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Court ruling changes Ohio law, College alcohol policy

By John Grant

In late June of this year, the Supreme Court ruled (7-2) in favor of the federal government's right to withhold federal highway funds from states not concurring with the mandatory minimum 21 drinking age. Basically, it was the court's opinion that the federal government's withholding of a maximum of 10 percent of federal highway funds from dissenting states could not be termed "blackmail." Instead, the states were strongly urged to concur with the requirements. The court ignored the fact that Ohio residents had voted overwhelmingly against raising the minimum drinking age to 21 in 1983 and instead had voted to eliminate 3.2 beer and raise the drinking age for

all beer from 18 to 19. Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Stanford Dole applauded the court's ruling, stating that a minimum 21 drinking age dramatically cuts down the number of drinking and driving fatalities occurring in the 19-21 age group.

As of October 1986, states not concurring with the minimum 21 drinking age lost five percent of their federal highway funds; in October of this year, states that have still not raised their minimum drinking ages to 21 will lose an additional five percent of federal highway subsidies. With a bill already pending in the Ohio state legislature which would raise the tax on gasoline in order to support repairs on state highways, the Ohio state legislature had little choice but to follow the federal government's stan-

dard or face inadequate state highways and angry constituents. Thus, legislators were quick to comply to federal standards before their summer recess. The bill, which raised the minimum drinking age to 21, also included a grandfather clause permitting all persons born on or before July 31, 1968 to consume high-powered beer; anyone born after that date, must reach the age of 21 before consuming any alcohol.

Kenyon, in anticipation of such legislation, made changes in its alcohol policy before the end of the 1986-87 school year.

"The student Senate Interfraternity Council and Legal Council, among other student legislative bodies, debated the issue and came up with a bipartisan consensus; in actuality, few changes were made in the college alcohol policy," says Dean of Academic Advising Don Omahan.

All college events are now to be alcohol-free or "dry," including fraternity Rush. In addition, events at which alcohol is served must be "closed" social events where guests, when entering, are carded and stamped in
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Ascension, CDC receive facelifts

By Mario Oliverio, II

Two important projects were completed over the summer that have undoubtedly captured the attention of all Kenyon students: the renovation of Ascension Hall and the expansion of the Career Development Center.

The renovation of Ascension, which was completed just in time for the resumption of fall classes, was a vigorous campaign saddled with the double problem of time and the preservation of the building's antique appearance. This problem was solved when Sam Lord, former vice president for finance, and the Building and Grounds Committee hired an architectural contractor from Cleveland which specialized in the restoration of old buildings.

While Lord handled Kenyon's business interest in the renovation, Academic Dean Maryanne Ward acted as the non-financial administrator. Ward wanted to "be respectful to [Ascension's] shell and keep the general feeling of Ascension, yet keep it comfortable."

Ward's duties as non-financial administrator included "communicating to the architects the faculty's needs and wants",

choosing types of class room furniture, and deciding how the rooms should be furnished.

Other than new furniture, less notable items renovated include the roof, windows, gutters and downspouts. Carpeting has been added to decrease the sound level, the bathrooms were improved, the hallways given additional lighting, many more electrical outlets were installed, and all classrooms were wired for computers. Ward mentions that the object of that phase was to have a "twentieth-century facility in a nineteenth-century shell."

When the renovation of Ascension first began last May the primary objective was the installation of a Heat-Air-Ventilation (HAV) system. According to Ward, the installation of the HAV system proved to be a large problem, but not an unsuspected one. "Ascension Hall, a building with stone two feet thick was not originally intended for heating," explains Ward. Nevertheless, the problem was compensated for by adding new drop ceilings and wall extensions to conceal the additional wiring.

Ward comments that she is "very pleased" with the finished Ascension: "I'm amazed . . . it's Ascension but it's so much
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Record enrollment creates crunch

By Margaret Tuttle

The opening of the 1987-88 school year has already broken new records for Kenyon. For the first time, college size is over 1500. A small number of senior students are permitted to live off-campus to help ease the housing crunch, and the College is using its former faculty houses for student residences. In addition, over 100 students have gone abroad to further their Kenyon education.

Dean of Students Thomas Edwards estimates the current college size to be around 1550-1565. This compares with the opening size of 1517 for 1986-87. The actual number will not be known for several weeks. Edwards attributes the large college size to several factors. First, the freshman class is larger than anticipated; the target number for the class was 425, and the actual number is 443. Second is the low attrition rate. Fewer Kenyon students withdrew dur-

ing this summer than in the past five summers.

The acquisition of two more houses in addition to the two used last year helped to ease the crowding in the dormitories. Tashiro House, next to the Sohio station, and Fink House, near the Craft Center, were both converted to student houses during the summer. Twenty-three senior students were permitted to live off campus in Gambier or in Mount Vernon.

Lounges in Mather and McBride are again being used as freshman housing, and many have been converted to triples. Fraternities were also asked to use their space to the fullest, although according to Assistant Dean for Student Residences Robert Towner-Larsen, the fraternities converted most of their available space last year to accommodate more members.

Several steps were taken last year to alleviate the pressure times in Gund and
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New campus telephone system improves service

By Todd Van Fossen

During the summer of 1987, changes were made in the campus telephone system here at Kenyon which, according to Security and Safety Director Thomas Davidson, will make communications a lot easier for the college community.

Davidson said that on August 17 of this year, a system called Direct Inward Dialing (DID) was added to the college's existing PBX network. For this reason, all campus out-digit PBX numbers now begin with a "2" instead of a "4."

One of the advantages of DID, explained Davidson, is that it allows off-campus

callers to directly call individual on-campus PBX stations without going through the college switchboard. This is particularly helpful for long-distance callers, who can now avoid costly delays which had resulted from routing all incoming calls through the switchboard instead of directly to a desired PBX station.

When asked why the changes were implemented, Davidson replied: "To offer improved [telephone] services to the campus community." He added that the DID system was installed campus-wide to benefit a greater number of Kenyon students and employees.

Possible changes in the old system were

first examined last December by Davidson. In May of 1987, Davidson proposed the implementation of DID at Kenyon. This proposal was then reviewed and approved by senior administrators of the College, and it began taking shape on August 17.

The costs of the phone-system changes were, "minimal when compared to the benefits," said Davidson. However, exact dollar figures involved in the process were not made available.

Many students are still getting used to the revised PBX system. Said junior Christine Jacob: "I noticed things were different, and I think it sounds much better."

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**Kenyon bids
farewell to
Coach Vennell**

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Our Purpose Here

An open letter from the Editor

Someone far wiser than I once declared that "the press is free only to those who own one", and in that sentence bared the bitter truth of American journalism. While the biases of those who own the presses are sometimes obvious (for example the LaRouche "newspaper", New Solidarity), in all newspapers there are decisions being made and stories being written—or not written—in ways that fundamentally determine what is believed to be the "truth".

Gary Hart's abortive presidential campaign drove home the power of a free press—power not only to report news, but to *make* it. In the same sense, recent U.S. Government abuse of Native Americans cannot be confirmed because the "mainstream press" refuses to report it. In a very real way, the decisions made by the media in both cases have created a reality for millions of people.

While we at the *Collegian* have no illusions about our own insignificance, it is clear that a lot of what students know about the workings of the College, they learn from the *Collegian*. If nothing else, we are looked to for confirmation of the rumours that people hear. Bearing that in mind, I think it is important for us to be clear—with ourselves and with our readers—about what we see as our purpose here.

The *Collegian* is a newsweekly, and, as such, we will continue to provide coverage of campus events, administrative decisions, sports news and upcoming activities. We will also continue to print commentaries and letters from readers, as well as columns and editorial and other cartoons. In addition, each month our Forum section will provide in-depth coverage of a controversial issue that affects Kenyon.

But as a student newspaper, I believe it is also our responsibility to investigate issues, potential problems and concerns of students. Pervasive opinions or tensions are newsworthy, if only because the airing of those tensions begins the road to their resolution. Most importantly, the *process* of decision-making at Kenyon is newsworthy, not simply the decisions themselves. In a community of this size, it is important for the residents to know not only what was decided, but *why* it was decided, and by whom. Thus people who don't answer questions become as newsworthy as people who do. In this nation, and on this campus, such information is the beginning of a closer approximation of democracy.

Thus this newspaper will take risks, or more precisely, this editor will take risks with this newspaper. While the rights and privacy of individuals must be considered sacred, the right of the community to be informed of actions that impact it must be of equal importance. The line between the two is a fine one, but it is a line that we cannot avoid, and from which we must not shy away. It is my impression that the timidity of this newspaper in past years has severely compromised its influence and integrity.

The goal for this year, then, is to print an engaging paper every week. I have complete faith in the talents and ingenuity of this year's editors and staff. The credit for execution will be fully theirs, the responsibility for direction and tone rests with me.

With hopes for a fascinating year, I remain,

Sincerely,

Paul Singer
Editor-in-Chief

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THE READERS WRITE

The *Kenyon Collegian* encourages letters to the Editor. All submissions must be signed, typed, double spaced. The Editor reserves the right to edit all material while maintaining the original intent of the submission.

Council Pres. urges involvement

To the Editor:

I wanted to take this chance to welcome everyone back and to urge those interested in getting involved to start now. Student Council is prepared for a year of activity and accomplishment. At least one space has been saved on every committee for students to apply for this year. The committees are listed and described in the Student Handbook (p. 111-113, p. 133-144). Pick up a letter of intent in the S.A.C. and return it by Thursday, Sept. 17.

There are issues on this campus which are about us, the students. It is only right and to our best interest that we respond to these issues with a unified voice. Join the committees, Freshman Council, or Student Council and make your voice known. Start showing your support by voting in the Student Council elections being held today and tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Daniel G. Rudmann '88
Student Council President

Quote of the Week

"Days in 1986 on which no one was murdered in New York City: 8"

—Harper's, September 1987—

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Alcohol policy challenges Council

By Win Boerckel

A recent point of contention has arisen over the process by which the College Alcohol Regulations (D, 1-2) were revised and passed by Student Council last year. Several members of last year's Council claim that the length of time between the initial college proposal and the end of the school year was not long enough to sufficiently discuss and amend the administration's proposal.

Last spring, with political signals pointing to an imminent change in the Ohio drinking age (for beer) from 19 to 21 years of age, Dean of Students Thomas Edwards submitted a memo to members of the Senate and members of the Drug and Alcohol Program Board. The memo, dated April 8, 1987, pointed out the need to alter Kenyon's "current policies" (1986-87) so that they would comply with the new law as well as reduce the vulnerability of Kenyon students and officers to "civil liability suits for personal injuries that occur as a result of underage drinking." The memo emphasized that Kenyon's best interests would be served if the changes were "made in the College's alcohol policies and regulations before the 1987-88 academic year begins," and welcomed suggestions from "anyone interested in the topic."

However, one member of last year's Student Council contends that, with the end of the academic year just a month away, there was too little time to work constructively with the administration on the proposed changes. "Knowing the schedule and restraints of Senate and Student Council, the administration allowed one month for the resolution of this issue for which they had at least a year's warning. That is completely insufficient. I would have suggested moving the entire process ahead at least one month. It would still have been short, but more fair," the member says.

He states that the time provided, and the necessity to alter regulations in compliance with state law before the end of the 1986-87 school year, gave Student Council little say in the administration's proposed changes: "We had the opportunity to either pass it the way it was or be overruled in the summer." Another member of Student Council argued that it "challenged the legitimacy of student government." As one of its final orders of business last year, Student Council passed a resolution officially protesting the administration's methods and attitudes on the matter, contending that they implied that student government exists solely to legitimize the wishes of the administration.

In response to these allegations, Edwards remarks that the possibility of the change in state law had been mentioned at least since the beginning of the year. Taking into account the April 8 memo, Dean Edwards states that he believed that "as far as college involvement and student involvement, taking into account the pending change and the College's response, there was ample time." Responding to the allegation that there was not enough time to work with the administration on an Alcohol Regulation proposal, Edwards notes that he received no recommendations or suggestions from students for several weeks after the April 8 memo. It was not until the administration had drafted and formally presented recommendations that he received student input on the matter.

Says Edwards, "The administration has to act in the best interests of the students.

The College is complying with state law." Because of legal reasons and vulnerability to civil liability, he states that it was "the whole College's problem, not just a dean's problem. The College had to have it in effect for the start of the next school year. We must take a position that does not violate state law." Edwards points out that "It would have been nice to have had more time, but I didn't see Council raising the issue."

When the administration's proposed recommendations reached the student government bodies, Edwards remarks that "Not once did I receive anything constructive, progressive, or educational except for one proposal that the college spend \$10,000 on alternative (non-alcoholic) programs." He continues, "I did not receive progressive ideas but defensive, obstructionist opposition. The opposition in the Senate was not on target; they were not on the issue." Edwards feels like many were not interested in working with the proposed changes, but merely against any changes at all in College Alcohol Regulations. "There was an obstructionist element in the Senate that merely prevented faster progress."

Chris Martens, President of Student Council 1986-87, seems to agree that a defensive element was present which slowed the progress of the proceedings. "If students were more willing to listen when the working paper (administration suggestions) came out, there would have been more time to work it out," Martens insists. He remarks also that some slowed the process by not understanding the College's position in the first place: "It still would have been difficult, but it could have been much smoother. If students had been more receptive, there would have been a better dialogue." Martens notes that "Some people were pretty vindictive towards Dean Edwards. They were getting up on a soapbox. I saw no constructive point in doing that."

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Voices from the

Tower

By Paul Singer

Kenyon's mission statement at the front of the Student Handbook states something along the lines that the College's size demands that what is essential be here included, and what is superfluous, we have no room for. I think about this often, contemplating change and progress at Kenyon. In fact, at this writing I sit in a remodeled Philomathean Hall looking at the new (and thus apparently essential) blue carpet, which, being glued down, has essentially destroyed the superfluous wooden floor. Warning to the Christmas Waltz people: this year we shall be cutting a rug on a rug.

Essentiality (creative word coinage 101) is seemingly also paramount in considerations of space allocation. For instance, the Career Development Center has been tragically underused by students for years, which explains the decision to double their personnel and office space. Meanwhile, after a long and positive series of meetings and affirmative head-nods, the long-ago-agreed-upon Student Center is still non-existent.

To rectify this situation, we suggest that the Student Center proponents take over a broom closet, hang a "Student Center" sign on it, and lock it so that no one can use it. Next year we can cite chronic underuse as evidence of need for more space. With any luck, they'll build us a 10' x 15' fishtank in the middle of a previously busy corridor somewhere.

Of course, an alternative possibility would be to disguise our Student Center as a massive latticed air conditioning unit. That would assure us an accessible and prominent location on campus, perhaps the middle of Ascension lawn. After all, we need *something* to replace the apparently superfluous hedges that were ripped out when somebody essentially decided that the new 65 mph speed limit required that a hand rail and passing lane be added to the Ascension exit ramps.

As Kenyon proceeds with change and growth, I hope this matter of essentiality v. superfluity continues to shape the College's destiny. New things come in and old things go out, and that is part of the process of evolution. We watched that process as the carpets of the Olin library necessitated a series of mudless paths to the building, and we will watch it again when the muddied halls of our newly pristine Ascension attract the scorn of collegiate cleanliness buffs. Personally, I'm hoping for the day when the whole bloody campus is asphalted and evolved into a parking lot. Or perhaps we shall merely learn the lesson of the old Alumni House (now the Kenyon Inn)—why renovate when you can bulldoze the sucker and start from scratch for half the price?

Groups join forces to address freshman concerns

By Beth Miyashiro

The Freshman Class Meeting, which was held on Sunday August 31st in Bolton Theater, began this year's Freshman Forum Series. For over four years, the meeting has been an integral part of the orientation program, its goal being to introduce the new students to the many important issues involved in Kenyon community life. The forum series has had an interesting evolution which has led to its continued effectiveness.

The original Freshman Class Meeting stemmed from a community meeting which was held to discuss the use and abuse of drugs. After this town meeting the members of First Step (Kenyon's telephone peer-counseling organization) decided that the discussion generated by such a meeting could be helpful for all first-year students early in their Kenyon experience. This idea became the Freshman Class Meeting which has since been held during the last day of orientation each year. The purpose of this meeting has had similar intentions all along: to expose new students to open discussion of some of the major issues that are relevant to small college communities. In the spring of 1985, it was suggested that a series of meetings occur throughout the first few months of the school year. These meetings could provide an opportunity to discuss

some of these topics in further detail and also provide a continuing educational and supportive environment for the freshman.

Through the efforts of Dean Omahan, former Dean of Student Residences Robert Reading, and the resident advisors, the first semester of the '86-'87 school year included a series of "freshman forum" presentations. Although the series was seen as a success, the organizers saw that a great deal of duplication in efforts was occurring as other students groups made similar presentations. In the spring of '86 that these efforts were united in the formation of a planning group called GIRAFFE. The early organizers of GIRAFFE included student groups such as First Step and Alpha Sigma Chi, but since its founding GIRAFFE has added representatives from other organizations such as The Gay/Straight Alliance, The Student Medical Advisory Committee, Freshman Council, and the Gambier Organization For Cultural Awareness. Through the efforts of all these organizations, GIRAFFE plans the forum series with a wide variety of ideas, energy, and creativity.

The purpose of GIRAFFE (taken from the GIRAFFE Mission Statement) is to "assist incoming freshmen classes in acclimating to college life." It is the intention of GIRAFFE to allow each of the involved organizations to work towards the common goal of informing new students about Ken-

yon life. Dean Omahan, the administrator of GIRAFFE sees the efforts of the planning organization "as a great example of student initiative and cooperative effort between students, faculty, and administration." The forum series as well as the initial class meeting incorporate representatives from as many facets of Kenyon and the community as is possible.

Jon Tazewell, who has led the past two freshman class meetings, feels that a lot is accomplished during this meeting. "First of all, a variety of important issues are presented to the new students. Then, through discussion we illustrate that Kenyon is a community and within that community there is the space to speak and share opinions." Chaplain Foster, who was also involved in the planning of the meeting, shares similar sentiments. He sees the freshman class meeting as an example for the freshmen that "it's okay to talk, that no subjects are taboo." Also, he feels that "through discussion and debate, we can learn how we differ and disagree; beyond that, we can talk about how we are going to deal with those differences."

Omahan and Tazewell, both of whom have been through a number of freshman class meetings, feel that the meeting improves every year. They see the organizers becoming more aware of important issues

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Exhibit at Olin displays talents of art department

By Michele Petrucci

The Faculty Exhibit in the Olin Gallery features the works of five Kenyon professors. The exhibit is an eclectic display of the art department's talents. The show consists of pieces by Patricia McCulloh, Claudia J. Esslinger, Barry L. Gunderson, Martin J. Garhart and Gregory P. Spaid.

McCulloh is teaching color and painting this year. Her pieces, several pastels and a monoprint, are subdued and rely on subtle color variations. Although McCulloh's pieces seem overwhelmed by the vibrancy of Gunderson's lamps, a close examination of the pieces shows an appreciation of ordinary objects.

Entering the gallery, the viewer is greeted by Esslinger's six-foot tall sculpture of a

pregnant Venus on a hot-pink satin shell. The painted leather sculpture is sensuous and a beautiful first attempt at sculpture. The pregnant Venus is the introduction to Esslinger's installation "Ritual of Birth." A fraction of the installation is on exhibit in Olin, including a twelve-foot altar accompanied by a "Birthing Book" consisting of sensual prints of the birthing process. The complete installation was exhibited last spring in Columbus and has since then undergone several modifications. In Columbus, Esslinger worked to create a sense of the viewer being in a womb by covering the walls with hot-pink satin. Esslinger's decision to paint the back wall black gives the essence of the womb without overpowering the altar.

Gunderson's inclusion of vibrant lamp

sculptures and computer graphics shows the diversity of his talents. A whimsical tone runs through all his pieces. His "Tree Lamps" are derived from children's drawings, and the use of color is very essential to his computer art. Using computers has allowed Gunderson "to take chances" and push the boundaries of art. His ability to make changes on any given computer graphics piece has given Gunderson a new mode of artistic expression and freedom.

Garhart's paintings are a continuation of *Landscapes: West/East*, his one-man show in the Olin Gallery last fall. Garhart spent the summer as an artist-in-residence in Vail, Colorado. His pieces examine ordinary aspects of nature and cause the viewer to evaluate his/her views of nature. Garhart's pieces, both his watercolors and oils, are a

"celebration of the ordinary." His talent for capturing moments of nature which are often taken for granted and turning them into successful works shows Garhart's desire to remind his audience of its world.

Spaid, a returning photography professor, shows one piece, "Light Stencil." This work is taken from a series Spaid has been developing for two years. The sculpture is linear in nature and dependent on the complex shadows created by the subtle variations of the ladder-form. The variation of color in each construction is also integral to its success.

Although the department of art is small in number, it is full of talent and experimentation. The show will be exhibited through Sunday, September 20, in Olin Gallery; it should not be missed.

Co-sponsored film focuses on rape

By Joy Eckstine

The Interfraternity Council and the Women's Network will co-sponsor a documentary film concerning acquaintance rape, called "Rethinking Rape", at 7:00 on Tuesday, Sept. 15 in the Biology Auditorium. Dr. Clark Carney and Mary Moberg, new members of the Health and Counseling Center, will facilitate an open discussion after the film.

The film attempts to place acquaintance rape on a continuum of sexist attitudes in our society. Men and women speak of their personal experiences in the film, and experts offer their opinions in an attempt to get to the root of this insidious and widespread problem. Both organizations encourage their members to attend with whatever questions or concerns they may have about the subject. The film is open to the public.

FILMS

Trouble with Tribbles

The Trouble With Tribbles and *Star Trek Bloopers*. Starring William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, and DeForest Kelley.

If you need this one explained to you, you've been living under a rock for the better part of your life. *The Trouble With Tribbles* is widely considered to be the funniest *Star Trek* episode ever made. Cyrano Jones is an interstellar trader specializing in unusual merchandise, including little fuzzballs that do nothing other than eat, reproduce, and make cute little noises. These voracious critters cause a crisis, Captain Kirk is a stud, the Klingons are jerks, and McCoy gets to say something other than, "He's dead, Jim." What more could you ask for? As a bonus, *Star Trek Bloopers* will also be shown—eight minutes of the best of the many screw-ups filmed during the show's run. Warp factor two, Mr. Sulu!—Jeff Richards

A Night in Casablanca

A Night in Casablanca. Directed by Archie Mayo. Starring Groucho Marx, Harpo Marx, and Chico Marx. 85 Minutes. 1946.

It's a chaotic Marx outing when Kornblow (Groucho), the harried manager of the Hotel Casablanca; Chico, his self-appointed bodyguard; and Harpo, irrepresible as ever, plot against Nazis who have a fortune in stashed jewels and art treasures in the hotel. "The madcap Marxes are wonderfully funny."—*The New York Times*

Emmanuelle

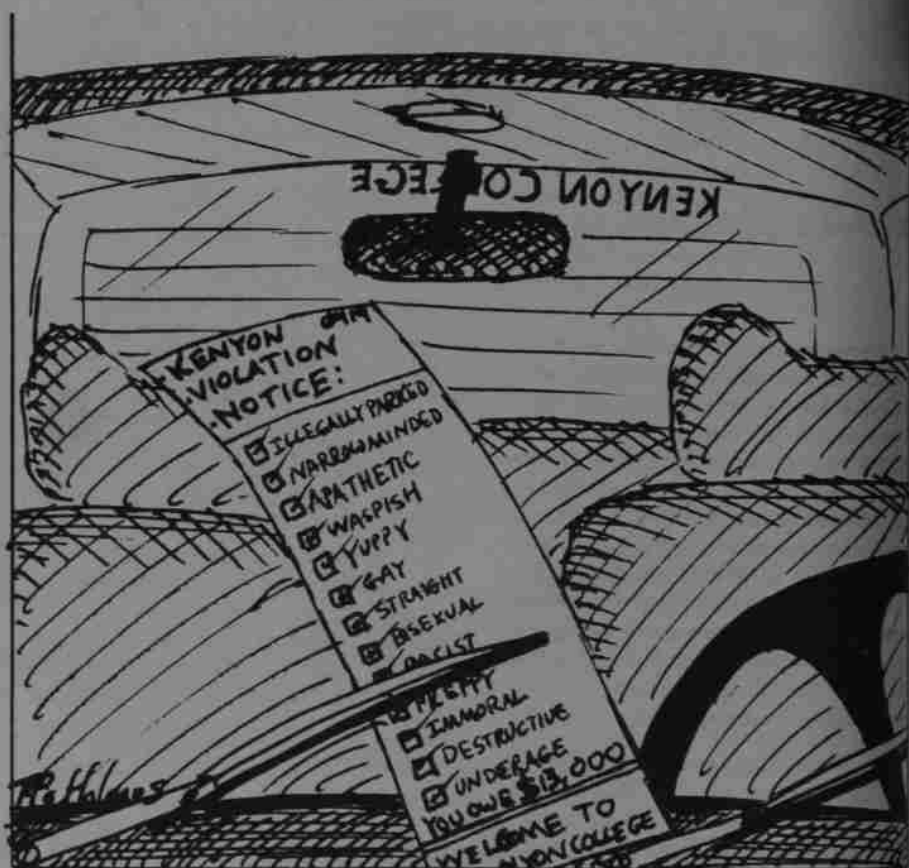
Emmanuelle. Directed by Just Jaeckin. Starring Alain Cuny and Sylvia Kristel. 92 minutes. 1975.

Based on the international best seller, this sensual film delves into the amoral private lives of French diplomats and their wives stationed in the Far East. It focuses on Emmanuelle and the moral decisions she faces as one of these wives who is pulled into the circuit of rich, bored French women who make no secret of their extra-marital affairs or their unusual tastes. "... done with taste and beauty. A lush erotic atmosphere."—Liz Smith, *Cosmopolitan*.

The French Detective

The French Detective. Directed by Pierre Granier-Deferre. Starring Lion Ventura, Patrick Dewaere, and Victor Lanoux. 93 minutes. French with English subtitles.

This tough, witty cop story stars Lino Ventura as the intense, gritty investigator in the Sam Spade mold. The story focuses on the murder of a policeman who had learned too much about a corrupt local politician. Aided by his spirited young colleague (Patrick Dewaere, *Get Out Your Handkerchiefs*), Ventura tracks his man with bulldog tenacity. The veteran detective refuses to let anything stand in his way, including the powerful political influence of his prime suspect, an unscrupulous politico who will stop at nothing to achieve his ambitions. The French Detective is a mystery fan's delight.



Coffeehouse to introduce GOCA

By Sonya Dudgeon

The need for cultural awareness in the Gambier community has resulted in the formation of a new organization known as Gambier Organization For Cultural Awareness (GOCA). Developed by several Kenyon students last spring, GOCA aims to inform the campus, as well as the community, on cultural issues such as racism and diversity.

There are already many campus organizations, such as the Peace Coalition and Amnesty International, that are concerned with a specific issue. GOCA, on the other hand, incorporates all of these issues into a much broader spectrum. Andy McCabe, coordinator of GOCA, views the organization as an "umbrella", not only to discuss the variety of issues but to support the other organizations on campus. For example, GOCA hopes to attract more minorities to this campus by supporting Jon Tazewell,

an Assistant Director of Admissions, who is responsible for minority recruiting at Kenyon.

This year's goals include attracting many speakers to discuss different cultural issues and GOCA hopes as well to hold several social events. The first of these is a coffeehouse to be held September 12 in conjunction with the Peace Coalition. The purpose of this coffeehouse is to acquaint the community with these organizations. Since GOCA was formed too late to receive funds from Student Council, there will be an admission charge of one dollar to go towards GOCA's account.

McCabe stresses that an organization like GOCA "needs as many members as it can get" in order to meet its goals towards a cognizant community. There aren't that many commitments involved, he stresses, and encourages everyone in the community to participate.

The Weather Vane

The right direction in fashion.



"Virginia Woolf" cast rehearses in Bolton

Premiere play proves potential for drama dept.

By Greg Nosan

Last weekend, the Hill Theatre hosted a production of Elizabeth Cody's (1866) play *The Golden Silence*, which was originally written only as a staged reading. The idea of producing the play during the first week of school was originated by Ed Ball and Frank Little, who served as Director and Producer, respectively. In eleven days, the cast and crew pieced together Cody's draft of the play, solved staging problems, constructed sets, and rehearsed, often spending three days at work in the theatre.

hill and Tuttle's goals, aside from setting what became the world premiere

of Cody's play were to showcase the theatrical talents of Kenyon students and to introduce the freshman class to the world of Kenyon drama. *The Golden Silence*, a farce about the lives of an eccentric Kentucky family, featured Andrew Berhausen, Alison Furlong, Brook Jennings, Laura Mills, and Shelley Rankin in leading roles. Rounding out the cast were Dave Rath and Kevin Richardson.

Considering the brief time frame within which this production of *The Golden Silence* was conceived and presented, the cast and crew most certainly achieved their goal by bringing drama to an ever-changing Kenvon community.

Kenyon welcomes new faculty, staff

3. Alexandra Walker and Ann Tutton

The freshmen are not the only new faces at Kenyon this year. Nearly every department has hired new members, contributing to a grand total of 21. The Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures department has the new members, leading the college in highest number of new faculty. It also has the only foreign professor, Aki Tanouchi, from Japan.

The ratio of men to women is also fairly even. Kenyon hired eleven male faculty members and ten female members. However, in the usually male dominated natural science departments, there are four new female members, compared to only two new male members. Wendy Macleod, an alumna, has joined the Drama department. Macleod currently has two plays running. Robert Towner-Larsen has replaced Robert Reading as the Assistant Dean for Student Residences. The Kenyon staff has further increased with the addition of Hoyt Wilhelm, the Assistant Director of the Career Development Center. Finally, two faculty members have returned. Ellen Blankoff has rejoined the English department and Patricia McCulloh has rejoined the Art department.



Dean Towner-Larson

Faculty to lead in up-coming play

By Greg Nosan

This weekend's Bolton Theater production of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* promises to be a treat for Kenyon theatergoers if the current scarcity of tickets and a relatively all-star cast are any indication.

Edward Albee's 1962 play about a tragicomic marriage is a fitting college production. The two main characters, George and Martha, lead lives in academia—George as a mediocre history professor and his wife Martha as the daughter of the President of the large Eastern school where George teaches. The play itself is an encounter between the hard-drinking middle-aged couple and a young professor and his wife. What might have been a calm evening of conversation turns into a shouting match, typical

of George and Martha's relationship, and the action confines itself to dialogue between the foursome as the night wears on.

Cast in the role of George is Professor Thomas Turgeon, head of the Drama Department with Ms. Harlene Marley as Martha. Ms. Marley, presently Interim Director of Libraries, formerly served as chairperson of Kenyon's Drama Department. Jon Tazwell, an Assistant Director of Admissions, appears as Nick, the new biology professor. Honey, his wife, is portrayed by Kathy Kirk ('79), who majored in Drama while at Kenyon and now makes her living as an actress.

In *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, the opportunity exists to see what promises to be a first-class production of a classic drama.

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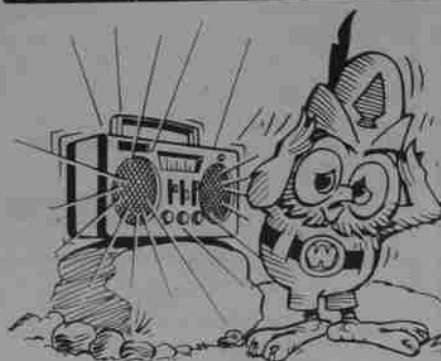
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Fall Sports Previews

Cross Country

By Joe Wiemels

While the rest of us are easing into the school year, the few, the proud, the extremely dedicated cross country runners are gearing up for what could be the most successful season in more than a few years here at Kenyon. The Lords and Ladies are in the midst of running 40 to 70 miles each week in preparation for weekly races. The combination of talent, experience, enthusiasm and perspiration of the team ensures a very promising season, for this is the year for cross-country.

First, the Ladies. With the loss of only one runner to graduation and the return of three athletes from off-campus studies, the Ladies presently have a team with tremendous depth and experience. This is the team which last year won the NCAC Conference Championship and made a strong showing in regional competition. Returning seniors Kristin Hess, Annie Kay Taylor, and Aileen Heffernon add to an already strong team anchored by captain Priscilla Perotti, juniors Mandy Barlow, Anne Switzer and Rebecca Szekely, and sophomores Suzanne Arnoff,

Ginsberg. The team is presently 17 strong, several larger than last year.

The Ladies have passed their first test with flying colors, despite the loss of two runners (Hilary Schneider and Emily Hancock) to injuries, and other problems associated with getting a team in shape at this early point in the season. They obliterated the competition in the first cross country meet here at home on Saturday by placing five runners in the top ten finishers. Hess led the pack in the five kilometer race (20:15) followed closely by Perotti (20:23). Freshman sensation Tracey Fatzinger placed fifth overall (20:38), followed by Arnoff (seventh—21:02) and Barlow (eleventh—21:26). The Ladies show an excellent early ability to run as a team, posting much improved times for this point in the season compared to previous seasons.

Last year's NCAC Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year Duane Gomez expects this team to be especially strong by virtue of its depth. The best runners race and train at approximately the same level, thus enabling them to push each other as a group during races. The key to winning cross country races is the high finish of

an individual, Gomez feels, but the collective finish of the team. The lack of a clear individual standout among the Ladies is likely to help them as a team as the competition gets tougher. They can run as a group, pushing each other to score higher than they normally might as individuals, and thus scoring higher as a pack—necessary for success in a cross country race.

The Lord's cross country team exhibits many of the same characteristics as the Ladies, also promising to perform strongly against NCAC rivals. Says co-captain Alex Heatherington, "We're looking forward to being especially competitive in the Conference for the first time." He and fellow co-captain Justin Lee head a team bolstered by seniors Scott McKissock, Mike Melville and Greg Dorf, junior Charlie Jacobs, and sophomore stalwarts Terry Milner and Paul Worland. Several new runners round out a team of 14, including freshmen Jeff Hilberg and Erik Danelius.

The Lords ran a gutsy race Saturday with several strong individual performances. Heatherington finished first for the Lords in the 8 kilometer race (twelfth overall

—27:22), followed closely by Milner, who ran a personal record time of 27:30. Worland, Kenyon's lone regional qualifier last year, ran a 28:41, the last third of the race in socks because of blister problems. Hilberg placed next at 29:06. Jacobs also ran a very tough individual effort at 29:19.

This Saturday the team travels north to the Case Western Reserve Invitational. Here they will confront their NCAC rival for the first time on a hilly park course in East Cleveland.

What have the Lords and Ladies to say about the upcoming season? Melville has only one comment: "This is my year." You can argue with Mike on that point. First year runner Ann Powell seemed to speak for everyone with the statement, "I finished the race." On a more philosophical note, Worland points out that "you either make the dust, or you eat it." Judging from the spirit and potential of both Kenyon teams, this will be a year of dust production, whether raised with cross country spikes or nearly bare feet, as was Worland's case.

Women's Soccer

By Rebecca Glazer

The Kenyon's women's soccer team opened its season on a strong note, defeating Marietta 3-2 Saturday.

Junior Stasha Wyskiel helped lead the Ladies to victory by scoring all three of Kenyon's goals. The first goal of the game came early in the first half when Wyskiel kicked a penalty kick right past Marietta's goalie. Kenyon's strong defense, led by senior Maggie Jones, juniors Sarah Turgeon and Mollie Curry and freshman Mindy Smith, kept Marietta scoreless in the first half, warding off any Marietta attack.

Kenyon started off the second half with a strong offense of Wyskiel, junior Lovey Cerfolio, and freshman Jenny Vanderburgh. The ladies widened their lead when freshman April Robison sent a beautiful pass that Wyskiel knocked in for the 2-0 lead.

Wyskiel soon sent another goal in, dribbling past the Marietta defense for the

unassisted shot. It seemed then that the Ladies were on their way to a shutout.

Marietta, however, was not ready to give up and scored two goals near the end of the game. Their effort came a little too late, however, as the Ladies held on for the 3-2 win.

This year's team has a strong roster with several key returning players as well as a good group of new players including Smith, Vanderburgh, Robison, freshmen Amy Jacobson and Stacey Sapper, and junior Clara Campbell.

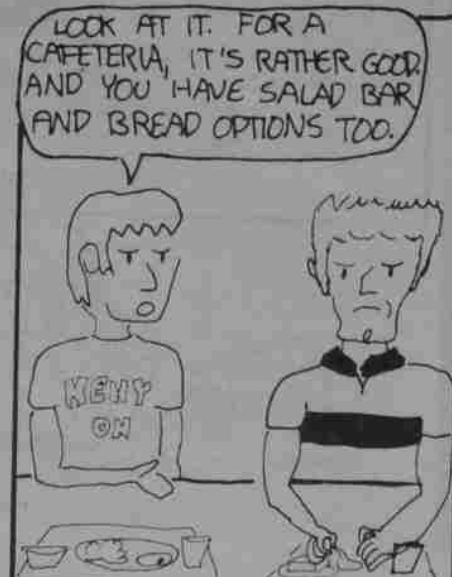
The schedule for this year includes an October Break trip to Atlanta—to ace Emory, Mercer, and Berry—which should help increase the notoriety of the team, now in its fourth year as a varsity sport.

The Ladies faced Case Western yesterday, though the results were unavailable for print.

The Ladies take on Findlay at home Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. for their 3rd game of the season.



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Sports Director Vennell to leave for Rochester position

By David H. Seed

During the past summer, Jeffrey Vennell, director of physical education and athletics, resigned to accept the position of director of sports and recreation at the University of Rochester.

Vennell, who has been at Kenyon since 1979, will remain at the College until the end of the soccer season this fall. Men's soccer coach, Bill Heiser, will serve as acting director of physical education and athletics. Vennell sees the UR opportunity as a new challenge and a chance to do something different.

Vennell will remain at Kenyon through the soccer season because Rochester's offer came late, and he felt a responsibility to carry out the plans he had left for this season; he looks forward to the coming year in which he feels he has worked hard. The soccer team, according to Coach Vennell, is anticipating a good year and



Athletic Director Jeff Vennell

Vennell feels the freshman class has brought much talent to the team.

Vennell gives the impression that he will miss Kenyon and has enjoyed his time here; he points out that he will miss his colleagues and friends. Vennell draws many likenesses

between UR and Kenyon and cites that he enjoys working with the Kenyon and Rochester type of student because they are academic and goal oriented. Additionally, Vennell feels Rochester maintains academic standards that are comparable to Kenyon.

Vennell came to Kenyon from Williams College where he was men's soccer coach and assistant to the director of athletics. He is a 1966 graduate of Springfield College and holds a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts. He looks forward to returning to the northeast, where he and his family can further enjoy winter activities.

A search committee, appointed by Dean of Students Thomas Edwards and chaired by Physics Professor Peter J. Collings will begin a search for a new director of physical

education and athletics in the near future. In a news release this past summer, Edwards remarks that Vennell "... has provided able leadership in bringing the College's athletic programs to the highest standards among NCAA Division III institutions." He continues, "I speak for the many students and faculty and staff members in expressing regret that Jeffrey Vennell is leaving."

Vennell is confident that he has left Kenyon's athletic program and men's soccer team in great shape; by leaving at the end of the soccer season, he feels he will allow Kenyon enough time to search for a new coach. Captain and senior Peter Gaillard will oversee the never-ending and continuous process of recruiting in the coming year.

More Fall Previews

Men's Soccer

By John Lysaker and Peter Gaillard

Kenyon soccer! The tradition! The legend! Here it ends, for this year, we win. Yes, it is true, a virtual plethora of verbose testimony, of ecstatic triumphs, of heaven incarnate appearing on the green plains of Lower Gambier.

Come watch, come indulge, come bask in the omnipresent fertility of Kenyon Soccer. Come be a witness to the immeasurable greatness of the reputable defense team, featuring co-studs, I mean captains, Gaillard and Martin, and the omnipresence of Youngblood and Wallace.

And up front? Good question! Tom Elmer, Dave Reynolds, Grant Putnam (of General Hospital fame), Jason "The Mass" Walker, Jeff "Whiteness" Kallet and two more Jeffs, 'nuff said!

In the midfield there lie more gods than any pantheon past could boast. Our weapon, David "Rambo" Bowser, Gooch the maverick, and countless others who merit mention, but ...

This Coach Vennell's last season at the helm and we owe it to him, for his years of dedication to present Gambier with the winningest team. (Who watches swimming?)

Scott, the freshman who warrants no last name, opened at goal against Ohio North-land and you can witness his brilliance



against both Earlham and Depauw on September 11 and 12 at our own beloved field. We would greatly appreciate your support, as nothing supplements our inevitable wins like a roaring crowd. Live long and prosper.

Volleyball

By Holly Swank

Can you dig it? The Kenyon Ladies Volleyball team is back in action and eagerly anticipating another promising season. Last year the Ladies went 35-6, won the NCAC tournament and were ranked 5th in the region in the NCAA Division III polls—missing a bid to the national tournament by one ranking. This year's team has all but one player back and has been strengthened by the addition of five new freshmen.

Senior Captain Shelley Swank says,

"We're all really excited about the possibilities of the coming season, but we also know it is going to take a lot of work."

This fall the Ladies are faced with a tough schedule—competing against regional volleyball powers such as O.N.U., Heidelberg and the NCAC teams. Their season officially gets under way this Friday with a tournament at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, PA. The Ladies will be hosting both the GLCA and NCAC Tournaments this year in the Ernst Center Sept. 18-19 and Nov. 6-7th. Volleyball is an exciting sport to watch so come and get in on the action!

Football

By Brian McFadden

The playbook cover illustration: a gun-sight with crosshairs centered on a stylized NCAC title. The legend: MISSION NCAC.

The mission starts in Kalamazoo Saturday afternoon at 1:30, when the 1987 Kenyon Lords football team opens against the Kalamazoo Hornets. Will the Lords be able to exorcise the shades of a 4-6 season, which include a 36-0 thrashing at the hands of Denison and a heartbreaking 15-13 loss to Albion on a last-gasp field goal, or will they return to haunt the team? Head Coach Larry Kindbom has an emphatic answer to that question: "We plan to come out of the gate strongly and win the first few games strongly. They will set the tone for the rest of the season."

Those first few games—Kalamazoo, Wooster at home, and Case Western at Case—will be a solid test. The Lords then begin a three-game home stand against Albion, arch-rival Denison, and a much-improved Ohio Wesleyan, immediately followed by two weeks on the road at Oberlin and Allegheny. The home season closes November 7 against nationally-ranked Centre College; the regular season will end in Columbus against Otterbein on the 14th.

The Lords must overcome more than the

opposition in order to complete their mission, however. The team has been dealt two major setbacks:

—Lack of depth. Kenyon began camp with 60 players; injury has trimmed that lean figure down to about 48 players in complete working order. The physical cost of running play after play can be quite high at one position; most players must play several due to the personnel shortage. On the offensive line, for example, there are only two players to back up five positions, and on the defensive line, there are only two players to back up four positions.

—Injuries, especially when compounded with the depth problem. There have never been fewer than six Lords on the sidelines at any one time since training camp began. The hardest-hit positions have been the already-thin offensive and defensive lines; only seven of eight offensive linemen and six of eight defensive linemen are currently healthy. At one point, the offensive line was running with four players.

On the positive side, however, Kenyon still has quite a few blessings to count:

—Last year, 9 freshmen and 13 sophomores started at various times. Most of the players who will be filling positions vacated due to graduation come in with at least one season's experience.

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Field Hockey

By Jessica Brown and Amy Bowser

With more determination than ever before, the 1987 women's field hockey team is off to a superb start. Mixed with freshmen as well as veterans, the Ladies are looking at a winning season. Leading the team to victory are captains Jessica Brown and Amy Bowser. These seniors as well as sophomore Betsy Jennings are the three NCAA All Conference first team players. Part of the strong leadership on the field also stems from seniors Kate Davis, Melissa Henderson, Liddy Smith and junior Susie Bloom. Last year these players kept the team strong and thus far continue to play excellent field hockey.

Second year varsity players include Beth Waldner, last year's most improved player,

and Danni Davis, the fastest inner on the team. Playing strong defense are freshmen Margo Morrison, Betsy Jennings, Nancy Rochat, Amy Bowser, Kate Davis, and Jenny Leffler. Finally, goaltending will be covered by Jessica Brown, and last year's second team MVP, Cathy Herrick.

Moreover, this year's offense is filled with strong shooters. Freshman Nancy Cooper and Gema Benokraitis appear to be non-stop hustlers, who rarely give up.

The team has worked hard over the last two weeks and it showed in the recent Ohio Wesleyan clinic when they tied last year's number one conference team, Denison, 1-1.

This year should be very exciting for the Ladies and if anyone was wondering whether awesome field hockey was still alive in Gambier, our answer would be yes!

Alcohol policy

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accordance with the Ohio drinking law.

According to Dean of Students Thomas Edwards, the college policy is an "enlightened policy" which seeks to "relieve the College of liability and put the responsibility for enforcing the policy on the students."

Keri Allen, a local bartender, says that "business hasn't really been affected because of the grandfather clause." Her opinion is that no immediate effect on social life will be seen at Kenyon until more students lose their right to drink. However, Allen states that "it is foolish to assume that people under the age of twenty-one will not be drinking; they just may not be drinking in a bar atmosphere."

Jeff Schnarrs, Peirce site manager, agrees with Allen with regards to business, stating as well that "business at the Shoppes hasn't really been affected. Says Schnarrs, "Our crowd is usually in the age range of 20 to 21 anyway."

There will be a forum on this issue at 7:30 tonight in the Biology Auditorium. The discussion will be led by Edwards and James A. Giles, a Mount Vernon attorney.

Enrollment

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Peirce. The Shoppes continues to be open for lunch, and Gund Snack Shop is open Sunday through Thursday nights to add to dinner space there. Edwards adds that the serving center in Gund will be enlarged next summer to cut down on the lines, allowing some of the food stations to be removed from the eating area which will create more space for more tables.

Towner-Larsen expresses that he was "impressed by the patience of both students and parents" in the housing situation. As for next year, both Edwards and Towner-Larsen hope for a smaller freshman class and the continued patience of the students.

Improvements

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brighter. I'm glad to have well-lit hall ways."

Ward also notes that, thanks to donations from Kenyon's class of 1987, the observatory in Ascension has also been renovated.

Now that Phase I (Ascension, exteriors of Leonard, Hanna, and Old Kenyon) of Kenyon's renovation is completed, Ward has decided to hang up her hard hat. She will turn direction of Phase II (interiors of Leonard, Hanna, and Old Kenyon) over to Deans Edwards and Towner-Larsen.

The cost of both phases of the renovation has been approximated at \$6 million.

Perhaps not as glamorous as the renovation of Ascension but equally as prevalent was the expansion of the Career Development Center. The CDC was expanded in size, staff and versatility.

New to the Career Development staff is Assistant Director Hoyte Wilhelm. Wilhelm came to Kenyon in July from Albion College where he had been a residence coordinator and part-time assistant director in the Career Planning and Placement Center and in the Counseling Center.

Wilhelm's responsibilities in the CDC include supervision of the job recruiter program, presentation of job-search-skills workshops for students, and coordination of Alumni Career Consultants.

Barbara Gensemer, who has been director of the CDC for eleven years, is "delighted" with the changes: "It was a major step in increasing the staff but, as

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Telephone system

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Knowing how the system works is important for both Kenyon students and off-campus callers, commented Davidson. He stressed that students must make themselves and off-campus callers aware of the changes so that everyone can enjoy the system's full benefits and, "use it as it was intended."

Other students were more critical of Kenyon's telephone facilities. According to junior Dave Sullivan, the system still needs improvement because it is currently impossible for students to dial direct long-distance from PBX phones, even with the DID additions in place.

In addressing this concern, Davidson responded that direct off-campus, long-distance dialing through PBX telephones may perhaps be a possibility in the future, but no plans have yet been made to bring these changes to campus.

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The expansion of the CDC occurred when Gensemer was asked to do a study to decide what needed to be changed by comparing Kenyon's CDC with career centers at other colleges. Kenyon also employed a consultant, Howard Figler, author of the book *PATH*, to help make recommendations.

While maintaining current programs, the CDC has expanded by sponsoring more alumni visits to campus to give career information and advice, working more closely with faculty members, using the help of alumni with the goal of increasing the number of on-campus recruiters and increasing employers' awareness of and receptivity to Kenyon applicants.

Gensemer adds that she hopes the expansion of the CDC will "get students thinking about their careers... the expansion itself was done for their benefit."

Football

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—Both the starting offensive and defensive lines return mostly intact, losing only one and two players respectively to graduation. On both sides of the ball, the Lords will control the line of scrimmage.

—The offensive backfield is completely intact. When combined with the Lords' new run-oriented offense and the returning strength of the offensive line, the ground game should expand immensely. Every game the Lords won last year was characterized by a good running performance; if the ground game begins to dominate, Kenyon's conference rivals, who are accustomed to a passing attack, could be in for quite a nasty surprise.

—The team has adjusted very well to the off-season changes in the coaching staff. Coach Kindbom will fill the offensive backfield spot vacated by the departure of Pete Peterson to Wittenberg; he leaves the

offensive line in the capable hands of Meyer, former All-American nose tackle at the University of Akron. Mike Billmeyer makes the transition from high school coaching to take over Chuck Stanley's linebacker position.

The 1987 Lords, when all is said and done, have a good chance to fulfill the dream of a conference title. The team members have sweated out a hard, demanding training camp; they have worked to eliminate mistakes and to play fundamentally sound football; they have built and maintained a level of intensity which will help to carry them through the season. Kenyon fans will see a hard-hitting, aggressive, winning team this season. Why? Not only because of the hours spent on X's and O's, but also because of the superior conditioning of the athletes, but also because the team has a common goal and the desire to win. The playbook cover says it all: the 1987 football Lords are men with a mission.

Council

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Martens also remarks that the possibility of the change in the state law had been talked about since his sophomore year (1986-86). "But many may have thought that it would always happen 'tomorrow.' They may have been caught by surprise by the sudden need for change in college regulations."

However, most involved seemed to have no major complaints about the new regulations. The college's overall policy has remained the same in that, as one former Student Council member put it, "The college neither harbors criminals nor acts as an agent of law enforcement." Several people on both sides of the issue seem to agree that most of the changes that were made were necessary to reduce liability and comply

with the new state law.

Some of those critical of the timing of the administration's proposal contend that the role of student government was challenged through the "insufficient time allowed" to raise discussion and work with the police. However, there are those among this group that feel that it may have been the fault of student government itself by not taking enough initiative in the first place. Either way one looks at it, as Martens concludes, "What was changed needed to be changed in the best interest of the College and students. Would there be a better policy if we had had more time? I don't think so. Despite the bantering, it's probably what we would have arrived at if we had started in December."

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Freshmen Forums

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and also how to present those issues more effectively. Stephanie Klein, a freshman this year, spoke very highly of the meeting. "The discussions were well led and right to the point. Also, it was good to see who is involved in some of the student organizations that the freshmen might be a part of while at Kenyon."

The continuing growth of the freshman forum series is a clear sign that many people are interested in helping new students adjust to college life as well as the small community setting. As the program continues in its success, more ideas are being generated. Omahan and Tazewell would like to see a follow-up meeting occur where freshman as well as upperclassmen get together later in

the year and continue discussions that began in the first meeting. Tazewell would also like to see even more student involvement especially with the class meeting. He feels that a student might be better at leading the forum because his/her perspective on the issues would vary from what the administration and faculty see. As the freshman forum series continues in its efforts it is not only gaining more support but it is also going beyond its goals of reaching out to the entire community of Kenyon by attempting to inform us of the issues that are important in our community life.

Editor's Note: The next Freshman Forum will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 in the Gund dorm lounge. The topic to be discussed is Drug and Alcohol use in the community.