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Students concerned following Thanksgiving break robberies

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James DiSandro '22 returned to his North Campus Apartment (NCA) late Saturday night after Thanksgiving break and didn't notice anything out of the ordinary. He went over to a friend's apartment, came home and went to bed. It wasn't until the next morning that he realized his computer speakers were gone. Wondering where they could be, he went to check on the three bikes that he and his housemates had moved inside, only to discover that those, too, were nowhere to be found. The truth solidified: DiSandro's home was a crime scene.

The burglar(s) who ransacked his NCA stole three bikes, a Playstation, a pair of Beats headphones, computer speakers, floor-standing speakers and an assortment of other items.

"There's like a big hole in the wall where the [bedroom] door was kicked in, [and] my room has a bunch of scuff marks on the wall now," said James Mazer '22, another resident of the NCA. Mazer said the burglar(s) also appeared to have removed one of his window screens, presumably in order to enter the house.

Meanwhile, a New Apartment was in its own state of chaos. The first thing Mike Henry '22 saw when he returned home the Sunday after break was his TV at the bottom of the stairs leading to his upper-level apartment. Upon entering the unit, it became clear that his residence had been burglarized. Everything on the surface of his desk was taken, and his clothes were everywhere, except for his underwear and socks, all of which were stolen. Game consoles, speakers and luggage were gone, too. Three guitars lay in the hallway, most likely too big and bulky for the burglar(s) to take.

The intruder(s) also raided the fridge and left half-eaten, month-old prosciutto in one resident's bed. They had shaved in the sink and taken the trimmer with them. On a table in the living room they had left behind a lighter, which the residents believe the burglar(s) used to smoke crack cocaine in the apartment.

"Someone had been in my house doing God knows what," Henry's housemate, Jim Finley '22, said. "I was scared to use the shampoo. And I felt like everything I touched had this film of, like, 'uhh.' It's just nasty. Like a weird psychological block where everything is gross."



Victims criticized the Offices of Campus Safety and Residential Life for their lack of response. | SARA HALEBLIAN

These break-ins have raised questions and concerns among those burglarized about the roles that the Offices of Campus Safety and Residential Life (ResLife) should play in these situations.

The burglarized residents reported the incidents to Campus Safety, who referred the case to the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Officers did make visits to both the NCA and New Apartment to collect evidence and file reports of stolen items. Campus Safety also filed a report to ResLife who, much to the concern of the residents who were burglarized, took seemingly no action.

"We thought they might contact us about it but then they didn't, which was a little odd," said NCA resident Jack Seasholtz '22. "I figured if I was renting a house from someone, and that house got burglarized, my landlord would speak to me."

Seasholtz and Mazer ultimately decided to visit the Office of Residential Life to try to talk to someone in person about the incident. They went to the office three separate times before they were finally able to meet with someone to discuss the damage and discuss potential insurance coverage. The Office told them that they would email Fred Linger, the manager of business services, to inquire about insurance, but the burglarized students have not yet heard back.

Nick Becker '22, another resident of the NCA, was more frustrated by ResLife's inaction in ensuring that the burglarized students themselves were well after discovering that their homes had been ravaged. "[They should] reach out to us and be like, 'Hey, are you doing okay?' Because, just putting someone else in our shoes, that that could have been a traumatizing experience for them," he said.

Mazer also expressed concern that the College has not reached out to the residents of the NCA. "It's about actually, other than like one of us being in the house and getting stabbed — worst-case scenario, we're stabbed — this is the worst thing that could happen to you if you live in an NCA," Mazer said. "Honestly, incredibly distressing."

Many of the burglarized residents are also horrified by the College's failure to communicate to the student body about the break-ins.

"There's been no communication with the entire school," Becker said. "So people have found out we've been robbed through rumors, not through the school being like, 'Yes, there was a crime committed on campus.'"

Becker also compared the current situation to bike thefts that occurred this past summer. In response to these thefts, Campus Safety sent an email to students

living on campus, advising them to buy U-bar locks or to keep their bikes inside to prevent theft. So far, however, Campus Safety has not sent any emails to inform the campus community about the burglaries, or to provide advice regarding how to prevent them.

Burglaries on Kenyon's campus are an unprecedented incident in the recent past, and both Campus Safety and ResLife plan to change how they approach similar situations in the future, according to James Jackson, director of student rights and responsibilities and interim director of residential life.

"I think it was definitely jarring for the students, but it was also like a step back for us because we hadn't had [burglaries] previously," Jackson said. "In the future we'll definitely reach out to students if this occurs, just to make sure that they're okay, and let them know that there are resources," he added, specifically referring to those offered by the Cox Health and Counseling Center.

According to Director of Campus Safety Michael Sweazey, the Office has instituted a new officer-scheduling system that will increase the number of officers on patrol, especially during high-activity hours. This is especially important for this upcoming winter break, as the current

national shortage of bicycles and electronics — items students tend to leave behind — mean they are likely to tempt thieves.

While officers from the Knox County Sheriff's Office took fingerprints and hairs for DNA testing, the burglarized residents have yet to receive communication regarding whether or not the intruder(s) have been identified. None of the victims are terribly optimistic that they will. Residents of the NCA have been scouring Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist in hopes of possibly finding any of their items listed for sale, with no luck thus far.

As he prepares to graduate in less than two weeks, the incident has been particularly upsetting for Henry. "My conception of how safe Kenyon is has been altered," he said. "Four years ago, I know this wasn't a thing that I would even consider as having happened."

Not many of the burglarized residents remain optimistic that students and their possessions will be safe this upcoming winter break. Becker, in particular, cautioned students to protect their belongings over break. "It very easily could happen again," Becker said. "Be a nomad if you can; just bring all your stuff with you."

Mazer concurred, expressing his belief that the burglaries will continue. "People are gonna get robbed," he said.

Director of SASS Erin Salva '79 announces her retirement

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After over 20 years serving as Kenyon's director of Student Accessibility and Support Services (SASS), Erin Salva '79 is retiring. Her last day will be on Jan. 15.

Born in Connecticut, Salva came to Kenyon as a student in 1975, earning a degree in psychology. She has resided in Gambier ever since. While at Kenyon, Salva started the Kenyon women's soccer team, and played for the team. She later served as its coach following graduation before the team transitioned from club to varsity.

Salva then began work at a local elementary school in Centerburg, Ohio, focusing on inclusivity within the classroom. She was in the process of applying to be an artist in schools, working specifically with music and storytelling, when the position at SASS opened up. Salva then changed her career path: In 1999, 20 years after her graduation, Salva returned to Kenyon to become the director of the program. "I'd describe it as a full-circle experience," she said. "Timing was everything."

At the time of her hiring, SASS was a new program on Kenyon's campus, leaving Salva with a lot of autonomy in shaping the position. "I didn't exactly know what I was getting into," she said. "I learned a lot very quickly."

When she began her work, Salva said disability studies was still a new field. During her time at Kenyon, however, conversations around disability began to take flight. In her 20 years as director, Salva confronted a range of issues surrounding accessibility at the College, from the Middle Path restoration proj-

ect to developing the housing accommodations program and assisting students with both mental and physical disabilities.

Reflecting on her work, Salva said that her biggest motivators were the students. "I was basically learning from the students, and figuring out what kind of accommodations they needed to freely access Kenyon's classrooms and programs," she said.

Salva was also responsible for bringing assistive technology to Kenyon's support services, such as Kurtzweil 3000, a program designed to provide literacy support to those who struggle with literacy within the classroom. She also brought in SensusAccess, a file conversion program that makes digital resources easier to use.

"Technology is always evolving, and it's amazing," she said. "[It] provides greater accessibility for students and faculty."

President Sean Decatur expressed his deep gratitude and fondness for Salva's work, saying that he joins the rest of the Kenyon community in wishing her a restful retirement. "She has been kind and generous in educating the broader community," he said. "She has a rare strength in knowing the policy issues with a great deal of depth, but also understanding the human impact with a great deal of empathy and nuance."

Looking towards her retirement, Salva will be staying in Gambier. She said that she is excited to spend more time with her four grandchildren, all of whom reside in Ohio. She also plans on reading, focusing on music and spending time in the garden, as well as helping her husband with renovations to their house, which is made



Salva will continue to reside in Gambier and will spend more time gardening, reading books and seeing her grandchildren. | COURTESY OF KENYON COLLEGE

completely out of recycled materials.

Salva will also continue to spend her time cycling with Pelotonia, which she has done for the past 10 summers. Decatur fondly remembers his bike rides with Salva.

"On several Pelotonia rides, she was kind enough to

slow her pace so that I could ride with her, which I appreciated," he said with a chuckle.

Salva will miss her time working at Kenyon, and is thankful for the students who helped her learn along the way. In her final comments, she reminded everyone that

accessibility is a "we issue."

"[Accessibility] doesn't reside all in one office," she said. "It resides with all of us and all of us are responsible for making Kenyon a more welcoming and inclusive place. It's going to take some work, but hopefully we're on the road to that."

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As K-SWOC's legal battle ensues, campus discourse intensifies

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As litigation continues between the College and the Kenyon Student Worker Organizing Committee (K-SWOC) over the organization's National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) petition for a union certification election, the debate continues to intensify on campus.

Represented by lawyers from Joyce Goldstein & Associates, K-SWOC submitted a surreply on Dec. 3 in response to the College's formal request to stay or dismiss its petition for an election.

In the surreply, K-SWOC reiterated the argument it presented in its original Oct. 18 counter-motion that Kenyon's student employees are statutory employees under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA). K-SWOC also continues to reject the College's claims that the rules of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) prevent the NLRB from enforcing the NLRA. It argued that the College is only obligated by FERPA because it voluntarily accepts federal money and that such an obligation is not a legitimate excuse. The organization also pointed out that the College has not released any worker information to the NLRB, restricted or otherwise.

"The employer cited no statute, regulation, or case law providing that FERPA supersedes or impairs the Congressional mandate that the Board

enforce the NLRA according to its terms, through investigations, hearings, and elections," the document read.

However, while K-SWOC's legal battle continues, the debate surrounding both their activity and student work on campus is escalating.

On Saturday, international student and Community Advisor (CA) John Ortiz '22 sent an all-student email following a meeting he had with his supervisors — Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities James Jackson and Assistant Director of Residential Life Trina Trein — regarding a timesheet he submitted over Thanksgiving break. Despite not working over break, Ortiz logged 20 hours for that week in an attempt to be paid for a fraction of the 160 total hours worth of wages that he believes the College has stolen from him.

After the meeting, Ortiz claimed in his email that the College and his supervisors were using his visa requirements to prevent him from logging more than 20 hours of work per week to deprive him of pay. He also accused the College, Trein and Jackson of upholding xenophobic and racist systems.

"[My supervisors] arbitrarily decided that I was not worthy of the most basic form of respect and that I was not deserving of the bare minimum: being paid for my work," Ortiz wrote. "They took advantage of my limited rights as an international student, and of my personal vulnerability as a student of color, by stealing 160

hours of my wages."

According to K-SWOC, more than a dozen student workers joined Ortiz in the Zoom meeting to show their support. Soon after the meeting, Jackson and Trein denied Ortiz's request.

A series of responses followed Ortiz's initial email, both opposing and supporting his claims.

Prashant Bhandari '22 — also an international student of color — sent an all-student email in response to Ortiz's allegations. In his message, Bhandari said Ortiz's claims of racism and xenophobia against Trein and Jackson were unjustifiable and that all CAs experienced wage theft, not just those who are international students or international students of color. He pointed out that a 20-hour work week is not a rule implemented by Kenyon, but is instead a federal law the College is required to enforce.

According to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), federal law does not require employees who live on their employer's premises for an extended period of time to submit an exact record of hours to their employer. Instead, regulations stipulate that if there is a dispute regarding hours that the employee agreed to work for and the hours the employer believes is sufficient to do the job, then the employer needs to reach a new agreement with its employees.

Bhandari also stated that the College pays CAs based on the average number of hours worked per week, not the actual number of hours. Because

of this discrepancy, Bhandari stated that Ortiz cannot legally claim wage theft.

In response to Bhandari's email, Nick Becker '22 argued that CAs are on call for all 10 of those hours, regardless of whether or not they are actually doing work, which he says is on the College to reevaluate.

"If ResLife is forcing CAs to complete ten-hour duty shifts that, if fairly compensated for, would put international CAs over their weekly hour cap, then it seems to me the only morally acceptable choices Kenyon has is to either change the way they make CAs to do duty shifts or find a way to compensate all CAs that complies with both immigration and labor law for the full amount of work they do," he wrote.

In addition to back-and-forth among students, professors have also engaged in the public debate surrounding K-SWOC. On Dec. 1, Associate Professor of Economics Galina An sent an email to all Kenyon employees sharing concerns students voiced to her alleging aggressive recruiting behavior from K-SWOC.

In the email, An said some international students had complained of being pressured into signing petitions out of fear of being perceived as someone who does not care about economic hardship. An also said that foreign students felt unsafe, and urged K-SWOC members to "stop pressuring students into supporting them." Since her email, two Kenyon professors have responded publicly

through the all-employee distribution list.

In response to An's email, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology Edward Schortman sent a lengthy all-employee email, saying that these issues are troubling and all complaints should be taken seriously. Importantly, he emphasized that the union election K-SWOC has requested would alleviate these issues.

Schortman also urged K-SWOC to foster an atmosphere of respect for the rights and dignity of all workers. "K-SWOC's members must take action to address these accusations by redoubling their members' training in union outreach," he said.

In response to Schortman's comments, K-SWOC member Sally Smith '23 said K-SWOC appreciates this feedback and will continue to educate its members and organizers about respectful organizing efforts.

Also following Schortman's email, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Asian Studies Michelle Mood sent an all-employee email pointing out that students tend to avoid confrontation due to a "social norm of politeness," which often prevents open debate. She also encouraged professors to assure students of their safety, and recognize these debates as an inevitable part of a democratic society that values equality. "Silencing those who shake up norms is not the answer," she said.

K-SWOC members will have an open meeting with Vice President for Student Affairs Celestino Limas on Thursday at 10:15 p.m. to discuss these and other workplace-related issues.

Campus reports low case count, moves to Activity Level 1

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NEWS EDITOR

Effective Friday, Dec. 3, Kenyon shifted from Campus Activity Level 3 to Activity Level 1 after reporting only three positive COVID-19 results on Dec. 2 upon return from Thanksgiving break. According to the College's COVID-19 Dashboard — last updated on Dec. 8 — that number has since increased to five total cases, with four student positives and one employee positive.

The College will require reentry testing for all students between Jan. 18 and Jan. 20 upon return from winter break. However, Peirce Dining Hall will be open for indoor dining, according to Vice President for Facilities, Planning, and Sustainability Ian Smith.

The low number of positive COVID-19 tests following the return from Thanksgiving break represents a marked change from earlier in the semester: In September and October, the

College saw two separate outbreaks, as students returned from summer vacation and October break.

During the surge in September, a lack of reentry testing, isolation housing and contradictory guidance led to outrage among students and faculty, prompting the College to change its COVID-19 policies.

Following suit, the College also amended its post-break protocols for the most recent break, requiring all students to undergo mandatory reentry testing between Nov. 29 and Dec. 1, while also implementing heightened restrictions in line with Campus Activity Level 3. During that time, students were prohibited from eating in Peirce Dining Hall and informal student gatherings were capped at 10 people.

President Sean Decatur was satisfied with the results of the reentry testing. "I think that [we were] just really pleased with the outcome of testing and the fact that the number of positives was incredibly low," he said.

In reflecting on the success of this return in comparison to the return to campus in August, Smith credited the virus' continually changing and unpredictable nature.

"As more time passes with COVID-19, many people are figuring out how to safely live with COVID-19. While this does influence low numbers, virus transmission is often complicated by human dynamics which can make many surges (like September) as unpredictable as low case counts like now," he wrote in a statement to the *Collegian*.

With the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Ohio and around the country, as well as the spread of the highly transmissible omicron variant around the globe, some juniors who plan to study abroad in the spring are concerned they will be unable to do so.

Djibril Branche '23 expressed his concern about his plans to study abroad in Jordan. "My biggest fear is that it'd be cancelled either before I go or mid-

way through," he said. Branche was also skeptical that there would be enough housing in the spring semester if a majority of juniors who intended to go abroad are forced to return to campus.

Smith noted that despite the rise of omicron, he remained confident that off-campus programs will continue as planned. He also noted that the COVID-19 Steering Committee would work with the Center for Global Engagement (CGE) to monitor the situation and plan for contingencies. He also said that the steering committee is working with the Office of Residential Life to ensure that all students will be guaranteed housing in the event Off-Campus Study (OCS) programs are canceled.

"If OCS programs decide to cancel their programs due to COVID-19, Residential Life advises that its current numbers will allow all students (including those unable to attend OCS programs and those returning from Copenhagen) to receive a housing placement," he wrote.

Ohio residents propose legislation to ban vaccine mandates

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Ohio residents are urging lawmakers to consider a ballot initiative to ban vaccine mandates, according to the *Columbus Dispatch*. The proposed legislation would prohibit vaccine passports, prevent programs requiring individuals to disclose their vaccination status and disallow institutions from refusing service to unvaccinated people.

This proposed law comes

after Ohio House lawmakers passed House Bill 218, “the Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act.” If enacted, H.B. 218 would expand vaccination exemptions for students or employees on the basis of medical or personal reasons and previously-acquired natural immunity. Similar to the newly proposed law, it would also prevent businesses from requiring proof of vaccination from employees or patrons, and prohibit schools or businesses from

mandating vaccination for students or employees if the vaccine isn’t fully approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

At the same time, the *Dispatch* also reported that several large companies in Ohio are pausing enforcement of vaccine requirements, following possible changes to the federal vaccine policy requiring companies with 100 employees or more requiring vaccinations for workers. While the rule mandated that the

84 million applicable workers — two million from Ohio — be vaccinated by Jan. 4, 2021, a federal court blocked the proposal, prompting some companies to halt their vaccine requirement plans. Gov. Mike DeWine has previously opposed sweeping vaccine mandates, though he has encouraged all Ohioans to receive the vaccine.

The next step for the proposed law is for Attorney General Dave Yost to decide whether to approve an ini-

tiated statute petition, which he will do later this week according to the *Dispatch*. If he approves the petition, its proponents will need to obtain 1,000 signatures from Ohio voters and file their proposal with Yost’s office. From there, the group would send the proposal to the Legislature with 132,000 signatures, and, if not passed within four months, petitioners could put the proposal on the ballot for the next general election.

DKE and Theta host outdoor Shawn Kelly Holiday Party

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On Dec. 2 and 3, Kenyon’s chapters of Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) and Theta Delta Phi (Theta) co-hosted the 30th annual Shawn Kelly Holiday Party.

The event honors the legacy of former Kenyon student and DKE member Shawn Kelly, who passed away during his first year in 1990. The Greek organizations held the party in partnership with Knox County Head Start, a nonprofit agency that provides early education and family services to low-income families in Knox County. The annual celebration is Head Start’s largest event of the year, with over 400 attendees this year.

The event, held outside the Lowry Center in order to comply with COVID-19 protocols, provided Knox County children with hot meals and gifts from Santa, in addition to offering family-friendly activities such as cookie decorating and bounce houses.

Multiple Kenyon student volunteers from various Greek organizations helped the event run smoothly, and the Kokosingers a cappella group performed.

Though historically hosted only by DKE and Head Start since the first event in 1991, Theta hosted the event when DKE was temporarily suspended in 2018, and they have worked together ever since.

“Theta was absolutely instrumental in every aspect of the holiday festival this year,” DKE President Andrew Kotler ’22 wrote in an email to the *Collegian*. “DKE is extremely excited to continue this partnership going forward.”

Kotler described Kelly as a “great guy” who took pride in giving back to the community. “This event does a great job at honoring his legacy,” he said. “This event truly means a lot to the kids of Knox County. ... The pure joy that children get from this event is so amazing to see.”



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Gambier Village Council extends mask mandate for six months

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On Monday, the Gambier Village Council extended Ordinance 2021-12 — which mandates masks indoors — for six months, and amended it to only require masks indoors when Knox County is an area of substantial or high transmission, following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

Until Monday, the ordinance mandating masks indoors (with exceptions for religious institutions and Wiggin Street Elementary School) needed to be renewed by the Council each month. The amended ordinance notably ties the mask requirement to CDC standards, and makes masks optional when the county is experiencing low or moderate spread. The Council also extended the sunset clause, or expiration date, in the ordinance from one month to six.

“Essentially the same ordinance would be in effect; it would simply no longer be one that’s being voted on every month. So if folks are interested in continuity, that’s one way of going about it,” Mayor of Gambier Leeman Kessler said.

The Council settled on the CDC and Ohio Health Department COVID-19 spread level as the metric, rather than active case levels, because it is less volatile.

The Village Council also discussed a proposal to construct a roundabout at the intersection of Routes 229 and 208 — the intersection at the end of Wiggin Street, north of the bridge leading to the Brown Family Environmental Center. The Ohio Department of Transportation will conduct a feasibility study in January 2022.

Additionally, the Council took up a request to contribute funding to the College Township Service Center, raising concerns about the lack of a detailed budgetary breakdown. They tabled the discussion pending more detailed financial information.

Kessler closed the meeting by honoring retiring Council President Betsy Heer and expressing gratitude for the time they spent serving together. “It has been an honor, it has been an education, it has been a delight,” he said.

The Council will meet again on Jan. 3, 2022.

A sneak peek into our favorite study spots around campus

What is your go-to study spot, especially during finals week?
COMPILED BY ARIELLA KISSIN

“Some of my favorite moments have been during finals when my friends and I get up early and go to sit in the neuro lounge. Since finals are typically very stressful, it’s a more comforting way to get our work done with the support of each other.”
Lucy Friedberg ’22

“First Floor reading room in Chalmers, facing south. Important to face south so you don’t get distracted watching people come in and out.”
Henry Hirschfeld ’22



JORDY FEE-PLATT

“If I really need to grind, I go to the 1st floor reading room in the library at a table by the windows. It gets a lot of natural light which helps me fight off the study blues and also I get to see people leaving the library looking all happy and free which inspires me to keep going. If I’m really feeling the stress of winter finals, the greenhouse is a warm place to do some reading! It gets the natural light and the green of the plants and keeps me warm as it gets cold (a benefit of being a STEM student). Or I just stay in my room and turn on my oil diffuser and brew a cup of tea!”
Cubby Woollen ’22

“I’m incapable of studying by myself so I pretty much just study wherever my friends are at. Two of my favorite places to study are Old Kenyon and Unity House. It helps me to be with other people in a social setting. I can work well with noise and sometimes feel overwhelmed in settings like the library where everyone is studying in silence. I try not to spend too much time studying by myself in my room as I find it easy to get distracted.”
Ilan Magnani ’24

“I like sitting on the 4th floor perch [in Chalmers] because I get to watch my friends’ comings and goings.”
A.J Gluck ’25

“I enter Chalmers and check the front reading room. If it’s too crowded, I climb to the third floor, hanging a left towards the reading room. If that’s full, I climb the next set of stairs to the fourth floor, heading to the little Schwartz reading room who’s doors have a mind of their own.”
Ben Hoffer ’24

“I spend a lot of time in the Carver reading room because it’s open 24/7 which is great when you feel like messing up your sleep schedule and leaving the library at 3am. The high ceilings are nice and silent atmosphere, and I like to look out the tall windows too as a distraction.”
Tommy Hillmer ’25

“For my usual weekly readings and writing responses, I enjoy sitting in the purple chairs overlooking the atrium. When I need to write essays, and focus for extended periods of time, I either find a more private room where I can sprawl out and think out loud or go to the third floor reading room to be in a quiet, well lit space.”
Jesse Leener ’23

“The place I feel most comfortable working is at home, but I live at the Pines and it’s not convenient to go back home between classes. I like Chalmers, but mask-wearing is hardly enforced there, and I don’t feel comfortable working there. I babysit sometimes, and I especially cannot afford to get sick if it means putting the (unvaccinated) kids I watch at risk!
So I’ve basically been in-between spaces to study on campus right now.”
Ceci Rodriguez ’22

“Honestly, I don’t have a single spot on campus where I focus more or get more work done actually, weirdly, quiet spaces are really difficult for me to work in. I tend to work better in spaces with lots of people working on things. So I usually work on New Side or at my friends’ play rehearsals.
Also the Bolton green room is an amazing space. Great couches, good light, sometimes I pop into the shop and see what they’re building and hang with Chris Ellsworth’s dog Cooper.”
Jack Cohen ’22

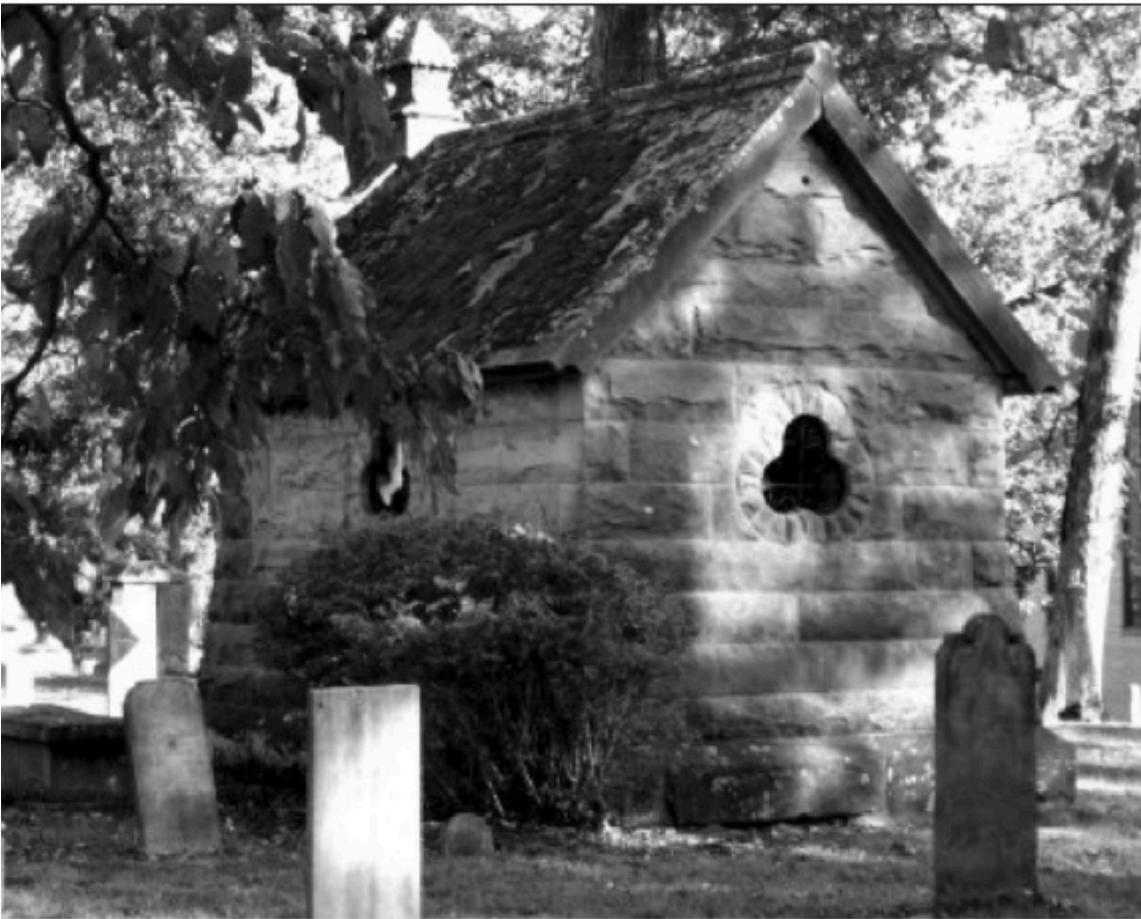
The underground history of the Kenyon College Cemetery

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Although most students on campus are preoccupied with the lives of their neighbors, a look at the local dead reveals a rich and fascinating history. The Kenyon College Cemetery is situated between Storer and Horvitz Halls, enclosed by a black iron fence. The most selective housing on campus, the cemetery is the final resting place for a prince and holds a mausoleum that was used as a distillery during Prohibition.

The College recorded the first burial in the cemetery in 1829, although little is known about the inhabitant of the first grave other than his elderly age. The cemetery expanded, and now is the resting place for many names notable to Kenyon’s history: Norton, Lewis, Caples, Timberlake, Fink, Ransom, Manning and Weaver are pictured on the various monuments, obelisks and markers throughout the cemetery.

John Crowe Ransom, founder of the *Kenyon Review*, is the cemetery’s most famed inhabitant. Despite his esteem, Ransom’s grave is a small stone marker with



Students used this crypt as a distillery during Prohibition. | COLLEGIAN ARCHIVES

neither iconography nor an epitaph. Other notable inhabitants of the Cemetery include Prince Kwaku Lebie, who came to Gambier from the Gold Coast and lived there until his death in 1865 at age 14. The first Kenyon

graduate, Alfred Blake, Class of 1829, also rests in the cemetery, as does Stephen Shepard, a victim of the 1949 Old Kenyon fire. Unlike the other nine students who perished in the fire, Shepard’s family refused to recognize the re-

mains as their son. Instead of returning to New York, his hometown, Shepard’s body remained in Gambier.

Perhaps the most central marker in the cemetery’s landscape is the Lewis crypt. Built in 1890 by the Lewis

family, the crypt is the only such structure in the cemetery and was used by students to brew alcohol during Prohibition. According to a 1949 *Kenyon Collegian* article, students “found it a neat manufactory for their assorted tonics.” John N. Lewis, a prominent railroad engineer and the first person laid to rest in the crypt, had only been dead for a few decades prior to Prohibition, and students turned his final resting place into a makeshift distillery.

Although many may wish to call Kenyon home for all eternity, space in the cemetery is limited, and admission is more selective than that of the College itself. According to a 2010 *Kenyon Collegian* article, Manager of Business Services Fred Linger noted that spaces are only eligible for members of the faculty and officers of the College with tenure, retired or active. Linger also noted, however, that the College may make exceptions if the deceased significantly impacted or brought distinction to the College through their life works. Those that wish to apply for a cemetery plot can do so through the president of the College.

CLASS CLASH

Compiled by Collegian staff

Senior Class Total:

26

Junior Class Total:

23

Sophomore Class Total:

19

First-Year Class Total:

18

	Answer	George Rukan '22	Lily Mcnerney '23	Molly Orr '24	John Kibler '25
How many floors does Caples Residence Hall have?	Nine	Nine	Eight	Nine	Eight
Palme House belongs to which academic department?	Anthropology	Religious Studies	English	Anthropology	English
What is the lifespan of a stink bug?	Six to eight months	48 hours	40 years	Two weeks	A year
True or false: Bladensburg is a town in Knox County, Ohio.	True	False	True	True	True
Weekly Scores		1	1	3	1

What's K-Poppin' and Ballroom Dance Club mesh with ease

BRYN SAVIDGE
ARTS ASSISTANT

On Saturday at 12 p.m., Kenyon dance groups What's K-Poppin' and Ballroom Dance Club joined forces to hold a winter dance showcase in the Horn Gallery.

The performances ranged from solos and duets to group routines, including a variety of songs, costumes and props. The members of What's K-Poppin' flaunted bold eye makeup and colorful K-pop-inspired outfits, and the Ballroom Dance Club's ensemble attire ranged from cowboy hats and plaid shirts to face masks with bloody smiles.

K-pop highlights included an impressive solo to NCT 127's "Simon Says" by What's K-Poppin' President Andy Kelleher '22 and an energetic and technically impressive group performance to "Love Shot" by EXO. Additionally, Ballroom's group performance to "Cowboy Casanova" by Carrie Underwood and a duet to Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now" danced by Ballroom Dance Club President Sutton Amthor '22 and Visiting Assistant Professor of History Alex Novikoff were both



What's K-Poppin' performed "Love Shot" by EXO. | COURTESY OF WHAT'S K-POPPIN

charming and lively routines.

While ballroom dancing and K-pop aren't genres typically associated with each other, the two groups have collaborated since 2019, when Ballroom invited What's K-Poppin' to perform at Dancing with the Kenyon Stars — a dance competition where Ballroom members perform with Kenyon faculty.

As in-person performances

returned this year, both groups found themselves with low membership numbers. "Due to the COVID pandemic, neither of our clubs had had robust recruitment for over a year," Amthor said. "We still wanted an opportunity to perform, though, both for our own sakes, and so that new members would have an opportunity to engage with the club outside of our regular nightly lessons."

In any case, the pairing of the two clubs led to an intriguing lineup of routines, with K-pop dances followed by swing and jive.

As Vice President of What's K-Poppin' Nika Cooper '24 noted, the audience fed off of the groups' positive energies and responded well to the mashup of styles. "Overall it really felt like every performance was fresh and

different from the one before, which I think kept our audience engaged," she said.

Despite their differences in style, it was clear that both groups shared a similar philosophy surrounding dancing: The goal was to provide a welcoming environment and prioritize learning over competition and performances. "I do think the way our clubs approach dancing is very complementary," Amthor said. "Before anything else, our goal is to have fun dancing, and to share that joy with other people."

Following the event, both Cooper and Amthor expressed their satisfaction with their group's performance. "I personally couldn't be more pleased," Cooper noted. "We filled up all our seats and got enthusiastic responses from the audience."

Amthor concurred that the show was successful, giving a special shout out to the show's emcee, Joshua Earle '24. "Our emcee did a wonderful job announcing and none of my dips ended with me getting dropped on the floor, which I consider a massive success," she said.

Andy Kelleher '22 is the chief copy editor of the Collegian.

Second annual Body Positive Fashion Show returns in style

CECILIA OSHINS
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Epsilon Delta Mu (EDM) teamed up with Kenyon's chapter of Her Campus to put on the second annual Body Positive Fashion Show. The groups set up Gund Commons Ballroom to form a U-shaped runway for models to show off the student- and alumni-designed outfits, ranging in style and material.

The groups put the show together to include anyone who wished to participate — both designers and models were able to sign up without any previous experience. The show aimed to celebrate the messages of the body positivity movement by creating a space where anyone could showcase their art or express themselves in front of a crowd. Confidence emanated from the models, which made the show worth the watch.

Lasting under 15 minutes, the event showcased 12 unique outfits that aimed to challenge the restrictive norms of the fashion industry. Each model's walk was accompanied by a song and an introduction from the emcee, which the crowd responded to with endless energy.

The show started off strong with a colorful, knit two-piece dress modeled by Jesse Leener '23 and designed by Grace Cox '23. This outfit sported intricate patterns and spring-like colors for a bold yet flattering and comfortable look. Next, Advancement and Development Fellow Jonathan Hernandez '21 took the stage, modeling a shirt and skirt he designed himself from clothing he broke down and reconstructed.

Each model that followed continued to make the runway their own. The show



Kenyon students took to the runway to celebrate body positivity. | COURTESY OF PRINCE ADABLAH

concluded with a Y2K-inspired outfit composed of frilled jeans and a matching tank top. Similarly, the majority of the outfits were streetwear with some sort of creative and colorful spin on a popular look. The show even included an outfit constructed from fast food labels stitched onto clothing, which contrasted some of the more "trendy" clothes that wouldn't look out of place on the street. Part of the fun was

seeing the different directions each designer took.

Ultimately, the event's message was that clothing should not be a form of expression only for those that the fashion and beauty industry typically represent, and, even in a short time frame, the show successfully conveyed this. The show also served as a good reminder for attendees that the body positivity movement doesn't have a specific look.

Instead, it diverges from the expectation to look any certain way at all. Each model wore an outfit that was surprising in some way, which is really what fashion should be.

All in all, this show was enjoyable and will be returning next year, so anyone who is interested in designing clothes or just being involved can and should participate.



STAFF EDITORIAL

The College ought to give its students more reading days. One weekend is not enough.

After being back on campus for only one week, finals season is upon us, and we are all feeling the stress of it. Classes end this Friday, and we head straight into finals week right afterwards, with only two “reading days” — just the weekend — to prepare. As we approach the end of this semester, we find it deeply upsetting that we are given such a limited period of time to work on and prepare for our finals without the stress of attending class and daily assignments looming over us. We call on the College to re-evaluate the length of the reading period for the semesters to come.

For both the 2018-19 and 2019-20 academic years, students had three reading days before heading into the stressful finals week. Even those three days did not feel like a lot of time — to take away another day feels incredibly unfair, and minimizes all of the work we do on this campus. Additionally, the fact that our reading days take place on Saturday and Sunday mean that students aren’t even receiving extra time for studying or writing papers.

President Sean Decatur told the *Collegian* it is time for the College to reassess the length of the reading period, as it has not been reviewed since 2007, when Student Council and Campus Senate reevaluated its necessity. At that time, some professors raised concerns that students were resting more than appropriate rather than using the time effectively. Such a complaint perpetuates the notion that success is rooted in relentless productivity — but the fact is that appropriate rest and self care are necessary for success. Regardless of how students spend their reading days, one weekend is not a sufficient amount of time to allow students to take a breather and produce quality work after an already stressful semester.

For comparison, we looked into the academic calendars for other institutions around the country, many of which allot more time for reading days than Kenyon. While our peer institutions have similar schedules, we noted that students at Swarthmore will receive four reading days this semester, while those at Amherst are given five. And that’s only a small change from our two days: Students at select Ivy League schools often receive a full week (or more!) for their reading period, as seen at Yale and Princeton. Kenyon likes to compare its rigorous academics to these schools, so shouldn’t we, too, receive some of these benefits?

While we know we and our fellow classmates are capable of completing the semester, the short reading period significantly contributes to the added stresses of finals season. Beyond finals having long-term impacts on our academic standing, Kenyon students truly care about the topics of their coursework and the quality of their final assignments. A two-day weekend as reading days simply does not give us the chance to succeed at our highest level.

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WEEKLY COLUMN

Weather manipulation is not a long-term climate change solution

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COLUMNIST

On Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, *The Guardian* published an article detailing recent research findings on cloud-seeding technology. More specifically, the research looked at the cloud-seeding technology used at Tiananmen Square this summer, where tens and thousands of people gathered to commemorate the centenary of China’s Communist party.

Cloud seeding is a weather modification technique that usually relies on silver iodide as an agent to rapidly form ice crystals, resulting in the production of artificial raindrops. I was shocked to learn that the world we currently live in has the type of technology capable of manipulating the weather like this. And I’m not sure I’m super stoked about the idea — it seems like we’ve given up on striving for long-term solutions and are instead taking a massive shortcut in our fight for climate change.

Surprisingly enough, according to *The Hill*, scientists believe that cloud seeding could actually increase precipitation and alleviate the effects of climate change. The large-scale operation that China launched to bring rainfall over the suburbs of Beijing reduced air pollutants by more than two-thirds and shifted the air quality index from moderate to good! But although all of this makes cloud seeding seem promising, the idea of manipulating the weather feels extremely wrong to me because of its artificiality — it’s as if we’re hacking nature and not productively addressing the ways in which we are actively destroying the environment.

I definitely don’t want to reprimand scientists’ efforts in temporarily mitigating heat waves and droughts with technology as advanced as cloud seeding; it’s quite impressive that we’re able to do this. Instead, I want to emphasize how, rather than looking into short-term solutions to alleviate global warming, we should continue to strive for long-term solutions instead. To me, if anything, cloud seeding shows the lengths we have resorted to in order to amend the damage we’ve made, but that we’ve given up on looking at the long term solutions and instead are looking for ways to hack the natural system we live in.

On one hand, I think weather manipulation technology like cloud seeding would be extremely beneficial for its temporary prospects in aiding agriculture. If we can produce rain in areas that lack the necessary precipitation for proper harvest, we would be able to save tons of people from a whole lot of inconvenience, and allow for a more fruitful agricultural economy. But it makes me wonder: If we’re able to implement this technology to reduce heat for celebrations like the one China held over summer, why wasn’t this same technology implemented when the Amazon forest fires were taking place?

A huge problem with the world we live in today is that most of us are, quite frankly, selfish and impatient. This complicates the issue of climate change because fighting it requires people living today to do things for the benefit of our future generations. And what have future generations ever done for us?

Laurence Kotlikoff, an economist at Boston University, argues that appealing to our future generations when designing climate change policies will always fail. What’s needed is a solution that benefits people alive today as much as it benefits our grandchildren. He argues that nations should start enacting high carbon taxes, but offset them by cutting other kinds of income, sales and property taxes. And the offsetting tax cuts should be so large that they increase budget deficits, saddling future generations with debts that will have to be repaid. Everyone loves low taxes, so that’ll definitely appeal to those living today.

While it’s true that future generations will have those debts to pay off, Kotlikoff contends that steps taken today to fight climate change will have massive payoffs for future generations too. They’ll be better off than they would be from the way we’re handling the global warming crisis now — by hacking nature through implementing short term solutions like cloud seeding.

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Letter to the editor: Are the College's investments worth it?

If someone told you in the late 1990s, during the era of President Robert Allen Oden Jr, that Kenyon would embark on an infrastructure investment close to \$1 billion, you would probably have said they were joking or delusional.

Kenyon's current endowment is over \$550 million. For historical perspective, Kenyon's endowment in 1998 was only \$93.4 million and it was paying interest on only \$19 million of borrowed money.

However, Kenyon will have invested a near-billion dollars if it continues to pay the annual interest on all the money it has borrowed via bonds issued since 1998 — used to help pay for all the new buildings and the renovation of existing ones.

The total investment figure (circa \$943 million) assumes that Kenyon will not construct any more new buildings beyond the new dorms that Graham Gund '63 H'81 has proposed

to flank Old Kenyon, and also that it will not borrow more money on top of the \$266 million it still owes lenders. These two assumptions are arguably implausible.

In any case, here are the figures based in part on my ability to extract from the annual financial audits for the period of 1999-2021 — the figures for the amount of interest Kenyon paid each year on the money it had borrowed from 1999 to the present. The College did not issue any new bonds this past year.

The figure for the total interest paid for debt servicing for the period 1999-2021 inclusive is \$152,680,256 through to June 30, 2021.

The actual cost of new construction and renovation of old buildings — excluding the ongoing West Quad project — was circa \$225 million. Reportedly, the original estimated price tag for the West Quad project, in-

cluding the new buildings in downtown Gambier, was \$170 million — with \$17 million of that money designated just for the new buildings in the center of Gambier.

Given the mammoth scale of the West Quad project, it is improbable that it can be completed for a mere \$153 million. \$200 million plus seems a more likely total than the \$170 million estimate for a three-year West Quad project that is now going to take four years to complete.

\$225 million plus \$200 million plus \$152 million already paid for interest on the borrowed money comes to an investment of \$577 million at the present time.

Moving forward, Kenyon has to pay almost \$64 million more in interest on the debt just for 2020-2026 inclusive. During this time, Gund's proposal for new dorms will cost at least \$100 million, since that is the

figure of the anonymous gift, which was likely given by Gund himself.

\$577 million plus \$64 million and \$100 million comes to a \$741 million investment in the enhanced campus by 2026.

Assuming no more new construction and no more new borrowing, the balance of interest owed on the current outstanding debt of \$266 million will total another \$203 million based on the schedule for the outstanding bonds that mature in the 2038-2044 period.

Ergo, \$741 million plus \$203 million comes to \$944 million of invested money from the College's own financial assets, which includes major gifts tied to new construction and borrowed money, as well as the interest paid and still owed on that debt.

This is to say nothing more about the increased overhead associated with an greatly expanded campus.

Few of the new Gund-inspired and designed buildings generate new revenue. They can easily (if they have not already) become what someone has called "the gifts that keep on taking," unless each new building has its own separate endowment so as to not burden the annual budget.

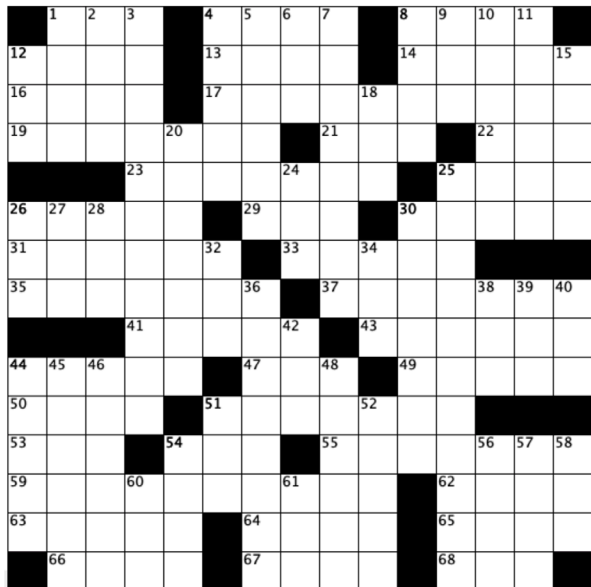
Such specific endowments are lacking, it seems, for many, if not almost all, of Kenyon's new buildings. The Gund Gallery seems to be one exception.

But another, more optimistic, old saying is: "Build It and They Will Come."

Let us hope this proves true, given the big roll of the dice in the face of the forthcoming Admissions Apocalypse — the severe demographic contraction of the pool of high school seniors, which will begin in 2026 and persist to at least 2040.

Peter Dickson
Class of 1969

ETHAN BONNELL CROSSWORD EDITOR



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SPORTS

Lords and Ladies earn decisive wins, break College records

CALEB NEWMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Swimming

The Lords and Ladies swimming and diving teams dominated the Total Performance Invitational held in Gambier from Thursday, Nov. 18 to Saturday, Nov. 20. This was one of the first big meets of the season for both teams, and the Lords and Ladies rose to the occasion, securing multiple NCAA 'B' cut times for the NCAA Championships at the end of the season.

Beyond the team's impressive performance, the meet served as a wonderful introduction to competitive collegiate meets for younger swimmers. "Getting our new guys the experience of a 'championship feel' while still having the comfort of being on campus was a great way to end the first half of the season," freestyle and butterfly swimmer David Fitch '22 said. Additionally, for the multiple swimmers who took a gap year due to the pandemic, this was their first major meet in a long time.

"There was so much anticipation and excitement leading up to the meet," said individual medley (IM), backstroke and freestyle swimmer Crile Hart '22. "The energy was amazing going into the first session and it carried through to the very last."

The Lords started day one off strong, ending the day with 753 points, which was nearly double that of second-place West Chester University (Pa.), a Division II institution. The 500-yard freestyle and the 50-yard freestyle were strong events for the Lords as they took the top three places in each race. The Lords also placed first in the 200-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle relay and 400-yard medley relay.

On day two, the Lords extended their lead over the competition. At the end of the day, Kenyon built nearly a 900 point lead over the closest competitors Carnegie Mellon University (Pa.). The Lords took first and second place in the 200-yard medley relay and the 800-yard relay, respectively. Following the relays, the Lords won both the 400-yard and 200-yard freestyle, along with the 100-yard backstroke. Fitch continued to dominate after winning one individual event and two relays on day one, breaking the NCAA Division III record in the 100-yard butterfly. Fitch improved on his own record from the NCAA Championships in 2019.

The Lords continued to thrive in the pool on day three, winning the 1,650-yard freestyle, 400-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle, and the 200-yard butterfly. After Yurrii Kosian '23 won two relays earlier in the meet and broke the pool record in the 100-yard back-

stroke on day two, he won the 200-yard backstroke. His time of 1:44:44 leads Division III by nearly four seconds, qualifying him for the NCAA Championship meet in March. The Lords won the 400-yard freestyle relay to wrap up the meet. At the end of the three-day meet, Kenyon was first with 3,048 points.

The Ladies started off day one with a first-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay, swimming the fastest time in Division III this year. The Ladies also placed first in the 400-yard freestyle relay. In addition to swimming in the relays, Hart placed first in the 200-yard individual medley, swimming the best time in Division III this season in that race. The Ladies were unable to secure first in the other two events of the evening as they took third in the 500-yard freestyle and second in the 50-yard freestyle. The Ladies finished day one in first place, with West Chester University trailing in second by over 200 points.

On day two, the Ladies were able to secure first-place finishes in the 400-yard individual medley, 100-yard breaststroke and

100-yard backstroke. The Ladies were on the leaderboard elsewhere as well, finishing in second and third place in multiple other individual and team relay events. Due to the depth of the team, Kenyon was able to extend their lead, finishing the day with a 700+ point lead over West Chester.

Hart and Gabrielle Wei '25 were the only individual winners on day three. However, the Ladies racked up points by consistently finishing at the front of the pack. Hart won the 200-yard backstroke by swimming the fastest time in Division III this year before competing in the 400-yard freestyle relay, which also recorded the fastest time in Division III this season. Wei competed in the 200-yard breaststroke, where she not only swam the fastest time in Division III, but also broke the Kenyon record for the event with a time of 2:13.27. The Ladies finished the meet with 1,922 points. West Chester placed second with 1,546.5 points.

Both of Kenyon's swimming teams will take a break from meets for finals and the holidays before traveling to Flori-

da for their winter break trip in early January. With the break approaching, Fitch cautions the team against slowing down. "While the season feels long, in reality, it is very short and will go by very quickly," Fitch said. "[The team's] improvement comes from keeping that foot on the gas, not getting comfortable, and keeping the pressure on high."

Hart echoed a similar sentiment. "This energy and excitement will keep on building throughout the rest of the season!" she wrote in an email to the *Collegian*. The Lords and Ladies have their next home meet on Friday, Jan. 14 against Ashland University.

Diving

The Ladies diving team also competed in Gambier at the Total Performance Invitational, where Katarina Ilic '24 placed sixth in the 1-meter dive and Claire Fergusson '24 finished fifth in the 3-meter dive.

The men's diving team continued their busy schedule by competing in the Total Performance Invitational after being at The Ohio State University earlier

in the day. The Lords scored well in the Total Performance Invitational. Zavaleta started off the meet by placing first in the 3-meter diving event. Fishell won the 1-meter dive to qualify for the NCAA Regional Championships in February. Zavaleta already qualified. Kenyon now has the top two 1-meter divers in Division III.

On Friday, Dec. 3, part of the Lords diving team traveled to Grand Rapids, Mich. to compete in the Calvin University Winter Invitational. Despite the team not being scored, Kenyon's individual divers fared quite well. Zavaleta was the standout of the meet, both breaking Calvin University's pool record and further extending his own Kenyon record on the 3-meter diving board.

Reflecting on his performance, Zavaleta is proud of his work, but knows there is room for improvement. "I am ready to keep working and achieve more," he said. Like the swimming teams, the Lords and Ladies diving teams will take a break for finals and the holidays before traveling to Florida for their winter break trip in early January.



KENYON ATHLETICS



Zavaleta won the 1-meter dive, qualifying for the NCAA Regional Championships. | SEJIN KIM/KENYONSID/NCAA

Rosenbury resigns after three years as Lords' head coach

CALEB NEWMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

On Friday at 5 p.m., James Rosenbury announced that he would no longer be the head coach for Kenyon's football team. When Rosenbury took over as head coach of Kenyon's football team in April of 2019, the Lords were on a 26-game losing streak. After two seasons of 3-7 records, over three academic years, the Lords will once again be

looking for a new head coach. Defensive coordinator Ian Good has been named as the interim head coach.

During Rosenbury's stint at Kenyon, he coached four players who received All-NCAC honors. Off the field, he mentored two student-athletes who were named National Football Foundation (NFF) Scholar-Athletes and eight who were named to the NFF Hampshire Honor Society. The NCAC also named 15

Lords to their honor roll during Rosenbury's tenure.

On the field, the players put in hard work to improve their record in NCAC to 3-6 in 2021. The Lords finished the season in seventh place, their best finish since 2013. "I am so proud of the work that our program has accomplished," Rosenbury said. "In three short years we have changed the culture of Kenyon football in more ways than just winning."

Under Rosenbury, the Lords built one of their largest rosters, while also having the highest GPA in the football program's history. In reflecting on his experience, Rosenbury said that he felt as though the team is in a better place compared to when he first took the reins. Jill McCartney, Kenyon's director of athletics, fitness and recreation, thanked Rosenbury for changing the culture of the program.

"We are grateful for James' leadership in resetting the course of the Kenyon football program and we are proud of what the team has been able to achieve these past three years," McCartney said.

Good will serve his second stint as interim head coach as he served in the position prior to the hiring of Rosenbury. No other information has been released to the Kenyon community about the process to find a new head coach.

Lords win first game of the season, Ladies beat Allegheny

KATIE SPARVERO
STAFF WRITER

Lords

The Lords basketball team earned their first win of the season against Grove City College (Pa.), 64-62, on Tuesday after they fell to Allegheny College (Pa.) 84-80 on Saturday. The win improved their record to 1-7 on the year.

After the Allegheny Gators opened the game with a 10-4 run, the Lords were able to keep the game close. The two teams exchanged baskets the rest of the first half. Kenyon briefly took the lead off of a 3-pointer from Anthony Testa '24, before ending the half tied with Allegheny at 38. As the two teams traded scores, the Gators took the lead for the first three and a half minutes of the second half. A 3-pointer from Juan Sergio Matabuena '25, who led the team in scoring with 16 points, tied the game at 52. The two teams battled for the lead for the remainder of the second half, but Allegheny ended up on top as the game clock hit zero in the fourth. The Gators' Brian Roberts proved an insurmountable challenge for the Lords, finishing with 43 points and going 17-of-19 from the free throw line.

Matabuena emphasized the importance of a short memory heading into Tuesday's game against the Grove City

Wolverines. "Basketball is a next-possession game," he said. "We know that we are in the fight for every game." The Lords certainly showed that fight against the Wolverines, who took an early lead in the first half, but the Lords never allowed the game to get out of reach. Kenyon went into halftime down 32-29, but they knew they were in a good position to come back and secure the victory.

With almost 14 minutes left in the second half, the Lords got their first lead of the game, going up 42-39. The Wolverines responded quickly, tying the game with a 3-pointer. The rest of the half was tightly contested, with Grove City even stretching their lead to nine points at one moment, but the Lords followed the advice their coach Dan Priest gave them: "It's not about how you do something wrong, it's about how you react to it." With two-and-a-half minutes left in the game, the Lords took a 62-60 lead, before Grove City tied it with 25 seconds left to play. It was Miles Versa's '25 two free throws with five seconds on the clock that gave the Lords their first win of the season, a victory well appreciated by their home crowd of 225 fans.

The Lords will look to earn their first conference win on Thursday when they travel to Oberlin College to face the Yeomen.



Grace Connery '22 hit three key 3-pointers down the stretch in the Ladies' win. | SEJIN KIM/KENYONSID/NCAA

Ladies

Looking to rebound from a tough loss to Wittenberg University, the Ladies were able to earn a convincing win against Allegheny College, beating the Gators 81-67 on Saturday to improve to 3-6.

It was the Gators who struck first, going up 5-0 to start the game, but the Ladies were able to respond quickly. Their 15 unanswered points secured a lead that they would not relinquish for the rest of the game. The Gator redoubled their defensive efforts, forcing six turnovers, but the Ladies were able to hold strong as they ended the first quarter with an eight point lead. Katie Orefice '23, who led the team in scoring with 23 points, attributed this success to a strong effort on both sides of the ball. "We were able to maintain focus on each individual play," she said.

Going into the second half, the game remained tight, with the Ladies up 34-27. There was a two minute stretch in which both teams

were held scoreless, after which the Gators closed the gap to 38-34. The Ladies then took command of the game. An Orefice layup pushed the Ladies' lead to 11 with three minutes left in the quarter. However, thanks to a 14-2 run to end the third quarter, the Gators were within one at the end of the third quarter. Despite the run, the Ladies had saved their best for last, scoring a season-high 30 points in the fourth quarter. Grace Connery '22 hit three 3-pointers during a 12-2 run, helping to seal the win for Kenyon.

The Ladies will next play Saturday at home against Denison University. Looking to build on their recent success, Orefice said the team will look to maintain the strong defense they brought against the Gators. "I think one thing to focus on for Saturday's game is this same aggressiveness on defense which can lead to more offensive opportunities," she wrote in an email to the *Collegian*.



Juan Sergio Matabuena '25 led Kenyon with 16 points in their victory over Grove City College. | SEJIN KIM/KENYONSID/NCAA

Orth '24 breaks record in weight throw, Ladies win 800 relay

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On Saturday, Dec. 4, the Lords and Ladies track and field teams began the season at the Wittenberg University Tiger Opener in Springfield, Ohio. Despite it being the first track season for many underclass students because of COVID-19, there were several event victories, and a school record was broken. The Lords finished in 9th place, while the Ladies finished in 8th.

Riley Orth '24 had Kenyon's best individual finish in field events, placing second in shot put with a throw of 46 feet, 2 ½ inches. Orth also secured a 10th-place finish in the weight throw with a measurement of 43 feet, 3 ¼ inches. With this throw, though, he beat an eight-year school record of 42 feet, 8 ¾ inches, originally set by Lucas Herweyer '15 in February 2013. "I was feeling nervous," Orth said about the throw. "I felt pretty sick going into it, and was happy that I performed as well as I did."

This was Orth's first meet after missing two years of competition due to COVID-19. "Walking away with a record broken felt almost surreal considering it's been so long since I competed," he said. Dylan Brintwood '25 also competed in the event, placing 12th and landing a weight throw measurement at 41 feet, 5 inches.

On the track, the biggest wins came from the 800-meter relay team, consisting of Emmanuel Makelele '25, Hans Schwarz '22, Charles Atkins '25 and Tapiwa Gono Phiri '25, finishing the event in first with a time of 1:39.69. Ian Law '25 finished the 800-meter run with a time of 2:05.71, ending in seventh place. Collin Witt '24 secured a 15th-place individual finish in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.67 seconds and a 22nd-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.54 seconds. Jonathan Turner '24 finished in 18th place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 53.64 and Phiri took 10th in the 200-meter with a time of 23.15.



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Hans Schwarz '22, top, Riley Orth '24, bottom | TATI GROSS

Samuel Rabieh '25 finished 10th in the 3,000-meter run, clocking in at 9:46.15.

The Ladies finished first in the 800-meter relay in 1:58:51, with their team consisting of Cate Robertson '22, Denna Medrano

'25, Madelyn Son '25 and Sofia Rehrig '25.

Grace Neuger '24 ran in the finals for the 60-meter hurdles, finishing the race in 9.79 seconds, which was good enough for sixth place. Logan Vidal '25 finished

second in 2:28.58 for the 800-meter run, while Caroline Tanner '25 finished fifth at 2:35.76. Ellianne Retzlaff '25 finished ninth in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 12:26.58. For the field events, Paula Soric '24, finished

second in the triple jump at 10.85 meters.

The Lords finished in ninth, while the Ladies placed eighth. After winter break, the Lords and Ladies will return to compete on Jan. 15 in Wooster, Ohio.

The stories behind the naming of Kenyon's frisbee teams

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The frisbee teams have been the talk of campus this semester: After securing a spot in nationals, which will take place in California on Dec. 17, both Blu-Ray and SERF raised over \$23,000 to send their players across the country. Student Council granted the teams over \$10,000 to aid in the process. The origin of the names of both ultimate frisbee teams have interesting backstories.

Both of Kenyon's ultimate frisbee

teams, Blu-Ray and SERF, diverge from Kenyon's classic team names, the Lords and Ladies, and instead feature their own creative monikers. This practice is not uncommon among other ultimate frisbee teams. Kenyon's rival Oberlin College has a men's team that goes by the Flying Horsecows, and their women's team goes by the Preying Manti. Such creative titles must come with proper origin stories, and Kenyon's team names are no exception.

Blu-Ray has gone through multiple name changes since its founding in 2009, when SERF, which was a co-ed team for

30 years, split into two teams. Originally, Blu-Ray was known as the Frisbeets, which transformed into Ransom, named after John Crow Ransom. Only this year, the team changed the team name to Blu-Ray. Team captain Janie Keenan '22, who played a significant role in changing the name, said the change was due to the discovery of racist statements in John Crowe Ransom's manifesto *I'll Take My Stand*. "We collectively decided that's not who we wanted representing our team and chose to change our name," Keenan explained. The name Blu-Ray, which is in reference

to the popular disc player, was introduced by Brynn Devine '22 and the team chose it after a vote.

SERF's name has been the same since its founding in 1977 by Perry Degener '79. The name's origin is a simpler story as it is just a play on the Lords and Ladies moniker, with serfs being the laborers who worked at a lord and lady's estate.

Kenyon's ultimate frisbee teams will both be sporting their jerseys equipped with these creative names as they travel to California on Dec. 17 to compete in the Division III College National Tournament.