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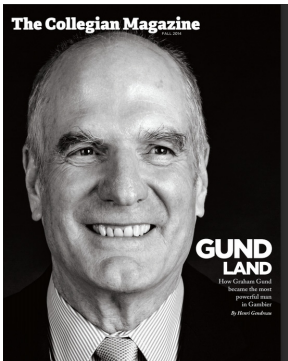
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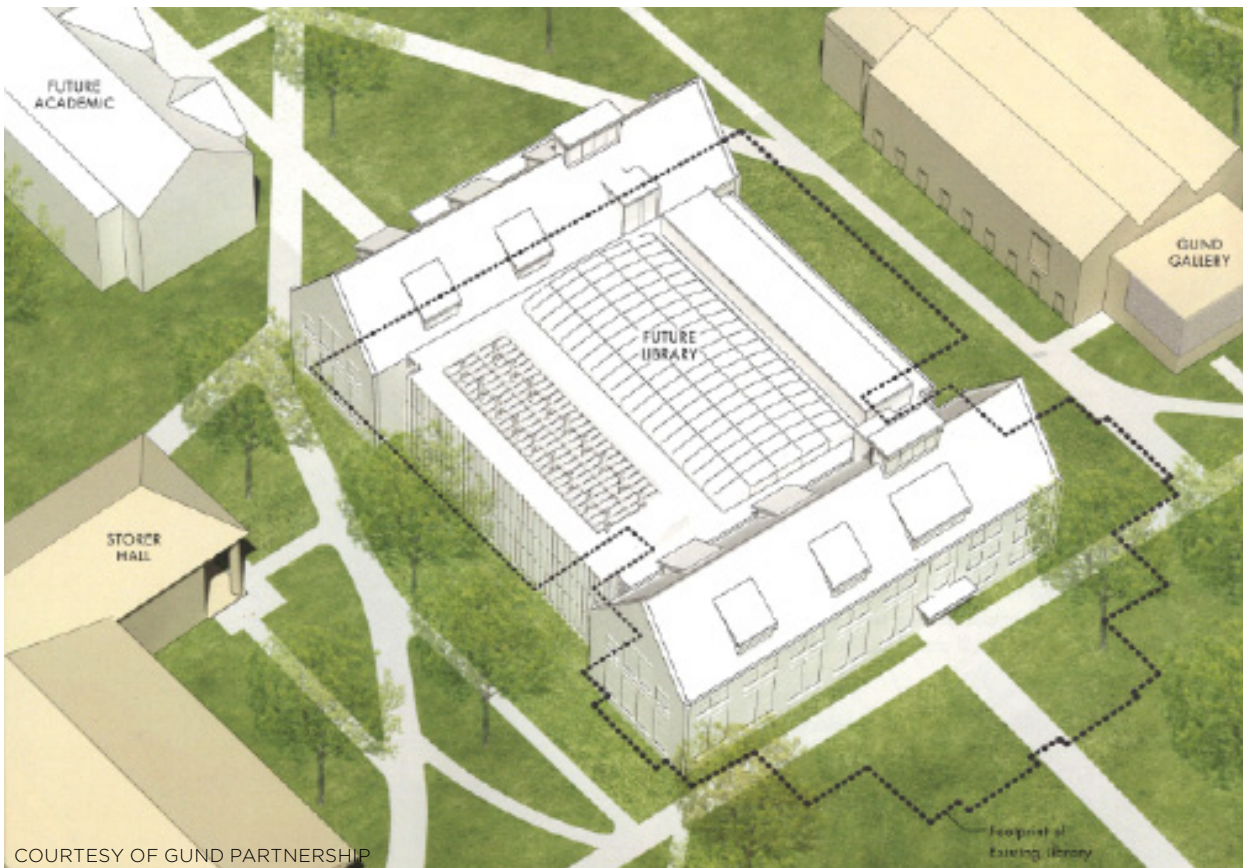
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Unveiling a new campus Master Plan

The Board of Trustees recently approved a new plan that would transform the look and feel of the College and Gambier. See more on pages 8-9.

Students balance employment

ERICH KALETKA | STAFF WRITER

On-campus employment is a fixture on most college campuses, including Kenyon's. According to Associate Director of Career Development Leslie Harding, there are 755 students employed by the College at this time — of those, 240 are participating in a federal work-study program job of some sort. Work-study is part of a financial aid package and is meant to help supplant the cost of being in college, according to the Kenyon website. This number only includes students who have been approved for jobs paid by the College and does not include students who work for establishments such as Wiggin Street Coffee, the Village Inn, the Kenyon Inn or any other possible employers in Gambier or Mount Vernon.

Out of the 755 student employed by the College, according to Harding, there are 161 unique positions these students fill. These positions range from serving as teaching assistants to being tour guides for the Office of Admissions. Indeed, Admissions employs nearly a quarter (175 of the 755) of all the student employees on campus, who, in addition to guiding ▶page 3

The quest for late-night campus eats

In light of a recent Nite Bites hiatus, new dining options show promise.

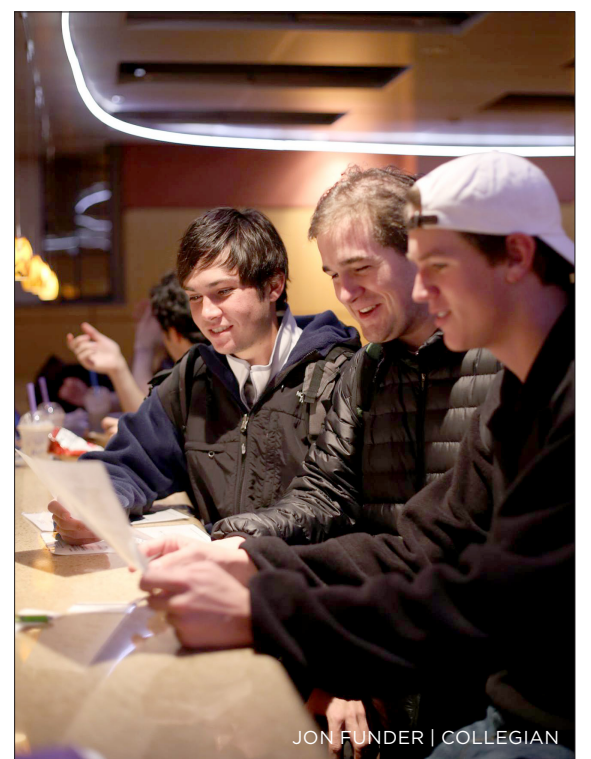
MAYA KAUFMAN
NEWS ASSISTANT

In the small town of Gambier, it can be difficult for students to satisfy late-night cravings.

On Nov. 9, Nite Bites Café announced via Student-Info that they would be closing for the rest of the semester. David Thoensen '17, chief financial officer of Nite Bites, explained that the business is taking a hiatus in order to make improvements, which will include "taking drastic steps" to increase delivery speed, finding different methods of advertising and re-

vamping the menu — new additions may include ice cream sundaes, nachos or breakfast items.

Nite Bites, a student-owned-and-operated establishment that serves up various sandwich and drink options in Peirce Pub on Sunday through Thursday nights, stays open between 9:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. The business began in November 2011, founded by members of the Kenyon College Entrepreneurship Club. Nite Bites receives approximately 70 to 100 in-house and delivery orders on any given night, according to Thoensen. ▶page 4



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NEWS

EDITORS: EMILY SAKAMOTO
AND VICTORIA UNGVARSKY

President Sean Decatur on paying tuition for Off-Campus study:

“One of the thoughts behind [the transition to paying full tuition for Off-Campus Study rather than playing for just the program] is it should actually make the study away more accessible for students on financial aid, Café because the financial aid costs and the costs of studying away are actually much more predictable than they were before.”

OCS process frustrates

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different from Kenyon, and doing an English program at Exeter or Oxford wouldn't have allowed that experience.”

Cost was likely not a reason for the program not being approved, as it was \$16,000 for the entire semester, according to Graf, who says her request was denied because the CGE did not view it as academically rigorous enough or beneficial to her major.

Madelyn Cook '17 also said she was discouraged from attending a program she was interested in. Cook had hoped to enroll in the program Semester at Sea, in which students study on a cruise ship while traveling to different locations around the world. Semester at Sea can cost anywhere from \$23,000-\$40,000, according to *Business Insider*.

The CGE did not permit her to do Semester at Sea on the basis that it would not benefit the study of her chemistry major and that the academic requirements are too lax.

Cook says she has the rest of her time at Keyon carefully plotted out and wanted to use off-campus study as an attempt to “take learning beyond the classroom and have a cultural experience, since I won't have the opportunity to visit many of these places in the future.”

“There shouldn't be so many nuances, and ... students should have more freedom in the [OCS] process,”



LINNEA FELDMAN EMISON | COLLEGIAN

The Center for Global Engagement is in Hoehn-Saric House.

Cook said.

In fall 2013, the CGE shifted its policy so that instead of students paying for programs directly, students now pay Kenyon tuition and fees when studying abroad. According to Fox Business News, the average cost of study-abroad programs is \$17,785 per semester; Kenyon tuition for one semester of the 2014-2015 academic year totals \$29,445, including room, board and fees. However, only about half of Kenyon students pay sticker price, according to the College's website.

“[Kenyon] will cover up to the cost of the program, but there are a few programs that cost more than Kenyon,” Ausc said. “For these, students will have to cover the extra themselves.” She added that Kenyon deals with finances on a student-by-student basis and that, for most students, study abroad is a viable option

financially.

It is also evident that the CGE does not need a certain number of students to study abroad each semester in order for the College to have enough housing for those remaining on-campus.

Jill Engel-Hellman, director of housing and residential life, wrote in an email to the *Collegian* that “[the] fall 2015 housing report lists 1,764 total available spaces on campus. There are approximately 1,730 - including Kenyon students who are currently participating in OCS programs - students currently enrolled at Kenyon.”

Although it is clear that the OCS process presents both limitations and frustrations for students, the percentage of students who study abroad each year reflects that a significant portion of the student body is able to make it work.

BRIEF

Campus Senate passes bathroom resolution

On Oct. 28, Campus Senate unanimously passed a resolution recommending that all single-stall bathrooms on campus be converted to gender-inclusive or gender-neutral. The resolution, Senate's first in over a year and a half, calls for Kenyon to take “all appropriate measures ... to provide secure gender-neutral toilet and shower facilities in residence halls as soon as feasible,” in addition to increasing the number of gender-neutral bathrooms on campus as a whole.

“We decided that this was a no-brainer in the fact that it was not only pragmatic insofar as you have a single-stall bathroom which you lock behind you, [so] it doesn't really matter what the gender of the person in there is,” Senate Co-Chair Conrad Jacober '15 said. “It will additionally create shorter lines when that comes up. ... And not only that, it does more justice to transgender students and other students who identify outside of the gender binary because it gives them an option that they feel more comfortable using.”

Though the measure has passed Senate, it is up to President Sean Decatur to approve and oversee its official implementation. Since a resolution has not been passed during his tenure thus far,

the procedure is unclear, muddled also by the confusion surrounding compliance with Ohio building codes. “[Chief Business Officer] Mark Kohlman and [Director of Housing and Residential Life] Jill Engel-Hellman will be discussing the logistics of the residence hall portion of the resolution,” Decatur wrote in an email to the *Collegian*. “Mark is also investigating what (if any) building code waivers we will need for the conversion of single-stall restrooms, as well as the process by which we apply.”

Engel-Hellman clarified that there are currently gender-neutral bathrooms in several residence halls, but said extending them to other buildings was a matter of making sure there were enough options for everyone to feel comfortable. “What we've been doing is researching what that means,” she said, adding that she has not encountered any code issues in her previous experience. “Certainly within spaces like Peirce [Hall] and places that are newer, we're within that realm of where we need to be, but my understanding is that we need to be able to offer ... bathrooms that would be both male and female and then gender inclusive. It has to do with being able to offer different options to people.”

— Madeleine Thompson

VILLAGE RECORD

Nov. 5 – Nov. 11

- Nov. 5, 8:53 p.m.** — Student complaint of light headedness and pain in chest in McBride Residence Hall. Safety responded.
- Nov. 6, 3:06 p.m.** — Employee reported theft of chairs and plant in Gund Commons.
- Nov. 7, 6:50 p.m.** — Fire alarm sounded due to cooking food in New Apartments. No fire. Smoke cleared. Alarm reset.
- Nov. 7, 11:15 p.m.** — Student tripped and cut arm on beer bottle in McBride. Safety responded. Transported to Knox Community Hospital (KCH) via squad.
- Nov. 8, 1:17 a.m.** — Intoxicated, underaged student. Safety responded.
- Nov. 8, 2:11 a.m.** — Unknown person(s) damaged departmental and directional signs on South Campus.
- Nov. 8, 12:30 p.m.** — Student reported prescription lost from pocket on North Campus.
- Nov. 8, 11:24 p.m.** — Intoxicated student. Safety responded and transported to residence.
- Nov. 8, 11:34 p.m.** — Intoxicated student. Safety responded and transported to residence.
- Nov. 9, 12:03 a.m.** — Intoxicated student in a North Campus Apartment. Safety responded.
- Nov. 9, 12:05 a.m.** — Student found urinating on exterior wall of the Craft Center.
- Nov. 9, 1:01 a.m.** — Safety officer found intoxicated student at Weaver Cottage attempting to take bike from rack without permission.
- Nov. 9, 1:57 a.m.** — Intoxicated, underaged student in Hanna Residence Hall. Safety responded.
- Nov. 9, 2:00 a.m.** — Community Advisor witnessed student in McBride tear down papers without permission. Upon confrontation, accused student refused to give ID and fled.
- Nov. 9, 3:27 a.m.** — Intoxicated, underaged student in Norton Residence Hall. Safety responded. Transported by squad to KCH.
- Nov. 9, 12:27 p.m.** — Intoxicated, underaged student in McBride. Safety responded.
- Nov. 10, 10:50 p.m.** — Student reported individual in vehicle yelled out abusive language while driving by on Wiggin Street.
- Nov. 11, 5:47 p.m.** — Student injured arm. Safety assessed and gave icepack.

CORRECTIONS

In “New Hillel and health center dedications draw trustees,” (Oct. 30, 2014) the *Collegian* reported remarks from Alan E. Rothenberg '67 P '96 H '10 about his experience with chapel requirements at Kenyon. According to the College archives, Kenyon eliminated chapel requirements in 1960, before Rothenberg enrolled. The *Collegian* incorrectly reported volleyball's NCAC overall record as 6-2 (“Volleyball,” Nov. 6, 2014). The correct record is 2-6. In “Awareness of Native American culture spans November” (Nov. 6, 2014), the *Collegian* incorrectly reported in a photo caption that two students were displaying art in honor of Native American Heritage Month. They were Adelante members displaying Hispanic artwork. In the same article, Lemanuel Loley was cited as being a part of the class of 2017. He is a member of the Class of 2016. The *Collegian* regrets the errors.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Sunday, Nov. 9

- The Junior Class Committee did not meet.
- The Student Life Committee did not meet.
- The Housing and Dining Committee is incorporating feedback from last week's vegan and vegetarian open forum. The committee is organizing an AVI Appreciation Day.
- The Academic Affairs Committee changed the name of “experiential learning” courses to “off-campus engagement courses.” The Committee formed an LBIS subcommittee to make students more aware of library services.
- The Sophomore Class Council is planning another fundraiser.
- Office of Campus Safety's lighting walk will occur on a date to be determined.
- The Senior Class Committee will partner with Alumni Leaders of Tomorrow to plan a fundraiser for the Kenyon Fund.
- The Buildings and Grounds Committee reopened the recently revamped section of Middle Path and encouraged feedback from the community.
- The Business and Finance Committee held another budget supplemental hearing. All student groups that requested allocations received partial or full funding. Student Council approved all budget allocations. The budget allocation for the spring semester will on Dec. 6.

— Steven Schmidt

Outside the classroom, students get the job done



CORA MARKOWITZ | COLLEGIAN

Students occupy a range of jobs, from tutors at the Math and Science Skills Center (MSSC) to clerks at the Kenyon Bookstore and baristas at Wiggin Street Coffee.

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tours, can work as office assistants, overnight hosts and senior interviewers — also known as admissions fellows — according to numbers supplied by Admissions staff members.

There are still many other — specifically, 156 — possibilities for employment across campus. It is even possible to hold multiple positions. For example, Manjul Bhusal Sharma '16 works as a manager at the Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC), a soundtech and a Student Affairs intern. However, Bhusal Sharma, who is an international student, can only hold on-campus positions. "The law is that international students can only

be paid by the institutions they are attending," Bhusal Sharma said. He gave an example of the student-run Nite Bites Café: "Internationals can't work at Nite Bites because it isn't owned by the College, so they could work for the experience, but legally they wouldn't be allowed to be paid." However, the process for international students who want to be employed by the College is, for the most part, the same as for other students, with the addition that they must apply for a Social Security number after getting a job.

For domestic students, sometimes procuring a campus job is as easy as simply asking. That's how Meera White '18 got her job at the Office of Admissions.

White, a work-study participant, said that she didn't have to go through any extra hoops to get her job. "I didn't have to fill out any additional paperwork beyond the normal things required by the CDO for student employment," she said.

In terms of balancing her duties as an employee and as a student, White found the system accommodating. "It's almost like another class, but I'm allowed to take off if I have too much homework," she said. Being employed, White said, "helps to balance my life because it allows me to get my mind off of homework and other academic things." She works two hours a day, four days a week and said that while working can take

time away from other activities, "the fact that I'm getting paid serves as a good incentive."

Scheduling is usually one of the more difficult part of student employment according to Jim Huang, manager of the Bookstore, which employs 11 Kenyon students. When asked about the quality of work the students do, and if he wishes he could hire more Huang says "In abstract, yes, but in practice, no. I think we're right about where we need to be [in terms of number of student employees]. ... We love having them here and we think they add a perspective that we adults don't have. We also think they represent the College well, as they can be a lot more

"[Employment] helps to balance my life because it allows me to get my mind off of homework and other academic things."

Meera White '18, Admissions Office

in-depth and responsive to outsiders' questions about the College than most of the other employees can."

All Bookstore employees are paid at the first of three pay levels: the three pay levels are \$7.95 per hour, which is Ohio's minimum wage, \$9.07 per hour and \$10.22 per hour. Each level has different qualifications and duties. First-level jobs require mostly manual work and have the highest level of supervision, while higher levels involve more technical skills and experience and

allow for more autonomy, according to descriptions of each pay grade provided by the CDO. Bhusal Sharma, for example, earns \$10.22 per hour for his third-level position as a KAC manager and \$9.07 per hour in his two second-level jobs.

Students interested in finding employment on campus can visit the Career Development Office in lower level of Gund Commons, call their office at (740) 427-5165 or browse the CDO-hosted online system Symplcity.

Effects of No Waste November vary in impact

In less than two months 120,000 paper cups were used in Peirce Hall. ECO urges students to reduce paper consumption.

NATHANIEL SHAHAN
STAFF WRITER

As the reds, oranges and browns of late autumn grace the Hill, the Environmental Campus Organization (ECO) is using the month of November to make the College a little greener. ECO co-leader Sonia Prabhu '16 says the group is "trying to raise student consciousness about various forms of waste on campus." Each year, through posters and installation art, ECO makes a public case to the student body to reduce waste on campus.

According to Prabhu, this year ECO will be taking on three initiatives, one for each week of November. Last week the focus was on reducing paper cup use in Peirce Dining Hall. This week ECO has been focusing on reducing paper use in Olin Library. The initiative for the last week before break is currently undecided, though Prabhu suggested it might focus on reducing food waste. In the past, ECO has focused on party waste and litter on campus, but Prabhu believes cup use in Peirce and paper use in Olin are the two biggest sources of waste on cam-

pus.

However, despite initiatives led by ECO, it does not appear No Waste November is making a big impact. Johanna Klinman '15 and Michelle Schulte '15 both expressed uncertainty about the effects of ECO's initiatives. When asked their opinions on No Waste November, Klinman said she didn't know what it was, while Schulte said, "I was aware of it because there was a poster in Peirce." However, AVI Resident Director Kim Novak said she has not "really noticed any change" in paper cup usage during the month of November for the past three years, despite displays by ECO urging students to avoid paper cups. Already, Novak said, "from August 25 through [Oct. 28] we have used ... 120,000 [paper] cups."

Last year the dining hall lost 2,350 cups and was forced to order more in October. Prabhu noted that "a lot of people use paper cups to take food out of Peirce when they could use the reusable dishware." The reliable return of plates and cups to Peirce is a goal both Novak and Prabhu believe will be achieved by creating a new cup collector position. This new paid

position, which ECO will be responsible for establishing, will be filled by a student whose sole responsibility will be collecting cups and other dishes from residence halls. The application is expected to be available at the start of next semester.

The idea of a cup collector was Jonah Allon's, a former member of the class of 2016 who is now attending Tufts University. Prabhu and Allon applied for a sustainability grant offered through the College last spring for this particular position. Since Prabhu and Allon applied for the grant, Kenyon's Sustainability Director Ed Neal was let go, which led to a hold up in distributing the grant money. Prabhu was not sure where exactly the money for the sustainability grant was coming from. "To my understanding Jonah and I were the only ones who applied for the sustainability grant," Prabhu said. "The money seems to still be there," she added, expressing confidence that a new sustainability director will be coming to campus soon and saying, "I think it was understood it [the grant money] was granted to us."

Last year, an AVI worker was



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Next semester AVI will employ a student to collect reusable dishware.

responsible for both receiving shipments at the trucking dock and collecting dishes from around campus. Due to an increase in local food purchases resulting in rising numbers of deliveries, the AVI workers tasked with retrieving dishes had to spend more time on the loading dock and could not devote as much time to collecting dishes from around campus. A problem arose when the number of dishes scattered around campus began increasing simultaneously with the number of deliveries at the loading dock, due to an increase in local food purchases. With the time strain growing, Novak discussed a student employee collector with ECO and the school, paid for with a grant. But this project stalled and Novak

hired two part-time employees to pick up dishes, starting this year. But soon Kenyon will hire the new student collector who will, according to Prabhu, "go to all the residence halls ... twice a week," though Prabhu said the academic buildings will still be covered by AVI employees. This was confirmed by Novak, who said that for Peirce employees, "it'll end up being ... four days a week going to the regular classrooms and the library."

Both Prabhu and Novak appeared confident that the new student position would be a success. Prabhu would prefer students to bring reusable cups to Peirce, but hopes that at the very least, "if they're using plastic cups to return them to the bins around campus."

Discovering an easy A: students consider course difficulty

University of North Carolina scandal prompts discussion of courses.

REGAN HEWITT
STAFF WRITER

An institution that prides itself on academia and athletics, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is currently at the scandal center of the collegiate world. A report released on Oct. 25, accused the institution of padding grades and creating “easy A” classes for athletes. According to CNN, “thousands of students” at UNC were “funneled through” the academic system in order to keep them eligible for playing time.

Kenyon Director of Athletics, Fitness and Recreation Peter Smith described the controversy as “unfortunate.” Smith asserted that such a scandal could never occur at Kenyon. “We’ve almost got the reverse of a UNC situation,” he said.

Kenyon’s position as a Division III school does make it more difficult to ignore athletics for academics. “[The athletes] are students first ... and they came to Kenyon to get an education,” Smith said. According to Smith, student-athletes are not awarded any special extra tutoring or educational opportunities. “The policies we have in place are the same for athletes and nonathletes, in terms of enrollment,” he said.

As Chair of the Committee on Academic Standards (CAS), Professor of Biology Chris Gillen explained

that any student can be reviewed at the end of the semester and placed on “conditional enrollment” if academic standards are not being met. According to Gillen, “one possible requirement of a conditional enrollment is that a varsity athlete not be allowed to participate in a sport.” Kenyon does not appear to have a specific history of banning athletes from sports based on academic reasons.

Student-athletes say they maintain equally difficult class schedules as non-athletes. “We don’t take easier classes during season,” Jack Marooney ’18, a member of the baseball team, said. “I take classes I’m interested in.” Student-athletes are required to maintain a 1.75 credit enrollment in the College to maintain playing eligibility.

Often, athletes are more organized, proactive students because, as Professor of English Theodore Mason puts it, “they know they have to get to their work ... because one of the things that’s important to [student-athletes] depends on their grades.” Coaches are actively involved in students’ academic lives and, according to Smith, encourage students to put athletics on hold if they are overworked. “Our coaches get academic progress reports all the time,” Marooney said.

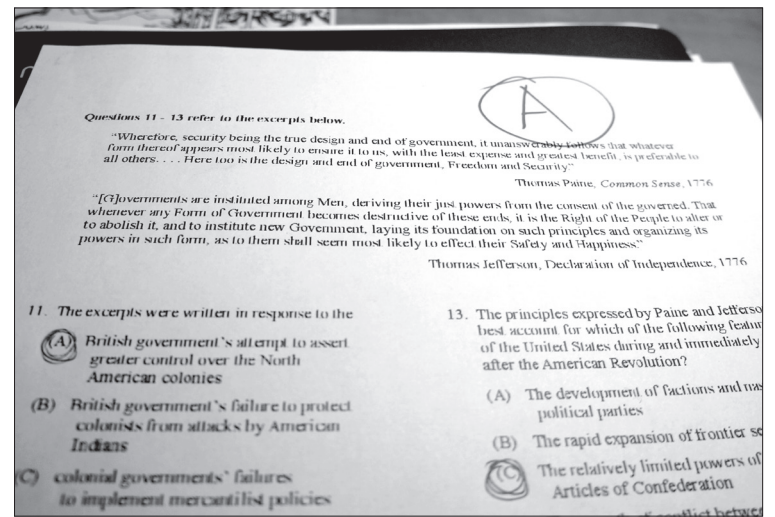
In fact, Kenyon has a committee devoted to ensuring that every

class lives up to the College’s rigorous academic reputation. “The Curricular Policy Committee is charged with reviewing new classes ... and so [the CPC] makes a judgement about whether or not the class meets the standards that Kenyon sets forth,” Gillen said.

Most students denied that there were “easy A” classes at Kenyon. Although students can and do receive As in their classes, they do not believe those classes to be easy. “When I get an A, it’s because I worked for it,” Kyla Spencer ’18 said.

“The students realize that the skills they are learning are going to provide a foundation for further work,” Mason said. Although he says that he does not frequently give As in his own classes, Mason believes that students work very hard for the grades they do receive. “I don’t see an absence of rigor,” he said. However, despite the purported academic rigor of Kenyon overall, some classes do develop a reputation for being an “easy A.”

“I think grade inflation is a problem everywhere and Kenyon is not immune to it,” President Sean Decatur said. Decatur explained that Kenyon is not exempt from pressure to give grades to students that will put them on the same footing when applying to jobs and graduate school alongside students from other institutions.



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Although students assert there are no easy As, some classes are known as easier.

Some students feel the current foreign language program at Kenyon offers a potential “easy A” class. By not testing out of the introductory-level courses, students who have previously taken a language can receive a GPA boost by taking a class beneath their level of education in that particular subject. “People are taking levels that they’ve tested out of,” Paige Ballard ’18 said.

Another class that has developed an “easy A” reputation is Introduction to Anglo-Saxon, taught by Professor Emeritus of English Bill Klein. The grades depend on attendance and participation as well as the completion of five opinionated 500-word papers throughout the semester. “It’s an easy class ... [but] you can’t miss class

or turn in a 200-word paper — that’s not going to cut it,” Nick Leibowitz ’18, an avid fan of the course, said. “[But] if you do your work, getting an A isn’t hard.” As of press time, Klein could not be reached for comment.

Dance classes are sometimes considered an “easy A.” “They are physically strenuous, and there are readings and reflection papers, but if you show up, it’s a fairly easy class,” Emma Conover-Crockett ’17 said.

Overall, most students seem to feel Kenyon is providing them with exactly what they came here for: a professional, academic environment with a faculty that is equally invested in their education. “There’s no ‘easy A’ class at Kenyon; there’s just easier As,” Muhammad Hansrod ’17 said.

Election 2014: Knox County stays red, votes down levy

MAYA LOWENSTEIN
STAFF WRITER

On November 4, many Americans took time out of their schedules to take the trip to their local polling station and vote in the midterm elections. In Knox County, positions up for grabs included state representative, county commissioner and probate juvenile judge. In each election, the Republican candidate won by a wide margin.

Margaret Ann Ruhl (Republican), who will be serving her third term in the Ohio House of Representatives, secured 63.77 percent of the vote. “I am humbled and privileged that the voters of Knox County elected me to another two-year term,” Ruhl said in an interview with the *Collegian*. “I will work hard to serve my constituents to the best of my ability.”

Also in the race for Ohio House of Representatives, Joyce Skocic (Democrat) won 24.94 percent and Randy Miller (Independent) won 11.3 percent.

Roger Reed received 68.9 percent of the vote, granting him his second term as county commissioner. “The people of Knox County are very in-

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Representative Margaret Ann Ruhl (R)

formed people,” Reed said over the phone. “They found that I was the candidate with electability, and the most government experience.” Reed served as mayor of Fredericktown, Ohio for 16 years and he stood on city council for six years before winning his first term as county commissioner. Reed said his opponent, Eric Wisyanski (I), was a “nice gentleman but had no government experience.” Wisyanski won 31.1 percent of the vote.

Jennifer Springer was elected as the Knox County probate juvenile judge. Springer secured 56.25 percent of the vote, while her opponent, Jeffrey C. Williams, earned 43.75 percent. “My platform is about change,” Springer said. “I’m all about rehabilitation. I’m all about helping children, helping juveniles. However, I think in our society we need to be held accountable for actions.”

A highly-charged issue this election was the tax levy towards education failing to pass for the ninth consecutive time. According to the East

Knox School Board’s website the levy would “address the growing deficit situation that has occurred over the last several years.” The levy consisted of \$3.9 million of property tax (\$136.50 per year for a \$100,000 home) and one half of one percent (0.5 percent) earned-income tax. The last time East Knox passed a levy that is still active was in 1984.

Kenyon students Faith Masterson ’16 and Phoebe Roe ’16, who founded PEKK (Partnership with East Knox and Kenyon), described themselves as “devastated and disappointed, but not surprised that the levy didn’t pass.” Due to the school board’s lack of funds, they have been forced to combine the middle school and high school, eliminate arts programs, charge students to play sports and severely cut back on their teaching staff. “I think it highlights what’s wrong with education in the U.S.,” Roe said. “Education is truly the foundation of everything the U.S. stands for, but it gets such little funding.”

Late night food options shift

Midnight Munchies and Thursday Munchies arrive on campus as Nite Bite closes down until second semester.

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“We believe we have done well providing a late-night option, catering to student organizations and being an entrepreneurial outlet for Kenyon students,” Thoensen wrote in an email to the *Collegian*. “This semester has been our best financially.”

Director of Housing and Residential Life Jill Engel-Hellman remarked that Nite Bites fills a void in the late-night dining offerings in Gambier but that it may not be enough. “There’s [Nite Bites] during the week, but there’s not much on the weekends,” she said.

In order to make up for the lack of late-night food offerings on weekends, the Office of Housing and Residential Life planned a program called Midnight Munchies, in which administrators and Community Advisors were to sell food purchased in Mount Vernon late on Halloween night — ideally near a location where students would be partying.

Scott Gill-Jacobson, assistant director of housing and residential life, suggested the idea, based on his time as an Ohio University graduate student.

Although ResLife was unable to assemble enough staffers to host the event, the Housing and Dining Committee took to the concept of Midnight Munchies and have instituted it as a regular program.

Phoebe Roe ’16, chair of the Housing and Dining Committee and a staff writer for the *Collegian*, sees the Midnight Munchies program as a much-needed addition to campus. “You need to look at what we’re missing,” Roe said. “It’s very unique to Kenyon that we don’t have a late-night dining option. I think most places do.”

To host Midnight Munchies, a group of volunteers must complete an OrgSync application and apply for a loan from Kenyon’s ODADAS funds, the product of a partnership between the College and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services that provides money for alcohol-free events on campus. The group uses the money to purchase food in Mount Vernon and sell it on campus. After the event, the group pays back the loan and donates the remaining profits to a non-profit organization of their

choice.

“So far it’s been a very highly positive reaction,” Roe said. “Most people jump at the idea of getting Chipotle right down Middle Path.”

Roe and the Housing and Dining Committee are currently working with the Archon Society to host this week’s Thursday Munchies as a test run. The Archons will donate the money collected from delivery fees to East Knox schools.

“We’re hoping that this program can raise enough money for school supplies, college application fees and other such expenses,” Archon Co-President Steve Kaplin ’15 wrote in an email to the *Collegian*. “The goal is to have both Thursday and Sunday Munchies each week.”

Although Roe and Kaplin are optimistic about the potential of the Munchies programs, Thoensen acknowledged the difficulties of operating a business in late-night dining.

“It is difficult to be a student and run a food business late into the night on top of all your academic responsibilities,” Thoensen wrote. “Students have to sacrifice a lot to provide this service.”

FEATURES

EDITOR: INDIA AMOS

ASK A PROFESSOR

What fashion trend did you love when you were in college?

"Bells!"
- Professor
of American
Studies Peter
Rutkoff

"I would say,
work shirts."
- Professor of
Art Gregory
Spaid

"An oversize
comfy men's
plaid flannel
shirt."
- Professor of
Italian Patricia
Richards

Exploring Kenyon's drinking culture, past and present

Ohio raised the drinking age to 21 in 1987, and some say Kenyon's drinking culture has changed since then.

KARLIN WONG
STAFF WRITER

Kenyon's drinking culture has long been a weighty issue on campus. It's no secret that underage consumption is a prevalent practice, and the College's approach to policing alcohol usage — with its Good Samaritan Policy and alcohol education efforts, including Beer and Sex advisors and party training — has emphasized safe drinking rather than abstinence. Over the years, Kenyon has reformed its policies to accommodate the changing climate of alcohol consumption.

In 1987, the Ohio state legislature raised the minimum drinking age to 21. Prior to 1987, all persons 18 and over were permitted to buy beer with an alcohol content of 3.2 percent or lower. As a result of this new law, Kenyon made changes to its alcohol policies for the 1987-1988 school year; hosts of events at which alcohol was served were required

to card guests and stamp their hands according to whether they were over or under 21.

A 1987 opinions piece written by the *Collegian's* editorial board described Kenyon's response to changes in the Ohio state law as "a policy we can live with." The editorial board continued: "The new policy is respectful of student rights, giving them the freedom to make reasonable choices with regard to the use of alcohol. At the same time, the policy is in concurrence with the new state law, the College no longer sponsoring or approving the serving of alcohol without proper checking of identification."

In many ways, the spirit of responsible freedom has persisted in Kenyon's alcohol policies since 1987. Current Associate Dean of Students Tacci Smith emphasized Kenyon's focus on student safety. "It's not about telling students, 'Don't drink.' It's about telling students, 'Don't drink to the point where you're [drinking in] ex-

cess and passing out.'" Complying with state laws without preaching abstinence is an important part of Kenyon's policies. Smith said, "Everything written and everything we say [to students] makes it clear that we have to abide by the law that no one under 21 should be drinking. But we also don't want folks under 21 trying to be hidden away or sneaking around [with alcohol]."

"Part of the deal is wanting our upperclassmen to help other students know how to casually have a gathering if there's alcohol involved," Smith said. "Doing things in a safe manner is the underlying piece of our policy. But clearly when the under-21 rule is violated and Campus Safety comes upon [the violation], they have to deal with it. It's not that the policy says anyone can drink anytime; it's really about making good decisions."

During Susan Apel's '83 time at Kenyon, drinking was a more public practice. "You could buy beer at the shop, the



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Students and professors mingle and imbibe at a Kenyon party in 1949.

grocery store, and the Village Inn; it was just readily available," she said. "We didn't have any need for pre-gaming because people could easily get beer or green punch at frat parties." According to Apel, the College did little to police consumption of hard alcohol because beer was already legalized. "When I was here, the college didn't draw distinctions when policing hard liquor and

beer," she said. "The drinking culture was just more open."

Pre-gaming — a common practice among students that involves drinking alcohol prior to attending a social function — became more popular after the minimum drinking age was raised because underage students were no longer guaranteed alcohol at campus parties. "A lot of students today feel that they need to get to parties

with alcohol already in their systems," Catie McGonagle '17 said.

When Apel was a student, drinking in one's room was considered unnecessary. "You would go straight from the library to a party because you knew there was going to be alcohol there," Apel said. "People kept alcohol in their rooms, but we didn't have many pre-party gatherings."

Students seek to confront social climate on campus

Groups of students have begun meeting on Tuesday nights to brainstorm solutions to recent issues.

INDIA AMOS
FEATURES EDITOR

For the past two weeks, discussions about the social climate on campus have been taking place on Tuesday nights, with the first in Weaver Cottage and the second in Gund Commons. "There is always an undercurrent of misogyny [on campus] but it feels like, this year, it has been brought to everyone's attention, and so you can't really ignore it," Kayla Arnold '16, who helped found the sessions, said. "It's sort of in your face."

Arnold, a Community Advisor, said she became aware of just how strained the social scene on campus was this year when friends and residents started coming to her to express their discontent with the manner in which acts on campus, such as theft of Take Back the Night supplies from the Crozier Center for Women and various verbal attacks

on the social media app Yik Yak, were being handled.

"A big issue we talked about [last Tuesday] is community on campus," Arnold said, "and how it feels like there is some sort of link missing. We've been talking about, first, how we can build a community."

Madi Thompson '16, who is a Crozier manager, explained that the first meeting focused around how students felt the administration should have responded to what were perceived as attacks on Crozier. "We kind of talked about our frustrations with how we felt things had been addressed [and how] #RespectfulDifference didn't get at the heart of it, which was the misogyny on campus and how we all felt there needed to be more happening as a follow-up," Thompson said.

Arnold said these discussions sought to spark dialogue among members of the Kenyon community. "We

should unite as a campus and say [that misogyny] is not okay," Arnold said. "There has been a feeling that [support] has been lacking thus far."

Although Arnold and Jill Engel-Hellman, director of housing and residential life, initially organized these climate discussions for the campus, the discussions attracted a crowd not limited to students. Seven students attended the most recent discussion, though around 12 professors and faculty members attend weekly, according to Arnold.

"The people who have been coming mostly have been administrative, I think," Arnold said. "There's a good variety." Anna Cohen '16, co-manager of Crozier, and Thompson agreed that the administrative turnout is one of the major benefits of these discussions.

"Crozier can't really reach the whole campus, no matter how hard it tries," Cohen

"There is always an undercurrent of misogyny [on campus] but it feels like, this year, it has been brought to everyone's attention, and so you can't really ignore it. It's sort of in your face."

Kayla Arnold '16

said. "So I think it's good to have these separate ... branches."

Peter Granville '16 affirmed that these campus climate discussions are an important addition to the dialogue beginning to take form on campus. Granville is one of the leaders of the Men's Discussion Group, which had its first meeting during Take Back the Night and was designed to get men talking about issues surrounding gender and sexuality.

"We're hoping to defuse a sentiment of caring about issues that often get pushed under the rug," Granville said.

The participants in the campus climate discussion

group hope to continue the meetings until they feel as if the issues have been properly handled by the administration. The group says that the administration could do more to publically convey that misogyny is unacceptable.

"We have plans to meet again and then to try and bring our ideas to some of the senior staff, so there's definitely a trajectory," Thompson said. "And it's cool how [the discussions] kind of started out as ... just a gathering to figure out what was going on and [have] sort of become like, 'We really think we can change this, and we're going to try.'"

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EDITORS: ANNA DUNLAVEY
AND ELANA SPIVACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 13 | 4:10 P.M.
READING
ELAINE BLEAKNEY
CHEEVER ROOM, FINN HOUSENOV. 14 | 7 P.M.
Music
KENYON OPERA AND
MUSICAL THEATER
WORKSHOP
BRANDI RECITAL HALLNOV. 16 | 3 P.M.
Music
KNOX COUNTY
SYMPHONY ANNUAL
CHILDREN'S CONCERT
ROSSE HALLNOV. 18 | 7:30 P.M.
DANCE
YELLOW BIRD
DANCERS
GUND BALLROOM*Breaking Bad's* RJ Mitte talks overcoming disability

Mitte visited Rosse Hall this past Tuesday night to discuss his work as an actor with cerebral palsy.

ELANA SPIVACK
ARTS EDITOR

Walt Jr. left the White family breakfast table and found himself in Rosse Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 11 in a talk sponsored by Student Lectureships, Discrimination Advisors, the Peer Counselors, Social Board, Student Accessibility and Support Services, and the psychology and neuroscience departments. Actor RJ Mitte of *Breaking Bad*, AMC's wildly popular series about a cancer-diagnosed chemistry teacher-turned meth dealer, came to Kenyon to speak out about overcoming disabilities. Affected by cerebral palsy, Mitte is an authority on overcoming setbacks. His presentation featured anecdotes from his own life as well as universal lessons about moving beyond fear.

Mitte began acting at about age 10 and did background work for shows like *Hannah Montana* and *Weeds*. He claimed these roles gave him insight on how leading actors worked, and helped him

prepare for his successful acting career as *Breaking Bad's* Walter Jr., who also has cerebral palsy.

Mitte emphasized not only the challenges he overcame but the daily challenges with which everyone struggles. "Everybody in this room has a disability," he repeated throughout the night.

"A disability is not a disability. It's knowledge," he went on. He elaborated that he fully realized his ability to grow through his disability. One anecdote related to a pivotal moment when he realized everyone is scared of "being the first one" to stand up for a cause. "I stood up for myself, so people stood up with me." This epiphany helped him overcome bullying, a phenomenon he says extends beyond the playground, especially into social media. "People want to attack what they don't understand," he said. "[They] try to take a piece of who you are, ... but that's not for them to use."

Mitte's antidote to life's setbacks is to bypass fear itself. "If you let that fear manipulate you,

... you're not being who you're meant to be," he stressed. While assertion about determination and positivity may seem clichéd and even juvenile, the crowd had an overwhelmingly positive response. His philosophy of selflessness is not new, but it is often much-needed for the meandering college student.

He also acknowledged that some challenges are persistent. "You will constantly have self-doubt. When it gets down to it, you have to just face that fear," he said in response to a student's question. Such strength cannot come from a single person. His headstrong personality comes from his family, specifically his grandparents. They forbade him from saying "I can't," pushing him to confront his fears. "You have to find the few people that you can model yourself after," he said. "People you know inside and out."

His mother Dyna Mitte accompanies him on his tours and has supported him his whole life. She described her momentary



DREW MEEKER | COLLEGIAN

RJ Mitte spoke to a crowd in Rosse Hall on Tuesday night.

turmoil when he was diagnosed at age three, but then pulled herself together after her aunt, a longtime manager of a medical facility and key figure in Mitte's diagnosis, advised she "[g]o get a bath, a glass of wine, and cry all my tears out that night because there couldn't be any more tears after that." Dyna continued, "I had to focus on what I could do as a parent to make his life as normal as possible ... We surrounded ourselves with supportive people."

Celia Lown '15, co-president of Student Lectureships, stressed

the importance of speaking out against bullying. "You think of bullying just as the middle school playground but it's really all-encompassing these days," she said. "As clichéd as it sounds we really wanted people to take it to heart and think about how their actions affect other people."

Maddie Morgan '18 attended the talk and came away with the enviable ambition Mitte possesses. "Go after whatever you're passionate about, don't let other people stop you, don't let fear get in the way," she said.

Premier Argentine poet finds profundity in simplicity

ELANA SPIVACK
ARTS EDITOR

Argentine poet Hugo Mujica lives a rich life. Mujica has been a painter, a Trappist monk and currently is an award-winning poet and Catholic priest. His spiritual understanding of life shows through his potent poetry, some of which he read in Peirce Lounge on Monday, Nov. 10 in a presentation sponsored by the National Endowment for Humanities Distinguished Teaching Professorship and Hubbard Funds. Mujica read a selection of his poems in Spanish that were followed by an English translation by Associate Professor of Spanish Katherine Hedeon.

Mujica's work covers philosophy, anthropology, fiction and poetry. *Vaso Roto*, one of the world's most esteemed presses, published Mujica's *Complete Poetry, 1983-2011* in 2013, the same year he won Spain's prestigious Casa



ELANA SPIVACK | COLLEGIAN

Katherine Hedeon, Hugo Mujica and Victor Rodríguez-Núñez.

de América Poetry Prize with *Cuando todo calla*.

Hedeon and her husband, Professor of Spanish Victor Rodríguez-Núñez, met Mujica in Granada, Nicaragua at a poetry festival in 2011. They quickly realized what a prominent poetic figure he was, and resolved to bring him to Kenyon.

They particularly enjoyed how he utilizes silence and sparseness. "The white space for me feels like a way of giving

silence priority," Hedeon said. Conversely, sparseness enhances his language. Rodríguez-Núñez said, "He wants a language that is very concentrated, that is very full of meaning. ... He's the Anti-Neruda."

Mujica said quite simply, "To be simple is very hard."

During the Q-and-A, a student asked Mujica what made him start writing poetry. Mujica responded, "Poetry." He began writing in the ear-

"[The poetry is] so apparently simple and yet it is so incredibly profound that it kind of blows your mind."

Victor Rodríguez-Núñez, Professor of Spanish

ly 1970s, three years into a seven-year vow of silence he took as a Trappist monk. He relayed the story of how he was in the his monastery's kitchen when he saw a sunset and was moved to write several lines. He had previously been a painter, but lost his passion. Poetry, however, had just reached him. "I felt I was born into some new expression."

Mujica deliberately read his poems without announcing titles. Hedeon almost let a title slip but caught herself and laughed the moment off. Mujica never explained this omission, but it allowed for fluidity through the reading that connected myriad ideas.

Attendee Isabella Bird '18 especially liked the poetry's sensibility. "Most of the time it is contradictory, but I guess it makes a lot of sense in

the end because ... a lot of things are sort of contradictions," she said. "There is no other way for them to be."

Mujica's work largely featured nature imagery, often musing on water or light before exploration of a more profound theme. Though his poems use spare, direct language, they prove complex when one contemplates his final message about human nature and delving into the soul. "It's pure spirituality," Rodríguez-Núñez said.

He described the objectivity in Mujica's themes, saying there is no "poet persona" that reinforces universality. Hedeon elaborated on this idea, saying, "[The poetry is] so apparently simple and yet it is so incredibly profound that it kind of blows your mind."

Mujica also effectively combines dense language

with emotion. "Thought is central but it's not separate or distant from feeling," Hedeon said. "It's smart and cerebral but not cold."

Other artists, from film directors to musicians, have influenced Mujica. He specifically mentioned J.S. Bach. "I used to say that the only proof that we have that God exists is the *Apasiona de San Matthew* and if God doesn't exist so the *Apasiona* is God," he said.

Mujica's passion for poetry comes from the pure joy of creating. "I couldn't live without creating," he said. "So for me what I get is a moment where something wasn't there and it take[s] a shape and become[s] [something]."

For Mujica, art's greatest power is making something, a creation or feeling that did not exist before.

Enriching the mind and palate: Wine and poetry in Gund

“An Evening of Wine and Poetry” was the latest installment of *Feast*.

ANNA DUNLAVEY
ARTS EDITOR

Professor of English and Editor of the *Kenyon Review* David Lynn addressed a small audience, most of whom had consumed about four glasses of wine, in the Gund Gallery during Tuesday night’s “An Evening of Wine and Poetry.” “Learning how to appreciate wine is an aesthetic experience similar to learning to appreciate poetry,” Lynn said. “It takes some time to train your palate.” Those who had stayed for the poetry part of the event, inspired by the Gallery’s exhibition “*Feast: Radical Hospitality in Contemporary Art*,” seemed to agree with that.

Many people, however, had left the event, sponsored by the anthropology department, the *Kenyon Review* and the Gund Gallery, after the wine portion concluded. Additionally, two of the poets scheduled to read, Associate Professor of Spanish Katherine Hedeon and Professor of Spanish Victor

Rodríguez-Núñez, were not in attendance due to illness. However, those who made it to the event took part in a fun and sophisticated evening.

The event began at 7 p.m., when Professor of Anthropology Bruce Hardy took the floor in a green kilt. “I wear a kilt any time I need to dress up a bit,” Hardy wrote in an email to the *Collegian*. Hardy began the night with a tutorial on how one can taste wine and reassured the sometimes confused crowd that “there is no right way to do this.” He encouraged participants to be descriptive in how they thought the wine tasted or smelled, reiterating that was no right or wrong answer.

The crowd of about 60 people tasted four wines of varying degrees of dryness over the course of the hour, all purchased from either the Village Market or Kroger. Hardy emphasized that wine does not need to be expensive in order to be of good quality. “A good wine is a wine you like,” he



CORA MARKOWITZ | COLLEGIAN

Professor of Anthropology Bruce Hardy led the wine tasting in the Gund Gallery on Tuesday.

told the crowd.

Hardy thought the tasting went well and was happy to share his knowledge with Kenyon students and faculty. “Ultimately, drinking wine is about commensality,” he said. “Also, the more knowledge you gain about wine (or beer), the more likely you are to treat it as a valued product rather than just an alcoholic drink.”

Professor of English Thomas Hawks, who read his poetry later on in the event, said that although he had had some of the wines before, “it was nice to slow

down and pay attention to them.”

After the tasting finished, those who decided to stay moved upstairs to the Buchwald-Wright Gallery on the second floor for the poetry reading. Hawks and two other professors of English, Andy Grace ’01 and Janet McAdams, all read original work pertaining to the themes of FEAST.

Grace read poetry from his experience growing up on a former family dairy farm, including poems with his own words interwoven with passages from farmers’

diaries. McAdams read six prose poems, all pertaining to food as well as to the body. Hawks read one of his own poems, as well as two more from other poets, staying within the themes of food and radical hospitality. “I was looking for something that I thought would connect well with an audience in one hearing,” Hawks said.

Hardy agreed with Lynn’s assertion that poetry and wine are analogous. “In both cases, you are engaging your brain with your aesthetics,” he wrote in an email. “In wine tasting, you

“In both cases [drinking wine and reading poetry], you are engaging your brain with your aesthetics.”

Professor of Anthropology
Bruce Hardy

are asked to pay attention to what your senses are telling you.”

Hawks also echoed Lynn. “There is a longstanding tradition of linking wine and poetry,” he said, citing how Geoffrey Chaucer was given a royal grant of a gallon of wine daily. “They are great pleasures, they are both intoxicating, there are some of both of them which appeal immediately and some of both of them that require more contemplation.”

This was not the first *Feast* event to feature the art of drinking alcohol, and it will not be the last. A repeat performance of Tom Mario-ni’s *The Act of Drinking Beer with Friends is the Highest Form of Art*, which was first performed on September 17, will be held in the Gallery on November 19.

Gohar Vardanyan strikes a chord with Kenyon audience

BAILEY BLAKER
STAFF WRITER

Rosse Hall ioften showcases classical concerts, but the guitar is rarely included in such ensembles. However, on Saturday, Nov. 8, the Warner Concert Series presented classical guitarist Gohar Vardanyan in Rosse Hall. While there were many Gambier community members in attendance, only a small group of Kenyon students showed. Despite the intimate crowd, those present for the concert were in for a remarkable experience.

Vardanyan has been playing the guitar since she was only five years old, and her high level of dedication and technical skills on guitar show during each piece. The first piece she performed was Manuel Maria Ponce’s *Suite in A minor*. She executed the collection of five movements with artful mastery and creative flair. The first movements within the suite were light, airy and full of warmth. The theme continued with the last two movements, *Gavotte I* and *Gavotte II*; *Gigue*. These last parts of the piece were full of motion and a sense of fluidity.

The next piece Vardanyan



EMILY STEGNER | COLLEGIAN

Classical guitarist Gohar Vardanyan played in Rosse Hall on Saturday.

performed was *Un sueño en la floresta* by Agustín Barrios Mangore. Afterwards, Vardanyan explained the technical aspects of the song itself. “The song has a note most guitars don’t have,” she said, referring to the high C. “I just recently got an instrument that can play the piece

as Mangore had originally intended.” Vardanyan’s rendition was elegant and full of life.

Vardanyan is influenced heavily by Latin music and composers. This was made evident by the next two songs she selected for the concert, Isaac Albeniz’s *Cordoba* from

“[*Un sueño en la floresta*] has a note most guitars don’t have. I just recently got an instrument that can play the piece as [Agustín Barrios] Mangore had originally intended.”

Gohar Vardanyan

Cantos de España and his *Sevilla* from *Suite Española*. Performing these two songs as a series, Vardanyan awed the crowd with her sheer talent and skill. The exuberant style of these two songs worked to end the first portion of the concert on an energetic note.

After intermission, Vardanyan treated the audience to Julian Arcas’s *Fantasia para guitarra*. This piece, based on themes from the opera *La traviata*, brought forth not only Vardanyan’s mastery of the guitar, but also her sense of humor. Before starting the *Fantasia*, Vardanyan made a quip about the famous opera that the song is based on: “The good thing is that this isn’t three hours long.”

Joaquin Rodrigo’s *Invocacion y Danza* is Vardanyan’s favorite piece to perform on guitar. The song tells the story of a young woman haunted by the ghost of a former lover and her attempt to appease his lonely spirit. “It was really eerie, but in a beautiful

way,” Amy Schatz ’17 said. There was certainly a sense of the melancholic and haunted within the songs’ minor chords and dissonant tones.

Vardanyan closed the concert with a pairing of Manuel de Falla’s *Chanson du feu follet* from *El amor brujo* and *Danza No. 1* from *La vida breve* alongside Astor Piazzolla’s *Primavera porteña*. These three songs worked together to bring the concert to an uplifting and resonant end. The concert as a whole was, according to Reagan Neviska ’17, “an amazing, awe-inspiring performance.” A guitar player herself, Neviska was impressed by the technical control that Vardanyan exhibited with each of her musical selections.

Vardanyan’s performance was one of many events that Kenyon’s music department sponsored this semester. The next event, an opera workshop performance, will be held in Brandi Recital Hall on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.

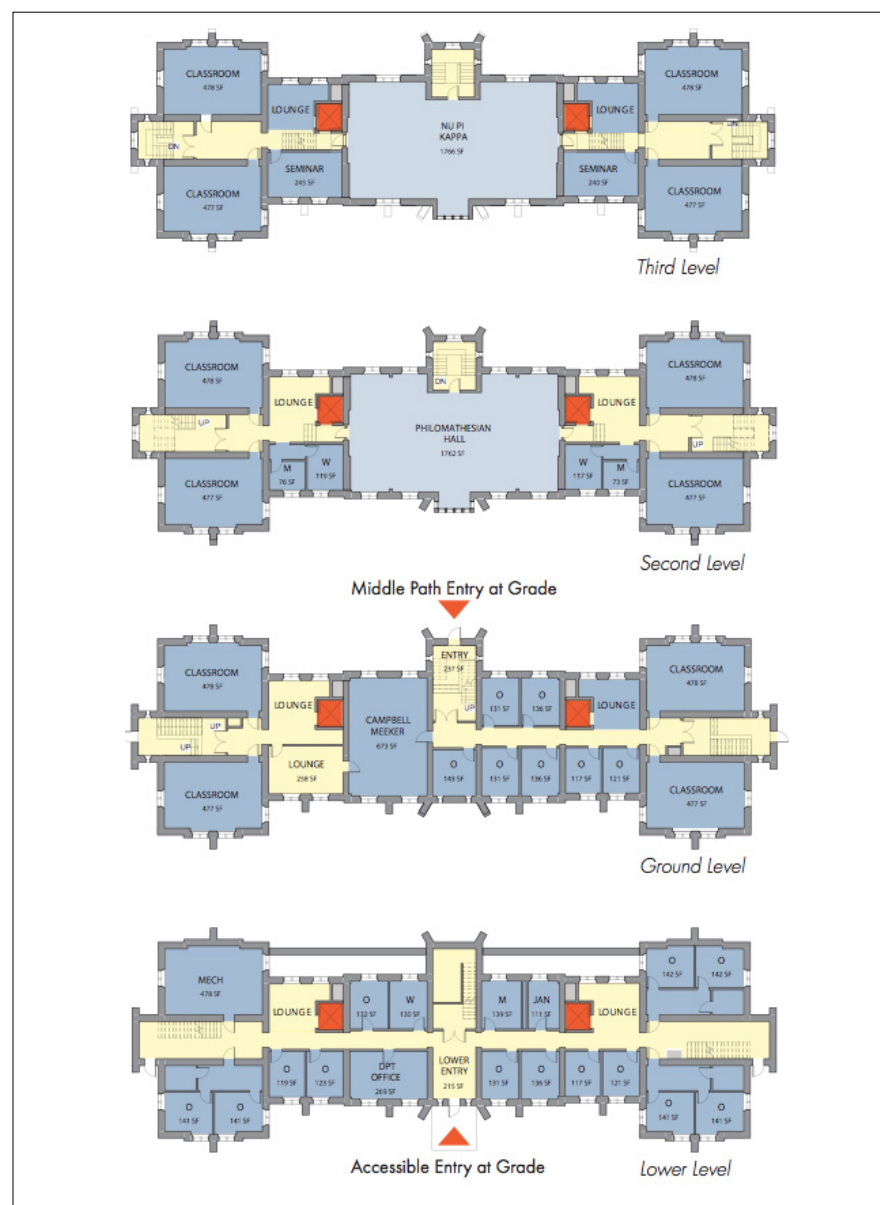
Master Plan Revealed



VICTORIA UNGVARSKY | NEWS EDITOR

This year marks the 10-year anniversary of the introduction of the 2004 Master Plan — a design that included Horvitz Hall, the Gund Gallery, the North Campus Apartments and an expanded dining hall in Peirce. Now, President Sean Decatur and the architects at Gund Partnership have presented a new board-approved campus plan to improve academic facilities, create better residence halls and modernize the Village of Gambier. “The [new] Master Plan is about looking ahead to Kenyon’s future and ensuring that the physical campus will continue to meet the needs of the campus even after many of us here now are gone,” Decatur said. This proposed plan could cost up to \$400 million to complete and, although it has no specific timeline, would likely be completed over 10 to 20 years, according to Chief Business Officer Mark Kohlman. From now until April, the College will assess the Master Plan and decide on the first steps for implementing the updated plan at Kenyon.

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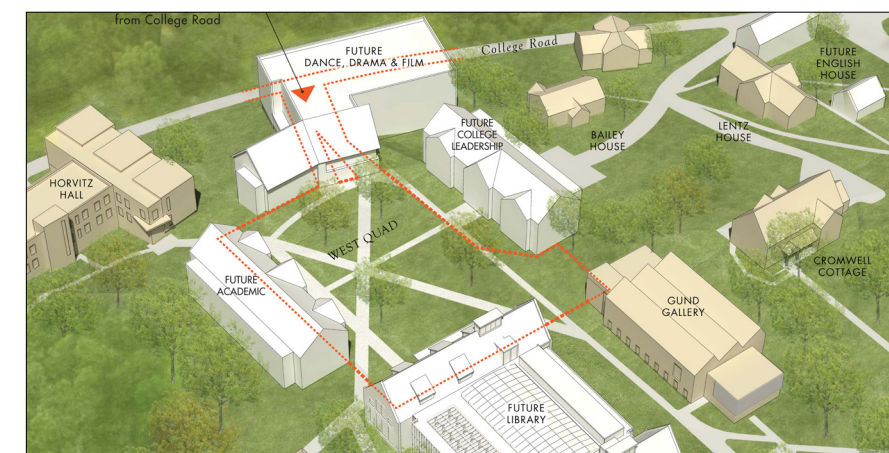
ASCENSION HALL

Built in 1859, Ascension Hall is one of the most iconic buildings on campus. As the home of the religious studies, economics and modern languages and literature departments, the historic space is central to the academic lives of many students. However, its multiple stairwells make traversing the building difficult for those with more limited mobility. The Master Plan seeks to increase campus accessibility and work to retrofit older buildings with elevators, including Ascension. Two classrooms would become smaller in order to accommodate elevators to increase vertical accessibility. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act codes, all new construction must come with ramps and elevators to make buildings open and available for all, regardless of mobility.



RESIDENCE HALLS

One of the primary focuses of the Master Plan is the creation of new residence halls and the razing of outdated residential facilities. These new buildings would also increase accessibility. Additional floors would be added to Norton and Lewis Residence Halls, with another building added to complete the first-year quad. New buildings between Norton and Watson Halls would create an additional quad and Bexley Hall would be restored with new rooms. At the other end of Middle Path, Manning and Bushnell Halls would be torn down and replaced with four larger residence halls by South Quad. Along with Manning and Bushnell, the Acland Apartments and the New Apartments would be torn down. The College would boost the number of available beds from 1,778 to 2,237.



WEST QUAD

Behind the current library would go a planned “West Quad.” The new quad would feature a College leadership building to centralize offices in the administration. Additionally, the West Quad would have a new academic building, an arts center for the drama, dance and film department and underground parking. This plan includes the relocation of Sunset Cottage to the other side of Bailey House and the creation of an English quad with additional English facilities.



VILLAGE OF GAMBIER

According to the Master Plan, the heart of “downtown Gambier” would be updated to create better facilities for the current operating establishments. Farr Hall would be replaced with smaller, individual houses — similar to those designed for the recently opened Cox Health Center. The Kenyon Bookstore and the Gambier Deli would be contained in separate buildings. The new designs call for increased commerce in Gambier, with the potential for retail spaces and a new restaurant. New residential spaces would be on the second floor of most buildings in the Village. The Kenyon Inn would undergo a remodel as well, increasing the number of rooms from 32 to 58 with a larger restaurant and a 3,000-square-foot entertaining space. The Office of Campus Safety would be moved to a more central location, and the Office of Student Affairs buildings would be expanded.

Check back next week for continuing coverage



LIBRARY

The current Olin-Chalmers Libraries links two separate libraries, built in 1986 and 1962, respectively, and houses over 1.1 million volumes. The exterior of the library would maintain the aesthetic of other buildings along Middle Path but would allow for greater natural light inside. Increased study space is essential to the proposed expansion of the library, as well as a larger space for the Greenslade Special Collections and Archives.

OPINIONS

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STAFF EDITORIALS

Don't repay AVI workers with rudeness

While AVI Foodsystems provides numerous methods for venting complaints regarding food service, it was not prepared for recent insinuations made on social media that members of the company's staff at Peirce Hall were inbred. It was yet another moment of dismay on a supposedly progressive campus that strives against bigotry yet harbors members capable of gross hatred.

Even if the demeaning remark was made by a single individual, it is no secret that serverly workers on the whole are often treated with dismissal at best and disrespect at worst. What the secret seems to be is how hard the staff work so that you, the student, can enjoy a healthful and varied meal three times a day, seven days a week with virtually no effort on your part. Perhaps students should be required to arrive at Peirce at 5 a.m. for a nine-hour day that makes our class schedule seem like vacation.

If you do not already, take the time to talk with Peirce workers; they're people with advice and stories. If you are genuinely interested in finding out about Knox County, its culture and politics, these are the people who could educate you. And if you enjoy a full belly every day, you owe them at least the debt of gratitude.

NCAA reminds us: Devoted teams deserve devoted fans

With three Kenyon athletic teams competing in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) this week, it is as good a time as ever to be a fan of the Lords and Ladies.

Regrettably, it seems as though very few Kenyon students take advantage of this opportunity to watch good teams play and perform well.

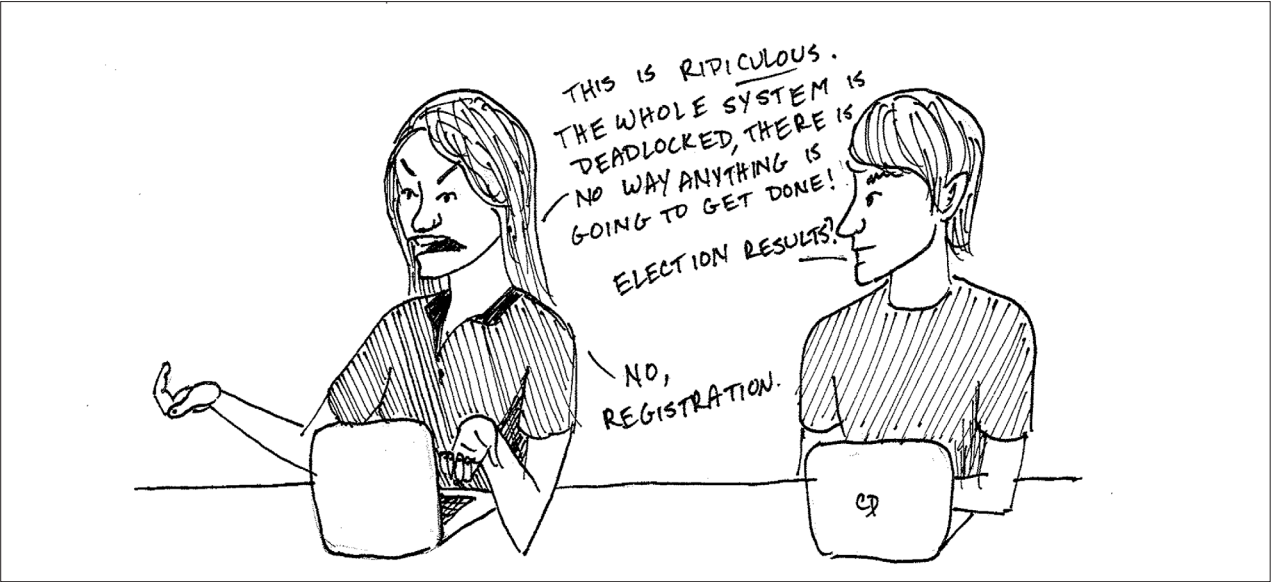
We understand that the liberal arts model which Kenyon offers appeals to many who are looking for a college experience which, in contrast to larger schools like The Ohio State University, does not have a pervasive athletic culture.

Even so, it is important to consider that those competing for any Kenyon team are not just athletes. They are also our friends, classmates, acquaintances and co-workers.

It is an honor to host an NCAA playoff game, let alone appear in that game, and Lords soccer is doing both this weekend. The Collegian encourages anyone who is proud of their membership in the Kenyon community to stop by Mavec Field on Saturday afternoon, to watch the Lords take on Heidelberg University at 11 a.m.

Whether you go to support a friend or classmate, or to partake in a rare opportunity, the reasons you could find for going to this game are far better than the reasons for staying home.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



CARTOON BY CHANDLER DAVIS

Fulfilling your global responsibilities

J Street U allows students to break out of the Kenyon bubble to address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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CONTRIBUTOR

As an American Jew who cares for the safety of Israel and feels deep outrage about the ongoing occupation, I often feel the need to take action to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I also often feel inhibited. In our isolation on the Hill, it is easy to feel unable to affect change to end the conflict. But this weekend, I went to J Street U's Midwest Regional workshop in Chicago — there, I was reminded that those of us who care about these issues can connect to a larger student movement working to end the occupation, establish two autonomous states and ensure the self-determination Israelis and Palestinians.

One of the themes of this weekend was responsibility to act. This responsibility exists on many levels. American leaders are responsible for ensuring Israeli security and Palestinian sovereignty, and because of America's political and economic connections to both parties, we have the ability to ensure productive action on both sides. Those of us who care about Israel, particularly American Jews, have a critical responsibility to speak against actions Israel

takes that work against Israel's long term best interests, such as expanding settlement growth. And, further, the occupation inhibits fundamental Palestinian human rights, which includes lack of access to clean water, military violence and trials in military rather than civilian court. I feel responsible for these things. As an American, as a college student and as an American Jew, I understand and am motivated by these many levels of responsibility I must take on.

This sense of responsibility led me to J Street U, a student movement dedicated to reaching a two-state solution through American leadership. J Street U has allowed me to collaborate with students from Kenyon and campuses around the country to not only educate myself about the conflict, but also take action to move closer to two states. This obligation to act is why J Street U Kenyon held a fundraiser earlier this semester for Friends of the Earth Middle East, an organization addressing the current water crisis in Gaza, and Other Voice, a grassroots organization bringing Israelis and Palestinians together.

Right now, a peace agreement seems inhibited by escalating tension in Jerusalem and the West Bank, as well

as the events of this summer. Increasing settlement expansion and violence exacerbate these tensions. Yet, it is precisely these tensions that demonstrate our need to act. A two-state solution and lasting peace are possible, but this requires our work. As college students, we have a choice to either bask in our isolation or to be proactive and take action to end to this conflict. We have extraordinary resources available to us including social media, political influence and a network of students across the country who are also working to end the occupation and ensure the long-term security of both parties.

Many of us are connected to, pained and outraged by this conflict — because we are Jewish or Palestinian, because we have friends and family affected by this conflict or simply because we are motivated by human suffering. Just as both parties are responsible for their actions in this conflict, we are also responsible for choosing action over apathy. Those of us in J Street U are taking on this responsibility and we want the Kenyon community to join us.

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Be skeptical of e-readers and electronic books all you want, but make sure it's not just sentimentalism holding you back

The romanticism of physical books is undeniable, but if there are clear environmental advantages, it may be time to make a switch.

BRIANNA LEVESQUE
CONTRIBUTOR

People of today are increasingly trading in that beloved old-book smell for a glowing, scentless electronic reader. Consequently, the excuse that a theoretical hungry dog swallowed up your essay is quickly becoming less and less applicable.

As discussed in an Opinions piece published in the *Collegian* ("Online homework detracts from learning experience," Oct. 23), the computerization of our age is having an indubitable effect on the classroom experience. Contributor Griffin Burrough '18 wrote of his frustrations with the growing incorporation of online components of class work, feeling that a reliance on technology over in-person interactions yields an education lacking the constructive personalization a liberal arts college strives to provide.

I understand concerns over this shift from the traditional to technological, for I have them myself. But while the aforementioned article focused on the effect of computerization on the learning process,

it brought to my mind another discussion: what are the overall effects on society caused by the switch from paper to electronics?

On a recent visit to the Kenyon Archives, I was struck by how our relationship with paper and books has been transformed since their advent. There were thousands of yellowed pages lovingly adorned with flourishes of ink and pictures painstakingly crafted for the page, many bound with personalized flair; these books were shown an amount of care absent in the production of books today. These are vestiges of the past. My English professor [Piers Brown] explained that book history is becoming more popular mainly due to the increasing abandonment of traditional books for electronic options. Certainly, Johannes Gutenberg's printing press of the 15th century was revolutionary, but it seems we are again at a crossroads of information and story and I'm not sure how I feel about it.

On the one hand, I become sentimental about physical books, connected in a way I just can't experience with an

e-reader. There's something to the character of their pages, the fragrance — new or old — they possess, the tactile pleasure of turning the leaves to reveal a previously undiscovered arrangement of words. I saw an online advertisement for Amazon Kindle Voyage, marketing "effortless page turns." I'm sorry, but pressing a button or swiping the screen just isn't the same as the physical cover-to-cover journey.

However, I'm aware that most of this romanticism is simply because this is the way it has always been, and I have a habit of clinging to the familiar for no reason other than its familiarity. Reading is constructed in our collective memories as a certain experience — a process that is currently undergoing slight alteration. For books to become e-readers, and for us to accept the evolution, it's going to take a measure of letting go.

Of course, the effects of this technological movement are not limited to personal experience: supporting one industry over the other has vast environmental and economic impacts, the effects of which are



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currently debatable. The digitization of books is a relatively new phenomenon and I'm in no position to fully endorse either side until more definitive comparisons of the pros and cons of each are established. When that day comes, I am prepared as an environmentalist to support whichever product is kindest to the planet and the future.

If the balance points toward letting go of traditional books, I will make the transition. However, it won't be easy for me if this is what the future holds, and there will be a significant

portion of the population who will also feel a twinge of nostalgia at the mention of a glossy book jacket or quirky book-mark.

We will just have to remind ourselves that although the exterior process of reading may change, the immutable, interior magic a story is capable of creating is still present — no matter how we turn the page.

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As Kenyon Krud returns, students again display bad manners

A student gives her take on simple things students could do around campus to fight the spread of sickness.

HANNAH LEE LEIDY
CONTRIBUTOR

With papers piling up, endless tests and senior comps (I'm not a senior, but I shudder to imagine what you all go through), no one can afford getting sick at this time. Living in close quarters and using shared facilities creates an unfortunate breeding ground for illnesses to spread, especially when sick people don't use proper etiquette.

People who disregard polite hygiene practices are appalling. Granted, it can be hard to think about others when you yourself are under the weather. I personally want nothing more than to get a hug from everyone when I'm feeling crummy.

However, I try my best to refrain from doing anything that could hurt someone else's well-being. This is a common courtesy that everyone should re-

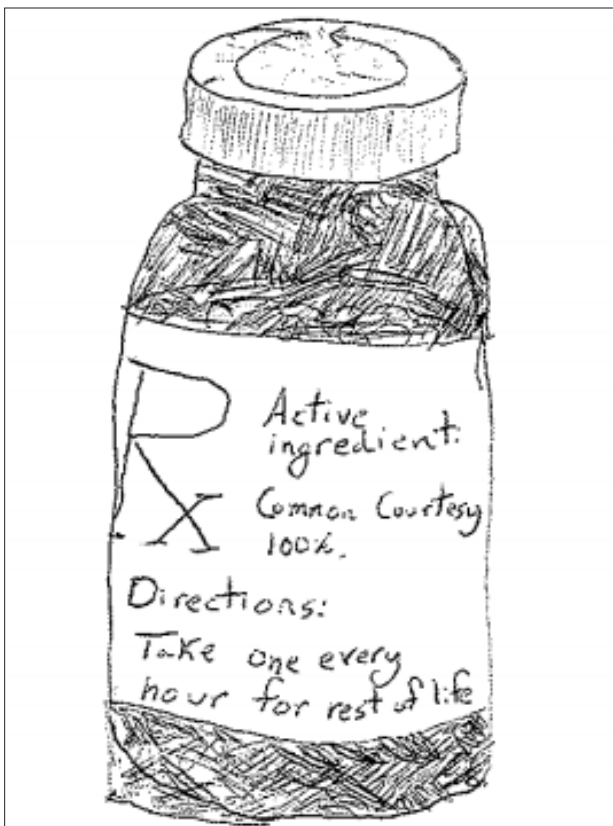
spect and strive to maintain.

First things first, don't sneeze or cough directly into the open air that everyone else inhales. I hesitate to offer anyone a "bless you" when their uncovered-sneeze particles permeate the air. It's rather hard to muster the kindness to comfort someone when they're putting your own health at risk.

In addition to covering your mouth to keep mouth-borne germs at bay, stop sharing drinks and food with others. It's common sense that consuming food and drink with a sick person's utensils causes you to ingest their germs.

Whether you're at Peirce or a party, get your own cup, bottle, fork, spork or whatever you fancy and then use it. Keep others well; don't share; it's that simple.

Avoiding getting up close and personal with people is another simple



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way to keep from spreading your sickness. If someone with a cold brings their face too close to me, I automatically lean away.

Sorry, but it's not me; it's you.

Contagious sickness is often spread through airborne travel. So whether

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you have the sniffles or are recovering from a bout of the Kenyon Krud, maximize the proximity between your face and someone else's.

The most interesting and easiest way I have seen germs spread, however, occurred in Peirce's servery. Try to imagine for a minute that you're a germaphobe, like myself. While standing in line waiting for food, the person in front of you sneezes, licks their fingers and then reaches for the tongs all with the same hand.

Excuse me, but gross.

If you are sick, cover your sneeze. If you are sick, don't lick your fingers before touching something that multiple people

will touch. Even if you're well, try to control the saliva you spread in dining places.

The next time you're feeling a little green around the gills, be a humanitarian. Consider how you don't want anyone else to feel like you're feeling at the moment (unless you do, in which case, that's unfortunate) and then responsibly keep your germs to yourself. Children learn these types of common courtesies in kindergarten, so it shouldn't be too hard for us practice them as adults.

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For Kenyon Democrats, GOP victories not end of the line

For those disappointed with midterm elections, the landslide is a call to action and increased student involvement.

MATTHEW GERSON
CONTRIBUTOR

You didn't have to be a political guru to know that Tuesday, Nov. 4 was destined to be a rough day for Democrats. With many more Democrats than Republicans up for election this year in the Senate, the GOP was bound to pick up seats. Things were only made tougher when five Democratic incumbent senators retired rather than run for reelection. Midterm elections for second-term presidents are frequently bloodbaths: even the then-popular Ronald Reagan lost eight Republican seats, and his party's Senate majority, to Democrats in 1986. In Ohio, the scandals plaguing Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ed Fitzgerald — including driving without a license — dragged down everyone lower on the ticket. And the electorate for midterm elections is substantially different than in presidential years, with lower participation from young people, women

and minorities, groups traditionally more sympathetic to Democrats. So there were lots of reasons to expect Republicans to do well on Election Day. But in the end, Republican gains were deeper and wider than almost anyone predicted — even the gurus. Congress has been the big story: Republicans picked up eight Senate seats and a majority, and it seems likely the one still-undecided race will fall in their favor, too, while the House has more Republicans than at any point since the end of World War II. Less discussed, however, are the 10 state-level legislative chambers that flipped into Republican hands and the 23 Republican trifectas — when the same party controls the both houses of a state legislature and the Governorship — that now exist, compared to just seven Democratic ones. Last week, Republicans gained a stunning 432 seats in state house chambers. And shockingly, GOP gubernatorial

candidates won in three Democratic bastions: Massachusetts, Illinois and Maryland. What can a motivated Democrat at Kenyon do about it? Amid the gloom, there are a few things Dems on campus should keep in mind. The first is to vote. Last week, voters aged 18-29 made up only 13 percent of the electorate. In 2012, nearly one in five voters was aged 18-29. Young voters are key to any successful Democratic campaign, but they let their party down this year. If 2016 is going to go in the Democrats' favor, liberals our age will have to vote in stronger numbers than we did last week. The second is to help get out the vote. Ohio is a bizarre place — depending upon whom you ask, the state has somewhere between one and 2.5 million more registered Democrats than Republicans. The key to Democrats winning in Ohio is not to convince voters to cross the aisle, but rather to get them to show

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up in reasonable numbers. It's looking like Ohio broke a record this year for the lowest voter turnout ever in a midterm election. Only 40 percent of registered voters made it to the polls. In 2008, that number was 70 percent. Such deplorable numbers can be increased by simple get-out-the-vote efforts like making phone calls and knocking on doors. Many college students did just those things in 2008 and 2012, but elections happen every two years, not just every four. Third, keep your head up. “Victory is an illusion of philosophers and fools,” wrote William Faulkner, and nowhere is this truer than in the cyclical motions of American politics. If I had a dollar for every time a party has claimed a defining victory in the last 30 years, only to quickly lose ground the next time voters

went to the polls, I could probably take a friend to lunch at the Gambier Deli. Americans are frustrated with gridlock, and so they punished the party of a president who promised change but was unable to bring it. But that's very different than embracing Republican policies. Candidates hardly even discussed the issues this year — the election was all about President Barack Obama. Because important issues like health reform, climate change, tax reform and income inequality were not even on the table, it is impossible for Americans to have voiced their opinions on them. When it comes to policy, this was an election about nothing. Lastly, remember that the real fight has yet to come. In 2016, the tables will turn. Some 24 Republican senators will be up for reelection —

even more than the number of Democrats who were up this year. And the presidential race will draw tens of millions of additional voters to the polls, mostly from groups that, in the past, have overwhelmingly supported Democrats. It's a miserable time to be a Democrat in Ohio. Frankly, at the moment, it's not fun to be one anywhere. But if, like me, you lament the results of the recent election and look with dread at what two years of a Republican-dominated Congress have in store for our country, heed the words of the American labor leader Joe Hill shortly before his execution by firing squad: “Don't waste any time mourning. Organize.”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Collegian staff,

We are writing to express our dismay concerning the story about Native American Heritage Month published in the *Collegian's* Nov. 6 issue and to provide some perspective from multicultural organizations on campus. In an article devoted to Kenyon's Inaugural Native American Heritage Month, “Awareness of Native American culture spans November,” the author, Regan Hewitt, included a picture of Adelante members holding Hispanic artwork, misspelled Lemanuel's name and incorrectly indicated his class year. Ms. Hewitt had contacted executive members of Adelante and Indigenous Nations at Kenyon (INK) about covering Hispanic Heritage Month (which happened in October) and Native American Heritage Month, currently being celebrated. What began as an effort to bring to light diversity efforts at Kenyon became a public display of misinformation and misrepresentation of two distinct cultural student organizations. In clumping these two groups together, the *Collegian* editorial staff has shown a lack of understanding of cultural organizations on campus and insensitivity towards the representation of multicultural organizations. When consulting executive members of Adelante, the writer indicated that the piece would illuminate the cultural significance of Día de Los Muertos (celebrated Nov. 1) and the purpose of the altar in the Peirce Atrium. However, any semblance of Adelante's presence and its effort to celebrate Day of the Dead were completely missing from the story. While the *Collegian* staff did not intend to be disrespectful, these errors show a lack of understanding of cultural heritages and a nominal attempt to understand the experience of other cultural heritages. Our hope in bringing this issue to light is to encourage the *Collegian* to be more cognizant of their coverage and acknowledgement of multicultural organizations. In the future, we hope the *Collegian's* editorial staff will be more considerate in representing and reporting on multicultural student groups, events and issues.

Respectfully,
Erika Cuevas '16, President of Adelante
Lemanuel Lolely '16, President and founder of
Indigenous Nations at Kenyon

In the Oct. 30 issue of the *Collegian*, there was an article about the Oct. 24 dedication ceremony for the Rothenberg Hillel House, named for trustee Alan E. Rothenberg '67 P'96 H'10, the primary donor, who was in attendance. The *Collegian* states: “Rothenberg remarked that Jewish life at Kenyon had ‘come a long way,’ recalling his experience with mandatory chapel attendance previously required at Kenyon.” The fact is that this mandatory chapel requirement was abolished in 1960, three years before Rothenberg came to Kenyon. His quoted remarks give the misleading and false impression that he was victimized by a discriminatory, oppressive, religious requirement that did not exist when he was a student. This impression, of course, would not be as serious as a politician claiming that in the 1960s he toughed out military service during the war in Vietnam when he did not — but still. Why the mandatory requirement was kept in place for 15 years after World War II and the Holocaust is puzzling, keeping in mind that the then-President of Kenyon Gordon Chalmers already had rejected a demand from the University of the South (known as Sewanee) in the late 1940s that Kenyon remove two African-American players from its football team before a game could take place. It is possible that Chalmers (a born-Baptist) did not want to strain relations with the Episcopal Church and with Bexley Divinity School, then still in Gambier. Whatever the truth, nearly all liberal arts colleges were founded by Christian denominations and chapel or church attendance requirements were probably in force at several such colleges (surely Catholic colleges) into the 1950s.

Peter Dickson '69

To the editors and writers of the *Collegian*:

I want to thank you for your article concerning transgendered and gender-fluid students. As Ms. Katherine King rightly notes, this is a topic that is rarely publicly discussed at Kenyon. I sincerely hope that Ms. King's article (“Outside the binary,” Nov. 6) helps to energize an ongoing discussion of our community environment and how it does or does not make transgendered and gender-fluid students comfortable. And I do hope to be part of that conversation! As interim Title IX coordinator, I invite anyone with concerns about the gender climate of our community to get in touch with me. My email is smolak@kenyon.edu and my office phone is (740) 427-5820. I'm glad to talk about parties, activities, physical arrangements (rooms, bathrooms) and anything else that affects students' gender-role safety and comfort. Of course, I am also anxious to hear from anyone who has experienced gender-based sexual harassment. If you are not comfortable talking to me, I urge you to talk about your experiences with one of our counselors or a Sexual Misconduct Adviser (SMA). Anything you say to the counselors or SMAs is confidential. They can provide you with support. I know that we all want a community where everyone feels (and is) comfortable and safe. We all want a community in which we can learn, work and play together with respect. Just please let me know how I can be of help.

Take care,
Linda Smolak, Interim Title IX Coordinator
and Professor Emerita of Psychology



Notes from Abroad

Rabat, Morocco

SRUTHI RAO
CONTRIBUTOR

I think I may have forgotten how to tell time.

At the very least, I've forgotten how to read a watch, and definitely forgotten the more conventional ways of keeping time — perhaps because in Rabat, Morocco, I just don't need to tell time the way I do at home. The call to prayer is my morning alarm, my signal for lunchtime and my mid-afternoon wake-up call. The fulcrum of the day is evening snack time (*kas-krot* in Darija, Moroccan Arabic), possibly the most important daily meal and social event, as dinner is at 10 p.m. or sometimes even later.

There is a fluidity to time here — a kind of fluidity that allows old men to lounge on the patios of street cafés for hours a day, watching, reading, thinking. The kind that gives us three-hour breaks for couscous lunch between classes. The kind

that lets me stop by my favorite juice stand every day after school so I can simply chat with Hasna the juice lady for almost half an hour. And this fluidity has made it really easy for me to make connections and establish roots in the community that has been my home for the last two months.

I've been living in the *medina*, or old walled city, of Rabat, Morocco's capital city, with my host family, the Abbadis. Our house is tucked away on a small side street, accessed by what I affectionately call our "hobbit hole." When I'm not in class, I'm having an ongoing tickle fight with my eight-year-old brother Khalid on the edge of my seat, as we anxiously watch a Real Madrid soccer match with my host dad. And of course, I also spend time exploring the labyrinthine streets of Rabat's *medina*, whether by running errands for Fatiha, my host mom, or simply strolling through

the *souk*, or market, with friends. I've been around the *souk* enough times to claim I know my way, though I'm sure there are hundreds of little streets and alleys that I've missed.

Through all my explorations, whether just within Rabat or of other cities like Marrakech, Oulmes or the Sahara Desert and Atlas Mountains, I've come to the conclusion that a lifetime wouldn't be enough to absorb all the different cultures and traditions that constitute "Moroccan." But I have had some extremely memorable experiences in my short time here.

Like Eid, for example. Eid Al-Adha, or the Feast of the Sacrifice, is a holiday in October that honors Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Ismail in submission to God, before God intervened with a sheep for him to sacrifice instead. It is also the second of the two major Islamic holi-



COURTESY OF SRUTHI RAO

The author, right, sits by a fountain in the Moroccan city of Rabat, where she is studying abroad.

days during the year. The week leading up to the holiday saw carts of sheep for sacrifice lumbering around in the *medina*, piles of hay popping up as makeshift shops, manned by boys who acted as their vendors. Our sheep took up residence on the terrace three days prior — my family slaughtered and skinned him Sunday morning.

After the slaughter, as I walked through the *me-*

dina with my sister Khou-loud, we passed crowds of young men around charcoal pits meant for roasting the sheep heads. Because everyone washes the blood down the drain to the streets, the streets were indeed running with blood. Punctuated by the occasional sheep's "baa" from unseen terraces, the whole setting seemed absolutely biblical. Spending Eid in Morocco was incredible — it was a

slice of a life so different to mine yet so similar in spirit to how we would celebrate Christmas or Thanksgiving.

Sadly, my time here is coming to a close. I only have a few more weeks left before my program ends. All the Eid sheep have been eaten and Rabat's colder sea breeze signifies winter. But even though I'll be returning to Kenyon in the spring, Rabat will always be a home.

CLASS CLASH

COMPILED BY ABBY ARMATO

	Answer	Senior Class Total: 30 Charlie Collison '15	Junior Class Total: 30 Teddy Farkas '16	Sophomore Class Total: 26 Alex Kirshy '17	First-Year Class Total: 25 Henry Toohey '18
Which political party gained a majority in the Senate?	Republicans	Republicans	GOP	Republicans	Republicans
What singer pulled her music from Spotify to "not embarrass her fans"?	Taylor Swift	Taylor Swift	T. Swift	Taylor Swift	Taylor Swift
What new movie allowed scientists to make astronomical discoveries from the film's graphics?	Interstellar	Interstellar	Interstellar	Interstellar	Interstellar
What does the "P.F." in P.F. Kluge stand for?	Paul Frederick	Paul Frederick	Patrick Frederick	I don't know	Paul Frederick
	Weekly Scores	4	3	3	4

SPORTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CROSS-COUNTRY

NOV. 15
AT NCAA REGIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP
WILMINGTON, OHIO
11 A.M.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

NOV. 15
AT DENISON
UNIVERSITY
GRANVILLE, OHIO
11 A.M.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NOV. 15
AT WESTMINSTER
COLLEGE
NEW WILMINGTON, PA.
8 P.M.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NOV. 15
VS WASHINGTON AND
JEFFERSON COLLEGE
ERIE, PA.
8 P.M.

Men's soccer wins NCAC and chance to host NCAA game

OLIVER DEBARROS
STAFF WRITER

The Kenyon men's soccer team claimed its first-ever NCAC tournament championship last Saturday with a thrilling 2-1 overtime victory against Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU) at the Jay Martin Soccer Complex in Delaware, Ohio.

Entering the game, the Battling Bishops were the one team the Lords had faced this season that they had not yet beaten. They also ended Kenyon's NCAC tournament hopes in each of the past two years.

"We've never beaten OWU in my four years here," defender Cameron Scott '15 said. "We were all pretty excited to be in the finals, but the prospect of winning the conference against the one team that always seems to get the better of us definitely motivated us even more."

As the game began, the Lords came out firing and put immediate pressure on the Bishops. For the opening five minutes, the Lords seemed

dominant as they pinned OWU back in their own half.

The Bishops would get their chance, however. Just seven minutes into the game, the Bishops were able to break on a counterattack against the run of play. Junior Brian Schaffer ran down the right side of the field and served in a cross. The Bishops' leading scorer, Colton Bloecher, was waiting in the box and rose up to head in his 15th goal of the season and give OWU a 1-0 lead.

After being caught a bit off-guard, the Lords regrouped and got back to controlling the play. Over the next 20 minutes, the Lords created several chances to score. In the 30th minute, the breakthrough finally came. Nate Petrou '15 crossed in a corner that Logan Ernst '15 was able to head across the goal. Woo Jeon '18 got on the end of Ernst's pass and headed in the equalizer, just moments after being subbed into the game.

Following the goal, the Battling Bishops took over. For the remainder of the half, the Bishops controlled the

COURTESY OF MARTY FULLER
Grant Carney '15 runs back to make a play on defense.

majority of the possession.

After regrouping at half-time, the Lords almost found themselves down again. Right off the Lords' kick-off, OWU sophomore Kyle Baum stole the ball. After running down the field he was fouled outside the box. Bloecher hit the post on the ensuing free

kick.

"That was a scary moment for us," senior defender Grant Carney '15 said. "Colton is pretty dangerous on free kicks so we were pretty fortunate to see it bounce out after hitting the crossbar. That definitely wasn't the start to the half that we were looking for."

"That may have been one of the most important goals I've ever scored. It fell to me in a really good spot and after I was able to turn, I just had to beat the keeper."

Dalton Eudy '17

The Lords regained their composure following the near goal. The remainder of the second half continued to go back and forth with each team controlling the game at different periods of time.

Regulation couldn't separate the two teams for the second time this season, and they once again had to try to settle the game in overtime.

As the overtime period began, the Lords started to assert themselves. Once again OWU was pinned in their own half as Kenyon applied constant pressure.

After OWU failed to clear their lines in the seventh minute of the overtime period, Kenyon senior Alex Christoff '15 fired in a one-time shot. The ball fell to Dalton Eudy '17, who collected Christoff's effort, turned, and beat OWU keeper Colin Beemiller for his first goal of

the season, the game-winner.

"That may have been one of the most important goals I've ever scored," Eudy said. "It fell to me in a really good spot and after I was able to turn, I just had to beat the keeper. Once I saw it hit the back of the net, I couldn't wait to start celebrating with the rest of the guys."

Head Coach Chris Brown also weighed in on the team's victory. "Winning at OWU is always fun," Brown said. "I'm happy for the lads to win the tournament; they deserve it. I think that at this point they are all business."

The Lords must now focus on the NCAA tournament, of which they will host the first- and second- round matches. They look to extend their historic season on Saturday as they take on Heidelberg University (Tiffin, Ohio) at 11 a.m. on Mavec Field.

Football can't harness momentum after first season win

Despite a strong rushing performance from Brandon January '15, Kenyon was unable to take down the Fighting Scots.

NOAH GURZENSKI
STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday, Lords football (1-8, 1-7 North Coast Athletic Conference [NCAC]) fell to the College of Wooster (4-5, 4-4 NCAC). The Kenyon defense put forth a commendable effort, holding the Fighting Scots to nearly 150 rushing yards below their season average and forcing three red-zone turnovers to keep the game within reach. Brandon January '15 also had a strong game, picking up over 100 yards on the ground for both the second time this season and the second straight game.

Ultimately, the Kenyon offense struggled to sustain itself while coping with injuries. In addition, the Lords poorly executed conversion attempts on third and fourth downs, struggling to finish off their drives with sufficient yardage gains.

"We ran 77 offensive plays and were only in the red zone once," Head Coach Chris Monfietto said. "We were able to move the football; we just didn't have

those explosive plays that got us close enough where it could result in points."

Wooster got a big break early on, recovering a muffed punt at the Kenyon 15-yard line to put the Fighting Scots in scoring position. After a personal-foul penalty set Wooster back to the 30-yard line, it looked like the Lords might be able to hold them to a field goal. Unfortunately, Wooster found the end zone on the very next play on a 30-yard pass to put the Scots up 7-0.

Driving deep into Kenyon territory on their next offensive possession, Wooster looked poised to extend their lead to 14, but Justin Cruz '17 pounced on a Fighting Scots fumble to give the Lords possession and keep the score 7-0. Wooster would not be denied, however, opening up the second quarter with a two-yard touchdown pass, set up by a 49-yard strike just one play earlier.

Down 14-0 in the third quarter, the Lords mounted an 85-yard drive to get on the scoreboard. Highlighted by a 24-yard rush from January and a nine-

yard rush from Blake Calcei '16 on third-and-four, Calcei punched it in from three yards out to make it a one-possession game. Despite converting on both third down attempts they faced during their sole scoring drive, the Lords struggled the whole to move the chains on third down, going just three for 15 during the game.

Wooster was quick to answer the Lords, running just four plays before their quarterback uncorked a 49-yard bomb for the touchdown to put Wooster ahead 21-7. Seeking to chip away at the Wooster lead, Kenyon drove all the way down to the Wooster 24-yard line before the Lords fumbled away the ball just two plays later, coming up empty on yet another offensive possession. Kenyon's defense shut out the Fighting Scots for the rest of the game, but the offense was unable to take advantage, turning the ball over on downs on their next two possessions.

The Lords will close out the 2014 season next Saturday at home against Denison Univer-

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Brandon January '15 fights through the tackle of several Wooster defenders.

sity (5-4, 4-4 NCAC) on Senior Day.

The most difficult task for the Kenyon defense will be containing Denison's standout junior receiver, DuShawn Brown. Last week, Brown set an NCAC record for receiving yards in a single game, and is currently ranked third among all Division-III pass-catchers with 1,272 receiving yards. The Lords' passing defense will be further tested by senior quarterback Brandon

Sklenar, who leads the conference in passing yards

If Kenyon hopes to secure a home victory this weekend, they must take advantage of the mediocre Big Red defense, which has given up 30 or more points five times this season. The DU defensive unit is last in the conference in fumble recoveries and fourth in interceptions, which should allow January and Bates some breathing room in their offensive attack.

Field hockey wins NCACs; loses in first round of NAAs

Ladies defeat rival Denison, but fall to Messiah College.

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The Kenyon field hockey team (19-2) emerged victorious against Denison University (13-7) this past Saturday, securing the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) championship and an automatic bid into the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament. This marks the Ladies' first NCAC championship since 2007.

Yesterday, the Ladies fell 2-0 to Messiah College (Grantham, Pa.) in the first round of NAAs.

The game began with tough defense put up by both Kenyon and Denison, as neither team was able to score in the first half. Within the first two minutes of the second half, however, Maddie Breschi '16, assisted by Rachel Hall '15, was able to get past Denison's defense and score the first and only goal of the game, giving Kenyon the win with a fi-

nal score of 1-0.

"It felt so amazing to see all of our hard work pay off," Hall said. "We played as a team and gave our all — it's such an amazing feeling, especially as a senior."

Kenyon's defense did not let up for the remainder of the game — Denison was unable to produce any shots on goal and first-year goalkeeper Sarah Speroff '18 didn't touch the ball the entire game. In addition, Kenyon's offense appeared stronger than Denison's, outshooting their opponents eight to four.

"The team played really well and they played really hard and fought the entire game, so that was really nice to see," Head Coach Jacque DeMarco said. "The Denison team played really well against us, so that was a good challenge for us, and I think it only makes us stronger going into our next game."

This win was especially exciting for the La-

dies, as Denison was the only NCAC team that had beaten them all season.

"When we lost to them at first, we just didn't play well the second half, so that was a learning game for us," DeMarco said. "And just moving forward, we've been stronger ever since."

The win gave Kenyon an overall record of 19-2 for the season and further supported their number-one ranking in the conference. "We all had this common goal to win the NCAC," Speroff said, "and just keeping that goal in mind has really kind of brought us together and made us work harder in practice and work with our coaches to make that happen."

The Ladies had little rest before they faced Messiah, who was 15-6 during the regular season.

"We are ready to play our game and to work together to attack offensively and come back on defense, and to protect our field,"



KRISTEN HUFFMAN | COLLEGIAN

Kenyon's regular-season record of 19-2 earned them the opportunity to host an NCAA game.

Hall said before the game.

"I think its going to be a good match. Everything that I've heard, they're very physical and a good team, fast, and I think that's kind of how we are too," Coach DeMarco said in advance of the Messiah game.

Kenyon could not, however, take advantage of playing on their home turf, and was unable to keep its game going and

lost to Messiah 2-0. The teams appeared to be evenly matched at the start of the game, but Messiah began to gain control and scored 22 minutes into the first period. Kenyon was unable to get past their opponent's defense to tie the score, and nine minutes before the end of the game, Messiah successfully got another goal past Kenyon's defense.

The loss ended Kenyon's impressive 12-game winning streak. While Kenyon failed to advance to the next round in the NCAA tournament, their record this season still stands as their best since 2007.

The Ladies will now take some time off and resume practices in the spring to begin preparing for their season.

Ladies soccer: First-ever NCAC title

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The women's soccer team made history Saturday, Nov. 8 when they won their first-ever North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) championship downing rival Allegheny College 3-1, giving the Ladies a berth into the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) national tournament.

The Ladies got off to the worst start imaginable: less than one minute into the game, an Allegheny attacker was fouled inside the Kenyon 18-yard box and, after the converted penalty kick, the Ladies were forced to start the game down 1-0.

Twenty-seven minutes later, Marie Laube '16 sent a free kick into the box. The ball carried over the traffic untouched, and Maggie Smith '17 was there to direct the ball into the back of the net with her thigh.

Not long after that, Laube was at it again. She sent another free kick into the box from near midfield, and poor defending and goalkeeping from Allegheny left Gillian Blackwell '18 with a point-blank shot for her first goal of the season and career, giving the Ladies the lead.

Becca Romaine '15, who led the team with 16 goals this season and is fourth all-time for



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Camilla Kirtzman '18 prepares to pass the ball with a defender in pursuit.

the Ladies with 90 goals, has built a reputation of scoring "wonder goals" over her time here — goals that most players can only dream about scoring. In her last home game in a Kenyon jersey, Romaine went out with one of the most beautiful goals Mavec field will ever see. Dribbling quickly and surrounded by three Gator defenders, Romaine struck the ball in stride, sending it perfectly into the top left corner. Even if the goalkeeper had known exactly where the shot was going, there was no saving it. The crowd erupted as the Ladies had sealed the deal, claiming the conference trophy for the first time.

Despite having had the opportunity to clinch the NCAC title at home, Romaine realizes the team cannot rest on the success it enjoyed in the regular season.

"It is going to be a hard-fought match," she said. "Anything that comes after this is going to be hard. It's all going to be a fight to the death, basically."

In the opening round, the Ladies will face Emory University, the 24th-ranked team, which Romaine described as "a great soccer program" and "a powerhouse." The two sides will play this Saturday at Thomas More College (Crestview Hills, Ky.) at 1:30 p.m.

Three cheers for...

Fans of the Lords football team will see new faces on McBride Field this Saturday afternoon when Kenyon takes on Denison University, and they won't belong to members of the opposing team. Kenyon's first cheering team will make its debut at the last football game of the season.

Co-Captains Kyra Green '17 and Catie McGonagle '17 founded the squad after they discussed the possibility of starting a cheering squad when they were auditioning for the Kenyon College Dance Team.

"Before the actual tryout, we all had to sit in a circle and say why we both wanted to be on the dance team, and we both said, 'I'm a cheerleader but there's no cheer team, so this is the closest thing to it,'" McGonagle said. Both McGonagle and Green decided to pursue pioneering a cheering team at Kenyon.

"We would rather do something we were more passionate about and, thus, the cheering team was born," Green said.

McGonagle and Green are joined by Chrisie Appleby '17, who serves as the team's treasurer, Camisha James '18, Alexa Kato '16 and Paige Smearman '16. The team has been practicing for six hours a week for the past two months, and while they are still new, they feel prepared to cheer their first game.

"We're [definitely] not what we're going to be next year, and I think next year we're going to have a lot more skills as far as tumbling and stunting," McGonagle said. "We're a team of a lot of girls who have never cheered in their lives before, so we're starting from scratch with a lot of those things. By football season next year we'll have a lot more skills, but for what we are now, we're very prepared."

-India Amos



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Historic seasons send three teams to NCAA tournies

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Last week, three Kenyon teams — field hockey, men's soccer and women's soccer — won the championship games of their North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) tournaments, and in doing so advanced to their respective NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) tournaments. This is the first time in the history of Kenyon athletics that three fall sports teams have qualified for nationals in the same season.

Of the three programs, Lords soccer has reached the national tournament most often in the past 20 years. Since 1995, the team made it to the NCAA tournament in 1995, 1996, 2001, 2010, 2013 and 2014. Ladies soccer made the national tournament most recently in 2006 — their lone appearance prior to this year. Field hockey reached NAAs for the first time.

This year, each team was built around a superstar player who has been at the forefront of their respective team's glory — Tony Amolo '17 for men's soccer, Rachel Hall '15 for field hockey and Becca Romaine '15 for women's soccer. This season, Hall became the most prolific goal-scorer in the team's history, and Romaine finished her career as fourth all-time goal-scorer for the Ladies. Amolo, who scored 14 goals this year and 11 last year, could find himself in the Kenyon record books if he improves his scoring production every year. Of course, the ingredients to dominance have included more than any one player.

For Lords soccer, the season was magical from the beginning. Until they lost to Wabash College on Oct. 18, the team ranked second in all of Division-III. Though they tied their next game against Ohio Wesleyan University and were downgraded to fifth in the national rankings, the team regained its composure and won their remaining three regular-season games.

Grant Carney '15, a Lords defender, says the team was in a rebuilding stage during his first season at Kenyon. Though it seems unbelievable that a team as dominant as it is now could have been in rebuilding mode so recently, when Carney and his classmates arrived, the program had just graduated many of the members who led it to its 2010 NCAA appearance.

"After all those guys graduated, we were stuck with a younger team that had just three or four seniors and a few juniors," Carney said.



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There was plenty of celebration to go around in Gambier this past weekend.

"It gave a chance for freshmen like myself and a few other teammates ... to come in and play from a young age."

The atypical wealth of experience that the Class of 2015 earned in their first two seasons is, in large part, what made the successes of this season possible. Carney's three companions in the defensive line — Logan Ernst '15, Sam Justice '15 and Cameron Scott '15 — were all members of that rebuilding year who played a central role in this campaign. For Carney, this season represented the perfect opportunity to cement his class's legacy.

"At the beginning of the season, we set out a

list of goals, and one of those goals was to host the tournament at Mavec [Field]," he said. "We didn't really want our last memory to be an NCAC tournament — we wanted to take it a step further and bring NCAA to Gambier."

Field hockey also earned a near-perfect record this year. Carrying the top ranking in their region and a record of 19-2 into the NCAA tournament, the field hockey team earned the right to play their first-round game at home against Messiah College (Grantham, Penn.). Although the Ladies lost 2-0, this in no way diminishes the magnitude of this accomplishment.

Rachel Hall '15, who was a sophomore when

current Head Coach Jacque DeMarco took the reins, credits her coach with facilitating the team's success.

"We just really worked on the fundamentals with [DeMarco] when she first got there," Hall said. "She really is just so approachable. She's a great coach."

DeMarco guided the program from a 7-11 finish in 2011, 8-10 in 2012, 13-7 in 2013 and finally to the team's best record in its history this year.

Hall also credits a strong sense of togetherness and friendship among the team members as fostering the positive atmosphere necessary for a team to thrive.

"One thing that Jacque always has us do before games is, whether we're traveling or not, we have a notecard, and it has one of our teammate's names on it," Hall said. "We write what we think that they're good at, what we appreciate about them, why we respect them. Then, we meet up with that person and read it to them. It just makes us feel really good before we go out and play."

In contrast, women's soccer faltered early, but had solidified their attack by season's end. Although this was not the first year that the women's soccer team has benefited from Romaine's talent, it was the first such year in which everything came together. Romaine said that developing the proper mentality was almost as crucial as athletic performance to making their nationals run a reality this year.

"We've always been a team that had a capability, but when you start to *do it*, you start to believe in yourself, actually," she said. "I think that's been the biggest difference."

Romaine also believes that the perfect combination of veteran and young players came together on the field this year.

"The seniors and the people that have been on the team before went through a lot in the last couple of years, and have learned a lot," she added. "Even though we have a young team, we were able to bring them up and get them involved as soon as possible."

"I think we've improved with each game this season," she added. "The more time you do spend with each other, the more you become a team."

While two of these teams have yet to see how their seasons will conclude, one thing is certain: next year's fall sports teams will have a lot to live up to.