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## Once Again, Lords and Ladies Stroke to National Title

By Grant Tennille

Utter dominance breeds complacency. Yeah, right. The 1991 Lords and Ladies swim teams shot that theory all to pieces again this year as they continued to exert monopolistic control over the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships.

The Ladies captured their eighth consecutive title; while the Lords brought home their twelfth straight crown. Surprisingly, neither team met with much resistance. Tallying 661.5 total points, the Ladies outscored their nearest competitor, highly touted University of California at San Diego (UCSD), by 198 points. Shallow competitors enabled the Lords, who tallied 593.5 total points, to more than double the score of their nearest competitor, The Claremont Colleges (Ca.). Despite the dearth of competition, many Kenyon swimmers enjoyed the meet of their lives.

On the Ladies side, senior co-captain Kami Mathews saw 4 years of hard work pay off tenfold as she captured the NCAA Swimmer of the Year award. The leading scorer of the meet, Mathews tallied 97 points by winning 2 individual events, placing second in another,



photo by Melissa Kaluzny

and lending her efforts to 4 victorious relay teams. The individual titles came in the 100 and 200 freestyle events, with her time in the 200 establishing a new NCAA record in Mathew's name. Of the senior's perfor-

mance, Coach Jim Steen said, "Kami worked hard this year. She has an incredible desire to be the best; it's nice to see that desire being rewarded, and to see her conclude her career with lifetime bests."

Other Ladies capturing individual titles included sophomore Jen Carter in the 200 breaststroke and the 200 IM, junior Kristie Stacy in the 100 butterfly, sophomore Carolyn Peticolas in the 50 free, and freshman Jessica Berkowitz in the 1650 free.

Berkowitz's victory may very well have been the meet's most exciting moment. The freshman sensation trailed Allegheny's Kate Thomas by two seconds for most of the race, but in the final 200 yards, Berkowitz began to gain ground. Coming out of the final turn, the two were running even, but Berkowitz poured it on in the final lap to take the victory by less than one half of a second.

"When I went into the event, I was concentrating on my own race," said Berkowitz. "I swim better that way. I knew that she would go out faster than me and that I would have to stick with her, because I would only be able to catch her one time."

The Ladies also enjoyed great success in the relays, as they set new NCAA records in both the 200 free and medley events while taking gold in the 400 free and medley as well. Freshman Tasha Willis sparked the Ladies, putting together what Coach Amy Williams

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## Greek Council Accepts New Rush Proposal, Hopes for Addendum

By Joyce Y. Tecson

In the upcoming years, Kenyon's Greek system will be undergoing a number of changes. According to Kim McMullen, Senate Chair, each year the Greek Council must report to Senate as stated in Kenyon's constitution. Article I, section 2, paragraph b. of Kenyon's Constitution states, "The Council (Greek Council) shall formulate legislative proposals for maintaining the fraternity system at Kenyon for presentation to Senate." This includes a formal report on the rush proposal for the following year.

After reading and discussing the American Council on Education's report on Greek organizations on the college campus, Senate "reached a number of general points of consensus" and wanted to make sure that Greek Council incorporated those ideas into their rush proposal for the 1991-1992 academic year. On Nov. 15, McMullen sent a letter to Chuck Peruchini, then Greek Council President, of Senate's concerns.

McMullen said, "Senate's main concern was that the institution's educational goals need to be the fundamental goal of the college," and that the fraternities also need to keep this in mind. Other guidelines presented in the letter included a second semester rush and justifications for the length and value of the pledging period.

According to John Donovan, current Greek Council President, the February 27th meeting went smoothly and the Rush Proposal was approved with few changes. According to Kent Ginther, Senate and Greek Council member, the Greek Council approved the original proposal "because we were trying to be conciliatory."

The proposal that passed changed the rush procedure in a few ways. It will take place at the beginning of second semester, during the week as well as on weekends. Because of the concern for missing class and sleep during the week, pledges will receive one more hour of sleep then. The proposal also requires that next year, the Greek Council appear before Senate to justify the need for pledging and work week.

Before the close of the meeting, an addendum was presented to Senate asking that the proposal "remain intact through the 1993-94 academic year and that changes to the proposal follow from the initiatives of Greek Council or its advisor and approved by Senate. The addendum was later defeated by virtue of a tie vote along student faculty lines.

Since some members of Senate were absent, Greek Council asked for another vote when more members could be present. Senate informed the Council that a new vote would only be taken if a "substantially different" addendum were presented. According to

McMullen, some members of Senate were concerned with the implications of a statement in the original addendum that "only Greek Council could make changes" thereby excluding faculty, administration and independent students from having a voice. McMullen also believes, "Had we known we were working on a project for the next three years, 'other concerns would have been more aggressively addressed.'"

They presented a new addendum to be voted on yesterday that required the new rush

## SPAN Sponsors Poverty Awareness

Students for Progressive Action Now (SPAN) sponsored Poverty Awareness Week last week by hosting a speaker, showing videos, and putting together a coffee house on Friday night.

"Poverty tends to be a non-issue in the eyes of the two major parties," SPAN President Jason Rhodes said. "We want people to know that it's not just an issue, it's a plague. We want them to understand the magnitude of the problem."

According to Rhodes, the week was a success because attendance at the lecture and videos was "decent, with plenty of positive feedback." Over the course of the week, Dinah Leventhal, the national director for Democratic Socialists of America's (DSA) Youth Section, spoke, and they showed videos entitled, "The Other America," by

guidelines to remain in action for a minimum of three years. The addendum also gives the power to change rush rules to the Greek Council only, with recommendations from their advisor, the Student Council president, the faculty chair, and the Dean of Students.

"This would introduce an element of consistency into the process," Ginther said. "For the last four years, there has been a different process." Ginther was confident that the measure would pass.

Mitch Snyder, and "New American Poverty," by Micael Harrington, DSA founder.

SPAN raised about \$170 at the coffee house, which they plan to split three ways: a small portion to the DSA, a small portion for the group to plan their next event, and the majority to the Children's Defense Fund in Washington D.C. which fights poverty among children. The group's next event will focus on the question of national health care.

## '86 Alum Meets Oscar

On Monday night, at the 63rd annual Academy Awards, Kenyon alumnus Adam Davidson '86 won the Oscar in the Best Live Action Short Film Category. His film, entitled "The Lunch Date," also won the Palme d'Or for Best Short Film at the 1990 Cannes International Film Festival.



## Self Promotion Rightly Understood

Students arriving at Kenyon every August are besieged by the rules of this institution. New students are told where they can smoke, where and what they can drink, what is proper and what is not proper to say out loud, and even where they may park their cars. They are told how to treat the opposite sex in every imaginable scenario, how to treat others of different race, cultures and backgrounds. As their time at Kenyon wears on, they are told where and who they can live with, what meetings they can attend and whether they may speak there. Perhaps they will be turned in for smoking or drinking and be forced through some time of rehabilitation. Perhaps, they will even be given a lecture on how many of each sex should sit where in the dining hall. By the time they leave, they will have been indoctrinated into Kenyon's society. Now everyone who has taken Poli Sci. 1-2 understands the needs for some regulations but let us consider the dangers that coincide with our Kenyon lives.

It would seem, upon first glance, that these institutional norms are the product of a stringent administration with intense scrutiny over students' personal and private lives. Well that, unfortunately, is the simple solution. The fact is students take part in a lot of the college's affairs. And this year has shown that when confronted with an issue they dislike, students do not have to sit back and accept their fate willingly. So it seems we are stepping on virgin territory. Instead of focusing on a specific group, the *Collegian* wants to remind others what often surrounds this school's criticism. Let us do something about our uncontrollable desire as individuals and as a community to explain, in depth and at length, every aspect or everyone else's existence so that it becomes, as closely as possible, like our own.

Tension, ultimately, ensues from all these unwritten and written regulations. Groups and organizations meet ad nauseum to discuss the most beneficial ways to improve Kenyon. In premise, this is not a bad idea. A liberal arts education should promote active debate which leads to progressive change. What is problematic, however, is the tendency to take our debates too far. When members of the community dwell on their disagreements and pet peeves Kenyon College becomes a nice place to visit for about two hours. In short, while we should consider our opinions serious we should not take ourselves seriously. There is a time to complain and a time to forget that someone has complained about us.

Then, there is a time to transform our problems into open-minded mudslinging reverie.

What we do know is that there will be an excellent opportunity to do just that. Think about it. Have you or someone you know wanted to enlighten a campus organization, publication or individual of the folly of their ways? You would consider writing a letter, but the *Collegian* and the *Observer* have waiting lists a mile long. So let us find a moment for all members of the college community to rid themselves of this year's tension brought on by our numbing proximity. On Thursday, April 18, the *Collegian* will sponsor "Roast Kenyon" night. All members of the community are encouraged to contact the *Collegian* if they are interested in roasting organization(s) of their choice (even ours) or the college and community as a whole through speeches or skits. For those of you who don't feel the urge to publically embarrass yourself, we encourage you to attend this frolicking evening of outrageous humor.

For a mere buck you can witness the pillars of the community drop trou. And what could be better than that?

*Written by members of the Editorial Board*



## THE READERS WRITE

The *Kenyon Collegian* encourages letters to the Editor. All submissions must be signed and typed, double-spaced and are due Tuesdays at noon in the Gund Commons mailbox. The Editors reserve the right to edit all material while maintaining the original intent of the submission. Letters and columns do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff.

## Stinson Questions War Glorification

Editors:

As I sat home over break, I watched one news broadcast after another report about the return of our "triumphant" troops from the Gulf. At this time I would like to say that I am immensely grateful for the safe return of so many of our soldiers, all of whom were in my thoughts during a conflict to which I was opposed. As they disembark by the thousands on American soil, I must say that I am concerned once again with the stance the media and much of America are taking.

True, there exists overwhelming support for our actions in the Gulf, but the news media persists in portraying this as 100% American advocacy for our "victory." I find it to be my duty to myself to state that I am not fooled, nor do I support what took place in our campaign against Saddam Hussein. Yes, I support our troops, but I see them as trained craftsmen doing a dirty job, not as shining heroes of America. I am referring primarily of course to our male servicemen, thus following in the footsteps of the media. I feel that this blatant glorification of an abhorrent action coupled with still more celebration of some of the most dangerous attributes of American masculinity (violence,

alcoholism, etc.) by the news media is damaging and hardly impartial. My fear lies in a number of areas, not the least of which is encapsulated in this quote by Wayne Ewing, "The flag of violence becomes the object of fidelity and devotion for American children before they know the meaning of 'allegiance.'" On top of this, I have to feel a bit queasy when I see camouflage bumper stickers that say, "GO DESERT STORM." Only in America.

As a person who feels his patriotism through his Constitutional right to voice his disagreement with his government and country, I become concerned when the news and our president inform me that I had overwhelming support for our actions. They're wrong—I opposed it from the beginning and still do today. Now I have more to fear than just the senseless waste of lives in the Gulf conflict; I have to face the reality of a country gone mad with so-called "patriotism," a country that seems to have fully regained its warrior status, imperialistic motive, and blind support for violence and war in one fell swoop. I am fearful for America's military future and skeptical that the many problems rampant here at home will be so easily solved.

Sincerely,  
John Stinson '93

## Vocal Majority Wants Total Recall

To the Kenyon College Board of Trustees and President P.H. Jordan:

We are writing to you as an eclectic group of self-chosen students to inform you of recent measures that we have undertaken to conduct a thorough investigation of student opinion and thought concerning the extremely radical new housing policy that the administration has just handed down to the student body. We feel that a decision of this magnitude should have definite and valid student approval before its implementation. Therefore, our committee wrote an open let-

ter to the student community informing them of a vote that we were going to hold in order for all students to feel free to voice their own opinion.

The ballots were available to all students in both of the dining rooms for two meals for two consecutive days. Various members of our committee supervised the voting and assured the fact that all ballots were ethically cast. In addition to this, a complete student directory was on hand to record each student's name as s/he voted. The ballots were simple and direct: "Do you feel that see VOTE page eight

## Dean Steele Offers Just the Facts

To the Editors:

As a correction to the article "Media Board Convenes" in the issue on February 28, the Media Board has met at least once every year for the last five years, not for the first time in five years as stated in the article.

Cheryl Steele  
Assistant Dean of Students

*Editors' Notes: The meeting of the media board described in the Feb. 28 Collegian, was the first time in five years that a formal complaint was made against a school publication and brought to the media board. The formal complaint does not imply that charges were made by the media board itself. The Collegian apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.*

## Stud. Council Finance Committee Merits More Than "Stone Throwing"

To the Editors:

Having read your recent editorial of February 28, 1991 issue, I was appalled at your total lack of knowledge concerning the position of the Student Council Finance Committee and the completion of their duties. I feel that I can draw from my experience, since I worked with the Committee during a period of 12 years. Considering your blatant disregard for detail, I felt compelled to respond in kind. Innumerable hours are spent deliberating the application of funds to each

organization. Your recommendations for improving the "system" have plausibility, but in your effort to make those recommendations known you chose a very negative path. There is an old saying "don't throw the baby out with the bathwater." Suggestions for revision of the present dispensing of funds to Student Council organizations should be made without the stone throwing you chose to deliver.

Catherine Levengood  
Campus Events Secretary  
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## Marsalis's Jazz Dazzles Kenyon

By Christopher Missett

Five dollars can still buy a lot these days. Playing a spectacular, two-hour show of jazz music as blue as Wynton's suit and twice as hot as the temperature in the top row balcony, the Marsalis septet gave the roaring Kenyon audience an incredible bargain and a forceful, engrossing selection of tunes that fit into all styles of jazz but in the end was as timeless as any great work of art. From the opening "Blues" to the heartbreaking second encore, Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust," the eager crowd of fans was treated to an experience that will shine forever like a diamond amidst the many gem-like Kenyon memories we all accumulate.

To begin with, the rock-like foundation of the rhythm section never wavered. Drummer Herlin Riley deftly performed every trick in the book, adding several chapters while we watched, while bassist Reginald Veal and pianist Eric Ried, admirably displayed their considerable talents. The interplay between Veal and Riley during the closing jam was telepathic, and their handling of the polyrhythmic stew of "Black Codes" (dedicated to the hardworking Gabe) was masterful.

Wynton's front line of horns was also a cornucopia of remarkable young jazz talent. Trombonist Wycliffe Gordon's robust tone and effortless, winding licks were the happy surprise of the evening. The two sax players, multi-reedist Todd Williams and Wessel

Anderson on the alto had a supreme moment of simultaneous interplay during the closing piece of the first half, while their contributions to Duke Ellington's "Ko-Ko" paid respectable homage to that phenomenal jazz band of old.

However there was never any doubt who the leader was. Wynton Marsalis has had a remarkable career in both jazz music and classical (which he has recently retired from) and in the ten years he has been in the public eye, has managed to capture the hearts and minds of fans and musicians/disciples alike. In a phone interview, I asked Mr. Marsalis if he felt he could take credit for the revitalization of jazz and jazz history over the last ten years. He said that his publicity certainly helped him get his message across, but that "there are many people who are always talking about jazz music and I feel that they are responsible for it also."

This is undoubtedly true, but I can't think of many other musicians who can fill a hall with elegance, happiness, and love the way Mr. Marsalis did that evening. Words cannot describe the exquisiteness of his trumpet mastery, from the phosphorescent glow of his fiery "Knozz Moe King" solo to his lush cadenza on "Embraceable You." Mr. Marsalis has a true gift for bringing the vast accumulation of jazz history into the context of a single concert, and his solos bring to the listener a level of joy seldom attained in daily life. We were fortunate to experience what we did.

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## Voices from the

## Tower

By Josh Zuckerburg

Due to the Hyde Amendment, a Detroit high school girl "Jane Doe, the victim of a brutal gang rape by three men was unable to obtain an abortion. This young girl was utterly dependent on Medicaid. Although Jane suffers from an underlying seizure disorder and would be at high-risk for serious medical complications as a result of her pregnancy, she could not prove that her life "was endangered." This young innocent was forced to endure a dual punishment—not only the punishment of being a victim of rape itself, but being consigned to a lifetime of consequences. Jane Doe and her mother live in extreme poverty. Their annual income from AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) is about \$5,400, which must cover rent, food and utilities. As you know the Michigan law denies low-income women, dependent on Medicaid, access to an abortion unless their life is endangered. This extreme restriction applies to victims of rape and incest, even pregnant women with AIDS. Jane Doe and her mother appealed to the ACLU which immediately responded. It was during this time that Ethelene Crockett Jones M.D. became involved in this fight that her mother Dr. Ethelene Crockett and father George Crockett, representative from Detroit, had fought for many years. Dr. Ethelene Crockett Jones performed the abortion on Jane Doe through the generosity of anonymous donors. Ethelene Crockett Jones then battled to raise funds for the litigation of this case. This case which last week in the Michigan court of Appeals was won through the courageous testimony of Jane Doe and the outstanding efforts of two ACLU attorneys.

The Court ruled in favor of the plaintiff for clear and simple reasons. The court recognized that equal protection under the law is vulnerable to violation by legislation that either affects a fundamental interest or creates a suspect classification. This type of infringement on equality can not be justified by any compelling interest of the state. Furthermore, the court recognized that this law clearly was an abridgement of equality under law. The state, once it has decided to fund medically necessary care during pregnancy, must proceed to it in a neutral manner. The Court explained this further:

If she exercises her constitutional right to abortion, she is excluded from a program for which she is otherwise qualified; if she elects not to exclude that constitutional option, she may continue to receive the benefits of the statutory program.

The nature of the Michigan law which bases its legality on the Hyde Amendment is unconstitutional in that it burdens a constitutional right and/or offers an inducement for waiver of a constitutional right. This is intolerable. Lastly, the court recognized the claim of a state's right to interfere in case of protecting human life, but reminded us that the protection of a *potential* human life is not a compelling state interest which may impinge on a woman's right to an abortion. It appears to me that the overriding obligation is to the potential of the women who *is* alive and has made a decision concerning her body and her future. This case clearly illustrates that the time has come to remove the Hyde Amendment.

Through this amendment which states, "none of the funds contained in this act shall be used to perform abortions" except in the case of life endangerment, the state has created a direct barrier for indigent women to exercise their right to an abortion. The House has the responsibility to ensure a woman's personal freedom regardless of her economic position. Certainly, if the right to privacy means anything, it is the right of a woman to be free from unwarranted government intrusion into the decision of whether she will be host to a fetus for nine months. More important is the woman's freedom and undeniable right to try and preserve some of the potential that is in her. To grant herself a new beginning.

The denial of a Medicaid abortion is grossly discriminatory and unconstitutional. Furthermore, it is a clear invitation into some of the most horrible days of our past where women performed their own abortions resulting in lethal infections or sterility. We must not walk backwards into the darkness of ignorance but continue to grant to our citizens simple human rights guaranteed by our constitution.

*Editor's Note: Mr. Zuckerburg is currently an employee of the ACLU. This article should not be considered the ACLU's official position.*

## Cockroaches Features Strong Acting

by Kelly Brown

The Kenyon College Dramatics Club presented Janusz Glowacki's "Hunting Cockroaches" on March 22nd and 23rd at the Hill Theatre. The story dealt with the trials of a Polish couple as they tried to immigrate to Manhattan, and the problems they faced trying to obtain work permits and visas. The performances of the actors were good, and the material was funny during certain scenes, but for the most part the story was bland and really didn't evolve.

The play opened with the couple, HE and SHE, in bed, and continued to take place there, with all the action of both Manhattan and Poland occurring in or around the bed. Characters entered and exited the stage from

under the bed. This was clever staging, but at first it was distracting. A nice touch was the appearance of the censor, played by Andrew Dailinger. He appeared between the couple having risen through the center of what appeared to be a queen-sized bed.

The performances of the lead characters were excellent. Cornelia Kurtzman in the role of SHE was outstanding. Her accent was right on, which helped her create a character who came alive. Kurtzman created a character who could be sympathized with. Anthony Barnes, playing the part of HE also gave a strong performance. The character portrayed was one that you loved to hate, although the feeling was not as strong as the sympathy felt for HER. The supporting actors were good as well, but it was the material that dragged the play down.



# Weeks in Spring Planned to Celebrate Women at Kenyon

By Kate Brentzel

Women's Weeks 1991 were planned by the Crozier Center board of directors to celebrate women at Kenyon. The activities will include such things as an art exhibit opening, a panel discussion on women in the military, and a coffeehouse featuring women performers.

The Crozier Center board, comprising students, faculty, and administration members, planned the two weeks as a positive celebration of women. Hannah Ben-Zvi, a member of the board, said, "I definitely think it should be positive and celebratory. We had talked about having things about date rape and some of the more depressing and negative women's issues. We decided that, although those issues are certainly valid

and important, we wanted to try to celebrate women and have a lot of exciting and fun events."

The Women's Weeks events are also a celebration of the diversity of women at Kenyon. For instance, there will be a panel discussion about women at Kenyon which will include a faculty member, a member of the administration, a female security officer, women from ARA and maintenance, and a student. "It's very rare that we get to have women from the diverse parts of Kenyon communicating" said Ben Zvi.

The Crozier Center board itself is very diverse. Ben Zvi said that even with the board, it would be hard to find one philosophy on women's issue, or on any issue. The board is also very open. As Cheryl Steele, Assistant Dean of Students, said, "The board

is open to anyone. We're very loosely constructed . . . Anybody who comes to our meetings has a vote." Steele is glad to see increased student participation in planning Crozier events. The majority of the board is made up of students who decide how they want the Center used.

In addition to the openness of the board, the Crozier Center is trying to establish a very open image. Such activities as lectures, get-togethers, and Friday Features, which are held in the Center are open to all students. Steele wants to resolve the "misconception that the place is locked and closed. It's very open, it just means walking up the porch and through the door." Steele would like to see more women using the Crozier Center. She said, "We don't support that you should be one way at Crozier. It's one place we hope that you can be yourself and maybe find more

of yourself."

One problem overcoming this stigma about the Crozier Center is finding the delicate balance whereby the Center can be open to everyone, yet not lose its identity as a space primarily for women. Steele said that just as men sometimes feel they need to be together, so do women: "There's a Crozier Center for women because the students and the faculty got behind it and organized it and pushed for it."

Both Steele and Ben-Zvi hope that men and women will attend these Women's Weeks events and celebrate women together. Dean Steele said the weeks' activities, "are" intended for women to come celebrate women, but certainly we hope men will come to celebrate women as well—that people will celebrate each other."

## Robert McNeil Speaks to *Collegian* about War, News and Education

By Liza Hamm and John Roman

Next Monday at 8 p.m., Rosse Hall will be the sight of a lecture by one of the leading news analysts in America, Robert McNeil. The co-host and creator of the McNeil/Lehrer Newshour will present a discussion on contemporary issues with the exact content of his speech to be determined by events of the day. The *Collegian* and Michael Matros, the Public Affairs' News Director had the opportunity to talk with Mr. McNeil about current events as well as education journalism and other issues. The following are excerpts from that interview.

*Q: We were told that you're waiting until the last day or so so that you could talk about the news of the day?*

McNeil: I'm preparing a talk on thoughts that have been brewing on this whole press versus the pentagon versus the public controversy. It seems to me the war in the gulf raised all that to a new pitch. It's a question about how the public trusts or mistrusts the media that has been a concern of mine for many years. Some of those concerns are apparent in the way we do our program. It [the

program] was born in part, in reaction, to some of my concerns about the way the public perceives the media . . . I wanted to have a fresh look at it in view of this extraordinary situation where here you had a government putting quite strict controls on the press, and the public applauding the government for doing this and when the press whined and moaned about it, the public telling the press, in effect, to shut up, which said volumes about where the public perceptions of the media and in particular the television media are.

*Q: Do you think that the real story of the Persian Gulf war will ever be told?*

A: I think the story of the war really has yet largely to be told. I think it will be. I was reading a piece by David Broder of the Washington Post and he said we're only beginning to read the best and most valuable reporting about the Persian Gulf war now that the fighting is over.

*Q: Now that the news is coming out, people aren't paying attention.*

A: That's true. Only a certain public will be interested. It's very rare to get the American public as focused with as much energy on any one story as happened during this war and as

quickly. Even those that the media gets terribly excited about you'll find, and it's quite startling to me, that only about fifty percent of the American people payed close attention. You get something like the Challenger disaster and that peaked up in the eighty percentile. These stories that are coming out in more detail now will be read by more thoughtful people who have a big appetite for information but that's always a small segment.

*Q: Doesn't the news tend to focus on one particular hot topic?*

A: It's particularly true of television. Television reminds me of people on a boat. They see something exciting, like a whale on one side of the boat and they all rush over to one side and the boat really heels over. Pack journalism has always been there but it has been intensified by television. Maybe the public just doesn't want to know a lot of the time. In the case of this war people wanted to believe what the American government was saying. That it was going to be clean, quick and low casualty. And we would win big and decisively.

*Q: One of the biggest issues in college education today is proliferation of non-*

*western studies and what you seem to be proposing in your book Wordstruck is the classical education. Is this true?*

A: I was really saying what my exposure to literature had been. It worked for me. Now I'm sixty years old and had my college education in the late 40s. Everything has changed since then. I think the higher education of this country must reflect the diversity of the country. This is increasingly becoming a multi-racial country and higher education should reflect that. There is, however, a tension between the so-called Western Civ. outlook on what is traditionally important as the foundation stones of our culture and those pieces of other culture which are now claiming to be important too. I think it's going to be an ongoing tension throughout higher education probably for another generation or two. In other words there is going to be an ongoing struggle over it and I think that is healthy. I think it is healthy for the people who believe in traditional Western Civ. canon to defend why one should study Shakespeare and for those who are trying to make us aware of other cultures. The tension is healthy and it is very American for this to be going on.

## APC Creates Classic Concentration

By Becki Miller

Another innovation in the curriculum should be available for Kenyon students next year. The Academic Policy Committee (APC) will consider a three-unit Classic Studies Concentration which, if approved, will allow students to demonstrate their course work in classical antiquity in a formal program of study, without declaring a classics major. APC will give its decision in April.

"This program is designed especially for people who are interested in classical studies, but refuse to study languages," explained Professor of Classics Robert T. Bennett, who will serve as director of the proposed program.

The classics concentration will have no language requirement, but language courses may count towards it. It will include courses from departments nearly as varied as the entire courses catalogue, from Drama to Political Science.

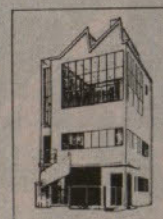
The idea for the concentration began as a proposed minor in classics, according to Ben-

nett. When APC reviewed the program in February, the committee suggested that it be made interdisciplinary like the existing concentrations at Kenyon.

Bennett said that the Classics department, which accepts courses from outside departments towards its major, agreed with the recommendation. He said, "We think it makes the program stronger."

The lack of a senior seminar is the only roadblock that may prevent APC's approval of the concentration. Bennett said that the department lacks the staff to offer one for next year, but they may be able to create a seminar that will be required for the concentration and optional for Classics majors in 1992-93. Next year, classics concentration students may meet together occasionally, on a non-credit basis, to discuss papers that they write.

How many students will opt for the new concentration is difficult to predict, according to Bennett. This year's seniors and recent graduates requested that such a program be developed, but no one in later classes have specifically expressed interest—at least, not yet.



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# Kenyon College Bowl Team Finishes Year Ranked Third

By Joe Rife

On March 2 and 3 the Kenyon College Bowl team competed in the Regional Tournament against schools from across Michigan and Ohio. The college bowl team of Eric Alexander ('92), Rob Broeren ('91), John Everett ('92), Kevin Kropf ('93), and Joe Rife ('93) is the same one which returned Kenyon to intercollegiate competition for the first time in over twenty years last spring. This year the team garnered six victories and only two losses, boosting their overall record to 7-4.

In this year's Regional Tournament Kenyon led its division until the final match of round-robin competition. Unfortunately Kenyon lost that final match by 100 points—that is only two questions—to GLCA rival Case Western. The winner of that match was to meet the other division leader, the University of Michigan, in a best of three championship series. Kenyon thus

completed its 1990-91 season ranked third overall in the region.

Of the 17 schools in the tournament Kenyon was by far the smallest. Only Oberlin College compared in enrollment. The other 15 universities were 10 to 50 times the size of Kenyon and enjoyed the participation of eligible graduate students. Not only did the Kenyon squad manage to finish comfortably ahead of such giants as Ohio State and Michigan State, but they also tallied wins against Eastern Michigan, Wright State, Bowling Green, Oberlin, and Kent State.

Kenyon started the tournament in an impressive manner with four quick wins, two against the only seeded teams in the division. The highlight was undoubtedly an emotional victory over Kent State. Kent State is the perennial powerhouse in the region. Their loss to our squad was their first since 1987. The Kent State coach was particularly bitter: one memorable moment of his college career at North Dakota State was a televised loss end-

ing a record winning streak in 1967 to none other than Kenyon College.

The Lords College Bowlers are satisfied with their showing but still regret that final loss to CWRU. Fortunately, most of the team will be back for another season. Alexander, who was voted to Regional All-Star Team, Everett, and Rife, the three founders of the team in 1989, anticipate serious practicing over the next two semesters. Alexander and Rife, who have taken turns as team captain, hope to find more interest, support, and recognition on campus in future seasons.

They also hope that the program which they have struggled to establish does not die when they graduate. Recruiting new players will become increasingly important. The turnout for the annual February intramural tournament, which has been mediocre at best, will have to improve. Alexander believes that there are students who are interested and able but who do not readily initiate involvement because of busy schedules

or misinformation on what college bowl means.

All in all, there are many reasons for the team to be optimistic. With four dedicated returning starters and building momentum, the future is bright. It is difficult to predict the level of regional competition from year to year. Last season the University of Michigan was not a contender for the regional crown. This year they discovered three graduate students who were former JEOPARDY! champions, and they stormed the tournament.

In the world of college bowl, matches can depend on the misspelling of "surreptitious," or on knowing the official state sport of Maryland. For a private college of less than 2000 in a field of giants, the revival and success of the college bowl tradition has so far been a David and Goliath story. As unpredictable as the game is, the new Kenyon College Bowl team is eager to continue winning and, come next March, have as good a shot at nationals as anyone—if not better.

## Gaddis Will Lecture

John Lewis Gaddis, Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Contemporary History Institute at Ohio University, will give a lecture titled "After the Cold War: The Future of U.S.-Soviet Relations" on Tuesday, April 2, at 8:00 in the Biology Auditorium. In addition, he will give an informal presentation and lead a discussion on United States policy in the Persian Gulf at 4:10 in Peirce Lounge.

Gaddis is perhaps the most distinguished diplomatic historian of postwar American foreign policy. His first book, *The United States and the Origins of the Cold War, 1941-1947*, won the celebrated Bancroft Prize in American History, the Stuart L. Bernath Prize of the Society for Historians of

American Foreign Relations, and the National Historical Society Prize for the "best first work of history." Since then he has published two more acclaimed works, *Strategies of Containment* and *The Long Peace: Inquiries into the History of the Cold War*, and edited

other volumes on the cold war and American foreign policy. Gaddis received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Texas. He has served as Visiting Professor of Strategy at the United States Naval War College and as

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## WKCO Top 10 Albums for 3/18/91-3/25/91

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3. Uncle Tupelo	No Depression/I got Drunk 7"
4. Divinyls	Divinyls
5. Sting	The Soul Cages
6. Trash Can Sinatras	Cake
7. Happy Mondays	Pills, Thrills and Bellyaches
8. Charlatans UK	Some Friendly
9. Enigma	MCMXC A.D.
10. Jane's Addiction	Ritual De Lo Habitual

## Owl Creeks to Play

The Owl Creek Revue, scheduled for Saturday, March 30, will showcase the singing and theatrical talents of Kenyon students in an evening of performances by eight campus groups. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. in Gund Commons Lounge.

Among the entertainers performing in the revue will be the Chasers, the oldest established group of a cappella singers at Kenyon. The ensemble's repertoire includes madrigals, folk songs, standards, and original arrangements.

Other a cappella groups will include the Generics, an all-male ensemble specializing in rock-and-roll tunes from the fifties and early sixties as well as offbeat numbers up to the present; the Kokosingers, another all-male

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## Changing Faces of Kenyon

What was the best thing you did over the break?

Hmm . . . I think I watched every Moonlighting re-run—I'm not lying . . .  
Devin Oddo '93



photo by Liz Kaplan

Snorkeling in Acapulco.  
Isabel Brooker '93



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Running on the beach in Florida  
Kim Ruiz '91



photo by Liz Kaplan



# Lords Go 1-2 On Spring Trip; Club Club Columbus 11-0

By Phil Wilson

In this, the 50th season of lacrosse at Kenyon, this year's Lords are off to a slow 1-2 start. Having dropped a game to Randolph-Macon and a heartbreaker to Pfeiffer College, the Lords were able to come back and take the final game of the trip, handily defeating Greensboro College on March 8th.

The Lords opened at home against Columbus Lacrosse Club this past Saturday, soundly drubbing the visitors 11-0.

Of the Spring Trip, which covered over 1,600 miles round trip and the first week of Spring Break, Assistant Coach Randy Mercer said, "It was a learning experience."

Unfortunately, the Lords had to learn the hard way, starting with the season opener against Randolph-Macon. Starting strong, the Lords jumped out to an early lead when sophomore midfielder Gordie Walker tickled the twines at just 2:53 into the first period.

The game remained close through the third period, by which time Randolph-Macon had established a 6-5 lead. The Lords were unable to get back in it, however, eventually losing 10-6.

Goals for the game came from John Carpenter, who had two, Almus Thorp, Eric Brockett, Gordie Walker, and Chris Munster.

On March 6th, the Lords met the Pfeiffer Yellow Jackets, a team that had lost to Kenyon in both of their previous meetings. The first period seemed to indicate that a "threepeat" was forthcoming. After leading 6-1 after the first and 8-5 at the half, victory seemed at hand.

After an evenly played third period, which ended at 11-8, the momentum shifted. Four unanswered goals buried the Lords, Pfeiffer seizing victory from the jaws of defeat.



photo by Rob Broeren

Freshman Aaron Kilbourne drives to the cage during the Lords' exhibition game against the Columbus Club. On the spring trip, Kilbourne amassed four goals and five assists.

Scoring for the Lords came from Carpenter, Thorp, and Walker, with two goals each, and solo tallies from Aaron Kilbourne, Ralph Geer, Brockett, Munster, and Pat Muller.

According to Coach Mercer, the Lords learned that "you can never let up."

On March 8th, the Lords showed that they had indeed learned their lesson. Putting their two consecutive losses behind them, the Purple and White came out mentally prepared for the game against Greensboro College.

Although down 4-1 midway through the first period, the Lords roared back to knot the score at 4-4. They held the momentum throughout the second period, leading 8-6.

This time, the Lords were not going to

relinquish that lead. Kenyon finished with five second-half goals to win 13-9.

Carpenter turned in a spectacular five-goal performance that day. Hat tricks by Brockett and Kilbourne and goals by Ben Lee and J.K. Fagan rounded out the scoring.

Last Saturday, the Lords hosted the Columbus Lacrosse Club. Essentially a scrimmage, the Lords were anxious to end their two week hiatus from game situations. Aggressive, if somewhat overanxious, offense, coupled with solid defense sealed the visitors' fate. Everyone contributed to the 11-0 victory, and the Lords proved that they can play the game.

Head Coach Bill Heiser is pleased at the improvement he has seen over the last three months that have passed since pre-season began on January 15. The Lords lost an outstanding group of seniors to graduation, including All-Midwest selections Chris

Alpaugh (goalie) and Chris Jelliffe (defensive midfielder). The "real world" also took the first midfield line and members of the starting attack unit.

"This is a learning situation," said Coach Heiser, "but we expect to improve as the season progresses."

In several statistical categories, however, the Lords post numbers which leave little room for improvement. Their man-down defense has stopped opponents' extra-man offense 82% of the time, and the Lords pick up, on average, nearly 30 more ground balls than their opponents.

Defense and hustle are clearly the strengths of this year's squad. On the other hand, the Lord's extra-man offense has been somewhat inconsistent, scoring on 24% of its opportunities. Also, Kenyon has been outscored 11-3 in fourth quarters. Capitalizing on extra-man opportunities and maintaining fourth quarter intensity will be keys to success.

Despite their lack of depth compared to past years, the Lords are anchored by a solid group of veterans and capable underclassmen.

Senior defensive midfielder Chris Munster has proven that he can fill the shoes of Chris Jelliffe. Following a one year lay off, Munster currently leads the team in ground balls with 46. He has also scored twice, and as a member of the face-off team, has helped the team's 62% success rate.

Senior defensemen Don Thomas and George Abar lend experience and skill to the Lord's defense as reflected in the man-down statistics. Senior John Carpenter leads the Lords with 9 goals and 2 assists, followed by freshman Aaron Kilbourne (9 points), junior Eric Brockett (7 points), and sophomore Gordie Walker (7 points).

The Lords play the Yeomen of Oberlin Collee this Saturday at 1:30 on McBrideField in NCAC action. Don't miss it.

## Coach Steen Approaching Immortality

By Chris Munster

"Success is tricky, perishable; the pursuit of success makes a poor cornerstone."

"Excellence is dependable, lasting and largely an issue within our own control; pursuit of excellence is the best of foundations." —Thomas Boswell in "The Heart of the Order"

Kenyon swimming coach Jim Steen's 12- and eight-story buildings are on solid ground, thank you.

It is clear that Steen and his assistant Amy Williams are not driven by successes, but by excellence. Steen has surely surpassed the success boundary, even before winning one title at Kenyon. In fact, his list of achievements, stretching the equivalent of a 1650 freestyle, put him in exclusive company not only at the Division III level, but among the NCAA's all-time greats.

Coach John Wooden took 10 NCAA titles with UCLA in a 12-year period in basketball; Steen now is looking at Wooden from a rear view mirror; he's up to 12. Jerry Tarkanian's record against his Division I peers is 83 percent; Steen's record against the men of the NCAC is 86.5 percent. Most of Kenyon's losses in dual meets come from the Division I level.

Let's take the Lords, who really had no right dominating the field this year, yet they took the title and ran, well, swam away. Having just three swimmers set for nationals just one month ago, and in the most precarious position for defending its title in quite some time, Kenyon was 259.5 points better than Claremont College. And so much for UCSD.

Coming into this season, Kenyon and

UCSD, one and two last year, were both hit heavy by graduation. However, it was only the Purple and White left standing at the end of the season. Coincidence, pure chance? No. How about leadership, and motivation? Yes.

Ask Steen about this accomplishment, and he responds, "It's nice to see such a young team do so well." Is that all? Nice?? And what about the veteran coach, who is constantly needing to keep a group of incredibly talented performers focused and motivated?

As for the Ladies, they were probably ready to defend their title right out of the blocks. All year long the sense of an inevitably glorious March was present. That takes an even bigger motivational job than that of the Lords' situation.

Win one title, or maybe two, and you had some great players, and a great chemistry. Win 12 championships with one group and eight with another, and you have to start exploring the methods and techniques used by the people in charge. Steen is doing something that the others are not.

Steen has now guided a few generations of Kenyon swimmers through four years of nothing but success. No, Boswell would be the first to call this excellence, the best foundation.

With all the change at Kenyon in four years, thank goodness one foundation has remained unfettered. Kenyon has had lacrosse (1972), football (1989), and soccer (1991) success, but it has swimming (1980-91, 1984-91) excellence. The cornerstone for this has been Steen.

## Baseball Starts Year on Down Note

By John Cooney

The Kenyon Lords baseball team has endured a string of losing seasons in recent years, and their winless start to the current season would seem to indicate another long season.

However, this season there are signs that the future of the baseball team is brighter than in the past. The team has a new coach, many new players, and even new menacing black uniforms.

Much of the optimism must be attributed to Bob Bunnell, the new coach. Bunnell is the first to acknowledge the obstacles facing this year's team. He cites the team's sub-.200 batting average, 7.00+ E.R.A. and says, "we have not lost on strategy, we've lost on merit."

Bunnell is "disappointed, not shocked" with the team's slow start, and he sees many areas where the team can make improvement. One of the greatest weaknesses of the Lords has been defensive lapses which lead to big innings. In Florida the team's fielding percentage was only .815 and as of now, Kenyon "is not a solid team defensively" according to Bunnell.

Yet Bunnell is also very proud of the effort put forth by the players. He calls the team, "the hardest working team I've coached in my eleven years of coaching." Clearly the team's work ethic and enthusiasm is one of the team's greatest strengths.

The Lords have also benefitted from many stellar individual performances in the early

part of the season. Jason Bertsch, Josh Webber, and Roger Colson are four year players who form the backbone of the team. They have been forced to play many different positions in their careers, but they have all made important contributions for the Lords.

Bertsch has been the pitching star for the Lords thus far. He is a master of mixing his pitches, and he turned in a masterful outing against Bethaney on Wednesday. He held the opposition to only one run, but unfortunately his counterpart on was just a little bit better as the Lords lost 1-0.

Webber has been more inconsistent on the mound, but he did pitch an outstanding game against Denison in defeat over the weekend. In addition, Webber has been one of the Lords most dangerous hitters, and he leads the club in homers with two.

The team can expect to continue to get stellar performances from the seniors and in the upcoming games one can expect that some of the more inexperienced players will also blossom. Kenyon has several players with excellent potential, particularly freshmen Jason Schermer, Simon McGuire, and Dave Goodwillie, and as the season rolls on they will get a chance to prove themselves.

Kenyon takes the field for doubleheaders on both Friday and Saturday against Earlham. The games are at Kenyon, the first home games of the year for the team. Earlham is no power in any sport, and the Lords should do very well against the Quakers. As with any team in any sport, fan support would be a great boost.



# "North Defeats South" Tennis Teams Win at Hilton Head

Scott Leder

The Men and Women's tennis teams started off their respective seasons against the Div. I Akron Zips, both teams losing by identical scores of 5-4. The only other pre-spring break competition was a first place finish for the Lords in the eight team Thomas More Snowball Tennis Classic.

The first stop on the spring break tour for the men and women, who traveled together, was at Div. I Davidson College. The men lost 9-0, but strong matches were turned in by Juniors Bill Jonas and Devin Stauffer, who both dropped hard fought three-set matches.

While the women, who were ranked eighth in the country pre-season, lost a close battle 5-4 as Sophomores Brennen Harbin and Sara Fousekis emerged victorious. The remaining wins were recorded by the doubles teams.

The next stop on the tour was Emory University. The men faced the #4 team in the country who had just a year ago trounced the Lords. But the 7-2 loss did not reflect the closeness of the match. Freshman Scott Sherman and the #3 doubles team of Junior Greg Ganter and Tyler Rigg were three-set matches. Additionally strong efforts were turned in by juniors Jonas and Ganter.

The following day the women faced the #10 ranked Emory ladies. The women would again drop a 5-4 decision. With victories turned in by Fousekis, Brennen ("Sparky") Harbin, Junior Stacy Bear, and the dynamic duo of Sophomore Lisa Weisman and Junior Britt Harbin.

The teams then moved on to Hilton Head Island. Here they were able to up their record to four wins and three losses with four straight victories on the island. The men

crushed Div. III opponents Lenoir-Rhyne, RPI, Lynchburg by the score of 9-0.

The final match was against University of the South, a team that defeated the Lords last year and came into the match ranked #16th in the country. Senior David Register, Jonas, and Sherman were winners in singles in addition to all of the doubles teams consisting of Jonas and Stauffer, Register and Sherman, and Ganter and Rigg. Thus producing a 6-3 Kenyon victory.

The women also went undefeated on the island with two consecutive wins. The first match was a 9-0 rout of Haverford College. The second match was against a tough Uni-

versity of the South, a team which beat the Ladies last year. Dominating this match, the Ladies emerged with a decisive 7-2 victory.

Winning singles were Kathryn Lane, Bear and Weisman in addition to the continuing undefeated streaks of Fousekis and "Sparky" Harbin. The doubles teams of Weisman and Britt Harbin and the other Harbin and Bear provided the other two victories.

Returning home to Gambier, the men's team continued their winning ways by raising their record to 6-3 with 9-0 trounces of CWRU and Baldwin-Wallace.

The women raised their record to 3-3 with a blowout of OWU on Tuesday.

## Good Move For Mercer, AIC

By Chris Munster

As to be expected from a first-time head-coach-in-waiting, Randy Mercer was all smiles as he was being interviewed by the *Collegian* in head lacrosse coach Bill Heiser's office the other day on his sudden resignation as assistant to Kenyon's soccer and lacrosse teams.

The next time he is being interviewed, perhaps, it will be in his own new office, as the man in charge.

Coach Mercer's move to the American International College (AIC) in Springfield, Massachusetts is the right thing for him and his new employer. It came at just the right time for Mercer, who has been on the hill for three years now.

Mercer's predecessor, Dave Brady, used Kenyon as merely a one-year stop-over, as he moved to the assistant coaching position at Bucknell. Since, however, Brady moved out of the coaching profession. Don't expect the same for Mercer.

Considering that many young coaches use Kenyon as a place to get their feet wet, it is no small wonder that Mercer is moving on after three years. It would have been interesting to see if he returned to Kenyon for a fourth season had something not come along.

But AIC came along, and whether you've heard of it or not is not of consequence. Now, though, I'm sure many of us will keep an eye on this school of 1,400 in Springfield.

Mercer is ready and waiting to become the first head lacrosse coach in the history of the school. AIC is already known for reputable programs in both Division II football and hockey. Now, Mercer must begin to build the foundation for his program.

Mercer's immediate tasks will be to find an assistant and to begin the recruiting process. One change for Mercer will be the type of student with which to attempt to fill his roster for the spring of '92.

AIC does not have the academic demands that a Kenyon has, and the school does attract its fair share of good athletes, one positive for Mercer. But what doesn't change is the act of recruiting itself.

Mercer, at the age of 26, is still young enough to relate to the 18-year-olds that enter college every year. Mercer, in fact, relates extremely well to this age group. You could ask virtually every athlete who has played for him here at Kenyon to get first-hand evidence of that.

Also, Mercer is fairly entrenched into the "lacrosse community." He is good friends with coaches from both the Division I and Division III levels, as well as many high school coaches from traditional "feeder" programs. His father once coached at the high school level. Mercer does summer camps every year, so he knows where to find the talent.

Mercer himself played at a high school viewed as one of these "feeder" programs, Fayetteville-Manlius, in Fayetteville, New York, which is outside of Syracuse. Mercer might have an inside track at those players not going to Division I programs and others who might not meet the stiff academic requirements on schools from either level.

Mercer teaches the fundamentals almost religiously as the way to playing top-notch lacrosse. And he seemed pleased at the type of kid that he will be coaching at AIC: blue collar, tough, good athletes.

All this should lead to success for Mercer, considering he is given the time and support needed to build a program. Now, Mercer is building his own program, not merely as someone's assistant and recruiting director. The pressure will be enormous, but Mercer's enthusiasm should tackle this problem head on.

He'll be leaving this tight community of Gambier. Every time a coach leaves, there is a sense of watching a member of your family leaving, and in this case, an extremely well-liked member of the Kenyon coaching community is flying solo.

So go ahead "Mercede," have it your AIC way. I'm sure it'll be different for you without some foul-mouthed, Long Island kid who can't spell 'two point six' with a crooked facemask to put down. Regardless, Kenyon says good luck and lastly, Mercer . . . GONE!!!

## Mercer To Depart Immediately For AIC

By Chris Munster

A sudden change in the athletic future of American International College has made an impact on the athletic present of Kenyon.

Assistant lacrosse and soccer coach Randy Mercer, who has been at Kenyon for the last three seasons, was recently named head coach of the lacrosse program at AIC.

Originally, AIC planned to begin its lacrosse program in the spring of 1993, but over the past few days instead decided to move that date up one year to the spring of 1992. Mercer will go to the Springfield, Ma., school immediately in order to begin the recruiting process.

Effective Saturday, following the Kenyon-Oberlin lacrosse game, Mercer will depart for the East.

AIC, with a student population of 1,400, was described by Mercer as "totally different" as compared to Kenyon.

He referred to it as a "blue collar school" where many of the students are first generation college people.

Mercer is thrilled at being in the position of running his own program, as would any first-time head coach. AIC is an NCAA Division II school, with good programs in both football and hockey. Mercer hopes to add lacrosse to that impressive list. Since there is no Division II lacrosse programs in the NCAA, lacrosse at AIC will compete at the Division III level.

Mercer, who cited his references from lacrosse head coach Bill Heiser and soccer head coach Mike Pilger as big contributors to

his acceptance at AIC, said his stay at Kenyon was "very enjoyable."

Important to Mercer was "not burning any bridges (at Kenyon)," and he was given the go ahead from members of the Kenyon community at all levels. This opens up the possibility for Mercer's return to Kenyon in the future.

Would Mercer like to come back to Kenyon when, say, the job of head lacrosse coach was eventually vacated? "Definitely," he responded.

In addition, Mercer was quoted as saying, "there is a strong possibility I will be named head soccer coach next week." His position as assistant to Pilger for the 1991 NCAC Champions and Midwest Regional runner-up has AIC believing that he is qualified to fill that capacity.

Other considerations such as his assistant coach for the lacrosse team and the style of play he will go with are simply "too early" to determine, although he will place emphasis on "team oriented" play, said the new head coach.

While at Kenyon, Mercer was 17-11 with the lacrosse team, including the three games the team has played in the 1991 season.

In order to help fill the void by Mercer's departure, Mike Pahlank, an assistant to head football coach Jim Meyer, will begin supervising Lords practices immediately. Pahlank was a football player at Ohio State and is a Long Island native, where he played both football and lacrosse in high school.

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## Swimming

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called, "one of the most impressive set of relay performances I have ever seen."

Overall, the Ladies' performance was nothing short of amazing. Entering the meet, Kenyon expected stiff competition from UCSD and other Division rivals, but once the first night of competition had ended, the Ladies were in the driver's seat and, according to Coach Williams, had "pretty much blown the doos off everyone else in the pool." The victory was complete when Coach Steen was named NCAA Coach of the Year; a fitting tribute to the most successful NCAA coach in history. Never one to rest on his laurels, however, Coach Steen returned to Kenyon with one thing on his mind: Leading the Lords to their twelfth consecutive NCAA crown.

Suffering the entire year from unfavorable comparisons to Kenyon squads of the past, the Lords travelled to Atlanta with something to prove. They needed to shake the public perception that they were one of the weaker Kenyon squads in history, and establish a team identity which had been conspicuously absent throughout the dual meet season.

In Atlanta, they accomplished both tasks, and did so in a way that set them apart from the great Kenyon squads of the past. They captured the championship, not on the shoulders of a few standouts, but with sheer numbers. The Lords overwhelmed their competition by placing a number of strong competitors in every event. This strategy gave the Lords a 100 point lead on the first night of competition, and they never looked back.

"It was the meet of the little man," said senior Eric Chambers who contributed strong performances in the 100 and 200 backstroke events and the 200 medley relay. "Everybody scored points and contributed. It wasn't just a few big guys." Indeed, of the 18 Kenyon swimmers to attend the meet, 17 walked away with All-American honors. The scoring was very evenly balanced, but a few exceptional performances deserve mention. Sophomore Brian Dowdall proved himself the top sprinter in Division III by taking both the 50 and 100 freestyle titles. The only other Lord to take an individual title was sophomore David Hutchinson who took gold in the 1650 freestyle.

Hutchinson's success is indicative of the larger success of the Lords' distance swimmers, who sparked the Lords all weekend with gutsy performances. "The D-men are ugly little guys who swim ugly events, but they were amazing all weekend," said Chambers. Five D-men including Hutchinson took home All-American honors. The remaining four were junior Pat Kearney, sophomore Paul Lowengrub, and freshmen Chad Stedman and Todd Giardinelli. The astonishing success of these young swimmers may be an indication that the strength of the Kenyon program is shifting, but the success of the relay teams remains its brute strength.

The Lords captured four relay titles in Atlanta: the 200 and 400 freestyle events and the 200 and 400 medley events. Junior Kris Osbourn sparked the Lords in the freestyle events, while classmate John Landreth lent his considerable talents to the medley teams.

Overall, the Lords performance can be characterized as a true team effort. Their depth provided them with an edge over every other team in the competition, and in that strength lies the promise of the future.

Both the Lords and the Ladies can look forward to next year with great expectations. Although the Ladies will lose Mathews, Becky Little and Molly Roll to graduation this year, the outstanding performances of the younger swimmers indicate a promising future. The Lords look even stronger, as they will only miss the services of Chambers next season. In short, both Kenyon squads appear to have the firepower to continue doing what they do best; winning national championships. In the words of Coach Williams, "Everything has to end somewhere, but I don't think 20 in a row is too farfetched an idea."

## Vote

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President Jordan's housing policy should be implemented, as planned, in its entirety next year? Yes or No." The ballots were collected and filed after each was completed. The results of that student opinion vote are as follows: Out of approximately 1,506 students on campus, 910 ballots were cast, roughly a sixty-one percent (61%) return rate (that is almost twice as many voices heard as were involved in the basing of the Commission of Student Life recommendations). Of those voices heard, sixty-nine percent (69%) of the students were opposed to portions of the policy, if not the entire proposition. Therefore, only thirty-one percent (31%) of the students polled seemed to feel a sense of approval for President Jordan's decision.

Therefore, we have come to the conclusion that it is the overwhelming desire of the student body not to see the new housing policy implemented in that ensuing academic year. It is acknowledged that housing is inequitable at Kenyon College and changes need to occur. However, for the administration to make this controversial a decision and dismiss student approval as obsolete is truly questionable. With the news from the President's office that a student vote would have no bearing upon his decision to impose this policy, we beseech you, the Board of Trustees and President Jordan to reconsider the new policy in light of student sentiment. The vitality of an institution, such as Kenyon, is dependent upon the happiness which stems from positive and responsive communication between the students and the administration.

Respectfully,  
The Vocal Majority Representatives:  
Rena Conti, Kent Ginther

## Gaddis

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Bicentennial Professor of American Studies at the University of Helsinki.

Gaddis's lecture is the final talk in the Consolidated Natural Gas Lecture Series on the Soviet Union, coordinated by the International Studies Program.

## Owl Greeks

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group that performs a variety of songs including standards, popular favorites, and original arrangements of familiar tunes; and the Owl Creek Singers, organizers of the revue, an all-female group performing show tunes, oldies, barbershop harmonies, rhythm and blues, and popular music.

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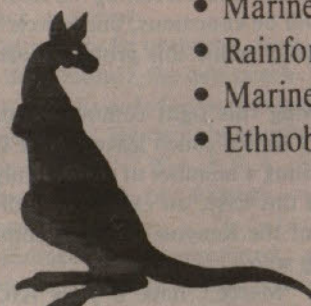
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