kalufanya's head and punched into the back of the net. Two minutes later, Jonathan Moodey '97 assisted Kalufanya who drilled another shot passed the Quaker goalie. Two minutes later, it was David Sims '99 who made a cross to Kalufanya for the final score of the contest.

"We were a bit shaky at the beginning," said Mike Vassilopoulos '98, "but then we loosened up and relaxed in the second half. Tony broke the ice with his score, and from there Andre took over and put on a

show."

Kenyon's rapid scoring in the second half can partially be attributed to the outstanding physical condition of the team. "We're in better shape than anyone we play," said goalkeeper Chris Schilling '98, "and it always shows once the second half rolls around."

Unfortunately for the Lords, their superior physical condition was not enough to overcome Tiffin University, who defeated Kenyon, 3-0. "We came out flat because our heads weren't in it," commented goalkeeper Elliot Shay '98.

"Tiffin is always a difficult fixture," Detchon said. "Kenyon failed to rise to the challenge, and the players and coaches were extremely disappointed with their display. The players knew it, recognized it, and reacted positively, doing well to win their first conference game at Earlham."

The next home game for the Lords will be Saturday at 3 p.m. against Bethany College.

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—Coach Jack Detchon

This article originally ran in *The Ohio Wesleyan University Transcript* Oct. 19, 1994. With the Lords soccer team facing the OWU Battling Bishops at Kenyon on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1995, the editors felt this was an appropriate time to alert the Kenyon community how intense this rivalry has become. Support your number-one ranked Lords by coming to Mavec Field.

## Masters' Piece

Every college has its rival. You know, the school that is hated wherever you go on campus. You can't wear the colors of this school without getting the finger, a raving mob screaming in your face, or even getting your Jockey shorts run up the flagpole for all to see.

Such is the case at Ohio Wesleyan. Of all the schools in the North Coast Athletic Conference, the one that really seems to bring out the true Battling Bishop is Kenyon.

They call themselves the Purple Lords. No one knows why they're purple, except they are. They hop around on their campus, nestled high in the mountains north of Delaware, and profess to be intellectual.

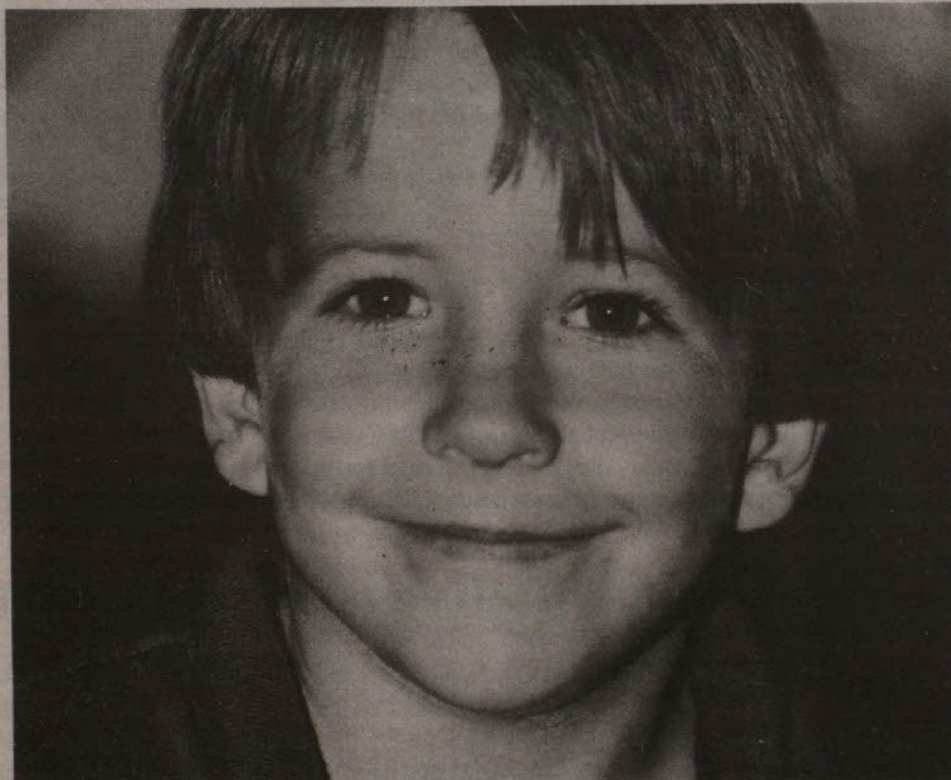
They also claim to have pretty good sports teams. Oh sure, the field hockey and men's basketball teams are decent. But it's the Kenyon men's soccer team that really makes its mark.

So what do the Lords do? They kick the living bejeezus out of any team within a 200-mile radius, except Ohio Wesleyan. That is, until last year, when Kenyon decided to actually do something well, and the Lords knocked OWU out of the national playoffs.

So now it's payback time. Revenge is there for all you Bishop fans who suffered through the abrupt end to the soccer season, and the embarrassment of watching the Kenyon men's basketball team win the NCAC tournament at Ohio Wesleyan's Branch Rickey Arena. If you've ever felt as though our neighbors to the north were just a little too uppity, a little too brash, a little too full of themselves....now is the time to react.

Ohio Wesleyan and Kenyon will battle tonight in a men's soccer match of epic proportions. OWU is ranked No.1 in the nation. Kenyon is ranked seventh. The Bishops have Obi Moneme. The Lords have Mark Phillips. But the one thing the Barney wanna-be's from Gambier don't have is the home field advantage.

That's right...it's all going to go down in the friendly confines of Roy Rike Field. So grab your friends and head out to tonight's match. Let's pack the place, and show Kenyon that the national championship gravy train stops right here. And if we're really nice, maybe we'll let Kenyon have a ticket to watch us take it all.



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# Field hockey goes 2-1 on the road

By Lindsay Buchanan  
Staff Writer

Following a frustrating loss to archrival Denison last Wednesday, the Kenyon Ladies field hockey team returned jubilant from the Seven Sisters Tournament at Smith College last weekend. After losing their first round game to the team that went on to win the tournament, the Ladies won the next two rounds, finishing at the top of their bracket and bringing their record to 4-6. Their luck has finally changed.

Wellesley College, the Ladies' first opponent of the tournament, was a level above Kenyon. "They were way out of our league," commented Sarah Diehl '97. "They were quicker than us and probably more skilled. The loss to them wasn't as frustrating as it could have been because I don't think

there was any way we could have won." Suffering a sound defeat, the Ladies sought to put the game behind them and concentrate on their next two games against teams with skill levels similar to their own.

Saturday afternoon, the Ladies took on Haverford College of Pennsylvania. Having lost to Haverford 1-0 in overtime in the first round of this tournament last year, the Ladies had a score to settle. Though the two teams were very evenly matched, the Ladies' intensity waned when Haverford scored the first goal of the game late in the first half.

"At halftime we talked about pulling it together and putting the ball in the goal. We had travelled way too far to lose a game to a team we knew we could beat," said Sara Reish '98.

Twelve minutes into the sec-

ond half, Lindsay Buchanan '97 scored off the goalie's deflection to bring the game to a 1-1 tie. "At this point, we had a big mental block to overcome," commented co-captain Samie Kim '96. "We have come back from being down before, but never to win. And we had a three-game losing streak that we were trying to halt...there was a lot on the line for us in this game." Compounding their pressure was the Ladies' knowledge that the other teams in the tournament did not expect them to do well; they were seeded seventh out of the eight teams.

With 14 minutes remaining in the game, Reish found herself alone with the ball and Haverford's goalie. "I thought to myself, 'this has to go in'. I don't even know how I managed to score, I was so nervous," she admitted. Being ahead 2-1 was good, but still nerve-

wracking—especially when Haverford was granted four penalty corners in five minutes. The Ladies sought to seal the victory, and with less than seven minutes remaining, Carrie Moore '99 did just that, scoring on another goalie deflection. The Ladies dominated the rest of the game, and came away victorious, 3-1. "It was a tremendous game for all of us," commented head coach Kiki Chesterton.

The next morning the Ladies took on Vassar College, battling for fifth place in the tournament—the top of the consolation bracket. Since Kenyon defeated Vassar in last year's tournament, the New York team was hungry for revenge. But Kenyon was hungrier. The first half was hard-fought and even, with neither team able to convert their many scoring opportunities into goals. At halftime,

the Ladies were caught in a scoreless tie. Again the Ladies' intensity diminished when Vassar scored the first goal of the game early in the second half. But Reish quickly answered, scoring a goal from outside the circle to bring the game to a tie.

Several more minutes of battle brought two penalty cards on the Ladies for dangerous play, as their determination turned into desperation. Again Vassar scored to take the lead, and the time on the clock showed an unnerving 12 minutes left in the game. This time Christina Rimelspach '98 rose to the challenge, scoring in a one-on-one with the goalie after a midfield pass from Kim. In the last five minutes of the game, the Ladies had a series of penalty corners and tried to bring the game to a victory then, but to no avail. When time ran out, the score was tied 2-2 and the Ladies were see **HOCKEY** page ten

## Ladies soccer ties Case Western in conference opener

By Molly Preble  
Staff Writer

The Ladies soccer team opened their North Coast Athletic Conference play Saturday with a 0-0 tie against Case Western Reserve University. The Ladies painted the goal post, outshooting their conference rivals 20-6, but couldn't seem to get the ball in the net. "We just had trouble scoring," said Stacy Strauss '96. "It was an unlucky day."

Unlucky is right. In addition to a frustrating, scoreless game, three sophomore starting players suffered injuries. Forward scoring force Laurie Danner is out indefinitely due to an ankle injury, while her twin sister Amy remains immobile with a more serious hamstring pull. In addition to the Danner twins, defender Morgen Ahearn suffered a leg injury forcing coach Paul Wardlaw to do some quick rearranging of his players on the field.

"I don't want to dwell on the injuries," Wardlaw said. "We have a great team. I've been pleased



Robin Blume-Kohout

Hilary Marx '96 fights for the ball.

with our defense and the team is working well together."

Coming away without a win doesn't help the solid NCAC start the Ladies had been hoping for in order to help secure a solid finish at

the top of the conference.

"That was the first time we haven't been able to beat Case in my four years here," said Strauss. "It could have just as well been a loss. I don't think it will affect our

future play in the NCAC."

The NCAC is well-known as one of the toughest conferences in Division III. A strong finish in the conference is most likely an indication of strong postseason

play.

"Nobody gets by without a loss," continued Strauss, "That's just how strong this conference is."

The Ladies continued to breeze through non-conference matches this week beating Ohio Northern University 3-1 to earn a respectable record of 5-2-2.

Most of the rest of the season will be spent concentrating on other NCAC rivals such as Wooster, Wittenberg, and Denison.

"The rest of the conference games will be tough," said Wardlaw. "We have to pull together."

Kenyon has their sights set high and fingers crossed, hoping for a little luck to come their way Saturday at home against long-time rivals and defending NCAC champions Wooster. The College Wooster's impressive record includes wins over NCAC giants Wittenberg and Denison Colleges.

"Those wins put Wooster in the driver's seat," said Wardlaw.

But they also give Kenyon nothing to lose. And with a little luck, they won't have to.

## Volleyball struggles in tournament, remains optimistic

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Those who did not watch the Ladies roll to a 15-12, 15-13, 7-15, 19-17 victory last Tuesday against Otterbein missed one of the most exciting volleyball matches in recent Kenyon history. In the all-important fourth game, the Kenyon Ladies stuffed Otterbein on two possible game points, and then squeaked out their 19-17 match win.

"We kept playing and pushing, even though we were utterly exhausted both physically and emotionally. We never gave up,

and showed much progress and maturity as a team," head coach Jennie Bruening remarked.

It was a real team effort as the Ladies amassed an amazing 16 aces, 122 digs, and 20 blocks. Not only did they continue to play hard, but their defense was stellar, as it frustrated and baffled Otterbein.

Still high from the emotional uplift of the Otterbein victory, the Ladies seemed confident and ready to play going into the John Carroll University Invitational over the weekend. Knowing that they would be playing three regionally ranked team, including Calvin College,

which is ranked number one, the Ladies knew the importance of staying focused and positive.

In this tournament the competition was too tough for the Ladies, as they dropped all four matches—to John Carroll 5-15, 7-15, to Mount St. Joseph's 5-15, 7-15, to Calvin College 8-15, 17-15, 3-15, and to Thomas Moore 3-15, 3-15.

"We knew this was going to be an extremely tough tournament, with Calvin, John Carroll, and Thomas Moore. However, we did gain some valuable experience against competitive, regionally ranked teams," said Bruening.

"Though overall the tourna-

ment was a disappointment, the highlight for all of us had to be our victory in the second game against Calvin College," said tri-captain Alicia Gooley '97. In this match, the Ladies demonstrated extreme composure, as the lead went back and forth several times. However, after fighting hard to keep their lead, the Ladies prevailed and took a game from the number-one ranked team in the Great Lakes Region. Though they could not pull out the match, they did show how much potential there is on the young squad.

Bruening was extremely happy with first-year students Rea

Oberwetter and Carolyn Hande. "Rea showed much more consistency and confidence on the floor this weekend, as she had 17 kills and hit an extraordinary .306 hitting efficiency," Bruening said. "Carolyn had 27 digs to help keep us in some of the matches."

In the next three games, the Ladies will play Hiram, Taylor University, and Case Western Reserve University. They have already defeated Hiram and Case this season. With their record at 8-12, the Ladies should be close to the .500 mark in time for the beginning of North Coast Athletic Conference play, Oct. 7.