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Lohmann to step down as dean at end of the year

STAFF WRITER

Exactly 10 months after being named dean of students at Kenyon, a News Bulletin emailed to the student body on April 3 announced Janet Lohmann will return to Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine to serve as the dean of students. Prior to coming to Kenyon, Lohmann was the associate dean of student affairs and dean of first-year students at Bowdoin, where she had worked in various roles for 14 years.

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New ceremony will honor members of LGBTQ community
Kenyon will host its first ‘Lavender Graduation’ commemorating LGBTQ seniors and allies.

GRACE RICHARDS
STAFF WRITER

Graduating LGBTQ seniors and allies who choose to be recognized will receive special rainbow-trimmed stoles at a Lavender Graduation ceremony on April 19 in Peirce Pub. The ceremony will recognize these students’ achievements and contributions to the LGBTQ community at Kenyon and the larger campus community.

Jillian Watts, former LGBTQ resource coordinator and assistant director of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, spearheaded the effort to bring Lavender Graduation to Kenyon. Watts, who departed March 31 for a new position at Manchester University in Indiana, hopes the Lavender Graduation ceremony will demonstrate the Kenyon community’s commitment to supporting LGBTQ students.

“For the people that are out, or confident in their ability to be allies as well, it is a way to show them that we are thankful for their courage,” Watts said. “Just being able to say that we as a community have their back.”

The first Lavender Graduation ceremony occurred in 1995 at the University of Michigan, according to Human Rights Watch, and the ceremony has since spread to other colleges and universities across the U.S. The ceremony was the brainchild of Dr. Bonni Sanlo, a Jewish lesbian who was not permitted to attend the graduations of her children due to her sexual orientation.

Watts said the ceremony celebrates the out members of the LGBTQ community and those who are unable to come out at this point in time by demonstrating that the campus is “making strides” to foster a diverse community.

As of March 31, seven students have registered to participate in the Lavender Graduation ceremony, and 21 faculty, staff and community members have RSVP’d as attendees.

The campus community has been very supportive of the Lavender Graduation effort, according to Watts. After raising the idea with the LGBTQ advisory committee — comprised of students, faculty and staff — Watts reached out to several college departments and foundations for funding. The Lavender Graduation ceremony received funding from the Center for the Study of American Democracy, the Office of Housing and Residential Life, the Counseling Center and Library & Information Services, among others.

AVI Foodsystems agreed to donate free catering to the event and committed to donating catering to this event in the future. AVI Foodsystems Resident Director Chris Wisbey said donating the food was a way for AVI to build their partnership with Kenyon and help the community. Wisbey said he hopes the appetizers, desserts and drinks donated by AVI will enhance the event and ensure its success.

During the ceremony, several awards recognizing contributions to Kenyon’s LGBTQ community will be awarded based on nominations made by students, faculty and staff through an online form attached to a March 27 email from Watts. Awards will recognize an outstanding student ally, an outstanding faculty or staff ally, a “rising star” first year who has worked to support the LGBTQ community and a trailblazer alumnus or past faculty or staff member with a history of promoting LGBTQ equality.

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Still, Watts said she was excited about the event and hopes to return to campus for the ceremony. Lavender Graduation will be held in the Pub on April 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Students who wish to participate or attend can RSVP over email.

Large-scale building changes coming to Kenyon next year
Construction will affect almost all areas of campus, from South Quad to the Village Center

BILL GARDNER
NEWS EDITOR

Starting this summer, the College will begin a series of major renovations around campus that will give the Village and multiple academic spaces a new, updated look. Created by Gund Partnerships, the architectural firm of Graham Gund, these renovations will begin with the opening of the new Village Market in the summer, and end with the demolition of Farr Hall next November. Here is a full list of some changes students can expect within the next year.

Bookstore

Beginning in mid-June, the Kenyon Bookstore will undergo major structural renovations, including a new exterior and interior look, a bathroom and an elevator. The Bookstore will temporarily occupy the current spaces of the Gambrer Deli and Village Market during this time. The Bookstore will move back to its original location in November 2017 before the demolition of Farr Hall.

New Village Market

The new Village Market will be open by mid-June, according to Chief Business Officer Mark Kohlman. The College is assessing the possibility of installing solar panels on the roof to make it a more eco-friendly space, although it is already being built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver standards.

Town Houses

The town houses behind Farr Hall — the former location of the Gambrer Grill — ran into some delays this semester due to water plumbing issues, and the project had to be rerouted. Students can expect to move into these new spaces in the fall.

Farr Hall/Gambrer Deli

Farr Hall will be demolished in November, according to Kohlman. The Deli will take a year-long hiatus until construction is over. Kohlman could not say whether or not the College would be compensate the owner for any potential business lost during that time. Farr construction is expected to be completed by the summer of 2018.

Library

The target date for construction on the new library is the summer of 2018, but the Board of Trustees may vote to extend that date, according to Kohlman. The proposed underground parking garage is still included in the plans, but is liable to change. The new library will house the Career Development Office, the Registrar’s Office and the Office of Academic Advising.

Sunset Cottage

The College hopes to renovate Sunset Cottage after the completion of the two new English Buildings on the West Quad, but no official decision regarding the future of Sunset has been made.

Athletic Field Master Plan

A three-year Master Plan to improve the varsity and practice athletic fields will begin this summer with major renovations to Mavec Field. The College will replace the field completely to help improve drainage. The College is also planning on potentially increasing the number of turf fields in the next few years, and improving accessibility by increasing the number of bleachers and other seating arrangements.

Other Summer Projects

Leonard Hall will receive renovations over the Summer. The improvements include installing tile flooring in all of the rooms, replacing the furniture and repainting all dorm rooms. The fourth-floor lounges will remain untouched. Two to three more labs in Highley Hall will receive updates this summer, as phase two of a three-part renovation project to Highley. The College’s Repair and Replace Fund will pay for these renovations. The Village Inn will receive solar panels over the summer to help power the V1 student apartments. The solar panels are part of a wider push for more green initiatives around campus.
Changes would theoretically include splitting Greek Council into three separate entities.

The proposal has received some opposition. Eder said she feels this opposition comes from reluctance to divide the Greek Community and the fact that the document "needs more clarification and workhammering out the details, so that people feel comfort-able," Eder said.

Skeptics also did not like the idea that Greek Councill would not have constitutions when they were formed, according to Eder.

Eder is optimistic that, if Greek Council votes on the proposal to replace delegates with the presidents of each Greek organization, it will pass.

If the proposal passes, the document will go to Campus Senate for final approval, Assistant Director of Student Engagement Ally Hays said.
Local Roosevelt Institute chapter brainstorms policy ideas

Kenyon’s branch of a national think tank expands its reach by collaborating on campus.

JUSTIN SUN
STAFF WRITER

The Roosevelt Institute at Kenyon seeks to make progress and advance policy proposals. Since the local chapter opened three years ago, members have analyzed Kenyon’s finances, discussed mental health on campus with the Peer Counselors, led lobbying trainings for Kenyon Students for Gun Sense (KSGS), and gathered Kenyon students from Knox County to identify ways to improve post-high school preparation in the community. This year, the two permanent members of the club, Alyssa Williams ’17 and Devon Chodzin ’19, have put the organization’s think tank practices to the test by addressing a new issue: how to cement the organization in the Kenyon community.

“We’re getting our stable footing down, trying to establish name recognition,” said Williams, the club’s former president and now the organization’s chapter coordinator for the Midwest region.

The Roosevelt Institute is a New York City-based think tank that focuses on incorporating young people into public policy discussions. Its website boasts more than 10,000 chapters at other institutions around the country. After the members flesh out their policies, they are then expected to implement them in their communities.

At other chapters, the process from publication to implementation has been a success. A student Williams knows at Connecticut College recently published a policy proposal in the Ten Ideas Journal about providing free tampons on campus. This past year, she used the proposal as a stepping stone to implement the plan at her college. With the help of her school’s maintenance staff, she has installed tampon dispensers in several of the school’s buildings. “At the moment, we are primarily planning programming to get the name out there to remind people of what we are,” Chodzin, Roosevelt at Kenyon’s current president, said.

The Roosevelt Institute doesn’t just give students guidelines for devising their own policy. It also gives students a platform to publish their policy proposals on the organization’s blog and in Ten Ideas Journal, a print publication that the organization releases every year featuring the 10 best proposals from chapters around the country. After the members flesh out their policies, they are then expected to implement them in their communities.

Because of the Kenyon chapter’s current focus on connecting with other organizations on campus, Roosevelt at Kenyon has not yet implemented any of its own policies. But the organization has done work to generate local policy ideas: On Feb 21, they hosted a Dessert and Discussion event. “You have to admit that if you want a great impact, policy is typically the way you’re going to have to go,” she said.

Roosevelt at Kenyon followed up their meeting at the Horn with an event demonstrating the practice of coalition mapping—a process in which one determines which groups to target to implement policy. Williams chose a policy they had outlined at the Horn: the implementation of an eco-friendly curriculum in new student orientation. In a scene that was fitting of Roosevelt Institute’s think-tank nature, Williams and Odenweller exchanged ideas until the potential policy evolved into a county-wide green initiatives program that might better incentivize the College’s participation.

Williams enjoys the club’s ability to incorporate non-students into its discussions. “Every time there’s a community member and a student in the same room having a conversation together, that’s something we want,” she said.

The club is in search of leadership right now—Williams is graduating in May and Chodzin is going abroad—but Chodzin is confident in the club’s ability to maintain students’ interest. “A lot of students, when they do get involved, they’re pleasantly surprised,” he said. “There is a lot more opportunity for their own leadership to come through.”
Independent nonprofit strives to unite Ohio activist groups

United Citizens Action Network is a “neutral agent” to address environmental, social issues.

GRANT MINER
FEATURES EDITOR

The founding members of the United Citizens Action Network (UCAN), a local nonprofit, met through a mutual friend before a trip to Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota last November to participate in protests against a proposed oil pipeline. Zak Young ’17, Emma Schurink ’17 and Matt Meyers ’17 had all traveled to Standing Rock the month before. Upon their return, they were approached by Mount Vernon and Gambier residents Jacob Clark and Zachary Parker, who were looking for advice on what they would find when they arrived at Standing Rock. As it turns out, traveling was an experience worth using as a model for future activism.

The UCAN members had seen a variety of approaches to activism at Standing Rock, and wanted to apply similar practices in Ohio, where they perceived a lack of unity among environmental and social activist groups. Their goal, according to Parker, was to act as a “neutral agent” that would facilitate contact between indirect and direct action groups. Indirect action groups, such as the Sierra Club, and direct action groups. Indirect action group, will also be sending members. Local verterans already put on a needle exchange box the in area, posing environmental issues — they plan to participate in protests against a proposed pipeline. Zak Young ’17, Schuyler Stupica ‘19, Emma Schurink ‘17, Matt Meyers ‘17 and Zachary Parker, the five directors of the UCAN nonprofit groups are still an important part of the activism network, and that colleges are often centers of activism. Their main goal is to promote cooperation between student and local populations.

But UCAN does not just tackle environmental issues — they plan to work on social issues as well. While their current project is the Wayne, they have plans to help address drug problems in Knox County. They are exploring the possibility of instating a needle exchange box the in area, possibly in the Knox Community Hospital. The UCAN founders ultimately see themselves as facilitators — people who help secure funding and government assistance. Because three of the four student members of UCAN are seniors, it is not yet certain what form the nonprofit will take in the future. Meyers plans to stay in the area and address the group’s targeted local issues, and Schurink is moving to Columbus and plans to get involved with an unofficial activist group called Keep Wayne Wild. Young, who is moving to Maine, still sees himself playing an active role in the group as a writer and editor of the group’s media.

“We’re adapting to the environment,” Schurink said.
Allen Cruz and the Galaxy returns for a show in Peirce Pub

The pop-rock band finds inspiration in show tunes, superheros, politics and personal life.

**Margules discusses his screenplay**

The End of the Tour screenwriter hosts film showing.

**Allen Cruz and the Galaxy performs a mix of covers and original songs in Peirce Pub.**

**STAFF WRITER SAM ACHTERMANN**

Canton, Ohio-based pop-rock band Allen Cruz and the Galaxy played at Kenyon for the second time Saturday night at Peirce Pub. The band discovered Kenyon through their friendship with AV1 Resident Director, Chris Walshe, and first played in Peirce Dining Hall.

They returned with a mix of covers, such as “Uptown Funk” by Bruno Mars, “Semi Charmed Life” by Third Eye Blind and “The Middle” by Jimmy Eat World, as well as originals from the group’s newest album, Talk About the Moon.

The band formed in 2011 when Cruz met guitarist Josh Huddleston and Ben Stover at a Fourth of July show, but they had all been musicians since as early as junior high. “I always wanted to be an artist,” Bassist Andrew Cernava said. “For my 16th birthday, my family gave me money to take driving school, but instead of [that], taking driving school, I bought a bass guitar. And then every time my family gave me money, like when I graduated, they would give another bass. They stopped giving me money after a while.”

The group has played at marathons, bars, birthday parties and even larger venues with thousands of people present, but Allen Cruz — the band’s frontman — describes the group as primarily a wedding band.

Cruz attributed the recent shift to more sad and angry songs since the release of the band’s originals are infectiously happy, “But you know, you never know what life puts ahead of you. We hope nothing gets in our way.”

Cruz says that he thoroughly enjoys playing at Kenyon and encourages readers to check out their Facebook page, YouTube channel and Bandcamp site. Allen Cruz and the Galaxy will return to Kenyon on April 18 for another show.

**STAFF WRITER DAN NOLAN**

Last Thursday night, Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Donald Margulies hosted a screening of The End of the Tour, his most recent screenplay, in the Gund Gallery Community Foundation Theater. Margulies delivered a lecture on playwriting the day before.

Released in 2015, the film follows author David Foster Wallace, played by Jason Segel, and Rolling Stone reporter David Lipsky, played by Jesse Eisenberg, as they travel together to the last stop on Wallace’s book tour for his novel Infinite Jest. A movie about Wallace is especially apropos to show at Kenyon, where he gave his famous 2005 commencement speech “This is Water.”

Although he originally conceived of it as a play, Margulies felt that, given Wallace’s literary focus on the theme of American lifestyle, he had to write the story as a road trip movie that takes place across America. “We need to see David Wallace’s work.”

Margulies felt he had to curate their conversations in a way that would not only be true to what the writers actually said, but would also be interesting to those unfamiliar with Wallace’s work.

“I dealt more with themes: celebrity, mortality, loneliness,” he said in the Q&A following the screening. “I decided to tell the universal aspects of this story.”

Most of the movie focuses on the dynamic between the two remarkably intellectual writers. “Really when you look at it if it’s just these two smart guys showing off,” Margulies said. Because Margulies interviewed Lipsky for the screenplay, this movie offers much to fans of Wallace as well. Its greatest strength is that it provides an accessible way to learn about some of Wallace’s most important themes. For example, watching the slow reveal of Wallace’s television addiction itself inspires viewers to both question the role of technology in their lives and seek out Wallace’s writing on the issue in November.

In Margulies’ words, the movie reveals much about Wallace. “What moved me about Lipsky’s book was getting a glimpse into this man’s imagination and mind and soul, and realizing now, only after he’s gone, that he’s genius,” he said at the end of the Q&A.

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**You Got Older** brings an unflinching narrative to the stage

Subtle, complex performances shine in *Three Days of Rain*

**DEVON MUSGRAVE-JOHNSON**
**ARTS EDITOR**

Richard Greenberg’s *Three Days of Rain* has two acts, three actors and six characters that span two generations. This play is complex. Each actor plays two different roles, the events are not in chronological order and each character is dealing with an important impasse in their life. Nevertheless, Clara Mooney ’17 and Alex Kirshy ’17 decided to take on the challenge for their senior thesis:

“I just remember picking it up and just not being able to put it down,” Mooney said, “and being able to see and hear it in my brain.”

In the first act, Kirshy stars as Walker Janeway, a loud and unstable man who has just returned from a year in Italy following his father’s death and becomes obsessed with his late father’s journal: “1960, April 3-5. Three days of rain.”

The play begins after Walker has returned to New York to attend the reading of his father’s will. Kirshy works well alongside Emma Daily ’18, who plays Walker’s sister Nan, and Chris Stevens ’17, as Walker’s old friend Pip Wecker. Stevens also acted in *You Got Older*, which went up the same weekend.

Under Mooney’s direction, the cast and acting and acting remained in sync even when the characters had to be in completely different headsapes. At certain points, Mooney chose to have characters upstage themselves by talking out a window on the back wall of the stage or by speaking to a character upstage of them. While this is normally the number one “don’t” of directing, the risk paid off. Mooney’s direction used the full space of the stage and illustrated the shifts in power dynamics as the play moved forward.

“The script called for these two separate spaces — the apartment and the street below,” Mooney said, “and I needed to find a way to use the space as economically as possible.”

In the first act, Kirshy played his character well. He hit all of his marks and seemed to play the character with ease. It was in the second act, however, when Kirshy performed his quiet character, he refused.

“Ned’s character required a subtlety that wasn’t needed in Kirshy’s previ- ous roles,” said Stevens. "He was a sweet demeanor and soft tone of voice — that he brought out in his character."

The careful direction and acting choices came together with beautifully minimalist sets designed by Abby Armato ’17 with Sarah Gaglione ’19 and seamless transitions under the direction of Stage Manager Laurel Waller ’19. The final result was a brutally honest, painfully funny and wonderfully tragic play.

By the time the play ended, it felt as though the audience was still trying to catch up with it all.

Where the stuttering could have become a nuisance, it didn’t. Where Ned could have slipped into a secondary role, he didn’t. And where Kirshy could have downplayed the complexity of such a quiet character, he refused.

The amount of work that Kirshy put into this character and the risks that Mooney took in her directing paid off tenfold. The second act of *Three Days of Rain* took the play from a good, but typi- cal, senior thesis to an outstanding pro- duction of an extremely complicated and potentially cumbersome production.
Missing the ‘student’ in student government

Of the eight student government positions open for election this spring, half are uncontested, and the others have no more than two candidates. Every year it seems like the student government is bemoaning the lack of participation in student government elections. Most of the ire is placed on the student body, less than a quarter of which usually votes in these elections. But perhaps we should be looking at another culprit: student government itself. If so few people run and so few votes are cast, maybe students just aren’t really sure what these positions entail and how important they can be in creating school policy. These elected officials need to better communicate the importance of their jobs to potential candidates.

The fact that there is a communication problem on this campus is no secret, but our elected representatives should work harder to keep us informed about what they are and what they do. It often seems like the students who enter government their first year are the ones who stay throughout, perhaps because they are the only ones who know how student government works and what its purpose is. As much as we can lambast students for not going to the weekly, open student council meetings or voting in the elections, it seems like this is not merely laziness. It may signal a lack of connection with Student Council, one that cannot be solved by a few extra student-info emails. Student government officials have to signify more to the students than a name signed to yet another email or the stern faces at BFC hearings grilling them about why they deserve to use their own money. It is essential that our elected representatives do not feel as far away and uncommunicative as the notoriously silent higher echelons of Kenyon’s professional administration.

Back in February, we published a staff editorial about how Student Council could increase transparency by livestreaming meetings. But this is about more than transparency — it is about understanding what our representatives actually do and the powers they have. Livestreaming meetings would allow students to see their representatives in action through an easily accessible medium (which would also benefit off-campus students). Students would learn more about the discussions then what they are and what they do. It often seems like the students who enter government their first year are the ones who stay throughout, perhaps because they are the only ones who know how student government works and what its purpose is. As much as we can lambast students for not going to the weekly, open student council meetings or voting in the elections, it seems like this is not merely laziness. It may signal a lack of connection with Student Council, one that cannot be solved by a few extra student-info emails. Student government officials have to signify more to the students than a name signed to yet another email or the stern faces at BFC hearings grilling them about why they deserve to use their own money. It is essential that our elected representatives do not feel as far away and uncommunicative as the notoriously silent higher echelons of Kenyon’s professional administration.

Instead of Relay, choose a worthier cause

The American Cancer Society is surrounded by controversy.

CLAIRE PRESTON
CONTRIBUTOR

On Saturday, April 8, Kenyon College will host Relay For Life, an annual event intended to raise awareness for cancer prevention. Relay For Life is affiliated with the American Cancer Society (ACS), the largest nonprofit foundation for the fight against cancer. While the widespread support for Relay for Life and the ACS gives the impression that this organization is helping fight cancer and is well deserving of monetary donations, controversies surrounding ACS organization prove otherwise.

As someone directly affected by cancer, I am not putting down those using Relay to assist in the fight against cancer. I am, however, urging donations and time go instead to organizations that are doing significantly more to help this cause. Since its founding, the ACS has been focused on cancer prevention. Two of its biggest platforms for prevention are receiving yearly mammograms at age 45 and decreasing smoking habits. Encouraging mammograms is deeply troubling because it has been proven that mammographies in non-risk high-risk women, especially those under the age of 50, do not lead to an increased breast cancer survival rate and, due to radiation, may not even cause cancer. ACS’s outdated encouragement of mammograms has been addressed only by pushing back the suggested age to start receiving yearly mammograms from 40 to 45.

The ACS encourages people to stop smoking as cancer prevention, which is less damaging than the support of mammograms. But it does further perpetuate myths related to lung cancer. About 60 to 65 percent of all new lung cancer diagnoses are among people who have never smoked or are former smokers and 10 to 15 percent of lung cancers are found in those who have never smoked. With the rise of genetic mutation-based lung cancer in young women according to the LUNGevity Foundation, the myth that lung cancer is directly correlated to cancer is not acceptable. It is not harmful to encourage people to stop smoking, but victim blaming has led to lung cancer receiving only six percent of federal funding even though it is the cancer with the highest mortality rate by a large margin. In 2009, 17 percent of the ACS’s $1 billion budget was allotted to prevention, predominately smoking cessation; however, lung cancer deaths have been rising steadily in the last 20 plus years.

The ACS also ignores the scientific findings on the effect of food and toxins on cancer. In reports from 2005-2010 the ACS does not note the 11 carcinogens identified in the 2004 National Toxicology Program (NTP) Report, besides nine of the same also identified in the 2010 President’s Cancer Panel (PCP) Report as potentially causing cancer.

Unfortunately, there is also vast controversy surrounding how the ACS spends donated money. The ACS is widely considered to be one of the wealthiest non-profit organizations in the world. Former CEO John R. Seffrin received a $2.4 million salary/compensation from the charity for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. There are a number of related financial controversies involving ACS, more than can reasonably be listed in this piece according to Charity Watch.

When considering Relay For Life at Kenyon this year, try to avoid perpetuating myths that can be harmful to the fight against cancer.
Twenty years in the making, ENVS major just in time for student engagement

DAVID HEITHAUS CONTRIBUTOR

Earlier this year, the faculty voted to create the environmental studies (ENVS) major. This marked the end of a road whose length, while frustrating to some, has arguably facilitated the major’s defining asset: the opportunities it offers as the only fully integrated major at Kenyon. I recall about 20 years ago learning about the Environmental Studies class in Higley. Another student was asking the professor whether she thought Kenyon would ever have an environmental studies (ENVS) major. I did not catch the answer, but I do remember thinking, “Fat chance.” At that time, a major just didn’t seem to fit among the other majors. As they are today, Environmental Studies as a concentration, much less a major, was tolerated and scuttled as they are today. Environmental Studies as a concentration, much less a major, was tolerated and scuttled.

Kenyon College has embarked on the path of experiential learning without unacceptable sacrifice. There simply wasn’t a clear place for ENVS to fit in. It was focused on the fundamentals and had a solid reputation for that fact. There simply wasn’t a clear place for a broad interdisciplinary field like ENVS without unacceptable sacrifice. I wasn’t privy to departmental or faculty meetings, but I imagine plenty of people wondered what the skills translated into the real world.

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Kenyon Farm now has a full-time manager. The Farm was an open field adjacent to the College buildings. Kenyon has a natural burial ground. The Farm program recently gained professional staff and funding, and the College has embarked on the path of carbon neutrality. Other institutions certainly have some of these things. But all of them? Supported and functioning and ready to engage with students and the curriculum? Requiring students to participate in at least one experiential learning project, in addition to the specific requirements of the ENVS major, means the opportunities at Kenyon are intriguing and numerous. This major is not going to be constrained by the walls of a classroom.

The development of the ENVS major offers exciting ways for students to directly engage with the work of the green centers and programs through the lens of their chosen focus within the major. The Office of Green Initiatives, the Brown Family Environmental Center, the College Farm and the Center for Environmental Studies are all full of opportunities for environmental studies majors to use all of their curricular goals and those of the individual green centers and programs. By nurturing an environment in which students learn by contributing as well as reflection, it is my hope that Kenyon’s environmental studies major will offer a unique experience that will translate into progress for the College and meaningful, practical growth for our prospective majors.

Kenyon lacks experiential learning classes

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Kenyon faculty and staff praise environmental studies major

Excitement for the future of ENVS

ROBERT ALEXANDER CONTRIBUTOR

This is a great time for Ken- yon and Kenyonians. The College has developed an Office of Green Initiatives, the Brown Family Environmental Center just celebrated its first year, and last year, the Philander Chase Conservancy recently opened the Kokosing Nature Preserve with a green cemetery and a pra-rieg restoration project, the Ken- yon Farm now has a full-time manager and we are starting to work on the last piece of the Kenyon College buildings. Kenyon has environmental resources that most colleges would envy. The momentum is high, both within and outside the College. Kenyon lacks experiential learning classes as their major in the fall. That’s our chance to implement the major and fulfill our values. We can’t wait for students to be truly gained from my experience here so far.

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Sam Clougher awarded with postgrad grant for soccer play
After outstanding collegiate career, goalie recognized for athletic and academic prowess.

NOAH NASH
SPORTS EDITOR

Two weeks ago, Sam Clougher ’17, the former starting goalkeeper for Lords soccer, was awarded a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Postgraduate Scholarship for his success both on the soccer field and in the classroom. The scholarship, which is a $7,500 grant to fund graduate school education, is awarded to the most deserving and accomplished student athletes, who are nominated by a representative at their schools.

Clougher’s collegiate athletic career is marked by numerous team and individual accomplishments. Clougher, in his four years on team, led the Lords to an overall record of 73-12-6, which includes three North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) tournament titles and two NCAC regular season titles. The Lords also made it to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III tournament in each of the last two years. Clougher, a history and economics double major, established himself as one of the greatest goalies in Kenyon history with his overall body of work. Clougher’s 45 career shutouts are the most in Lords history, and he also holds single-records with 15 shutouts and 0.31 goals against average — both set during the 2014 season. Clougher received plenty of recognition for his play this season as well. He made the 2016 All-Ohio Men’s Scholar All American team, was named by Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) third team and the NSCAA Division III All Great Lakes Region second team.

Despite his numerous individual athletic accomplishments, Clougher was quick to praise his teammates when he discussed what he misses most about playing for the Lords. “I’ve never been the most athletic or the most talented, but I thought about the game constantly and tried to figure out how we could improve,” Clougher said. “I miss knowing I was surrounded by talented players who wanted to win as much as me and who I could trust to improve every day.”

The Lords will next play on March 31 and April 1, with the Wooster Invitational on Thursday, April 6. The Wooster Invitational is where the Kenyon track teams competed in their second meet of the season. The Kenyon track teams competed in 11 teams and the Lords placed 10th of 12 teams. Kenyon competed against a mixed field of in-and-out-of-conference opponents in what was their second meet of the season.

Of the 11 women’s teams at the invitational, the Kenyon Ladies placed ninth with a score of 25 points. Six of these points came from Grace Moyer’s 23rd place in the 5000m dash with an impressive time of 16:16.02. The rest of Lords’ points are looking forward to a successful season. “We’re really excited for All-Ohio coming up — we have a lot of runners who qualified and we are looking strong going into that and conference at the end of the season,” distance runner Nikki Scheman ’18 said. “We had some setbacks with sickness and the cold weather at the Wooster meet, but we’ve been training hard and are ready to perform well coming up.”

Tuesday, April 6

Sam Clougher ’17 celebrates with fans after a victory over Trinity College on Nov. 19.

Lords tennis play well on Sunday

Lords tennis recovered from a narrow Saturday loss to the Carnegie Mellon Tartans by defeating the Allegheny College Gators and the Ohio Wesleyan University Battling Bishops on Sunday afternoon. With the 2-1 weekend, the Lords improved their overall record to 8-10. Their two victories on Sunday also marked the opening of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) portion of their season, meaning the Lords have started 2-0 in conference play.

Sunday was a dominant performance overall for the men’s team, as they bulldozed Allegheny 9-0 before cruising to a 7-2 victory over OWU. As evidenced by their clean sweep, the win over Allegheny was a team effort. In the victory, Austin Diehl ’20 picked up his 13th singles victory of the season at No. 3 singles, winning 6-0 twice in a demonstration of his athletic talent. Diehl also won at No. 2 doubles, while paired with Ben Gelfand ’18. Jacob Zalenski ’20 clinched the match for the Lords when his victory at No. 2 singles put the Lords up 5-0. The match was the second time the Lords have shut out their opponents this season — they defeated the Colby-Sawyer College Chargers 9-0 on March 6 during their spring break trip to Florida.

Hours later, the Lords cruised against OWU on their way to a victory. As they did against Allegheny, Kenyon jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, winning all three doubles matches and the first four singles matches. Unfortunately, they were unable to complete the clean sweep, as the Battling Bishops battled their way to narrow victories in both No. 1 and No. 2 singles to prevent the Lords shutting them out. While two matches by no means provide a complete picture of how they will play in the NCAC, the Lords have had no trouble with their conference opponents.

Prior to their route of the two aforementioned teams on Sunday, the Lords narrowly lost 5-4 to No. 7 ranked Carnegie Mellon despite nearly pulling off the upset. Michael Liu ’18 gave the Lords a 4-3 lead with a victory at No. 4 singles, but the Lords were unable to hold onto their narrow lead. The Tartans won the final two matches to avoid the upset and send the Lords home with a bittersweet taste in their mouth.

“We were so close to winning matches,” Clougher said. “I thought about the game constantly and tried to figure out how we could improve.”

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Clougher said he does not have any plans for graduate school at this time, but knows that he needs a year off before returning to school so he does not “burn out and waste [his] opportunity.” He has not closed the door on his athletic career — Clougher continues to train in the hope of playing soccer full-time after college.

Ladies track places ninth, Lords place 10th

The Lords and Ladies track teams competed in the Wooster Invitational on March 31 and April 1, with the Ladies placing ninth of 11 teams and the Lords placing 10th of 12 teams. Kenyon competed against a mixed field of in-and-out-of-conference opponents in what was their second meet of the season.

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Despite strong pitching performances, Ladies swept again

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George Cobb, the base actually has two 18 hole courses, the Scarlet Course (Par 70) and the Gold Course they played on Saturday (Par 72). This was Kenyon’s first time in the tournament, which included schools like Duke University and North Coast Athletic Conference division rival DePauw University.

Ryan Muthiora ’18 led the way for the Lords, tying for third among the 63 golfers in the consolation bracket and shooting +5 for the tournament. He completed the more challenging Gold course on Saturday with the lowest score, shooting a 73 on a par 72 course. Other Lords also had good weekends. Mason McCool ’17, shot +11 and finished tied for 12th, Robert Williams ’19 finished with +12 and tied for 15th and Chase Frederick ’20 (+24) and Pat Kawakami ’20 (+26) rounded out the Lords’ individual performances.

After coming up short of qualifying for the Championship Bracket in the first two days, Muthiora regrets the mindset his team had going into the match. “We knew that the Scarlet Course was going to yield some low numbers, but we didn’t do a good enough job of approaching it like any other tournament,” Muthiora said. “That put us in a position where we were on the Gold Course trying to make up ground.”

The weather also impacted the team’s Friday score. “We were stuck in a powerful rainstorm for 25 minutes on the first day,” Kawakami said. “The Marines made it clear that ‘if it ain’t rainin’, we ain’t trainin.’”

One of the reasons this tournament is so prestigious is that the student athletes get to fraternize with the Marines they are competing against. Kawakami looks back fondly on the two dinners the teams were able to have with the Marines. “We were able to pick their brains about their experiences in the armed forces with the sometimes unpopular political figures who seem to disingenuously promote the military in a propagandaish way,” Muthiora said on Wednesday. “But when playing golf with them you realize that they are normal people who just want a break from their responsibilities to relax and play some golf.”

Left: Lauren Graf ’20 takes her stride and times up her swing against the incoming pitch. Right: Austen Whibley ’19 winds up during her start against Denison University.

Lords golf competes in weekend tournament with Marines

Ryan Muthiora ’18 ties for third overall among 63 golfers by shooting 73 on a par 72 course.

ADAM SCHWAGER
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend the Lords golf team took second place in the consolation bracket at the 46th Annual Marine Federal Credit Union Intercollegiate Golf Championship. After finishing the first two rounds in 17th place — one shot shy of making the final round — the Lords finished the final round with a +16, making them +51 for the three-day tournament.

The Marine Federal Credit Union Intercollegiate Golf Championship has taken place every year since 1972, with the purpose of fostering a relationship between collegiate golfers and active and retired Marines. Held every year at Paradise Point Golf Course on Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C., the event consists of 31 teams, one of which includes former and active Marines. Designed by former Marine and golf course architect

Being able to pitch as much as I do is something I am very proud of.

Austen Whibley ’19