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# The Kenyon Collegian

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## Revised Arabic program ushers in more rigor



Assistant Professor of Arabic Qussay al-Attabi is new to Kenyon this year. | Jack Zellweger

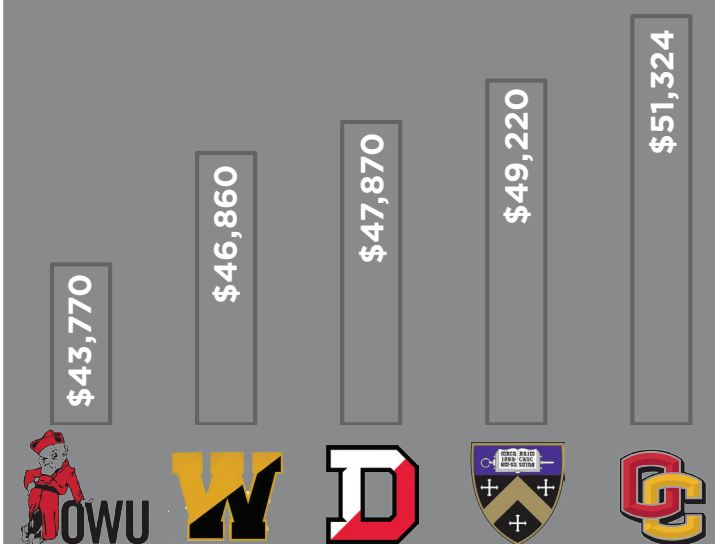
JACKSON FURBEE | STAFF WRITER

This school year, the Kenyon Arabic program is experiencing significant updates. Welcoming a new professor, Qussay al-Attabi, the department is now making moves to create a more challenging classroom environment.

“When I took Arabic my freshman year, you had a lot of people who were just there in order to complete their language requirement,” Arabic Assistant Teacher (AT) and Arabic minor Phoebe Carter ’17 said. “This year, as an AT, I have noticed that students are far more invested. I think you can expect far more people to continue the language, rather than just taking it as freshmen, in the future.”

The department is now striving to provide an increased workload for first-year students. New assignments — ranging from learning multiple dialects to taking quizzes every week — are encouraging students to study more. This workload is to ensure students are more likely to reach proficiency. The Arabic curriculum also gained a new direction, with the addition of a full three-year plan for teaching Arabic at Kenyon. This means that each level of Arabic will build on the previous one to a greater degree than in ▶ page 3

## Tuition for 2016-2017 Academic Year



## Tuition expected to grow annually by 3-4%

BILL GARDNER  
NEWS EDITOR

Kenyon’s tuition ranks among the highest in Ohio, and students should expect the price to continue increasing.

Tuition will continue to grow by about 3 to 4 percent annually, according to Joseph Lipscomb ’87, vice chair of the Board of Trustees and chair of the Board’s Budget, Finance and Audit committee. This is an approximate \$2,500 increase for each incoming class. For the 2016-2017 academic year, Kenyon’s tuition rose by \$2,000, which roughly translates to a 3.3 percent increase. That figure does not include mandatory charges and fees, like optional insurance, K-Card deposits or the student activities fee. This year’s tuition is \$49,220 before room and board.

Annual spikes in tuition are a result of a number of different expenses, according to Todd Burson, vice president

for finance. These include health insurance for faculty and staff, food costs, elements of the Master Plan, the creation of new faculty or administrative positions at the College and utility expenses. President Sean Decatur also attributed the rise in tuition to the fact that Kenyon’s endowment did not return its average rate of 4 to 5 percent last year. In fact the endowment lost 0.1 percent, which translates to about a \$2,186,000 drop in value.

“We build the budget based on the fact that we will withdraw some percentage from the endowment each year as our payout, and typically that’s between 4 to 5 percent,” Decatur said. “If returns are flat, like last year, we are still taking out of the endowment, so the value goes down. So it actually reduces the funds that are available to draw out later.”

Burson said the College is trying to keep tuition manageable for students.

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## VILLAGE RECORD

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**Oct. 22, 10:10 p.m.** — Student reported persons entered residence with authorization and took items without authorization on North Campus.

**Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m.** — Alcohol found in student residence on South Campus. Alcohol confiscated and disposed of.

**Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m.** — Underage student in possession of alcohol on South Campus.

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**Oct. 28, 11:01 p.m.** — Underage student in possession of alcohol on North Campus.

**Oct. 28, 11:34 p.m.** — Underage student in possession of alcohol on North Campus

**Oct. 29, 2:16 a.m.** — Drug paraphernalia and substance found in residence on South Campus. Item(s) tested positive for illegal substance. Item(s) turned over to the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

**Oct. 30, 1:52 a.m.** — Student set item on fire and moved it to wooded area on North Campus. Fire department extinguished fire.

**Oct. 30, 2:27 a.m.** — Drug paraphernalia found in student residence on North Campus. Item(s) tested positive for illegal substance. Item(s) turned over the Sheriff's Office.

### CORRECTIONS

In the Oct. 13 issue, the *Collegian* misstated the founding year of Cinearts. Former Gund Gallery Curator of Academic Programs Natasha Ritsma helped create Cinearts during the 2013-14 academic year.

In the Oct. 20 issue, the *Collegian* miscredited a photo to Jess Kusher; the photographer was Shane Canfield.

The *Collegian* regrets these errors.

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## Kaine rallies students at KAC



Kaine spoke for an hour to students and community members. | Victoria Ungvarsky

**MAYA KAUFMAN**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Tim Kaine, the Democratic Party's vice presidential nominee, spoke to an enthusiastic audience of mostly students in Tomsich Arena in the Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC) last Thursday, Oct. 27. U.S. Secret Service estimated the crowd contained 1,100 people, according to a representative from the Clinton Campaign.

Kaine urged the audience to vote early, praised Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton's policy proposals and criticized Republican Presidential Candidate Don-

ald Trump's behavior on the campaign trail. The hour-long speech was interrupted approximately halfway by unintelligible shouts from a group of student protesters holding up a large banner that read, "Water is life. What side of history will you be on? #NoDAPL," referring to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

And, yes, Kaine was familiar with Kenyon: He told the audience that his childhood best friend attended Kenyon, where he studied Greek and Latin, though Kaine himself never visited campus.

"My high school grades wouldn't have gotten me into Kenyon," Kaine said as he began his speech, "but I made it to Kenyon!"

## Board of Trustees discusses divestment; future of the library

**NATHANIEL SHAHAN**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

President Sean Decatur described last week's meeting of the Board of Trustees as "anti-climactic." No major decisions are typically made during the fall meeting.

On the agenda for this meeting were discussions related to the Master Plan, financial aid, the College's capital campaign and Title IX. The fall meeting is a time for the Board of Trustees to meet with senior staff to discuss long-term projects and goals for the College. Most major decisions on issues — such as the budget and student tuition — are made during the February or April meetings.

Only two votes were held, according to Decatur: one to pro-

mote Tim Spiekerman of the political science department to full professor, and one to approve designs for new buildings for the English department, as per the Master Plan. The budget for the new buildings will likely be around \$4 million said Finance and Audit committee Joseph Lipscomb '87 in a meeting with *Collegian* editors Vice Chair of the Board and Chair of the Board's Budget, Decatur said no budget or timeline for the construction of these new buildings has been approved yet.

No decision was made on the fate of Sunset Cottage. There will be "continued study" on the building, according to Decatur, with more discussions held at the April Board of Trustees meeting.

Though the demolition of Farr Hall and the the replacement of Olin and Chalmers Library have been slated as the next major Master Plan projects — the demolition of Farr Hall is scheduled for this summer — Decatur said there were no updates on these projects.

The board examined the College's finances and held a conversation on divestment. Lipscomb said the Board's investment committee met with Divest Kenyon, a new student group dedicated to encouraging Kenyon to divest its endowment from fossil fuel and private prison companies. Lipscomb is a co-founder and partner at Arborview Capital LLC, which invests in sustainable companies.

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*Trustee Joseph Lipscomb '87*

how much we should align our investment strategy with our mission as an institution," Lipscomb said. "I think it's great that Divest Kenyon is interested in it." Lipscomb confirmed that there will be continued discussions on educating students and aligning investments with sustainability goals. "We are really going to try to think more on our endowment," he added, "how we can gear our investments toward sustainability."

The Board meeting also cov-

ered financial aid and admissions demographics, as well as the College's capital campaign. The campaign is still in the quiet phase, when the College plans goals for the campaign and seeks substantial gifts, Decatur said. He predicted the campaign will officially launch in 2018.

The Board will next convene in February in Washington, D.C. to pass the College's annual budget for the College and determine financial issues, including how much tuition will increase.

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# Arabic program hopes to add new professor in coming years

The classes have become more rigorous, professors embrace new methods of pedagogy.

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the past. Al-Attabi, who is one of two Arabic professors at Kenyon, said this is expected to encourage more students to stick with the language.

Al-Attabi is aware of the easy-A stereotypes once associated with the department. “[Arabic’s reputation] was something I discovered on the first day of class,” he said. “Classes were more than full, almost double capacity. Some of the students came to me and said they were only taking it to fulfill requirements, and I advised them to drop it, as it is now a rigorous class.”

Al-Attabi conceded his new approach would make getting high grades in the class more challenging. “The grades are not what’s important,” al-Attabi said. “The type of teaching that we do now is task-based, and what will be important is what the students can do with the Ar-

abic acquired in previous units.”

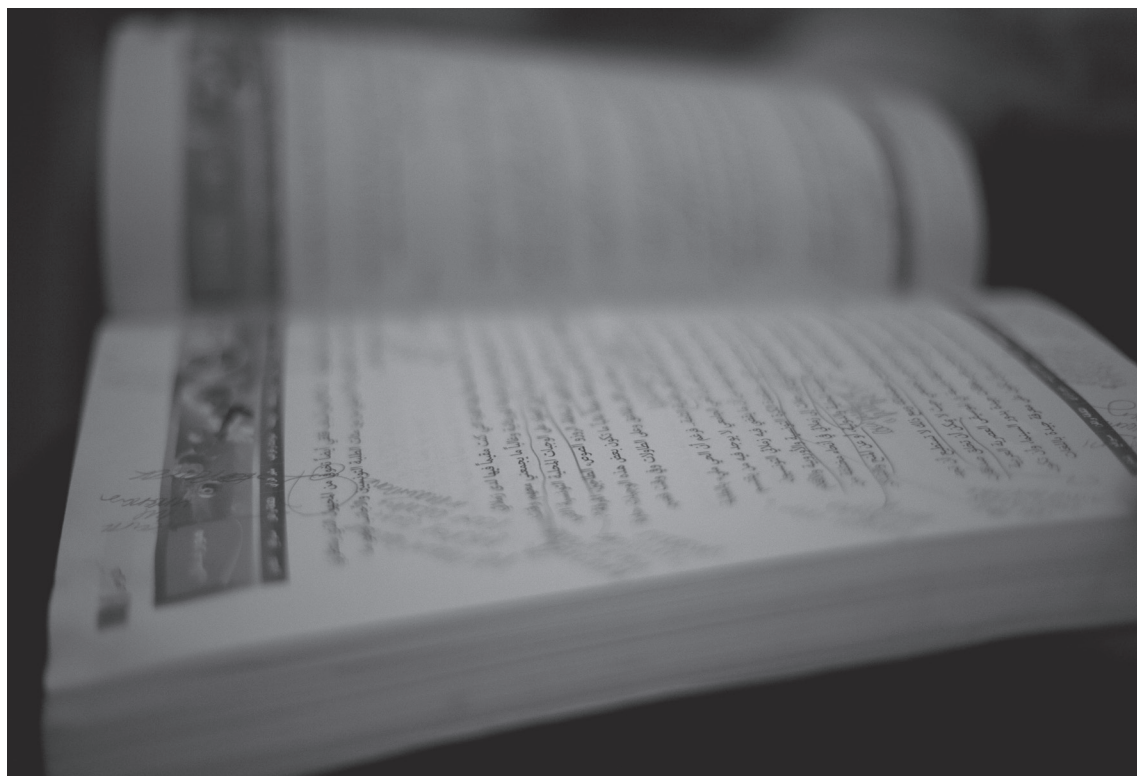
He also acknowledged that the program has taken a new direction in terms of rigor. “Our goal right now is to expand the foundation of knowledge that students receive during that first year in the program,” he said. “We want to essentially instill confidence that students can be successful with language independently after college.”

Dora Segall ’20 said she felt the reputation of the classes had changed based on what she had heard from other students. “It might not be an intensive class, but it certainly feels like one,” Segall said. Professor al-Attabi is very passionate about what he does, and he’s done a great job at making sure we learn the material at a fast pace.”

Al-Attabi said the department hopes to add another professor in the near future — in addition to al-Attabi, Professor Christopher Hemmig teaches Intermediate and Advanced Level

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**Assistant Professor of Arabic**  
**Qussay al-Attabi**



The department hopes to offer more classes in Arabic poetry and literature. | Jack Zellweger

Arabic. The program has already added a temporary professor for the spring 2017 semester. More advanced classes involving Arabic poetry and literature may be on the horizon in the next several years.

Hemmig added that, although enrollment in the higher-levels of Arabic is at a respectable level, he hopes continued improve-

ments in the program will maintain, and even improve, these numbers.

It looks as though Hemmig will not have to pursue this goal alone: Al-Attabi said he has had a great experience in his new role so far, and plans to be at Kenyon for the foreseeable future.

“I had heard about how good, smart and hard-working Kenyon

students were, but I’m even more impressed now that I have taught them,” al-Attabi said. “They have been very hard-working and collaborative, and it’s refreshing to see students who not only want to be at the top, but want others to be at the top as well. I love that about the culture at Kenyon.”

*Design Editor McKenna Trimble contributed reporting.*

# Rising tuition caused by increased costs, currency inflation

Burson and Decatur agree tuition freeze unlikely because it may cause unbalanced budget.

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“The big thing for students is that they need to know that we’re trying to keep the increase as low as possible,” Burson said. “At the end of the day, it all comes back to the academic program at the college. With us not having a very big endowment compared to the other schools we’re competing against, when we spend a dollar on something it’s got to be well spent. It can’t be wasted.”

Once the endowment grows large enough, Decatur said, the College likely won’t have to raise tuition to pay for the expenses the endowment usually covers.

Burson and Decatur said students receiving need-based financial aid will not be affected by increased tuition rates, and Decatur added that a higher endowment will allow the College to give more financial aid to students.

Raising endowment funds for financial aid is a priority for Decatur, and he has previously said the College’s upcoming capital campaign will focus on fundraising for financial aid.

The Board of Trustees has regularly discussed a tuition freeze, which means an incoming student would pay the same price all four years. Burson, Lipscomb and Decatur agreed that, while this sounds

good in theory, a freeze would ultimately make it harder for the College to cover all their costs.

“We don’t want to institute some policy or tuition freeze in place where it ties our hands behind our back so we can’t do what we need to do with academic programs,” Burson said.

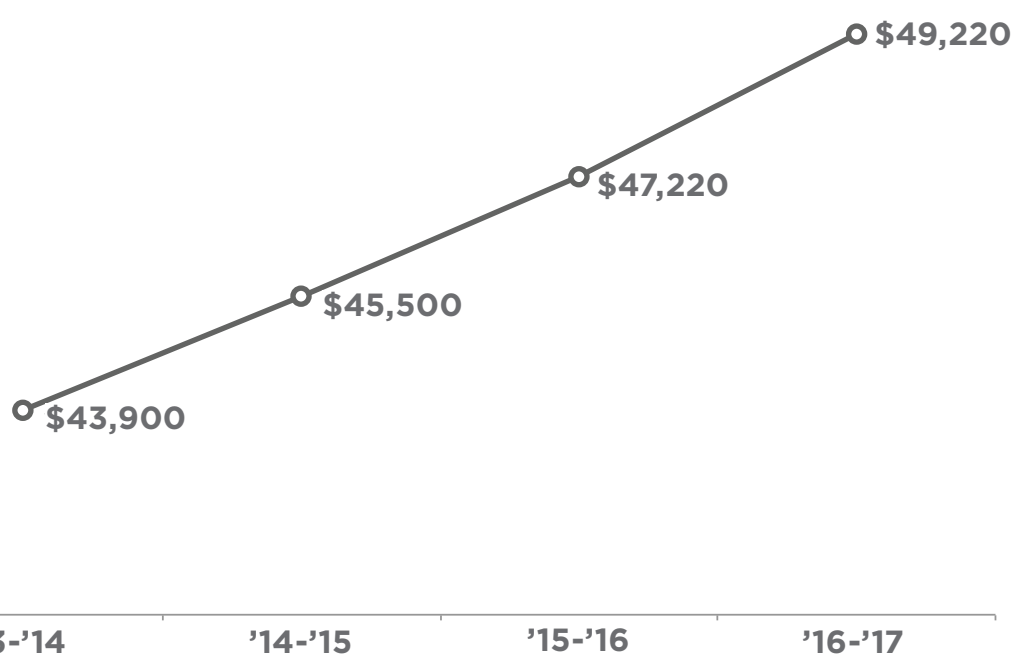
Decatur said the price freeze model would “give more predictability for families,” as this plan would allow families to better plan for future tuition payments.

This model, however, means that the difference in payment between years could vary.

Kenyon’s tuition has consistently increased over the past few years. Since 2013, the price has increased by \$5,320. Compared to the other Five Colleges of Ohio (College of Wooster, Ohio Wesleyan University [OWU], Denison University and Oberlin College), Oberlin Students pay the most: a price tag of \$51,324, not including additional costs and fees. Students at Dennison, Wooster and OWU pay less, with tuition prices at \$47,870, \$46,860 and \$43,770, respectively.

Mike Frandsen, the president of Oberlin, also cited expenses as the main factor in a 2015 article on Oberlin’s website regarding why the College had to raise tuition annually.

## Kenyon’s tuition increases since 2013



These colleges’ tuitions increased by an average of \$1,867 last year. This increase in tuition comes at a time when college expenses have garnered national attention, with presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump proposing reforms that they claim would lower the amount students have to pay.

Burson and Lipscomb blamed rising tuition partly on the inflation of the dollar. The College has had to

traverse the rough terrain of current financial markets, Decatur said. This has continually driven up the cost of tuition, by making basic utilities more expensive each year.

Despite Kenyon’s relatively small endowment, Burson and Decatur added, the College is still able to stay competitive with other top-tier institutions.

“If there’s not 1700 students that want to come here and who have

those average SAT scores of 1340, that would tell us that we’re not competitive,” Burson said. “That’s kind of how we’re able to beat those bigger schools without deflating our endowment, with the kind of programming we’re putting together is top quality,” Burson said.

“People say ‘Kenyon’s where I want to go,’” Burson added. “We’re a destination, not kind of a backup school.”

# Health and Counseling Center combines art and well-being

Students get a chance to channel their artistic side in new weekly art therapy sessions.

**DEVON MUSGRAVE-JOHNSON**  
ARTS EDITOR

Running a group therapy session requires some creativity — especially when the sessions focus on art therapy.

College counselors Sarah Gabric and Libby Ladrach and counseling intern Megan Burden have introduced weekly art therapy sessions to The Health and Counseling Center. Since Oct. 26, the trio has been running an hour-long group therapy session that uses art projects to help students cope with their day-to-day troubles and emotions.

“I think that with any sort of counseling or therapy, you hope to foster a space for people where it’s safe to let whatever is going on with them out,” Ladrach said.

The trio has previous experience with art therapy, and Ladrach studied Art Therapy and Studio Art at Capital University.

Though art therapy is a relatively new practice, the methods are generally successful, according to the American Art Therapy

Association. Art therapy provides non-verbal means of communication for those who may not be able to articulate what they are feeling.

The first session, run by Ladrach and Gabric, was an intimate gathering: Three sophomores attended. At the beginning of the session, the group spent two minutes drawing self-portraits without looking at the paper or lifting their

pencils. Throughout the rest of the session, they altered the drawings in whatever way they saw fit.

One attendee picked the best parts of the drawing and erased the rest, leaving a simple, elegant line drawing on the page.

Another added color and graphite to her drawing.

At the end of the session, the group discussed their drawings and the changes they had made, linking them to how they view themselves. The conversation remained positive and focused on modes of self expression.

“A lot of the stuff that we have planned focuses on self expression and the sort of positive-fo-

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*College Counselor Sarah Gabric*



Self-portraits drawn by students at an art therapy session at the Counseling Center. | Nikki Anderson

cused aspect of thinking about life and day-to-day emotional states,” Gabric said, “as opposed to saying ‘let’s search the deepest darkest realms of your soul.’ If that happens, that’s absolutely fine, but we are just more focused on wellness.”

The group meets every

Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Cox Health and Counseling Center, and all are welcome. But Gabric said students shouldn’t feel as if they need to come to every session to be a valued part of the group. Each week, the group will take on a new project.

“No experience necessary —

really, it’s much more about process than product,” Gabric said. “Just as a person doesn’t need to have experience with art to participate, they need not have experience with counseling or therapy. It can just be a way of exploring non-verbal ways of expression.”

## Figure drawing models reveal the naked truth about the gig

**ZOË ENGLE**  
STAFF WRITER

Students trickled into Horvitz Hall on Monday night for the art department’s open figure drawing sessions with their usual materials of pencil and paper. When the session began, a model emerged from a closet in a fuzzy, purple robe and stepped onto a platform in the center of the room before undressing.

At each figure drawing session, different students become the subject of inspiration for the class: The models, all of whom are Kenyon students, pose naked for both the open drawing sessions and art classes.

To some, the idea of nude modeling in front of one’s peers may appear daunting. Such nerves, according to Emma Dunlop ’18, a model for the program, eventually dissipate.

“It gets a whole lot less nerve-racking as it goes,” she said.

As the model changed positions throughout the session, people took varying artistic approaches: Some drew

“Everyone’s so normal about it. They’re like, ‘Ok, yeah. A naked person.’”

*Tess Neau ’19*

with colors, forming abstract pictures, and others created realistic pieces that focused on one part of the subject.

Dunlop has worked with the figure drawing program since her first year. She was originally a student in the figure drawing class, offered separately from the weekly program.

Following her experience in the course, Dunlop emailed Associate Professor of Art Read Baldwin to secure a job as a model. She first posed for the Drawing I class, then continued to sit for the session offered on Monday nights.

“Modeling is more about yourself,” Dunlop said. “There is a connection to the artist, which I think is really beautiful, but for me it’s more about letting myself be and letting my body be.”

Dunlop said modeling is more relaxed than many as-

sume. “It’s a lot less weird than you think,” she said. “You make art out of the person, and then it’s fine.”

Recounting her first experience modeling for Drawing I, Dunlop described posing for people she knew outside of the course. “I actually knew a lot of people in there, which was a little weird, but, also, I don’t know, very normal,” she said. “It didn’t change anything; it was just really cool.”

Dunlop is not the only model to run into familiar faces: Tess Neau ’19 found she knew many of the students during her time working as a model for the art program.

“That kind of felt reassuring, actually,” she said. “Everyone’s so normal about it. They’re like, ‘Ok, yeah. A naked person.’”

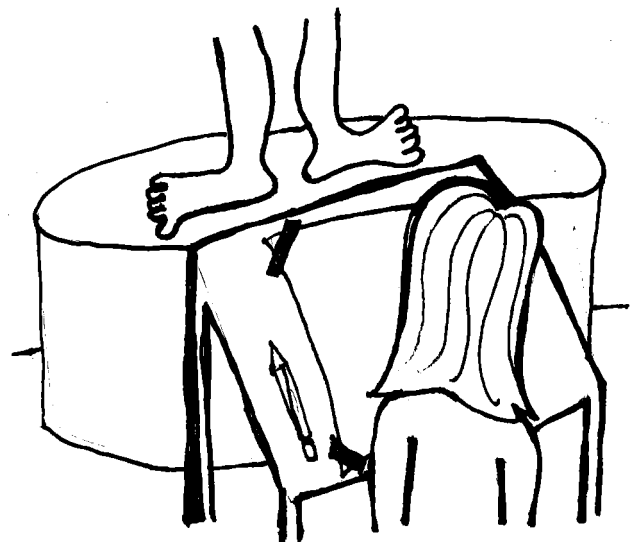
Dunlop said her mood improves after sitting for a session or class and that she has learned how to accept herself

for who she is. “[Modeling] lets you acknowledge, ‘yes this is the reality of my body, and this is how it looks’, but it still manages to be beautiful, even if it’s not pretty.” She said, “It manifests into some art form, so I come out with a lot more respect for my body.”

Emily Kraus ’17, who enrolled in Drawing I her sophomore year and began modeling this semester, considers the experience a time to re-

flect. “When you’re in one pose, it gives you a lot of time to think,” she said. “It’s quiet in there, it’s very meditative. It’s a really healthy experience.”

But Dunlop and Kraus also commented on the struggles that come with posing. “You don’t really realize how hard it is to keep a position when your arms are not supported by anything,” Dunlop said. “It’s a lot harder than people think.”



# Coles Phillips's drawings resurface in new Archives exhibit

Claire Berman '16 shows off the iconic "Phillips Girls" and other works of Kenyon's history.

**CHRIS PELLETIER**  
STAFF WRITER

An exhibition of the works of illustrator Coles Phillips, who attended Kenyon between 1902 and 1904, opened in the Greenslade Special Collections and Archives last week.

Phillips is known for his drawings of "Phillips Girls," slender risqué women meant to entice consumers into buying elegant clothing and useful household items with their charming appearance. Curated by Claire Berman '16, the exhibition focuses mainly on Phillips but also explores the work of C.D. Gibson, creator of the "Gibson Girls."

Berman began working on the exhibition last winter, but couldn't display it until this fall. She began assembling the exhibition after Elizabeth Williams Clymer, the Special Collections Librarian, asked her if she'd be interested in helping. Berman worked in archives for three years during her time at Kenyon and helped to curate many other exhibits. She knew of Phillips via research requests to the library and was eager to create an exhibit using his advertisements from the archives.

Ishan Mirchandani '20 and Matthew Manno '20 came to

the exhibition with this reporter to voice their thoughts on the pieces. Mirchandani pointed out the titles in C.D. Gibson's book, *Eighty Drawings Including the Weaker Sex: The Story of a Susceptible Bachelor*. One sketch depicts a man thinking about a woman. Another depicts a man with a family.

"In these you can see this idea that women derive their power from men," Manno said.

Most of the pieces in the exhibition were precursors to the famous "Phillips Girls," including some of Phillips' earlier works from his time at Kenyon. One piece portrays a man smoking a pipe in front of Old Kenyon.

Phillips attended college with "no particular skills or charms," Berman said. During his time on the Hill, Phillips illustrated for Kenyon's student yearbook, the *Reveille*, to help finance his education. At Kenyon, he found his knack for illustration by working for the yearbook and taking art classes.

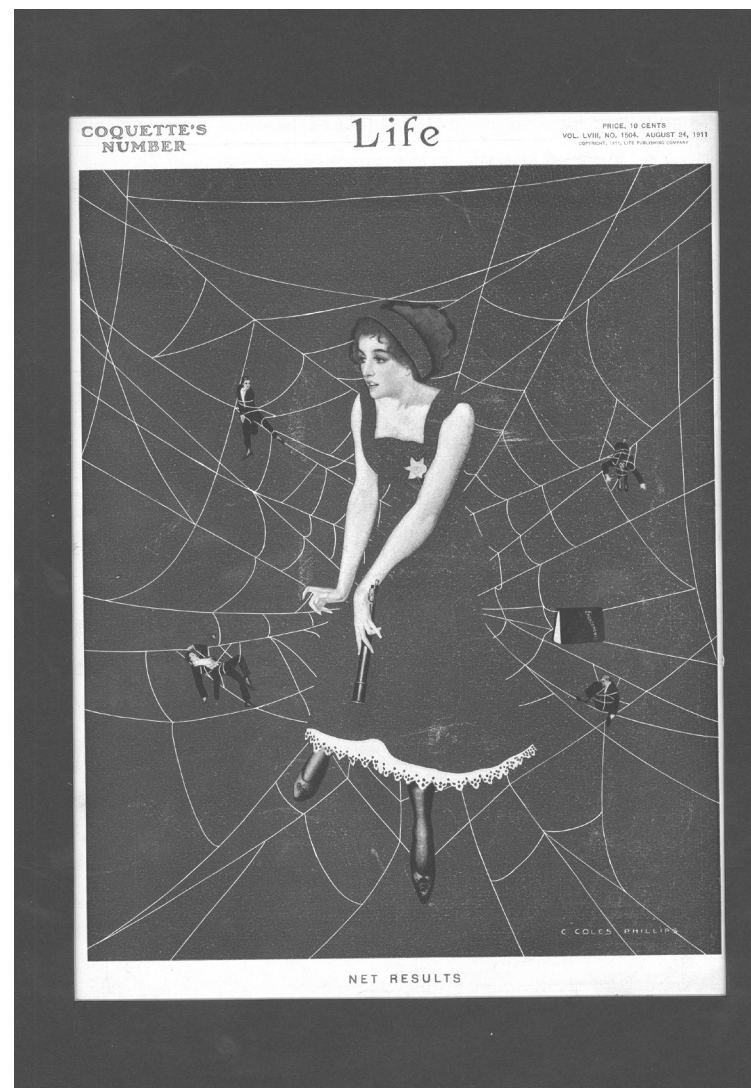
After two years, his Alpha Delta Phi fraternity brothers convinced him to leave college for New York City, believing his art was good enough to succeed without a college degree.

Even without qualifications, Phillips had no problems succeeding. He walked into the lobbies of many publications eager for a chance to show his work, despite lacking an appointment. This strategy worked to get his name out, and his art was featured on a centerfold in *Life* magazine and has appeared in *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Vogue*, *The Ladies' Home Journal* and many other popular magazines from the early 20th century.

"He was considered an expert on the ideal American women," Berman explains on a sign about Phillips in her exhibition, "and it was rumored Phillips even chose Kenyon College's homecoming queens."

His life was brief: He died in 1927 at the age of 47 from tuberculosis of the kidney, and before that, he began losing his vision.

Phillips employed a unique style in which the women in his paintings would appear to fade into their background. One such piece, entitled *Coquette's Number*, portrays a woman in a blue dress against a blue background, hanging from a spider web while catching men. This piece is an example of both the aesthetic



Coles Phillips's illustration from the August 24, 1911 edition of *Life* magazine is on display in the Archives exhibit. | Courtesy of Greenslade Special Collections and Archives

and societal themes at work in Phillips' art. It employs his signature fading technique while portraying women as powerful only through their ability to seduce.

## Writers Come to Campus

**FRANCES SAUX**  
ARTS EDITOR

The annual *Kenyon Review Literary Festival* takes over Gambier this weekend with a variety of literary events. Here are a few writers to look out for in the upcoming days.

### Thursday: Remi Kanazi

"death becomes/exciting/until it isn't/until boredom sets in/and desensitization begins," Remi Kanazi writes in his poem "Until It Isn't." The Palestinian-American poet is promoting his latest collection, *Before the Bomb Drops: Rising up from Brooklyn to Palestine*. Though this is not a Lit Fest event, Kanazi has taught and performed poetry throughout the United States and the Middle East, and he has contributed political commentary to *The New York Times*, *Salon* and *BBC Radio*, among other news outlets. He will read at the Horn Gallery this Thursday for a 7 p.m.

### Friday: Daniel Mark Epstein

Writer Daniel Mark Epstein '70 is no stranger to Kenyon. After graduating from the College, he returned as the Thomas Chair of Creative Writing in the spring of 2012 to teach writing classes. A prolific writer, Epstein has written biographies of figures ranging from recent Nobel Laureate Bob Dylan to poet Edna St. Vincent Millay, to members of the Lincoln family. He has also published eight collections of poetry, including his most recent *The Glass House*, and three of his plays have reached stages in New York and Baltimore. See him in Peirce Lounge at 7 p.m.

### Saturday: Hilary Mantel

Students may have grabbed a copy of Dame Hilary Mantel's historical novel *Wolf Hall* earlier this semester, when the *Kenyon Review* handed them out for free. Of all Mantel's best-selling novels, this one has gotten a lot of buzz: The Royal Shakespeare Company recently adapted the book, which traces Oliver Cromwell's family, for the stage, and BBC Two made a television adaptation. The two-time winner of the Man Booker Prize is the speaker for the Kenyon Review Literary Festival's keynote event in Rosse Hall at 8 p.m. Mantel will come to campus after receiving the *Kenyon Review Award for Literary Achievement* at a gala dinner in New York City tonight.

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## Senate

### Ted Strickland (D)

Ted Strickland (D) was Governor of Ohio from 2007 to 2011 and previously served six terms as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Ohio's sixth district. He lost the governorship to current Governor John Kasich in 2010. In 2013, he was appointed by Barack Obama to be one of five alternate representatives to the U.S. delegation to the United Nations. As governor, Strickland opposed federally subsidized abstinence-only sex education programs, pushed to cut funding for school vouchers and supported job growth in the coal and energy industries. Strickland is known for working across both sides of the aisle and brokering bipartisan deals. He has said some of his priorities include overturning Citizens United, decreasing levels of student debt and defeating ISIS.

### Rob Portman (R, Incumbent)

Rob Portman (R) has been an Ohio senator since 2011. He previously served in President George W. Bush's cabinet as Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2005 and the White House Office of Legislative Affairs. Portman is a member of the Budget, Energy and Natural Resources; Finance and the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committees. He chairs the Subcommittee of Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth and the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Previously, he served on the Deficit Reduction and Armed Services Committees.

Portman's voting record is largely in line with the Republican Party. He voted against the Iran Nuclear Deal, the Violence Against Women Act and for a fence on the U.S.-Mexico border. Portman also voted to close sanctuary cities, which are cities that do not prosecute individuals for being undocumented. He supports marriage equality.

## House of Representatives

### Roy Rich (D)

Roy Rich (D) is the Democratic candidate for Congress in Ohio's Seventh District. Rich has 35 years of experience in law enforcement as a union member. He retired from the Cleveland Police in 2009 as a commander and serves on the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Police Credit Committee, co-chairing the Investment and Credit Union Development Committees. Rich supports LG-BTQ+ and women's rights. He advocates increasing the minimum wage, closing tax loopholes and making college more affordable. Rich also believes healthcare should be accessible for all and that all gun purchases should be preceded by a background check.

### Bob Gibbs (R, Incumbent)

Incumbent Congressman Robert (Bob) Gibbs (R) is running to represent Ohio's Seventh District. He was elected to the 18th district (since redistricted to the Ohio Seventh) in 2010, defeating Democrat and Kenyon alumnus Zack Space '83. In 2014, he ran unopposed for the seat. In the House, he sits on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the Agriculture Committee.

If re-elected, Gibbs says he will prioritize "fiscal responsibility," tax reform and development of domestic natural resources, according to his campaign website. He supports the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. In 2015, he voted against a bipartisan budget bill, according to Ballotpedia. Once passed, it suspended the debt ceiling until March 2017 and increased domestic and military spending. This year, he was endorsed by the *Canton Repository*, the *Elyria Chronicle Telegram* and the National Rifle Association. He also received the Ohio Farm Bureau Friend of Agriculture Award. He served in the Ohio House of Representatives from 2003-8 and the Ohio State Senate from 2009-10.

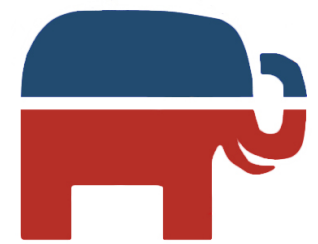
# TAX LEVIES

## Tax Levy 1

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## Tax Levy 2

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of College Township for the purpose of providing fire protection and emergency medical services at a rate not exceeding four million for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.40 for each 100 dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2017, first due in calendar year 2018.



Donald Trump, President  
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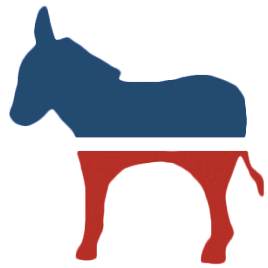
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# STATE

## Board of Education

### Antoinette Miranda

Antoinette Miranda is a school psychologist and professor at The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology. Over the course of her career, she has focused on education research and diversity; she designed a curriculum that prepares educators to work with diverse student populations. If elected, Miranda wants to increase transparency and accountability for public schools' goals to make Ohio education more equitable. Miranda earned her B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati and now resides in Columbus. Miranda has been endorsed by the Ohio Democratic Party.

### Jeff Furr

Jeff Furr is a patent attorney based out of Utica, Ohio. He is running primarily to eliminate Common Core, a set of federally mandated academic standards aimed to increase student performance. Furr wants to be a proponent for increased school choice and more local control, and he wishes to take politics out of education. He believes that giving more autonomy to local boards will result in diminishing the achievement gap between children. He received his Bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and has an M.B.A., a J.D. and an L.L.M. from Capital University in Bexley, Ohio. He has served on the Johnstown City Council and serving as the President of the Mid-Ohio Christian Home School Association.

### Jamie O'Leary

Jamie O'Leary is a Princeton University-educated education policy analyst at the Thomas B. Fordham Institute — an ideologically conservative education policy think tank — and former kindergarten teacher. O'Leary is open to working with current Common Core standards in Ohio and emphasizes that public schools must rise to a level of rigor that will prepare students for college and keep students out of costly remedial courses. O'Leary favors implementing better attendance reporting methods for online students to ensure taxpayers are paying for students to actually attend e-school programs. O'Leary is not affiliated with either the Democrats or Republicans, and has said she considers education a non-partisan issue."

### Adam C. Slane

Adam C. Slane is an Ohio State University-educated aide to U.S. Representative Steve Stivers of Ohio and former teacher who has received backing from the Republican Party of Ohio. His policy stances reflect a focus on restructuring schools to fit the specific needs of students (e.g., online schools should be an option for students struggling in traditional classroom environments) and crafting policy that measures student progress as a tool for guiding future decisions. Slane believes that Ohio's Common Core standards are effective and favors more educational review that includes teachers and parents.

### Nicholas Baumeyer

Nicholas Baumeyer will vote in his first statewide election this November. He also happens to be a candidate for the State School Board. The 18-year-old is a senior at Olentangy Orange High School in Lewis Center, Ohio. He will likely earn his high school diploma next spring.

Baumeyer's political stances and policy proposals were not available online. He has expressed several political opinions on his Twitter account, @NBaumey, such as retweeting a graphic of U.S. Code Title 18 Section 2017, which states that anyone who "willfully and unlawfully conceals... or destroys" records or documents publicly filed with a court or public office will be ineligible to hold office in the United States. The post was captioned: "Under U.S. law Hillary literally is disqualified from becoming president..."

### Katy Barricklow

Katy Barricklow, a member of the Delaware Republican Central Committee who ran unsuccessfully for the Olentangy Board of Education in 2013, withdrew from consideration.

For coverage on the Ohio Supreme Court and the local State Representative races, go to [kenyoncollegian.com](http://kenyoncollegian.com).

# COUNTY

## Knox County Commissioner

### Mary Elizabeth Chapa (D)

Mary Elizabeth Chapa (D), who attended Mount Vernon High School and Bowling Green State University, worked as a mental health therapist after graduation, according to her campaign website. Since then, Chapa has worked for substance abuse treatment facilities, criminal justice systems and public schools. Chapa says she will prioritize community outreach and government transparency if elected as County Commissioner.

### Thom Collier (R, Incumbent)

Thom Collier (R) is an incumbent on the Knox County Commission. He previously served on the Mount Vernon City Council and as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 2000 to 2008. As a State Representative, Collier chaired the Economic Development and Environment committee and the Economic Development and Workforce. Collier is a pro-life and a strong supporter of second amendment rights and pro-agriculture policies.



# Students take time off to pursue politics, support candidates

Jon Green '14 and Brooks Alderman '18 suspended their studies to hit the campaign trail.

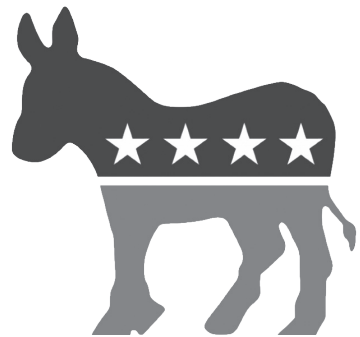
**SARAH McPEEK**  
STAFF WRITER

*Gambier, Ohio may be far from the center of national politics — until Vice Presidential Candidate Tim Kaine drops in for a rally — but, by taking a semester off, some politically-minded students still find their way onto the campaign trail.*

## Pushing for the Dems

After his first year at Kenyon, Jon Green '14 interned full-time as a summer fellow for the 2010 reelection campaign of his Virginia Congressman Tom Perriello. Recognizing Green's interest in politics, his field director offered him a paid position as an organizer, leading Green to take the first semester of this sophomore year off so he could help his candidate through the final months of the campaign.

Green admired Perriello's perseverance in fighting for the policies he supported, like health insurance reform and regulating the fossil fuel industry — even when it made the



congressman unpopular with his majority-Republican district.

"If you're going to be as sleep-deprived as you're going to be on a campaign," Green said, "then you need something above and beyond sharing a political affiliation with your candidate to get you out of bed in the morning."

As a summer fellow, Green mostly handled voter contact information and volunteer canvassing, but as an official field organizer he was responsible for recruiting and training volunteers for his office's district in Charlottesville, Va.

Though the election fell just short of a victory for Perriello, Green didn't allow the loss to frustrate him: He returned to the campaign trail two years later when he took off the first semester of his junior year to work for President Barack Obama's reelection campaign in 2012.

With the Obama campaign, Green began as a field organizer and was later promoted to regional field director for Hampton and Newport News, Va., where he was in charge of hiring, training and managing a group of 20 field organizers.

Green recalled one day when Obama visited his turf twice for a rally. His staff director brought him and a few other volunteers backstage to meet the president, and after the rally Obama returned to Green's campaign office.

"I didn't have the presence of mind to remind him that he had sorta-kind of followed me back to my office

when he joked that I was following him around," Green said.

Being on the managing end was challenging and stressful, but Green credits the experience with preparing him for academic success at Kenyon.

"After spending six months working well over full-time seven days a week, three hours of class and a few hours of reading each day became more than manageable," he said.

Green is pursuing a Ph.D. in Political Science at The Ohio State University, focusing on projects related to student voter turnout and experimental deliberative democracy.

## Repping the Republicans

Brooks Alderman '18, formerly of the class of 2017, does not regret taking off from November through spring time of last year to work for Ohio Governor John Kasich's presidential campaign. "It was an absolutely incredible experience being involved in the campaign all the way to the end," he said.

A political science major and a right-of-center moderate Republican, as well as president of the Kenyon Republicans, Alderman shared Kasich's views on the future of the country, especially on matters of fiscal and foreign policy.

Alderman began as a campaign intern in the Nashua, N.H. office to support the huge canvassing effort for the primary election. He organized volunteers and helped them become familiar with the calling system used to make massive volumes of calls

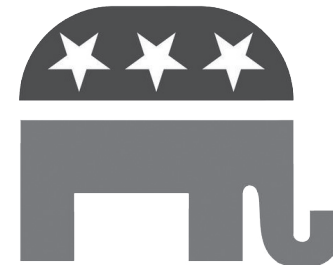
and went door-to-door in the snow to speak with voters. Kasich came in second in the state, behind Republican Presidential Nominee Donald Trump, which Alderman said was "a huge boost of energy for us."

After their success, the campaign sent Alderman to Massachusetts, where he and another intern worked on Cape Cod while staying with a family in Chatham. Massachusetts was a much smaller operation and much more relaxed. "We'd make phone calls, go out knocking, then come back to their house for lobster rolls," he said.

After Kasich came in fourth in the Massachusetts primary the campaign whisked Alderman away to Ohio, which was a completely different operation. "Ohio was his state," he said. "Everyone here knows him — he's their governor — and we won." In Ohio, Alderman met many people who were close to the governor at the campaign's headquarters in Columbus; he even canvassed with the nominee's sister, Donna Kasich.

Interns rarely interact with a candidate in person, but one day Alderman recalled receiving a phone call from a blocked number while canvassing in N.H. When he answered, it was Kasich on the other end of the line, thanking Alderman for his help on the campaign and advising him to continue his education.

"I think he said, 'If you don't go back to college you'll never be able to run for president,' which I was totally flabbergasted by," Alderman said. "It's



not very often that you get called by a presidential candidate, so that was awesome!"

Alderman experienced the other side of the election effort when he was offered a paid position as field director for New Day for America, a Super Political Action Committee (Super PAC), in his home state of Connecticut. Alderman said he prefers the passion and personal connection of the campaign experience over the more business-like operations of the Super PAC. After Kasich suspended his campaign on May 4, Alderman interned with Ohio Senator Rob Portman on Capitol Hill and discovered that his true passion is working in legislation.

"On the campaign side you don't get to impact the policy at all, and I enjoy much more feeling like I'm directly involved in the decisions that are made in government," he said.

Alderman added that he wouldn't rule out working on campaigns again, especially if Kasich decided to run for president again in 2020. "There's nothing I'd want to see more than him in the Oval Office," he said.

# CLASS CLASH

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Senior Class Total:  
20



Junior Class Total:  
22



Sophomore Class Total:  
16



First-Year Class Total:  
17

	Answer	Adam Rubenstein '17	John McFarlane '18	Ali Colmenares '19	Kathleen Duffy '20
After the next presidential election, how many presidents will the U.S. have had?	45	45	45	44	43
Which two baseball teams are in the World Series?	Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians	Cubs and Indians	Indians and Cubs	Cubs and Eagles	Indians and Cubs
What service did Twitter announce it will cancel?	Vine	Vine	I don't know.	Vine	Vine
Kenyon's Founder's Day was this past week — who founded Kenyon?	Philander Chase	Bishop Philander Chase	Philander Chase	Philander Chase	Philander Chase
<b>Weekly Scores</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

## STAFF EDITORIAL

*Where are you,  
Trustees?*

During their fall meeting, the Board of Trustees tried something new: the student-trustee lunch, which brought trustees and interested students together for an open conversation. President Sean Decatur said the Board has attempted this pairing in the past, but this year finally marked the successful union of the two bodies. Many students appreciated the opportunity to see trustees in person and speak candidly with them about their experiences. (Other students felt some trustees were more interested in talking about themselves and their opinions than engaging in conversations with students.)

We hoped to have a similar opportunity. The *Collegian* had a lunch planned with several trustees so we could ask our own questions. Ultimately, only one of the three trustees with whom we were scheduled to meet — including the Chair of the Board — actually showed up.

Increasing communication between the board that governs the College and the students that attend it is critical for the success of Kenyon, and arranging meetings is the first step.

But all parties have to show up for the conversation.

*Tuition spikes forget  
family incomes*

The Board of Trustees is predicting a 3 to 4 percent increase in tuition for the upcoming year — dismaying but unsurprising news. This change is consistent with the College's trend of increasing the price tag for a Kenyon education every year to keep up with growing expenses.

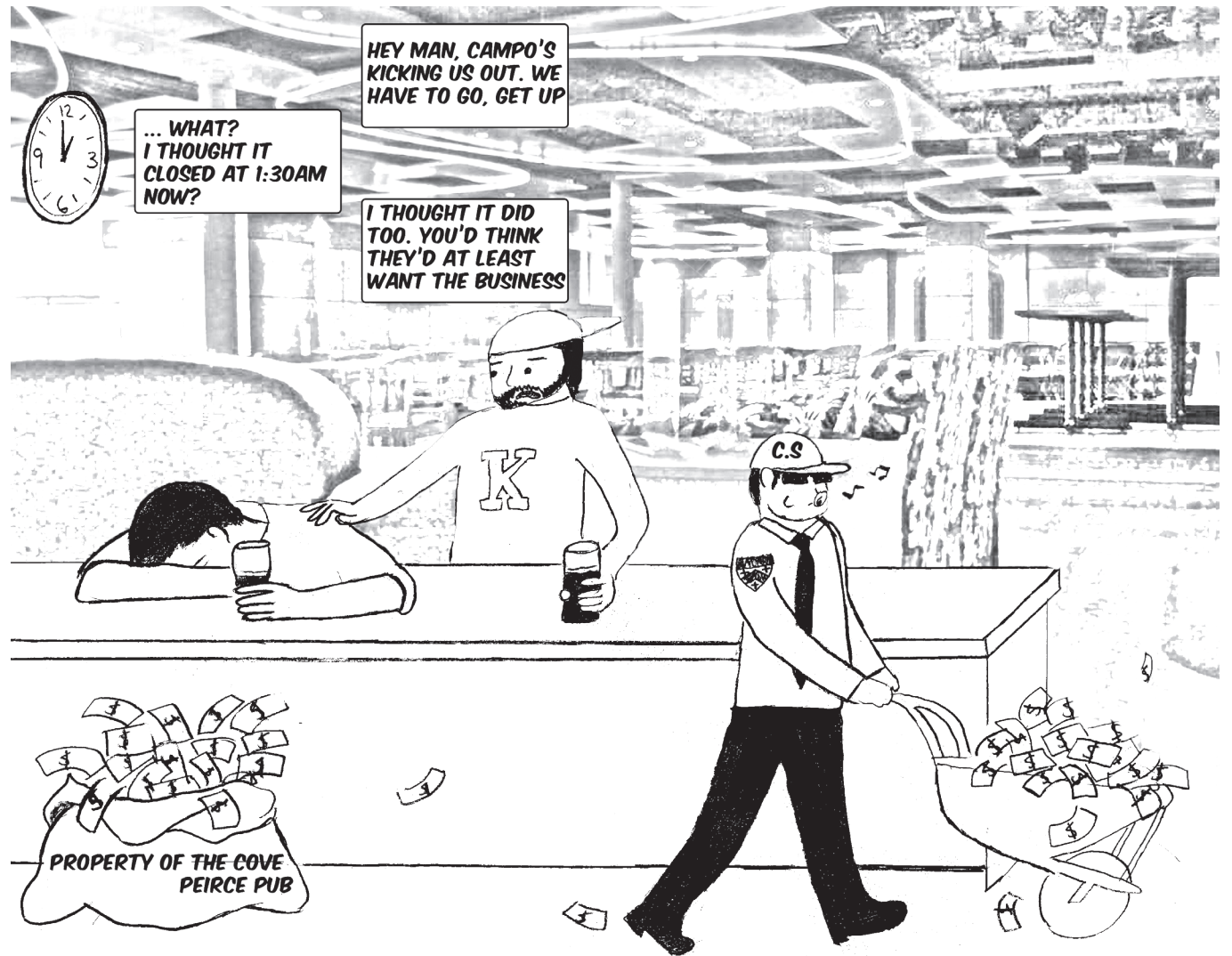
We recognize that our paltry endowment, inflation and rising operational costs, among other things, contribute to these increases. But higher and higher tuition fees are simply unfair to Kenyon students and families. We are already one of the most expensive colleges in the state, and the price creeps slowly higher every year. This puts strains on families — especially those that may not qualify for a financial aid, but for whom the price tag is still a steep one.

Can the College not work to see if there are ways to cut costs, rather than just trying to rake in more revenue from families? Streamline a bloated administration, or examine ways to reduce utilities costs. There must be another way.

## HAVE OPINIONS?

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## Students can assist in fight against DAPL

EMMA SCHURINK  
CONTRIBUTOR

When attorney and social justice activist Bryan Stevenson visited Kenyon, he emphasized getting “proximate” to the people directly impacted by the issue at hand — encouraging six Kenyon students to journey to Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota to join the growing movement against the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL).

The proposed 1,172-mile pipeline will cross four states, threatening the Missouri River, which 18 million people depend on for clean water. Energy Transfer Partners (ETP) is consciously destroying sacred sites on stolen 1851 treaty land and violating legal requirements for consultation with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Police brutality is escalating with the use of attack dogs, rubber bullets and sound cannons. As educated citizens, we have the power to stop these deep injustices. I encourage you to join me in the NoDAPL movement.

After spending a summer on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota, the meaningful relationships I built inspired me to return — seven times. I work at a donation-run residential camp on the Missouri River for Lakota children, attending powwows, funerals and other community gatherings. The children and families that have become a deep part of my life are some of the 18 million lives

ignored by ETP, banks and politicians that prioritize profits. Two of my campers ran over 120 miles in 12 hours to Standing Rock, N.D. to show their support.

In response to the media blackout regarding this issue, I distributed 600 homemade booklets outside of Peirce. The booklet was titled, “What Would You Do Without Clean Water?” hoping to prompt the Kenyon community to think about our privilege. That night, a student approached me to say that, although his parents work in the oil industry, my booklet made him realize the gravity of this environmental and human rights violation.

With the public invitation from water protectors, support of many professors and Bryan Stevenson’s timely advice, six students left to get proximate for a week in Standing Rock. In the weeks leading up to our trip, we raised \$2,000 and received various donations to bring with us. While there, we heard people’s stories, interrupted a gubernatorial debate, participated in direct actions at construction sites, helped winterize the kitchen and assisted with meal preparations and cleanup.

Last week, the Oglala Lakota rock band Scatter Their Own came to Kenyon. Their activist music champions the human right to clean water. They shared their stories of being at the NoDAPL frontlines and of their family members who are there protecting their land

and water. Scotti Clifford, a member of the duo, explained that how we treat each other and how we treat the earth reflect one another. He told us that building relationships and learning about each other’s cultures are the only ways we can truly overcome our differences and unite as one human race.

Government officials and corporations like the fossil fuel industry are exploiting indigenous communities throughout the country and around the world. Many of their voices get silenced and their tragedies washed away. But in the face of this hardship, this movement has brought together almost 300 indigenous tribes and many allies around the globe. Not only are Natives standing up for their own rights, they’re standing up for everyone and for the right to clean water. They’re opposing this pipeline for the health and well-being of humanity.

At Kenyon it is easy to take water for granted. Even during Gambier boil alerts, we have guaranteed access to bottled water. I challenge you to put yourself in the shoes of those depending on the Missouri River to survive. They are fighting for life; not just their lives, but all life.

Would you stand up for your own access to clean water? What side of history will you be on? Join us and #StandWithStandingRock

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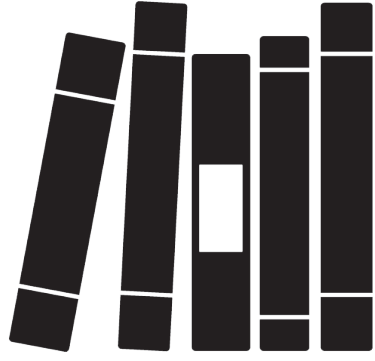
## Students deserve more input on new library

MAYA LOWENSTEIN  
OPINIONS EDITOR

For a school consistently ranked as having one of America's "prettiest college campuses," Kenyon's trustees sure are self-conscious. When the campus Master Plan was unveiled in 2014, students were notified of the eventual destruction of Olin and Chalmers Library. The Board of Trustees met last week and discussed various topics with the Student Council; the plans for the library was not one of them. The uncertainty surrounding the future of the new library raises many questions, and we deserve answers as they arise.

In Feb. 2015 the Building and Grounds Committee emailed a survey via Student-Info to determine which aspect of the Master Plan students consider the biggest priority. The survey received 583 responses out of 1,700 students and indicated most students would prefer to see a new library on campus before other renovations. Since less than half of the student body participated in this survey, the sample size is unreliable. In addition, the survey portrayed the prospect of a new library as an abstract concept, failing to include any timelines for construction and plans for a temporary library.

I know a new library is inevitable. I don't know that a new library is our top priority. Let's not forget that Olin is our only library. Once it's torn down, the campus will feel the absence of a major study space. The library is so much more than its book stacks; it's the Helpline desk, a meeting spot for group projects and home to one of few quiet study spaces on campus.



If it were up to me, other projects would take precedent over building a more aesthetically pleasing library. These improvements would have greater impact on student life, such as rebuilding the New Apartments and improving accessibility in Ascension Hall.

Objectively speaking, Olin is not the most attractive building on the Hill. Olin lacks the grandeur of Old Kenyon, the modern design of Peirce's Thomas Hall (New Side) and the spiffiness of the Kenyon Athletic Center, but it is one of the most widely used buildings on campus. Is it possible that Kenyon students don't care much about architectural aesthetic? Looking around the crowded second floor of Olin, it's evident that the library serves its purpose for the Kenyon community.

I fear that a new library is a ploy to add to Kenyon's physical attractiveness instead of addressing issues that matter to the student body. We deserve the opportunity to contribute more input to the future of our primary study space.

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## SJP brings extremism to campus

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Palestinian poet, writer, and activist Remi Kanazi, Students for Justice in Palestine's (SJP) latest guest, compares Jews to the KKK. He poses in support of terrorists and advocates violence. His presence is part of a focus-grouped and incubated hatred, which is intellectualized, digitized and repeated ad nauseum. SJP targets you as the consumer for that hatred. They've weaponized discrimination in the form of victimhood. This is my fourth year of witnessing and addressing it. I'm tired.

SJP is part of a well-financed campaign to bring this hatred to our campus. Every year it comes and goes, and students are bombarded with distorted images, oversimplifications and lies.

Just consider the bias in the narrative SJP force-feeds us. Fanatic after fanatic, zealot after zealot, SJP poisons our well by bringing radicals to Kenyon. Two years ago the group brought a professor who justified the killing of teenage Israeli Jews (he called them 'settlers') who live in the West Bank while also claiming that, in some demented way, anti-semitism could be seen as "honorable." SJP brought an artist, Amer Shomali, who glorified convicted terrorist and plane-hijacker Leila Khaled. One student member of the group compares Zionism (the belief in the right to self-determination of the Jewish People) to Nazism, a

comparison the U.S. State Department deems anti-semitic. One can be a just activist for the Palestinian cause without supporting radicals and without condoning codified Jew-hatred.

Bringing Remi Kanazi to campus is SJP's latest move in their twisted game of delegitimizing and demonizing Israel. Kanazi, however, doesn't just reserve his contempt for Israel; he saves some for the U.S.

Kanazi writes that "Hillary Clinton is a racist, violent, corporate shill," and "Obama is a butcher." Clearly,

Kanazi is a radical who preaches hate. In reference to Israeli Jews, he says, "they were hooded in the South," comparing Israeli Jews to the KKK. He lauds and poses for photos with convicted terrorist Rasmia Odeh, whose family even admitted to her role in the killing of two innocent Jews in a supermarket bombing in Israel.

Why do these groups insist on bringing radicals to campus? Time and again the Middle Eastern Students' Association (MESA) aids SJP in its extremist goals. It's disappointing that SJP, along with their consortium of affiliated groups, brings extremists to our campus, while rejecting the opportunity to host moderates devoted to finding a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Radicalism solves nothing — it fur-

ther divides.

Though they try to stress the connection, Kanazi's presence isn't about the Dakota Access Pipeline, or Standing with Standing Rock as some of SJP's advertising suggests. It is about using others' struggles to benefit their cause. In a word, it's tokenizing. It uses others' native identity to push one's own agenda. In fact, the blind equivocation of the Israeli occupa-

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tion with the DAPL is problematic in itself: It creates the implication that the presence of Jews in the West Bank is as inherently

negative as the presence of an oil pipeline in Standing Rock.

The reductive world of SJP and their speakers is founded not on constructive dialogue, but on denunciation. As their narrative goes, Israel is imperfect and thus college students should advocate its dissolution and repopulation. They, along with Kanazi, believe we should boycott Israel until it surrenders. The implication of this? Perpetual war. They know the Jewish State will never lay down its arms while there are those who seek to destroy it. Asking for this is asking for suicide. Kanazi and Students for 'Justice' in Palestine are really for "justice," aren't they?

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## Divestment from fossil fuels is the wrong kind of activism

Activist investing, not divestment, is how we should combat the issue of climate change.

NATHANIEL SHAHAN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I don't support divestment from companies producing fossil fuels. And no, this is not just because I hold shares in Chesapeake Energy.

Divestment appears, on the surface, to be a logical and powerful way to combat the effects of climate change — effects that have been definitively linked to the use of fossil fuels. I know climate change is a very real problem. After all, as Senator Tim Kaine said in his speech last week, "I believe in science."

But I also believe in the power of markets. While depriving oil and other fossil fuel companies of our investment dollars has the potential to make an impact on their performance, it is not the most effective way to solve these problems, and ul-

timately it will not be in the best economic interest of Kenyon.

The reality is that fossil fuels are here to stay, at least for a while. My understanding of geopolitics tells me that the money and influence these companies have — not to mention our reliance on their product — means that Exxon-Mobil, BP and, yes, even coal mining companies are not going away. So, if we can't beat them, why not join them?

I am a big believer in the power of activist investing. Activist investing is when investors buy up significant

percentages of the shares of public companies in order to influence the board of directors (and sometimes take over the board of directors) to force changes in a company's operations, markets or even philosophy. Having covered activist investing during an internship at the financial publication

*TheDeal.com*, I have a decent understanding of the power and influence activists can have.

Rather than merely insist that we abandon these investments, I would call on the managers of the Kenyon endowment, CornerStone Partners LLC, to explore opportunities to force change at energy companies. While

“It is easy and popular to paint big oil as a boogeyman, wrecking the world for future generations, but this is not a practical approach.

and more than that, they have the money to bankroll the projects.

An article published by *Bloomberg* in May ("Big Oil Unexpectedly Backing Newest Non-Fossil Fuels") said that oil companies are slowly but surely starting to invest in the future of energy. They know change is coming and are not going to let those profits slip away. A May article from *The Guardian* ("Green really is the new black as big oil gets a taste for renewables") notes that several major players in the oil industry have invested in solar and wind farms in recent years. Even though there is some evidence to suggest these are public relations moves, oil companies aren't ignorant of the fact the energy industry is changing. The fossil fuel industry is hedging its bets on a green future.

It is easy and popular to paint big oil as a boogeyman, wrecking the world for future generations, but this is not a practical approach, nor is it a fiscally responsible one. After all, oil, gas and consumable fuel shares are up over 10 percent year to date according to Fidelity Investments. If we truly care about growing Kenyon's endowment and making the world better for future Kenyon students, as well as future generations around the globe, we will not withdraw investments. I urge the Board of Trustees to reject divestment but instead conduct active investment. We can't be idle, because there's only one planet, so why not turn our energies toward the right kind of activism?

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# Lords football losing streak continues against Fighting Scots

Since starting the season 3-1, Kenyon has lost four in a row and dropped to sixth in NCAC.

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<b>WOOSTER</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>KENYON</b>	<b>16</b>

On Saturday, Lords football dropped a 41-16 game to the College of Wooster Fighting Scots. Catalyzed by a potent run game, the Fighting Scots (3-5; NCAC 3-4) punished Kenyon's (3-5; NCAC 2-5) defense late in drives throughout the afternoon, registering four touchdowns on third-and-fourth-down opportunities. Despite out-gaining Wooster in the air, the Lords struggled to move the ball in critical situations, succeeding on only four of 15 third-down-conversion attempts and on only one of four fourth-down-conversion attempts.

Receiving the opening kickoff, Kenyon's offense got right to work, moving down to Wooster's 10-yard line. The Lords took a 3-0 lead courtesy of a 21-yard field goal off the foot of Szabi Simo '17.

On the ensuing drive, Wooster's quarterback gave his team a 7-3 lead by hitting one of his teammates on a slant route for a 14-yard touchdown.



With No. 40 John Clark '18 blocking, No. 9 Ian Bell '18 drives up the sideline at Wooster. | Shane Canfield

Later in the first quarter, Wooster extended their lead to 14-3 with an 89-yard punt return for a touchdown. In the second quarter, Wooster's running back burst through a hole in the Kenyon defensive line for an 80-yard rushing touchdown.

Wooster failed to convert on the point-after-touchdown attempt, but the Fighting Scots still held a 20-3 lead over the

Lords. Wooster continued to wallop Kenyon on the ground as the quarter wore on, running a draw play on fourth-down-and-goal to get into the endzone and take a 27-3 lead.

With Wooster's team facing a fourth-down-and-17 with just under two minutes remaining in the first half, it looked as if the Fighting Scots' offense had reached an impasse. Unfortunately for Ke-

nyon, Wooster's quarterback dealt a devastating blow to the Lords, finding a teammate in the back right corner of the endzone for the 28-yard score.

Lofting a 15-yard pass toward the back of the endzone into the arms of Jibri McLean '17, Thomas Merkle '20 broke Wooster's 34-0 run to make the score 34-10 before half-time.

Wooster took to the ground

on their first possession of the third quarter and increased their lead to 41-10 following a 52-yard rushing touchdown. Rob Meagher '19 responded with a two-yard touchdown run later in the third quarter, but a failed two-point-conversion kept the score at 41-16.

Kenyon made two trips to the red zone in the final quarter of play, but failed to come away with points on both occasions in the loss.

Lords football returns to action this Saturday when they travel to Springfield, Ohio to take on the Wittenberg University Tigers (7-1; NCAC 6-1) at 1 p.m. Wittenberg is ranked 23rd in the nation in NCAA Division III football. Intent on getting his team back in the win column, Head Coach Chris Monfiletto hopes the Lords will stay within striking distance throughout next Saturday's game.

"I thought that we competed pretty well against them last year, and I'd like to see us do that again," Monfiletto said. "It's going to be a close game, and if we can keep it close into the fourth quarter then we can give ourselves a chance to be competitive."

# Lords win NCAC first seed, Ladies end season in semi-finals

Kenyon women's soccer has exited the NCAC Tournament, but the Lords go marching on.

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STAFF WRITER

## Men's Soccer

<b>KENYON</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>WABASH</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>KENYON</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>DEPAUW</b>	<b>1</b>

With their win over Wabash College on Saturday, the Lords have clinched the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) men's soccer season title for the second season in a row. The Lords (16-2; NCAC 8-1) went on to dominate DePauw University (11-5-2; NCAC 6-3) in yesterday's semi-finals of the NCAC tournament.

Kenyon grabbed the title with a 1-0 win over Wabash (11-5-2; NCAC 6-2-1) to finish the season with a 15-2 overall record. In a defensive struggle, Kenyon took only 14 shots, one of the lowest shot counts for the team this season. The scoreless draw was broken in the 62nd minute when Henry Myers '18 headed a cross from Dalton Eudy '17 into the back of the net. With the goal, the Lords claimed their NCAC season title and the number one seed in the NCAC tournament.

In the NCAC semi-finals yesterday, the Lords faced DePauw, one of the two teams that defeated them this season. The Lords opened the match

on uneasy footing, allowing a goal in the eighth minute of the game on a free kick just outside the 18-yard box. The Kenyon offense ignited soon after seniors Tony Amolo and Jordan Glassman entered the game and showered the DePauw keeper in shots. Kenyon knotted the game up in the 19th minute when Amolo slotted the ball past the keeper on a breakaway, scoring the 50th goal of his Kenyon career. The Lords struck again just two minutes later, when Bret Lowry '19 flicked a throw in over the outreached hand of the goalie, putting the Lords up 2-1. On the other side of the ball, Sam Clougher '17 came up huge for the Lords with two breakaway saves to keep Kenyon in the game.

The Lords were not done yet, scoring twice more in the second half, with Josh Lee '17 and Brice Koval '19 solidifying the win.

The team now moves into the NCAC finals for the fourth year in a row, but this does not change how the Lords approach each game.

"The team is preparing for the postseason in a similar way which we prepared for our games towards the end of the season," Myers said. "We felt that each game has been a must-win for a couple of weeks now."

The Lords will play Oberlin College (15-3-1; NCAC 7-2) in the NCAC finals on Saturday in Gambier.

## Women's Soccer

<b>WHEATON</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>KENYON</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>WITTENBERG</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>KENYON</b>	<b>0</b>

The Ladies (6-10-2; NCAC 4-3-1) could not stop the Wheaton College (12-7; Wheaton, Ill.) attack in their regular season finale on Saturday, allowing six goals en route to a 6-3 defeat. Kenyon still made the NCAC tournament as the fourth seed, but the Ladies' season was not extended for long. Yesterday, Wittenberg University (13-3-2; NCAC 7-1) defeated Kenyon 3-0 and eliminated the Ladies from the tournament.

On her Senior Day against Wheaton, the Ladies' lone senior, Maggie Smith, found the corner of the net in the 20th minute for her 11th goal of the season, tying the game up at one. Ten minutes later, Wheaton went up by one again. But just seconds afterward, Morgan Engmann '20 dribbled through a crowd of Wheaton defenders and found the back of the net to tie the score at two apiece.

In the second half, the Ladies' defense could not halt a persistent Wheaton offense, which rattled off a series of three goals in 20 minutes. With the Ladies down 5-2, both teams finished off one more goal to

end the game with a loss for the Ladies. Despite the tough loss, the Ladies still moved to the NCAC tournament as the fourth seed.

The Ladies could not stop the high-powered offense of Wittenberg in the NCAC semi-finals, going down 2-0 in the first half on their way to a tough 3-0 loss to the number one seed of the tournament. In the first half Wittenberg started off hot, ripping off three shots in the first ten minutes of the game and finally breaking through the Ladies defense in the 20th and 21st minute of the game. Kenyon could not muster a shot against

the stout Wittenberg defense in the first half.

In the second half the Ladies picked up the offensive fight, creating opportunities with a handful of corners and firing off five shots, but goals eluded the Ladies. Wittenberg tallied one more goal for good measure in the 72nd minute of the match, ending the hopes of a comeback for Kenyon.

This loss ended the Ladies' chances of continuing their postseason run and season. Kenyon will now turn to the 2017 season, in which they will welcome back every player but one: star forward Smith.



No. 19 Bri Maggard '19 shields the ball against Wheaton. | Cat Smith

## Kenyon diving takes the plunge



Ryder Sammons '19 takes a practice dive into the James A. Steen Aquatic Center pool. Sammons is one of seven on Kenyon's diving team this season. | Jack Zellweger

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As Lords and Ladies swim warm-up laps and prep for a race with stretches and noise-canceling headphones, six people dance together in their swimsuits on the pool deck. One of them steps up onto a diving board, strides a few steps down the length of the board and then jumps off the end, doing somersaults and twists in the air. These are the members of Kenyon's diving team and they are an integral part of the prestigious swim and dive program here at Kenyon — but the diving team is often overlooked.

"Most people don't know that diving is a thing here," diver Ryder Sammons '19 said.

The team's small size is only part of what makes it unique. Only four of the divers went through the recruitment process before coming to Ke-

nyon; the other three are walk-ons. Most joined with no prior diving experience at all. Barry Bai '20 from Beijing joined the team this year without ever competing as a diver.

"We're very varied in our skill level," diver Madeline Carlson '19 said. "For a dive team, that works just fine."

Walk-ons like Bai aren't a liability in diving as they could be in other sports. During practice, Head Coach Andy Scott only has to focus on the diver currently on the board, so he can switch from advising a more advanced diver on an inward pike two-and-a-half

to helping the next diver learn a basic somersault.

"In my seven years, we've had a girl that was a national champion

[Maria Zarka '16] and kids that have never touched the board prior to being here," Scott said. "There's opportunities for kids in this sport if they're willing to give it a shot."

Josh Yuen-Schat '18, who is abroad in Kunming, China, is one example: He joined the team last year and was able to compete by the end of the year.

The walk-ons give new energy to the team. "They're so excited every time they learn something; it's awesome," Scott said. "You get to see so much progress in a short amount of time."

Even with its mix of skill levels, the dive team is an important part of the swimming and diving program. In some meets, the points from their

dives are added to those of the swimmers to create the overall score. Kenyon has historically lacked a large diving presence at meets. Just a few weeks ago, the Lords ended up losing the Kenyon Relays meet to Denison University because they did not have enough male divers. They were tied in points off swimming but fell short in total points because Denison scored more points for diving.

But even with their small numbers, the team of divers is able to mix in well with the rest of the program. "At some schools, it's a swimming and a diving team separately, but here it's very much a swimming *and* diving team," Sammons said.

The perch at the end of a diving board can feel like a pressure cooker for divers. "Diving is the most mental sport I know," Carlson said. "It's throwing yourself into the air off the board onto something; it's painful, and it takes a certain type of person

to be able to do that knowing that it might hurt."

Sammons agreed. "Diving really is a metaphor for a lot of the jumps we have to take in life," he said.

Finding ways to relax has proven beneficial for the team. Whether that means cheering for newbies when they learn a new dive or dancing on the deck, the Kenyon dive team maintains an atmosphere of amiable competition.

"We're so friendly with our competitors," Carlson said. "We know everyone from year to year." When asked who leads the dancing, she laughed and said, "Probably Ryder [Sammons]."

"If you get too much into your head it just throws you off," Sammons added.

The Kenyon swimming and diving team will be competing next on Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. against Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

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**Ryder Sammons '19**

## Ladies cross country claims fourth at NCAC Championship

Molly Hunt '18 and Isak Davis '19 lead Kenyon with team-high finishes and All-NCAC honors.

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Kenyon cross country sent its top 20 Lords and Ladies to the 2016 North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) Championship this weekend, but they were not the only ones to make the six-hour bus ride to Terre Haute, Ind.

Much to her surprise, Molly Hunt '18, a runner for Ladies cross country, found 10 teammates who were not competing on the bus anyway. They came to line the Lavern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course from start to finish, and their cheering helped propel Hunt to a

12th-place finish and the top time for the Kenyon women's team on Sunday.

"There were so many of them," Hunt said. "Every 400 meters I would see a teammate cheering on the sidelines, and it's what got me through the race."

The Ladies finished fourth in the championship. Nine NCAC teams ran in the race, with Allegheny College taking first place. After Hunt, senior Harlee Mollenkopf finished next for Kenyon with a 14th-place finish individually. Tate Serletti '20 completed the course in 16th place and Andrea Ludwig '19 took 19th place. Hunt and Mollenkopf received All-

NCAC second team honors for their finishes; Serletti and Ludwig received All-NCAC honorable mentions.

In the men's race, the Lords finished in last place of the nine teams that ran on Sunday. The men's team put in good effort, but Isak Davis '19 said the race was a tough one for most of the Lords. Davis claimed Kenyon's top finish of the day, at 19th place, earning him an All-NCAC honorable mention. Kyle Rose '19 completed the race at 29th, and three first years — Tommy Johnson, Ethan Bradley and Mark Lewis — wrapped up the race for Kenyon at 59th, 74th and 76th.

Despite taking last place at the championship, the Lords enjoyed the

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**Molly Hunt '18**

trip. For Davis, this season's achievements are especially sweet. He was prepared to run for the cross country team last season, but a stress fracture in his upper femur forced him off the racecourse and onto crutches. Now in his first season running for the Lords, Davis has bounced back to lead the team and post top times in every race.

"This time around it feels much

more like part of who I am," he said.

The Kenyon cross country runners will put their determination and camaraderie on display one more time this fall: The Lords and Ladies will send seven runners each — with Davis and Hunt among them — to run in the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional on Nov. 12 in Holland, Mich.