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## Second surge of COVID-19 cases emerges, 32 test positive

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COVID-19 cases are once again surging on campus. As of Oct. 12, Kenyon's COVID-19 Dashboard displayed 32 active student cases and three active employee cases, though it is unclear whether more cases will arise once test results come back following the October break. These case numbers are a marked increase from two weeks ago, when the College reported only six active cases following baseline testing of the student body.

This increase marks the second large outbreak on campus since students returned in late August, bringing the semester total to 189 student cases in less than two months — a stark comparison to the total of 67 student cases over the entire

2020-21 academic year.

According to Professor of Biology Joan Slonczewski, elevated levels of viral RNA in campus wastewater samples confirm an increased presence of active COVID-19 cases on campus. "We are in the middle of a rising outbreak," they said.

Despite such a rapid increase in cases, testing remains largely optional, with no plans to enact mandatory testing for all students.

"We don't have a plan to do additional baseline testing at this moment," Vice President for Student Affairs Celestino Limas said. "But of course, every situation is fluid and we want to make certain that we're making decisions as we go."

In Slonczewski's view, current testing procedures are insufficient to prevent outbreaks. "If practices don't change, it is likely that the entire cam-

pus student body will at some point be contacted by this virus," they said.

For Slonczewski, the spread of COVID-19 is particularly concerning considering the chronic nature of the disease's symptoms, as opposed to the common cold. "At the end of the year, I would encourage everyone to get a full physical exam to be aware of any [potential] long-term effects," they said.

On Sept. 30, the College announced a four-level framework to guide campus policies. Each subsequent activity level places more health and safety restrictions on student life. The campus is currently operating at Level 2.

Limas said that the spike in cases has caught the attention of the College's COVID-19 Steering Committee. Still, he said the Committee has no plan to change the ac-

tivity level at this time, as they consider more factors than just the number of cases when determining changes to campus restrictions.

"It really is a pretty holistic model that we're trying to employ when we discuss things about when we're going either up or down in activity," he said.

According to Slonczewski, universal rapid testing has an important place in comprehensive testing strategies. They suggest replacing quarantine with multiple rapid tests as one means of controlling outbreaks.

"The problem with [not testing asymptomatic people] is that you are most infectious to others before you have symptoms. The College is missing the most infectious cases," they said. "So instead of quarantine, test everyone three times over three days

[and then test close contacts]."

This strategy is known as the "test-to-stay" procedure, in which testing replaces quarantine for close contacts. While not approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this approach has proven effective in trials.

President Sean Decatur said that at this time Kenyon is not considering using rapid tests, and cited the possibility of false positives as a key reason.

Both Slonczewski and a Knox Public Health (KPH) COVID-19 hotline nurse emphasized that rapid tests are accurate, though not as accurate as PCR testing. The nurse also noted that false positive results are much less likely than false negatives, reiterating the importance of retesting those who test negative.

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## Chilitos Fresh Mex suddenly reopens after five-month hiatus

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After a five-month hiatus, Chilitos Fresh Mex has made its long-awaited return to Gambier, reopening Wednesday night in a limited capacity.

Chilitos reopened with a condensed menu, serving chicken tenders and fries, and chips with queso or guacamole, as well as ice cream and filled churros. The bar, however, was fully operational on Wednesday night, with students already frequenting the seats at the counter. The restaurant's staff members said they are hoping to resume offering their full menu on Friday, but were unclear as to whether they will have the capability to do so.

The Mexican restaurant has been closed since May and delayed its scheduled reopening at the start of the academic year due to staffing shortages. In September, owner Jose Avalos sent out a message via the restaurant's Facebook page, stating that Chilitos was looking for employees in all positions, and that those interested in applying should reach out to him directly.

Chilitos prefers to hire workers from outside the Kenyon community, especially those who are immigrants of Latinx descent. Former Chilitos employee Leesbeth Claros '22 noted that this component of Chilitos is crucial to its cultivation of a family-oriented atmosphere, which resonates with many Latinx students.



Chilitos owner Jose Avalos pictured at the restaurant's opening in the fall of 2019. | COLLEGIAN ARCHIVES

Ian Smith, vice president for facilities, planning and sustainability, told the *Collegian* that Kenyon had been in communication with Avalos to encourage him to reopen as soon as possible. However, there was not much the College could do to help the restaurant due

to the national reshuffling of the labor market. Chilitos is one of many Gambier businesses currently dealing with staffing struggles, but was the only business to remain closed for an extended period of time.

Students will likely be excited to

return to the restaurant, as it offers a unique food option in the Village and has been a popular spot, particularly on weekend nights. Chilitos was open until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, though its daily hours going forward have yet to be determined.



# West Quad buildings named Lowell House and Oden Hall

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Two years after the naming of Chalmers Library, the new admissions and academic buildings in the West Quad finally have names, as well: Lowell House and Oden Hall, respectively.

Oden Hall, bordering the cemetery and Rosse Hall, is named after Robert A. Oden Jr., the College's 17th president who served from 1995 to 2002. His wife, Teresa Johnston Oden, an author and researcher, is also credited on the dedication plaque. Under Oden's leadership, the College saw the development of the Science Quad, as well as numerous other buildings along Middle Path — such as the Horn Gallery and Storer Hall — thanks to his close relationship to architect Graham Gund '63. Oden's contributions, however, reflect more than a fondness for visual aestheticism: His "Claiming Our Place" campaign generated \$116 million for the College.

Reflecting on the importance of Oden's legacy, President Sean Decatur believes the dedication of this new building will help valorize the former president's work. "[Oden] had a significant impact, especially in building up the size of the faculty and helping shape many of the modern features of the College," he said. "I think being able to recognize



Lowell House, which will be home to the Office of Admissions, will open in January of 2022. | SARA HALEBLIAN

his contributions to Kenyon is also wonderful."

Lowell House, situated on the North side of the West Quad, will be home to the Office of Admissions. The College named the building after esteemed poet Robert T.S. Lowell IV '40, who also studied under John Crowe

Ransom — another Kenyon poet and the founder of the *Kenyon Review* — for whom the current Office of Admissions is named. Lowell graduated with a degree in classics as valedictorian and went on to win a Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award and the National Medal for Litera-

ture. He also served as the U.S. Poet Laureate in 1947.

"Certainly, Robert Lowell was one of our most distinguished poet alums, and it's wonderful to be able to recognize Lowell's work and connection to Kenyon," Decatur said.

The construction of the new

quadrangle falls in line with Lowell and Oden's vision for the College. Their legacy and involvement with the College will not go unnoticed. The completion of Oden Hall and Lowell House will solidify the legacies of two influential members in the College's history.

## Supply chain issues cause Plan B shortage at Health Center

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On Monday, Director of Health and Counseling Chris Smith sent an email to the student body announcing that the Cox Health and Counseling Center had exhausted its supply of the emergency contraceptive Plan B, and that he is uncertain when it will receive more.

Smith explained that many of the College's local partners and pharmaceutical companies were experiencing similar shortages and only had a limited sup-

ply of Plan B; some were down to 10 or fewer, while some had none at all.

The College partners with McKesson and Pharmedix to acquire its medical supplies, Smith explained in an email to the *Collegian*. He attributed the lack of Plan B to supply chain complications related to the pandemic. "The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our strained health care systems and medical supply chains," Smith wrote.

This shortage comes during a nationwide disruption in the global supply chain. In September, *Forbes* report-

ed that port infrastructure is struggling to meet the supply demand. Due to the nationwide shortage of truck drivers — who are responsible for unloading the cargo at the port — many ships are sitting at the port for 2.5 times longer than prior to the pandemic, causing massive congestion.

Though Smith remains unsure as to when the Health Center will receive its full supply of Plan B, Crozier Center for Women has ordered 30 additional units for student use, according to an email Crozier Manager Camryn Langley '24

sent on Wednesday.

Still, Langley emphasized that Crozier should be a "backup" to the Health Center, as Crozier has a limited supply.

On Wednesday, Smith reported in an email to the student body that the Health Center received a "very small" amount of Plan B from its local supply company. While the College awaits more supply, Smith encouraged students seeking Plan B to consult local pharmacies and to make use of the the safe sex resources available in both the Health Center and Crozier.

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# COVID-19 testing remains largely optional during outbreak

Currently, vaccinated asymptomatic students can access up to one Everlywell self-administered test a week. The number of students accessing tests has increased each week since the kits have been made available, according to data provided by Chris Smith, director of the Cox Health and Counseling Center. Between Oct. 11 and 13, 245 students registered Everlywell kits, just under 13% of the total campus population. This is a dramatic increase from the first week optional Everlywell tests became available, when students registered only 100 tests.

Still, Smith suggested that testing alone is not a silver bullet.

"If the world could have tested their way out of COV-

ID-19, the pandemic would be over," he said.

Despite Smith's suggestion, some colleges and universities have employed more stringent testing protocols and seen fewer cases. Amherst College is testing all students, full-time staff and faculty twice a week regardless of vaccination status, and currently has no active student cases. Smith College is likewise testing students twice a week, and has had four positive results in the past week. Brown University requires undergraduate students to be tested once a week, and currently has eight active student cases.

However, Kenyon faces a unique situation compared to these East Coast colleges and universities: Knox County's

vaccination rates are among the lowest in the country, and more exposure to the virus in areas of low vaccination causes more breakthrough cases to occur.

This rise in cases on campus has once again placed a strain on Kenyon's isolation housing. According to Limas, the College has not added any new isolation housing since the last outbreak. The current isolation housing options include 20 rooms at the Comfort Inn and spaces around campus including the Kenyon Inn, the Pines and Zipp House. The College also continues to encourage students to travel home to isolate if they are in a position to do so.

Despite this rise in cases, families will still be permit-

ted to arrive on campus for Family Weekend on Oct. 22, though they will not be allowed to enter Peirce Dining Hall, student residences or academic buildings. According to Decatur, Family Weekend activities are consistent with current practices on campus, with many events being held outdoors or with reduced capacity. He also said the College is working to set up livestreams of events in case indoor events meet capacity. This will also allow family members who are unable to travel to Gambier to participate.

"I'd say that, if we do stay at the current state of things, we're not anticipating any other changes needed next week," he said.

Looking forward to Thanksgiving break, Decatur urged students to get tested before returning home. The College is still considering requiring re-entry testing when students return from Thanksgiving break.

"I know the COVID Steering Committee is talking that through in terms of what that looks like, and there should be word on that coming out later this month as we get closer to Thanksgiving," Decatur said.

Testing is available to symptomatic students through the Cox Health and Counseling Center, and Everlywell self-administered testing kits are available for all vaccinated students up to once a week in the Gund Commons Mailroom.

## Craft Center to reopen

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On Oct. 6, Dean of Campus Life Laura Kane sent an email that delighted craft enthusiasts: The Mayer Craft Center will reopen this semester.

In the email to students and employees, Kane announced that the Center would resume programming in mid-October, alongside the news that Weaver Cottage will reopen as a meeting space. This announcement reversed a July decision to cancel programming and repurpose the Center for student activities.

Space and staff constraints were the primary reasons for the closure of the Craft Center. The College debated using the space for academic use at one point, according to Kane. The Center also hosted Weaver Wednesdays earlier in the semester while Weaver Cottage was in use as isolation housing. Additionally, Kane mentioned that staffing shortages in the Office of Student Life limited the office's ability to coordinate Craft Center programming.

After hearing of their program's cancellation, several avid Craft Center users organized a petition over the summer to demonstrate student support for the unique extracurricular art programming that the center offers. However, their mobilization did not change the decision by the start of the 2021 fall semester.

Kane cited the resolution of space constraints as the main reason Kenyon changed its decision.

"Once we learned that the space was not needed for academics after all, and with Weaver Cottage coming back online as a programming space, that resolved the facility constraints," Kane wrote in an email to the *Collegian*. "The staffing shortage issue is still outstanding."

Associate Professor of Art Read Baldwin first heard of the Craft Center's

closure from students, and soon got involved in efforts to resurrect it. "I started making a lot of phone calls," Baldwin wrote in an email to the *Collegian*.

He eventually volunteered to take on the role of interim coordinator at the center. Resolving the staffing problem, Kane acknowledged that Baldwin's involvement facilitated the resurrection. "I'm pleased that we were able to arrive in this place and grateful for Read's leadership during this period of reduced staffing in our area," Kane said.

Hearing the news was "equal parts a thrill and a relief," to Molly McLaughlin '23, a potter and advocate for the Craft Center. "I was really glad to see everyone's efforts paid off and to see that the College really took our ideas into consideration," she said. McLaughlin hopes that events and publicization of the programming will bring more participants into its fold.

To get the Craft Center up and running this semester, Baldwin is coordinating short instructional sessions to reintroduce its programs. While the building is equipped to run woodworking, sewing, weaving, jewelry, metalworking and photography programs, many of the center's typical instructors have made other commitments this semester. As of Oct. 13, pottery classes taught by longtime instructor Robin Nordmoe are the only programs confirmed to return this semester. Baldwin aims to return to regular programming in the spring.

"[The Craft Center] is an incredible resource for Kenyon students, but we need classes to fill if it is going to remain viable in the future," Baldwin said.

Going forward, Baldwin hopes to involve students in management of the center and plans to create a student steering committee to provide input on programming. Students interested in programming may reach out to Baldwin at [baldwinr@kenyon.edu](mailto:baldwinr@kenyon.edu).

## Student Council discusses Senior Soiree, Sophomore Day

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On Sunday, Oct. 10, Student Council met to discuss updates on several on-campus events, including Senior Soiree and Sophomore Day, a new event sponsored by the Office of the Registrar to provide further guidance for sophomores who are at the crossroads of their college career.

Senior Class President Grant Holt '22 announced that the Senior Soiree will take place on Nov. 12, and said that two bands, a DJ and a photographer have signed contracts for the event. Holt also noted that supply orders for the event will be placed soon. "It's happening. It's gonna be awesome," he said.

Sophomore Class President Luke Kim '24 provided updates on Sophomore Day, which will happen on Oct. 19 at Chalmers Library, and asked for ten volunteers who will be expected to work from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for event setup, greeting and cleaning. Additionally, Kim mentioned there will be four new members joining the Sophomore Class Committee.

First-Year Class President Caroline Tanner '25 reported progress in collecting name suggestions from first years for their class tree. Voting took place from Tuesday through Wednesday night. The winning name will be announced on Founders' Day, when the tree is planted.

Safety and Wellness Committee Chair Skyler Lesser-Roy '22 reported great progress on mask distribution from last week and noted that she will leave the remaining masks out at Peirce Dining Hall for students to take, while adding that students should only take one box. "There's only enough for the students on campus, and it's just kind of not nice to take another one," she said.

Housing and Dining Committee

Chair Ever Croffoot-Suede '23 followed up with student reports of raw chicken at Peirce. "Those reports were investigated by AVI, and they were found to have not necessarily been raw by their estimates," Croffoot-Suede said. She also encouraged students to bring the problematic food directly to the chef instead of taking photos. Student Council's administrative advisor and Dean of Campus Life Laura Kane reported that AVI is currently down 20 staff members, which means that most employees are working seven days a week. Due to the staffing shortage, the grab-and-go option at Gund Commons that was planned to start up this month was put on further hold.

Additionally, Social Board Representative Brett Bearrows '23 talked about upcoming Social Board events, including an off-campus trip to a Columbus Crew soccer game on Wednesday, Oct. 27. "We have 100 tickets for students," said Bearrows, who explained that students have to sign up for a free ticket lottery.

Finally, Student Council President Micah Smith '22 announced that they will begin holding office hours online on Tuesdays and at Peirce in the Alumni Dining Room on Thursdays, from 4 to 6 p.m.

"I have realized that there is a gap in communication between Student Council and the general student body, and I want to start making myself available for discussion," Smith wrote in an email to the student body announcing these office hours. "This will (hopefully) minimize misinformation and allow me to direct your questions, comments, and concerns to the appropriate people across the College and/or take direct action via Student Council."

The next Student Council meeting will be held Sunday, Oct. 17 at 7:00 p.m.



# Village Council renews mask ordinance, addresses parking

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The Gambier Village Council met on Oct. 4 to revisit the emergency mask ordinance, introduce the new Village marshal, discuss updates to the Mount Vernon Fire Department (MVFD) and vote on adding new speed bumps.

The Council passed an emergency mask ordinance on Aug. 16 mandating masks in public Village buildings that expired on Oct. 4. The Council then unanimously voted to extend the mask ordinance until Nov. 1, when the members will once again vote to either extend the or-

dinance, pass a new one or allow it to expire.

Jesse Braswell, the new Village marshal who is primarily responsible for parking enforcement and traffic safety in Gambier, also introduced himself at the meeting. Braswell noted that his biggest concern at the moment is overnight parking and that he's already given out 169 tickets since the start of his position, primarily on the east side of Gaskin Avenue and between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m.

"It's mostly students from the South lots at this point. But they are moving on, and then I'm finding them in other places and ticketing them

there," he said.

In addition, Doug McLarnan from MVFD announced that, following a partnership with Knox Community Hospital and MedFlight, the Village fire station is now staffed with a mobile Intensive Care Unit (ICU) ambulance, a chase car and a staff of two nurses and one medic. He also mentioned that the Village signed a \$49,000 contract for renovating the firehouse, which will go towards building three new bunk rooms and a hallway.

According to McLarnan, the average response time to a call in September was nine minutes and 32 seconds. Now that the MedFlight crew is

stationed at the firehouse, he hopes the response time will decrease to its previous time of three minutes.

McLarnan said that so far, the transition of the College Township Fire Department merging into MVFD has been a smooth one. "I'm really grateful for all the help that the Village has given us over the last year. That was a lot of tough times, but we're into this transition ... and all in all, we're going to have an excellent service here."

Lastly, the Council also passed a proposal to add two speed bumps along the north part of Acland Street, costing \$8,350, at the request of two residents who live there.

One council member noted that while traffic on the road has increased lately, with as many as 40 cars passing through the road in one afternoon, most drivers seem to abide by the 25 mph speed limit. "It may be something for us to look at what we've done to traffic in the Village by turning Gaskin [Avenue] into one-way, because I think there were not nearly that many cars before," they said. "I was surprised at how many cars were going through, but they weren't actually speeding."

The Gambier Village Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

## Local unions join K-SWOC for rally outside Ransom Hall

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On Oct. 1, the Kenyon Student Worker Organizing Committee (K-SWOC) held a rally during which they delivered a letter of support for K-SWOC from Mount Vernon local United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 1059 to Ransom Hall.

"We are so appreciative to the UFCW 1059 for their support of Kenyon student workers and are thankful to have such strong allies within the local community," K-SWOC wrote in a message to the *Collegian*.

According to K-SWOC, 47 people, including union members, student supporters and representatives from UFCW Local 1059 and UA Local 42 Plumbers, Steamfitters, HVACR Techs and Marine Pipefitters gathered in front of Ransom Hall for the event. The group delivered the letter written by UFCW Local 1059 President Randy Quickel endorsing K-SWOC.

The rally is K-SWOC's latest attempt to gain support for union recognition, which began in spring 2020. The organization also petitioned the College for recognition in September 2020, which the Board denied last December. Since then, K-SWOC has organized a series of events, including the nation's first undergraduate labor strike last March. It also occupied Ransom Hall as part of a two-week-long strike last May, calling for a community election. This September, K-SWOC assisted a student employee, who is also a K-SWOC member, in filing an Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) charge against the College.

UFCW is one of the largest unions in the country, and the Local 1059 chapter represents over 300 workers in Knox County, including employees of Kroger, CVS and Rite Aid.

A representative of UFCW Local 1059 read the letter out loud, and a K-SWOC member read out a message



47 students and community members attended the K-SWOC rally on Oct. 1. | COURTESY OF JOHN ORTIZ

of support from UA Local 42.

"The College cannot claim to support this community and also stand for divisive, anti-union actions that prevented valued members of our community from coming together in common purpose," the letter read. "We stand with the Kenyon Student Worker Organizing Committee and with all workers striving to be heard."

The letter continues with a call for the College to acknowledge the continued efforts of student workers. "We implore you to recognize the

efforts of these student workers and begin to work constructively toward a positive change. Union representation is key to building strong and lasting employer-employee relationships that pull up communities," it read.

K-SWOC members then gave testimonials about their experiences as student workers and reasons for signing a union card with K-SWOC.

"It was really validating to get the support of UFCW 1059 and to be reminded that our fight on campus is

in solidarity with workers across the country from different trades and backgrounds," K-SWOC member Zoë Packel '22, who attended the rally, wrote in a message to the *Collegian*.

As of now, the College has not responded to the letter, nor has it issued a statement in response to the rally.

The next K-SWOC meeting — which is open to anyone — will take place on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 10:15 p.m. in the Community Foundation Theater and on Zoom.



# Koto Katayama '23 launches *Overseas Overheard* podcast

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The divide between domestic and international students at Kenyon is palpable, according to film major Koto Katayama '23, an international student from Tokyo, Japan. With her podcast *Overseas Overheard*, Katayama hopes to bridge that divide by facilitating discourse between a diverse array of college students. On each episode, two students — one international and one domestic — are paired together to have a casual conversation about anything ranging from Kenyon drama to the Kardashians.

Katayama received inspiration for her podcast from a screenplay she wrote last year which centered around a college student's podcast. After writing the screenplay,

Katayama believed *Overseas Overheard* was the natural next step. "The idea for the podcast actually happened immediately after I wrote the script," she said. "I had no intention of making a podcast myself, but it actually happened!"

Her idea became a reality when Katayama reached out to Kenyon's Anti-Racism Advisory Committee, which helps allocate the College's resources to anti-racism initiatives. The committee approved her proposal and collaborated with the Department of Dance, Drama and Film to purchase equipment for the podcast. Though *Overseas Overheard* is funded through Kenyon, Katayama felt it would be impossible for the College to attach its name to the podcast, as it provides such an intimate look at the lives of Kenyon

students. "One guest spoke about their Kenyon breakup and another sort of 'exposed' the swim team. But the whole point of the podcast is to inspire raw and honest conversations, so we couldn't help but put those things in the podcast as well," she said.

On the podcast's latest episode, Katayama altered the podcast's structure, pairing up two international students from different universities: international studies major Raul Romero '22 from Venezuela and Columbia University student Joon Baek '21 from South Korea. The two spoke about their respective advocacy against Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) attempt to force international students out of the country, as well as Baek's transition back to university after serving in the Korean army. By exhibiting the ini-

tiatives of a non-Kenyon student, such as Baek's endorsement of courses specifically for international students, Katayama hoped that Kenyon listeners would ponder how an outside perspective might influence life on campus. "My ultimate goal with this episode was to open up some conversations between students about how Kenyon could implement some of Columbia's ideas, and vice versa," she said.

Katayama hopes the podcast will educate Kenyon's domestic students about cultures outside the United States, an opportunity she gained in taking both sociology and religious studies courses at Kenyon. Katayama expects to pass on knowledge about cultures outside of the United States and Japan through *Overseas Overheard*. "By listening to individuals

and understanding how they grew up, how their different experiences influence them, I hope to affect listeners in the same way I've been [affected]."

Most importantly, Katayama highlights that her podcast provides a safe space for open conversation from both parties. "The podcast provides a platform for international students to share their stories, as well as a space for domestic students to feel comfortable asking questions. I encourage interviewees to ask any question about different cultures, no matter how afraid they are to be wrong," she said.

You can listen to *Overseas Overheard* on Spotify, iTunes or Apple Podcasts. Those interested in being on the show can reach Katayama through the Instagram account @overseas.overheard.

# Thrift Shop offers unique space for affordable clothing needs

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Bluntly named, Thrift Shop is an indispensable space for many in the Mount Vernon community. For Mount Vernon locals, the shop is a memorized distance from home: a haven of accessibility. Upon entering the store, customers are met with rows of used clothing — women's clothes on the left side of the room and men's on the right. At the front of the store, a variety of antiques are neatly displayed, such as vintage candle holders, elegant wristwatches, pocketbooks and jewelry. The plethora of goods here makes it hard to not grab something extra on one's way out.

Thrift Shop manager Melinda Amheiser describes her customers as a "very eclectic mix." From elementary schoolers looking for Hawaiian shirts for "Luau weekend," to people without homes, to Kenyon students searching for racy costume pieces for the annual showing of *Rocky Horror Picture Show* — the Mount Vernon Thrift Shop serves all.

The Mount Vernon Thrift Shop and its three other locations in Centerburg, Danville and Fredericktown, Ohio are subsidized by Interchurch. Interchurch acts as a coordinator, allocating resources to the various thrift store branches. The not-for-profit has also helped create a more efficient network of community service in the Knox County area, Amheiser explained. In the past, those in need had no central location to seek community support. Now, with the development of Interchurch services, Knox County residents can always rely on receiving resources from the association. "[Interchurch is] a way for us to spread our blessings to more

people," she said. The profits raised from the store's vintage goods pay for the building, the utilities and the food pantry located in the back of the store.

Amheiser is the only paid employee at the thrift shop; the rest are volunteers. One volunteer said that throughout her time working, she has seen the shop transform. About 10 years ago, the store relocated from Bond Street to its current location on Gambier Street. "We get a lot more clothes now. Business is better," the volunteer said. Amheiser, who has been a manager for one year and was a volunteer for four years prior, attributes this growth partially to the new location being more accessible to people with disabilities. She mentioned that because many of her customers are senior citizens, this increased level of accessibility significantly increases business.

The store draws in a variety of volunteers. "We've had a lot of people that needed to do their community service hours," Amheiser said. For example, Knox County Learning Center — an organization that helps integrate students ages 18 to 21 into the adult world — brings four student volunteers into the shop every week. "I try to find things that are appropriate to their skills. I have a girl with Down syndrome, so I find things that she can sort," Amheiser explained. "They love it here." Nurses from the Knox Technical Center also volunteer at the shop to fulfill their community service requirement.

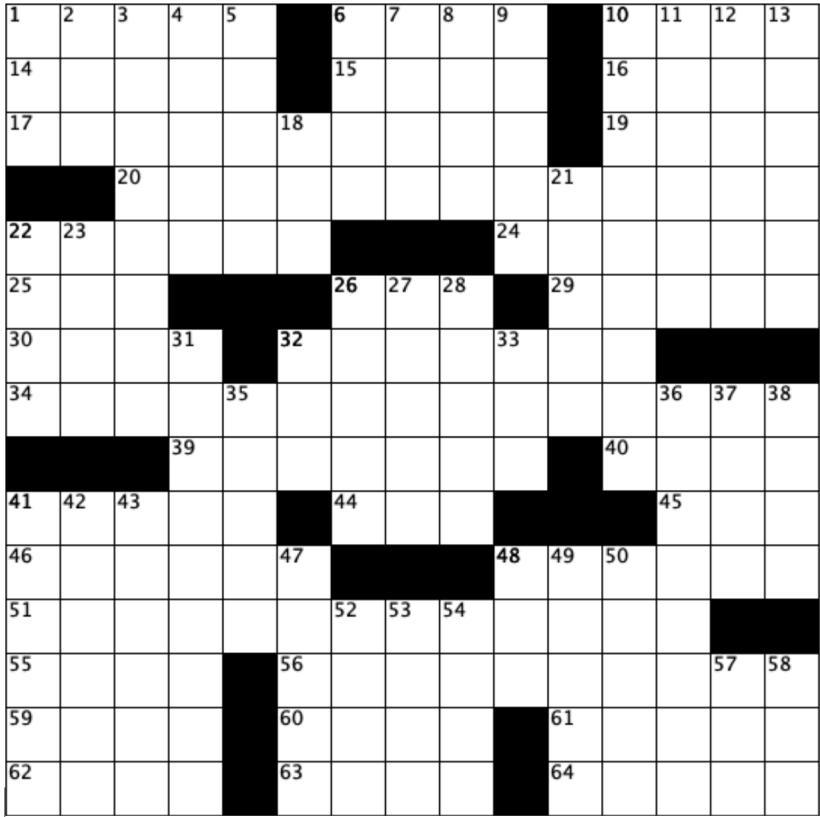
If students are interested in picking out their next \$2 party dress, or simply browsing the aisles for fun accessories, they can find Thrift Shop on 306 West Gambier Street in Mount Vernon. But make sure to bring cash or a checkbook, as the store does not accept credit cards.



Thrift Shop is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | EMILY YOURMAN



ETHAN BONNELL  
CROSSWORD EDITOR



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CLASS CLASH

Compiled by Theresa Carr '23



Senior Class Total:

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Junior Class Total:

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Sophomore Class Total:

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First-Year Class Total:

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	Answer	Lucy White '22	Sydney Fallon '23	Lucy Eichenauer '24	Drew Sutherland '25
Name three varieties of apples.	<i>Fuji, Red Delicious, Granny Smith, Gala, Honeycrisp, Pink Lady, McIntosh</i>	Granny Smith, McIntosh, Fuji	Gala, McIntosh, Pink Lady	Granny Smith, Yellow Hearts	Gala, Fuji, Golden Delicious
What is the largest Greek organization on Kenyon's campus?	<i>The Archon Society</i>	Archon Society	Archon Society	Archon Society	Alpha Delta Phi
What is the night before Halloween called in some regions?	<i>Devil's Night, Mischief Night or October 30</i>	Mischief Night	All Saints' Day	Halloween Eve	All Hallows' Eve
Which Great Lake borders Ohio?	<i>Lake Erie</i>	Lake Erie	Lake Michigan	Lake I Don't Know	Lake Michigan
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# New student band SERENA bends genres in first Horn show

**BRYN SAVIDGE**  
ARTS ASSISTANT

How do musically inclined Kenyon students satisfy their urge to come together and create sound as they emerge from a pandemic? The answer is simple: They form a band.

With live music events making a comeback and the campus welcoming numerous recently formed bands to the stage, the new student band SERENA holds a distinct presence. After their hit debut performance at the Horn Open Mic Night with original song “Back Against the Wall” on Oct. 1, band members Uli Schwendener ’22, Marshall Ghalioungui ’22, Zoë Casdin ’23, Katya Naphtali ’23 and Caleb Rubin ’24 plan to continue creating unique, mood-boosting music.

The concept for SERENA started last spring in a North Campus Apartment during lengthy jam sessions between Ghalioungui and Schwendener. “We were playing a lot of duo jazz ... but I think we wanted something that would sound more relatable,” Schwendener said. The duo was looking to create a bigger, fuller sound, or, as Ghalioungui puts it, “something people want to dance to.”

After finding additional instrumentalists and a vocalist, the duo formed SERENA this fall.

SERENA’s multi-layered songs are a reflection of the diverse musical backgrounds of its members, who collectively create a “smorgasbord” of influences and skill sets. The group takes influence from contemporary jazz, with each member involved in a jazz group on campus. However, the band members are hesitant to categorize their music. Their songs transcend musical genres, drawing not only from jazz, but psychedelic rock, funk and experimental music.

In addition to performing on campus, the members plan to continue composing and learning from each other in the process. “I learn so much from just listening to everyone play every single time we practice,” Casdin said. The ability of the band members to not only listen to their own sound, but also to that of the other members is what makes the group so noteworthy. From their performances, it is clear that the band places a heavy emphasis on communication and openness. “Listening to fellow bandmates and also being open and listening to what you’re playing... When it’s done right, it feels rather serene and it’s unbelievable what comes out,” Schwendener said.

Moving forward, SERENA plans to record their original songs at the WKCO studio for release on streaming platforms. The band can be found @serena.sounds on Instagram.



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# The Aliens and Hope Springs Internal showcase senior talent

MAE HUNT  
ARTS EDITOR

Two weeks ago, a group of drama majors' hard work came to fruition with two senior thesis productions. *The Aliens* by Annie Baker and *Hope Springs Internal* by Eleanor Evans-Wickberg '22 are the first of several thesis productions that will grace the stage of the Hill Theater this year. The senior exercise in drama requires students to write, direct, design or act in a production in the Hill Theater that they bring to life themselves over the course of six weeks.

Kenyon College Dance, Drama & Cinema Club (KCDC) staged the two shows on alternating dates, so each production received a weekend and a weeknight performance time slot. I saw them back-to-back, and was impressed with the way the space was transformed each time. I imagine sharing a theater with another crew would be an obstacle to any production team, and I want to note how seamless the entire viewing experience was. As always, student-run productions at Kenyon blow me away with their professionalism.

The first show I saw was *The Aliens* — written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Annie Baker — on the night of Sept. 30. The production was part of the senior exercise for its director Katie Stevenson '22, as well as all three members of the cast: James DiSandro '22, Brennan Doyle '22 and Fred Rion '22.

*The Aliens* was the perfect play to showcase its seniors' talents. The story takes place in an empty lot behind a small-town Vermont coffee shop, where two best friends and dropouts in their 30s (Rion and Doyle) take a sheltered high school student (DiSandro) under their wing. *The Aliens* is striking in its sparseness. Baker's script refuses to let its characters or dialogue be dragged down by heavy plot details, as evidenced by the most significant turn in the story happening offscreen. As a result, all three actors had plenty of opportunities to shine. They showcased humor and camaraderie without missing an emotional beat. I was particularly impressed by DiSandro, who played a younger character so well that I was surprised to learn he was, in fact, completing his senior exercise.

The simplicity of *The Aliens* also gave Stevenson lots of room to make interesting creative choices. Before the show began, my friend informed me that Baker's original text included a note that proclaimed one-third of the play should be taken up by silence. I don't know if Ste-



James DiSandro '22 and Fred Rion '22 (top) in *The Aliens*. | COURTESY OF ZOE MILLER

venson deliberately reduced the amount of silence in the show, but, if she did, I am grateful to her for it. I understand that the silence is supposed to represent how straight men don't know how to talk to each other, but I've always found it hard to sit through — not because it's uncomfortable, but because it's boring. If I had to guess, I would say Stevenson's production was about one-fourth silence, which got the point across in a much more tolerable way.

After enjoying *The Aliens*, I was excited to see an original production by a Kenyon student. *Hope Springs Internal* was written by Eleanor Evans-Wickberg '22 as part of her playwrit-

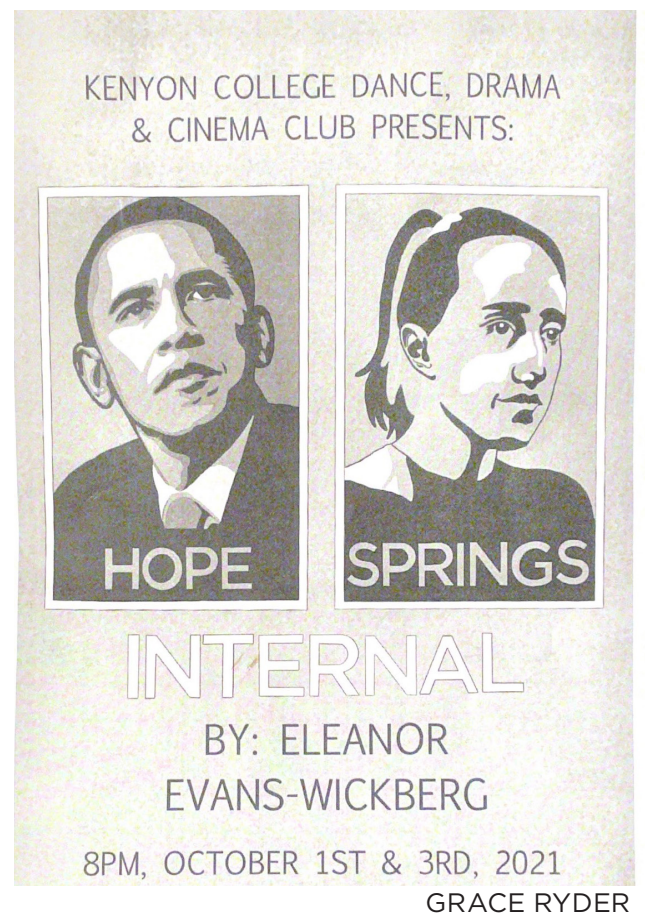
ing thesis, and, since the script was still in flux during the rehearsal process, several scenes featured the actors reading from their scripts. I found that this did not detract from the overall viewing experience one bit. The six-person cast brought enough dynamite to convince me the scripts were an intentional artistic choice.

Ali Bianco '23 particularly stood out in her role as Charlotte, the show's middle school-aged protagonist, who longs to be accepted into an elite institution as a performance artist. Charlotte's father is busy working as the manager of Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign, and the cover of *Hope*

*Springs Internal*'s program references this, with a picture of Bianco's face stylistically represented alongside the iconic "Hope" campaign poster. Despite the recurring motif of bright, almost-naïve optimism that dominated the late aughts, *Hope Springs Internal* is sharp, witty and often cynical. Playing the part of the sarcastic narrator, Charlotte allows the audience to laugh at situations that may otherwise earn her sympathy, like the scenes featuring her dysfunctional family or her general, misguided desire to be special. The play's best moments, however, are when it leans into unironic expressions of joy, emotion and art.

*Hope Springs Internal*'s first few scenes felt slightly scattered, but by the end, I was left with the impression that Evans-Wickberg succeeded in telling the story she wanted to tell. I would jump at the opportunity to watch it again.

*The Aliens* and *Hope Springs Internal* are both impressive examples of what Kenyon drama students are capable of. The passion and hard work that went into both shows is evident, and everyone involved with them should be proud. I encourage *Collegian* readers to attend a senior thesis production sometime this year — the experience is more than worth the price of the ticket.





## STAFF EDITORIAL

# The College must test all students after Thanksgiving break

As of Oct. 12, there are at least 32 active COVID-19 cases among students, all of which came from an outbreak that began before October break. The College opted not to require testing for students when classes resumed, and, with viral wastewater levels already rising, we anticipate that there will be a large spike in COVID-19 cases to follow. This increase, however, will be nothing in comparison to the amount of positive cases that could arise after Thanksgiving break, when far more students are likely to leave campus and travel across the country and world to celebrate the holiday.

This current outbreak could have been prevented with mandatory testing — and another, potentially larger outbreak following Thanksgiving break could be preventable, too. In order to mitigate potential spread and prevent increased restrictions, the College needs to test all students upon their return to campus in late November.

In addition to mandatory PCR testing after Thanksgiving break, the College should make rapid antigen tests more frequently available to symptomatic students anytime they need. According to CBC, rapid tests taken by symptomatic people in high-transmission areas are correct 80 to 90% of the time. Given the high level of accuracy under these conditions, having these tests more readily available for symptomatic students could stop the spread of COVID-19 sooner, as these students would not have to wait longer periods of time for their results.

The College is currently operating under Phase 2 on the Campus Activity Level scale, which the administration has used to assess the risk of COVID-19 on campus and evaluate potential next steps. With a continued spike in positive tests, the College risks entering Phase 3, which would include numerous enhanced restrictions. Under Phase 3, Peirce would shift to takeout only. Additionally, athletic competition may be suspended, informal indoor and outdoor gatherings would be limited to 10 people and travel outside of Gambier would be limited to essential activities. If conditions become even more severe, Kenyon might enter Phase 4, which would require masking at all times — indoors and outdoors — and fully remote instruction.

Although it may become necessary to implement these enhanced restrictions, it should be avoided at all costs. The College is currently in a position to decrease the likelihood of a large COVID-19 outbreak following the Thanksgiving holiday, and they must plan for it now.

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## WEEKLY COLUMN

# Should Gambier be a union town? Why I haven't joined K-SWOC

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For more than a year, a group of Kenyon student workers desiring recognition as a labor union have been in constant conflict with the administration and Board of Trustees, which have refused to grant such recognition. The negotiations and tensions between the Kenyon Student Worker Organizing Committee (K-SWOC) and the College have received much attention both within and beyond Kenyon. Until recently, I observed the situation from an outsider's perspective. As neither a student worker nor an administrator nor a Trustee, the K-SWOC controversy was to me more of a spectacle than anything else. But then, I became a student worker. I was forced to take a stance and to make a decision. And I opted not to sign a union card.

Before elaborating on my choice not to join K-SWOC, I would first like to say that I respect the decision of my friends and peers to support the organization. Furthermore, I am sympathetic to the plight of low-income students on this campus and student workers that feel they have been mistreated in their on-campus jobs. Finally, I am not stating that I will never join K-SWOC. Rather, it is not something that I am comfortable doing right now.

From my perspective, labor unions are not inherently good. This position is somewhat at odds with the marketing of K-SWOC, such as posters around campus that read: "Gambier is a union town." I am more interested in asking if Gambier *should* be a union town. I am from California, a state in which labor unions have outsized political power, which does not always lead to positive outcomes for the general public. For example, the California Teachers Association lobbies aggressively for tenure laws that make it exceedingly difficult and costly to fire incompetent teachers in the public school system. In order for me to sign a union card, I would have to be convinced that said union has safeguards to prevent misuse, corruption and dysfunction. K-SWOC might be able to persuade reluctant individuals to join if they were to more directly address these concerns.

Another reason I have not joined K-SWOC is because I am not entirely sure what I am signing up for. Almost every time I walk into the dining hall, I am asked to sign a union card. Yet, some very basic questions about what union membership would entail remain unanswered. If K-SWOC were granted recognition, would membership be compulsory for student workers? Would union dues be expected of members? We also must consider how a labor union might impact future on-campus employment opportunities, including whether a union will reduce the number of jobs available to students, or whether student workers will be asked to forgo wages to partake in strikes.

K-SWOC union cards disseminated across campus state: "I hereby request and accept membership in the above named union..." Yet, in an explanation of the union cards on the K-SWOC Instagram account, an infographic reads: "Signing a card allows you and your coworkers to decide democratically whether or not [K-SWOC] is recognized." I am unsure that these two contradictory explanations can be reconciled. It appears that by signing a card, you are in effect expressing your support for K-SWOC, not just agreeing to vote on union recognition.

If only those who sign a card are able to vote on recognition, I imagine the recognition of K-SWOC would be passed overwhelmingly. Only as of Sept. 27 have a majority of student workers signed a union card. Even if the College refused to allow a formal election, why not informally poll all student workers on whether K-SWOC should be recognized, to determine if an actual, rather than an apparent, consensus for recognition exists?

The fervor surrounding K-SWOC is real, and I admire my classmates' dedication to making Kenyon a better place. But at present, I am unconvinced that a labor union is an effective means to this end. K-SWOC could be more transparent and nuanced in their appeals to students, as opposed to muddled and ideological. This may add to, rather than reduce, their support amongst students and student workers.

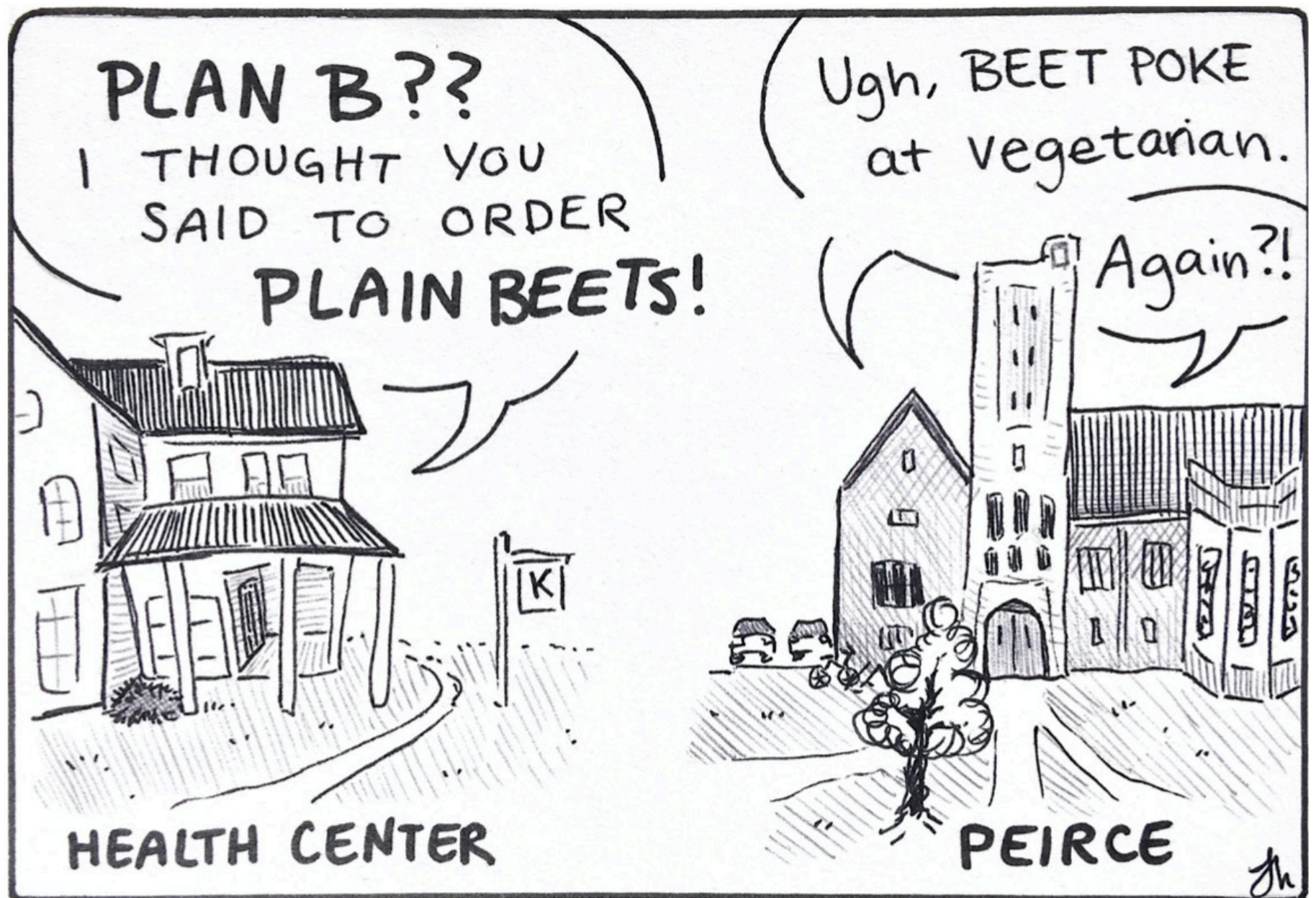
I take signing my name to an organization very seriously. It would benefit students to think critically about this decision and to force K-SWOC to answer the tough questions.

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JANA HECKERMAN

I came to Kenyon seeking respect for all political opinions. As a conservative student, this has not been my experience.

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CONTRIBUTOR

When I was applying to college, I knew I didn't want to go to a conservative, Christian school where everyone would agree with me by default. I valued diversity in my friendships and in my education. Kenyon seemed to me, as a 17-year-old high school senior, a wonderful place where I would find friendships and educational opportunities that would allow me to grow not just in my views, but in my character.

I am now a senior at Kenyon. When I look back on my time at this college, I can say that the experience I thought I was going to have here is not what I received.

I am not quiet about my views. Like many Kenyon students, I am respectfully open about my opinions on social media and in the classroom. The issue of abortion is something I feel especially strong about and feel compelled to speak out on. I

believe offering a different perspective to my Kenyon peers is important, just as I believe it is important for me to hear their perspectives. People don't have to agree, but I do think people should treat everyone with respect. Sadly, respect for my views and beliefs is not something I have experienced at Kenyon.

I had a rude awakening upon arriving in Gambier as my peers saw my differing views not as something that could enrich a potential friendship, but as a reason to not be my friend, and in many cases, to harass and bully me. Over the past three years, I have been consistently cyber-bullied, singled out and gossiped about. I have found it difficult to make friends, and I have lost friendships. I have been denied a leadership opportunity in a student group, with my political beliefs being cited as the reason why I was unfit for the role. My character has been consistently questioned by both students and professors.

The primary accusations against me, usually in direct messages on social media, have been that I am "anti-woman," "immoral," a "bad Christian" and "racist." None of these accusations have been supported by examples of how I treat people, with people's perception of my views being the only evidence. Beyond how I have been personally treated, my friends outside of Kenyon have been subject to harassment online by anonymous Twitter accounts who I believe belong to Kenyon students based on their followers and information in their bios.

I am not sharing my experience as a means to seek pity or as any sort of revenge against anyone. I share my experience out of a deep concern for the kind of community that Kenyon fosters and for the people who will join this community after I graduate in May. Fellow Kenyon students and alumni have shared with me that during their time here, they didn't feel that they could be open

about their conservative views like I have been, and it is disheartening. I want to leave Kenyon knowing that when we say we welcome diversity, we actually welcome diversity in all its forms, including diversity of political thought. Isn't that what the liberal arts experience is all about — exposure to different people and perspectives?

This culture at Kenyon is not about conservative versus liberal. It is bigger than that. Diversity is what makes the Kenyon community and educational experience special, but if we want to maintain our sense of community, we cannot let it be torn apart by an inability to accept differing beliefs and viewpoints.

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# O'Leary and Lewis lead Lords to victory against Allegheny

**JACKSON WALD**  
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

The Kenyon football team travelled to Meadville, Pa. on Oct. 2 to face off against the Allegheny College Gators, their intra-conference rival. The Lords came into the game with vengeance on their mind — they had lost their previous three games against the Gators, with their last contest in October 2019 ending in a demoralizing 49-0 defeat.

This time proved to be different; in front of a crowd of over 1,000 Allegheny fans, Kenyon won in decisive fashion with a score of 27-13. The Lords, who dropped their first three games of the season, have now won two straight and are 2-3 overall and 2-2 in conference play. Allegheny has had a more pedestrian start to their season and are 1-4 overall, 0-4 in the NCAC.

While the Lords have been slow out of the gate thus far this season, they drove down the field methodically on their first possession of the game, scoring on a 1-yard touchdown run by



Ryan O'Leary '23 won NCAC Football Offensive Player of the Week. He finished with 190 passing yards and four total touchdowns. | COURTESY OF KENYON ATHLETICS

quarterback Ryan O'Leary '23. O'Leary was an offensive juggernaut throughout the game, accounting for all four of Kenyon's touchdowns — two coming through the air, the other two on the ground. His performance secured him the NCAC Football Offensive Player of the

Week award.

However, after the Lords went up 7-0, the Gators struck back immediately, evening up the score. The home team then capitalized on Kenyon's fumble on a kickoff return and scored again, putting the score at 13-7. It was from this point on that

the Lords' defense stepped up. Led by Jason Kessler '22, who racked up 10 tackles, and Andy Canonico '25, who chipped in seven tackles and two sacks, the Lords were able to thwart the Gators' offense and kept them scoreless for the remainder of the game. Other major defen-

sive contributors for the purple and black were defensive linemen Nathan Fanta '22 and Jimi Bello '22, both of whom were able to get to the quarterback and tally up a sack.

The Lords took the lead in the second quarter, following a 21-yard pass from O'Leary to Andrew Schnarre '23. Schnarre was the Lords' leading receiver, finishing the game with four receptions for 105 yards and a touchdown.

Kenyon scored twice in the third quarter, the first being a 5-yard rush by O'Leary (set up by a beautiful 57-yard grab by Schnarre) and a 15-yard pass to Christian Scotto '22 with 2:23 left in the quarter. While the Lords scored two passing touchdowns, much of their damage was done on the ground. The Lords picked up 194 yards rushing, led by Drake Lewis '25, who rushed for 73 yards on 11 carries.

The Lords play next on Oct. 16, when they will face off against the 3-2 Denison University Big Red at 1 p.m. on McBride Field.

## Ladies claim top spot, Lords finish in third place

**FINN ANDERS**  
STAFF WRITER

### Lords

Following a disappointing 10th-place finish at the NCAC preview, the Lords cross-country team bounced back at the Muskingum Invitational on Oct. 2 with a third-place overall finish.

The event featured 101 runners in the men's meet, and Kenyon had multiple impressive finishes. Keegan Minahan '25 was the fourth runner to cross the finish line, leading the Lords' entire team with a time of 28:11.7. Peter Bernhard '25 and Michael Deal '23 were Kenyon's next finishers, attaining 16th and 18th-place finishes respectively. Not far behind, Jeremy Baier finished 23rd with a time of 30:41.6 and Jack Caine concluded Kenyon's total with a 27th-place finish. The Lords' final point total was 85, trailing the first-place College of Wooster, which had 63.

### Ladies

The Ladies cross-country team finished in first place overall and achieved three of the top four individual times.

Emma Becker '22, was Kenyon's first runner to complete the 6K course and finished in second place behind Wooster's Isabelle Hoover, who clocked in 5 seconds before Becker's 24:00.1 finish. Anna Harnsberger '23 and Alice Riley '23 came in behind Becker, finishing third and fourth respectively and securing a win for Kenyon. The 11th contestant to complete the run was Kenyon's Ella Wilson '23, followed by Jenna Leonard '25 with a 14th-place finish. Kenyon finished with an excellent 34 points and a total time of 2:04:58.

The Lords and Ladies' next meet is the Jennastrong Fall Classic, which takes place at Wilmington College on Friday, Oct. 15. Both teams hope to secure another strong finish before the season concludes next month.

## Field hockey splits four games

**JACKSON WALD**  
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

The Ladies field hockey team went 2-2 over the past two weeks, securing wins over NCAC foes Allegheny College and Wittenberg University, while dropping close games to the University of Lynchburg (Va.) and Denison University. Kenyon now stands at 8-4 overall, 2-1 in conference play and is third in the NCAC — right behind Denison and Earlham College (Ind.).

In the match against Allegheny on Oct. 2, the Ladies secured a resounding 2-0 victory. This victory marked the sixth victory in a row for the Ladies and was in large part due to the phenomenal play of Sarah Metzmaier '22 and Bella Kern '23, both of whom

scored goals in the contest. The Ladies also benefited from the fantastic play of Payton Doan '23, who saved all 10 of the Gators' shots to register her fourth shutout of the season.

The Ladies then lost their next two matches: a heartbreaking 2-1 overtime defeat to No. 19 Lynchburg and a 3-1 loss to Denison.

However, on Oct. 9, the Ladies bounced back in a major way, easily handling Wittenberg for a 3-1 victory. Once again, Metzmaier and Kern led the way, with the former racking up two goals. The Ladies dominated the match on the offensive side, outshooting the Tigers 13-4 (8-3 in shots on goal).

The Ladies' next matchup is against DePauw University on Oct. 16 at 12 p.m. in Greencastle, Ind.

## Kenyon volleyball loses twice on the road, then falls at home

**CALEB NEWMAN**  
SPORTS ASSISTANT

The Ladies volleyball team has played three matches so far in October, going 0-3. They lost two matches on the road in three sets against Allegheny College and DePauw University, before coming back home and

losing in straight sets to Denison University.

On Oct. 2, the Ladies traveled to Meadville, Pa. to take on the Allegheny College Gators. While the Ladies had a few strong spells of play, the Gators dominated most of the match. As a result, Kenyon lost 3-0 to Allegheny.

The Ladies continued NCAC play when they traveled to Greencastle, Ind. to compete against the DePauw University Tigers on Oct. 9. In the first two sets, the Ladies and Tigers were evenly matched. Kenyon had a 17-13 lead in the first frame, before the Tigers stormed back on a 12-3 run to take the set 25-20.

The second set saw the Ladies trail 19-18. However, the Tigers went on a run again, winning the second set 25-20. The third set saw DePauw jump out to an early lead and hold onto it for the rest of the frame, finishing Kenyon off in straight sets.

Back at home on Wednesday, the Ladies did not fare much

better against Denison, losing in three sets. The Big Red won the first two sets easily. The third set was tied at 19 before the Big Red pulled away to win it 25-22.

The Ladies are 2-13 this season. They will be back in action on Saturday against Hiram College in Gambier.



# Lords extend win streak to nine, Ladies defeat Wittenberg

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STAFF WRITER

Lords:

Over the last two weeks, the Lords extended their winning streak and improved their position atop the NCAC with a trio of matches against conference rivals.

On Oct. 1, the Lords faced off against Wittenberg University, winning 2-0. The shutout extended Kenyon's undefeated streak against Wittenberg to 12 games. Wittenberg still proved to be a challenge for Kenyon, with their stingy defense and stellar goaltending leading to a scoreless first half. However, the Lords' offense broke out after the halftime whistle: Aidan Burns '24 opened the scoring in the 52nd minute with a free kick, marking the first goal of his collegiate career. Thirty minutes later, Sam Carson '22 provided an insurance goal to seal the win.

This past Saturday, the Lords continued their win streak with another 2-0 win coming against Denison University. Burns again opened the scoring, sneaking a shot past Denison's goalkeeper in the 16th minute. Adam Silberg '23 tacked on

the second goal of the game with seconds remaining in the first half. While neither team scored from then on, it was nevertheless intense, with the Big Red outshooting the Lords 5-4. The victory extended Kenyon's win streak against Denison to nine games.

Perhaps the most impressive win for the No. 22 Lords was their upset on Tuesday of the No. 4 team in the nation, Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU). The first half was evenly matched, with each team generating five shots. Kenyon increased the offensive pressure in the second half, but the Battling Bishops were up to the task. In the first of two sudden-death overtimes, OWU looked to end the game early with a header from Jaggar Brooker, but goalkeeper Jack Pedreschi '25 was able to corral the shot. In the second overtime period, Alem Duratovic '25 ended the game in a dramatic fashion with under three minutes remaining, firing a shot just past the hands of the Battling Bishops' goalkeeper.

The Lords will look to extend their win streak to 10 games on Saturday in an away match against Wabash College.

Ladies:

The Ladies also faced off against the trio of Wittenberg, Denison and OWU, going 1-1-1 in their matches.

On Oct. 2, Kenyon defeated Wittenberg 1-0, keeping the Ladies undefeated against NCAC opponents this season. Samantha Hayes '22 recorded the game's lone goal in the 17th minute, after shaking two defenders and rifling a shot past the Tigers' goalkeeper. While Wittenberg had the advantage in both total shots (10-4) and shots on goal (5-2), Kenyon's defense was able to stymie their efforts. Goalkeeper Leah Anderson '23 turned aside all five shots on goal to post her fourth shutout of the year. While Kenyon has had success against Wittenberg in the past, this was only the Ladies' second road win against the Tigers since the two teams began playing each other in 2009.

Unfortunately, Kenyon was less successful against Denison, falling 3-0. After a Big Red goal in the 42nd minute, the Ladies were able to keep the playing field relatively level, as both teams posted seven shots in the first half. Despite this promising start, Denison took control after

halftime. Outshooting the Ladies 9-2 in the second frame, Denison notched two goals, one in the 57th minute and another in the 79th minute. These two goals put a damper on any momentum Kenyon might have had coming out of halftime, leading to their first conference loss of the season. This result reflects the two teams' history, with Denison sporting eight wins to Kenyon's two.

The Ladies traveled to Delaware, Ohio on Tuesday hoping to avenge their loss against Denison and extend their winning streak against OWU to two games. In the end, the game required both overtime frames, and resulted in a 0-0 tie. Denison had the edge offensively, outshooting Kenyon 14-9 across the match, but Anderson was once again perfect, stopping all eight of Denison's shots on goal. Despite no shots finding the back of the net, Hayes and Olivia Dion '22 led the way on offense, each recording three shots on the night, while also combining for Kenyon's three shots on goal.

Kenyon returns to action at home on Oct. 20 against the College of Wooster, hoping to increase their winning streak against the Fighting Scots to 12.

## Lords doubles pair reaches ITA finals

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During the first weekend of October, the Lords tennis team headed to Kalamazoo, Mich. to compete at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Regionals. Luis Platas '23 and Thomas Kallarakal '23, joined by first years Rishil Kondapaneni '25 and Eric Zhang '25, were selected to represent Kenyon at the tournament. In his first ITA Regionals as a collegiate athlete, Zhang finished with a 1-1 singles record.

Meanwhile, the duo of Kallarakal and Platas had a lot of success at the tournament. They lost their first match to Washington University in St. Louis' (Mo.) pair of Scott Yamamoto and Jared Phillips, before going on to dominate the consolation bracket. The Lords reached the finals but fell to North Central College (Ill.) duo Javier Suarez Balsera and Ramon Vilarroig Martinez.

In singles play, Platas defeated Cole Goodman of Trine University (Ind.) and Alvaro Alonso-Sanchez of Wabash College before losing to Vishwa Aduru of the highly ranked Case Western Reserve University squad.

Kondapaneni performed very well as a singles player at the tournament. He beat North Central, Webster University (Mo.) and Kalamazoo College (Mich.) players, before eventually falling 6-1 to top-seeded James Hopper in the semifinal.

Led this year by captains Jack Wagner '22 and Henry Wessel '22, the Kenyon men's tennis team looks to thrive in NCAC competition this upcoming spring. Wessel will not be joining the team on campus until this spring, so Wagner is currently tasked with sole captainship duties this semester. The team has relied heavily on his leadership due to the large number of underclass athletes on the roster this year.

The ITA Regional tournament wraps up the Lords' intercollegiate competition for the fall season. The team will continue to train throughout the rest of the fall and winter and hope to be ready for competition this March.

## Golf places fourth with depleted roster



Logan Spiess '23 follows through on his chip shot. | COURTESY OF KENYON ATHLETICS

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This past Monday, the Kenyon College golf team traveled to the Blacklick Woods Golf Course in Reynoldsburg, Ohio to compete in the Capital University Fall Classic. Despite many of the Lords' top players not playing in the tournament, their reserves were able to secure a fourth-place finish in the contest of 12 teams. While originally slated to be a 36-hole tournament, this year's Fall

Classic was only 27 holes after conditions became too dark for the players to continue.

The Lords finished the 27 holes with a total of 463 strokes: 306 on the first 18 holes and 157 on the final nine. Kenyon finished only four strokes behind third-place Ohio Northern University and 14 strokes behind Otterbein University, who took home the Fall Classic Title. Host team Capital University finished in second place.

Logan Spiess '23 led the Lords with a score of 73 on the

first 18 holes and 40 on the final nine. Trailing Spiess were Griffin Ward '24 and Ethan Shapiro '23, who finished at 117 and 118 strokes, respectively. Rounding it out for the Lords were Garrett Thesing '24, who finished at 120 strokes, and Graham Nash '25, with 121 strokes.

Kenyon will compete at Denison University's Fall Invitational at Cumberland Trail Golf Club in Pataskala, Ohio this upcoming weekend, where they will reintroduce their regular lineup.