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## CAs and ATs go on indefinite Unfair Labor Practice strike



Seventeen CAs began their work stoppage on Monday and a majority of ATs joined Wednesday. | COURTESY OF SALLY SMITH

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NEWS EDITOR

On Monday, 17 Community Advisors (CAs) began an indefinite Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) strike. As of Wednesday, that slim majority rose to 54%, bringing the total number of CAs on strike to 18. On the same day, 56% of Apprentice Teachers (ATs) joined the CAs in their strike efforts.

The strike follows stalled discussions between the College and the CAs over Kenyon's late-January decision to switch the pay system for the CA position from hourly pay to a yearly \$10,000 stipend, and is the latest escalation in K-SWOC's two-year campaign to gain union recognition.

This most recent work stoppage is the second K-SWOC strike in recent weeks, following a one-day strike of over 200 students on March 3, the largest undergraduate worker strike in history, held to support the Kenyon farmers after the College's decision to end the Farm's signature residential program. On Tuesday, the Kenyon farmers sent an all-student email to the Kenyon community announcing their support for the CAs.

On April 11, K-SWOC issued a press release announcing the strike, saying that the

CAs were protesting alleged retaliatory changes to the CA position made by the College earlier this year. On Sunday, just hours before the strike began, the CAs filed a ULP Charge with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Region 08.

In Monday's press release, K-SWOC and the CAs alleged that the switch from an hourly pay structure to a yearly stipend constituted retaliation against student workers for continued organizing. "Under these changes, the minimum wage and overtime regulations will no longer apply to CAs, nor will rights and protections related to collective organizing, including the right to unionize, under the NLRA [National Labor Relations Act]," K-SWOC wrote in its statement.

By ending the hourly wage system, CAs would no longer be considered statutory employees under the NLRA and would also no longer receive Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) protections, such as a guaranteed mandatory minimum wage, Title IX status or the right to organize.

Vice President for Student Affairs Celestino Limas disputed these allegations of retaliation. "As we have explained on many occasions, we did not make the change

for this reason," he wrote in an email to the *Collegian*. In a statement released on Wednesday, Kenyon said that the stipend model of payment was the standard for resident advisors across the country. Limas also noted that until 2015, the stipend model was practiced at Kenyon.

Limas also wrote that the College decided to switch the pay system as a way of enhancing the CA position. "CAs will receive a pay increase in moving from an hourly wage to a stipend," the College's statement read.

However, the CAs themselves do not see the change as an enhancement. April Murphy '22, a CA, sent an all-student email on Monday in which she claimed the shift was implemented in order to change the legal status of the CAs under federal labor law, and that it was an open attack on labor rights.

"In February, after some of us asked the administration to clarify why it was changing our payment model from a wage system to a flat stipend, we were told by representatives of the college, including Vice President Limas, that they do not view CAs as employees under 'applicable labor laws,'" she wrote in her email. "Specifically, we have been told we are not em-

ployees under the Fair Labor Standards Act, which protects employees from being paid below minimum wage and forced to work unusually long hours without overtime pay."

Along with the CAs, the ATs believe that the College is engaging in unfair labor practices. A majority of the ATs have joined the strike. According to a K-SWOC tweet and statement posted on Wednesday, the ATs are striking both in support of the CAs' ULP strike, and to ensure the College's continued investment in the Kenyon Language Program and the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (MLL). "Kenyon owes it to TAs, their professors, and students to recognize the value of these programs and negotiate on equal terms with those who have a direct stake in their continued quality," another tweet read.

Emmie Mirus '22, a Spanish AT, joined the strike as a way to call for higher levels of compensation for ATs work. "The TAs are joining the CAs in striking for several reasons," she wrote in an email to the *Collegian*. "The first of these is that TAs, who are currently paid Tier II wages (\$10.60/hour) deserve to be compensated at a rate that better reflects their skills and

integral role in Kenyon's language program — we deserve at least Tier III wages (\$11.94/hour), although the tier model can and should be scrapped for a more fair system altogether."

Additionally, Mirus explained that ATs are striking to protest the MLL department's requirement that all aspiring ATs take the Second Language Acquisition and Teaching (MLL 100) course in order to qualify for the position, and for stronger job security.

K-SWOC member Zoë Packel '22 said that the ATs are also protesting the College's continued refusal to voluntarily recognize K-SWOC or enter into a stipulated election agreement with the aspiring union. She also said that the best way for the College to rectify the ULP would be to enter into an election agreement.

"Essentially, what Kenyon needs to do is to demonstrate that they don't intend to infringe on CAs rights in this way. And again, there's a really easy way for them to do that," Packel said.

K-SWOC will hold a rally this Friday at 4 p.m. on the steps of Rosse Hall in support of the striking workers.



# Campus-wide power outage leaves Gambier in the dark

ADAM MARGOLIS  
NEWS EDITOR

Around 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, a power outage struck campus and the greater Mount Vernon community, interrupting various seminars, studying sessions and extracurricular activities. It remains unclear why this outage occurred, but according to the Office of Campus Safety, some maintenance workers have speculated that a transformer burst.

The outage on Tuesday night was the first major, campus-wide blackout this academic year, and the first since the four-hour-long outage in November 2021. However, Kenyon is no stranger to power outages: During the 2018-19 academic year, there were three, including two back-to-back outages in the days leading up to Thanksgiving break. The third took place in February 2019 after a severe thunderstorm.

Students quickly flocked to the few locations on campus with backup generators, such as Chalmers Library, the Gund Gallery and the Bookstore, where seats and power outlets were soon in short supply. The two main reading rooms in the library were full, and many of the tables in the atrium of Peirce Dining Hall were at capacity. Some students even traveled to Mount Vernon, though many of the stores lining Coshocton Avenue had also lost power. Both the Village Market and Cromwell Cottage retained power.

At 8:07 p.m., Kenyon students received email and text alerts confirming the outage. The alert said that American Electric Power (AEP) had been contacted to respond to the outage and warned students that power would likely not be restored until 11 p.m.

H. Abbie Earler, associate professor of political science, was in the middle of teaching her Race in Public Policy (PSCI 491.01) seminar when the power went out. "I was impressed with the flexibility and good humor of students in the class who took it all in stride and were eager to find us another space to finish up seminar," she said. "I don't think anyone even suggested that we cancel the rest of seminar." Her class relocated to an upper-level classroom in Chalmers Library, where she continued to teach.

Audrey Muller '22 was in that seminar. Although she acknowledged that the transition from a traditional seminar room to the crowded Chalmers Library was a bit awkward, she was happy the seminar could continue. "I'm glad we were able to push on, but it was definitely weird, especially once we ended up in a library classroom and we're talking about the political effects of the carceral state while there are other people studying for chem in the front of the room," she wrote in a message to the *Collegian*.

Not everyone was so lucky. Sally Smith '23, who was in the middle of a history seminar when the lights went out, had her class cut short and had to migrate to the Wendy's in Mount Vernon to complete her work. "The unexpected power outage was incredibly stressful for my classmates, coworkers, and myself," she wrote to the *Collegian*.

Despite the alert's notice that power would not return until 11 p.m., the outage lasted just under two hours, and power was restored across campus at 9:15 p.m.



*Collegian* staff worked without power on Tuesday evening. | ANDY KELLEHER



Students play frisbee in the dark on the First-Year Quad. | COURTESY OF MICKEY ADAMS

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# BFEC receives sustainability award from Knox County

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The Brown Family Environmental Center (BFEC) recently received the Environmental Sustainability Award from the Knox County Chamber of Commerce, its first time being presented with this honor. This award — commemorated with a trophy — acknowledges the BFEC's successful conservation and protection of the natural landscape, and the beauty of the sights the center has to offer.

Each year, the Knox County Chamber of Commerce nominates and selects the Knox County business or organization they believe has most contributed to introducing, implementing and promoting sustainable practices. Recent recipients of this award have been Fredericktown Local Schools and Replex Plastics.

The last time the Brown Family Environmental Center received an award from the Knox County Chamber of Commerce was in 1998, when it accepted the Heart Award,

which honors local individuals, businesses or organizations that restore or enhance the county's architectural heritage.

Spanning over 600 acres of conserved land, the BFEC offers a number of different opportunities for all members of the Knox County community to explore the natural landscape. Eleven miles of trails are open to the public, and the center regularly hosts a number of free events and workshops, such as wildflower walks and outdoor yoga classes. Special upcoming events include an Earth Day festival and a book discussion and signing by Bartow Elmore, author of *Monsanto's Past and Our Food Future*.

The Brown Family Environmental Center also plays an integral role in providing educational and community-building experiences at Kenyon. Students visit the center each semester to engage more intimately with class material and to pursue research projects. While students enrolled in biology and ecology courses

are the most frequent visitors, professors from a variety of disciplines, including anthropology, drawing and English, incorporated the BFEC in their lesson plans this past fall. Many departments at the College often partner with the BFEC to plan community events, such as the upcoming Where the Wild Things Run 5k trail run, hosted by the BFEC and Kenyon's Department of Athletics. "While it's not overtly sustainability, it leads to potential sustainability practices for the people who participate," said Noelle Jordan, manager of the BFEC.

Jordan notes that one of the BFEC's most significant contributions to Knox County as a whole is its elementary school field trips. Designed to help teachers meet some of the state's science standards, these programs introduce students to state-required course material in an environment that is immersive and hands-on. The BFEC offers one program for each grade every semester, and teachers can choose when to

bring their students to the center to participate.

"We're facilitating experiences that allow children to start to develop a relationship with the natural world and giving them a sense of place, teaching them about the plants and the animals and the ecosystems that might be in their backyard," said Jordan. One of the most popular programs is the Habitat Hop, which allows kindergarten, first-grade and second-grade students to explore four different habitats to learn about each of their plants, animals and ecosystems. Programs for older students include the opportunity to learn about soil and composting, as well as lessons about the importance of local watersheds, where students can conduct chemical and biological testing of streams to determine how healthy the water is.

These field trips are fully funded by the BFEC, which has led to a sizable increase in outreach. While teachers and students previously had to pay for transportation to the BFEC

and each student was asked to pay a \$2 fee, donations contributed by a number of Kenyon alumni and Knox County residents have enabled the center to reimburse teachers and students for the cost of transportation and allow free participation in these programs as recently as 2019.

While the BFEC was originally serving around 800 to 1000 elementary school students each year, those numbers are now closer to 1300 students a year, according to Jordan, largely in part to the removal of these financial barriers. It was primarily these efforts that led to Knox County Chamber of Commerce's decision to grant the BFEC this award.

Jordan hopes that the BFEC being this year's recipient of the Environmental Sustainability Award will help promote the organization's sustainability and conservation efforts. "We're busy doing the work that we're supposed to be doing," Jordan said. "Having this award just helps to demonstrate that to everyone who cares about the BFEC."

# College to pay fall Orientation Leaders \$500 stipend

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On April 8, Director of the First-Year Experience Don Miller announced in an all-student email that applications for the orientation leader (OL) position are open. For the first time, OLs, who have historically volunteered for the position, will now receive a \$500 stipend for their work.

Since its inception in 2017, the OL program has never paid leaders. This issue was increasingly raised this past fall, as orientation was characterized by disorganization and unclear expectations with the first COVID-19 outbreak of the year developing on campus. Particularly frustrating for this year's OLs was that, despite the high expectations and long hours, they were not compensated for their work.

Miller said pay for OLs has been something he has been working on since he arrived at Kenyon early in

2021, hoping to bring Kenyon in line with its peer institutions. According to Miller, the decision to pay OLs came earlier this year, after students who served in the role this past fall expressed that they felt the position was too much work not to receive compensation.

"I'm excited that we listened to our students who said 'We think there's some merit, with these responsibilities, [to] being compensated,'" Miller said. "I'm excited we listened to our students and are able to make that happen."

Adam Bell '22, who worked as an OL this past fall, said he's glad that next year's OLs will be compensated. "It shows that our work is valued at Kenyon and may encourage better use of our time as student leaders," he wrote in a message to the *Collegian*.

Students are able to apply for two OL positions: one in the summer and one in the fall. Miller said the sum-

mer role, which is an extension of last year's campus connector program, is an important step to formalize early outreach to incoming students. Miller elaborated that this role is separate from the fall OL role in order to allow more students to work as OLs. Currently, some students — including fall athletes and Community Advisors — are unable to work as OLs due to scheduling conflicts.

"This opens up opportunities for students who might want to be an orientation leader but because of their other responsibilities can't during the fall," Miller said. Students can apply for one or both positions on the same application.

Unlike fall OLs, OLs working over the summer will be paid an hourly wage at Grade Level II (\$10.60/hr). According to Miller, this is to maintain the compensation method of the campus connectors, while the fall OL position is more suited to a stipend.

"It's a different opportunity than a straight hourly position," he said.

The job posting also mentioned that fall OLs will receive additional compensation for training. Miller said this will likely come in the form of an hourly wage at the same Level II rate as summer OLs. "We do not have the exact number of hours we'll be doing training yet, so that's one of the reasons it was not in the position description."

Jenny Jantzen '23, who has served as an OL for the past two years, said that, despite the pay, she still has some concerns, including the lack of clarity about how OLs would be compensated for training hours and specific hourly expectations during orientation.

"I'm not entirely satisfied with the stipend," Jantzen said. "It's a much larger commitment than people seem to think it is. I remember it being a lot of work."

Jantzen said she will not be reapplying to work as an OL in the fall. "I just did not have a pleasant experience," she said. She recommended that those interested in the OL position talk to upperclass students who have served in the role in the past to get an accurate picture of its responsibilities.

The OL application is live on Handshake. As of Wednesday afternoon, Miller's office has already received 23 applications.

Finally, Miller said he and the Office of the First-Year Experience are working to improve the orientation experience for transfer students. Miller said he will be conducting focus groups of transfer students in the coming months to discuss how transfer orientation could be improved.

# Gallagher, Asuquo square off in Student Council race

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NEWS ASSISTANT

On April 11, the Office of Student Engagement emailed all students the ballot for this year's Student Council elections. Voting will close on Sunday, April 17 at 11:59 p.m.

This year, of the 11 elections students can vote in, six have more than one candidate running, including vice president for business and finance, senior and sophomore class presidents and chairpersons for Buildings, Grounds and Sustainability and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committees. Most notably, Delaney Gallagher '23 and Ubongabasi Asuquo '23 are running for Student Council president, both of whom have been active in promoting their campaigns to the broader student body.

The primary role of Student Council president is to oversee Council meetings, enforce Council bylaws and act as a liaison between student government and senior staff,

such as President Sean Decatur and Vice President for Student Affairs Celestino Limas. Asuquo is currently serving as Vice President for Student Affairs, and Gallagher is serving as student co-chair of Campus Senate. What differentiates the two candidates most are the issues they prioritize.

Gallagher's campaign strategy has largely been to emphasize her experiences and accomplishments as Campus Senate co-chair and as Student Council's vice president of academic affairs. "In my work in student government I have handled with care a variety of different issues on campus, and am the only candidate with 3 years of effective policy change experience," she wrote in an email to the *Collegian*. In her social media posts, Gallagher particularly highlights her work on the \$250 book grant given to work-study students, extending the Pass/D/Fail deadline from six weeks to eight, authorship of the Accessibility Mission Statement and creating more jobs on

campus for students.

Gallagher's social media posts also outline her intended priorities as president, including directing greater resources to affinity groups, enhancing communication between students and AVI staff, revitalizing the Social Board, promoting other food options on campus to shorten lines in the servery and improving parking on campus. In her email to the *Collegian*, Gallagher elaborated on her campus parking plans. "I would like to change the policy to allow students to use certain visitor lot spaces such as the Peirce [lot] as soon as the new parking garage is completed," she wrote.

Meanwhile, Asuquo has run a campaign to reform support systems for underrepresented students. "Too often institutional support for low-income, international, and students of color at Kenyon is reactive, inconsistent, and sparsely available," she explained in her campaign statement. Asuquo feels an increase in funding to the Office of Diversity

Equity and Inclusion (ODEI) is essential to support the current and growing group of minority students. She continued with a personal story about how when her mother was dying, she asked ODEI to pay for a plane ticket home but, because they were underfunded, they could only fund about a third of the cost. "When the time comes for you to feel supported, that support is not there," she told the *Collegian*.

A big problem Asuquo identified is understaffing in many administrative offices. "I think we just have to commit as much to admitting more students as we do supporting those students," she said. Asuquo's other priorities are increasing minority representation in STEM departments, expanding a laundry grant established to support low-income students, admitting more low-income and minority students into the College and creating a better system of transportation to benefit all students. "I believe it is unethical to offer us a place at Kenyon and

then not fully support us while we are here," she said. She also expressed that if Student Council positions were paid jobs, low-income students could earn money while representing themselves, instead of being unable to serve due to work-related time commitments. This would allow the Council to better address issues directly affecting low-income students.

In Asuquo's social media posts, she underlined her experience in Student Council, the Affinity Group Collective and affinity group executive board positions, as well as her previous efforts on the first-ever virtual involvement fair, the Love Project and additional meal stipends and COVID-19 testing for students on campus during breaks.

The elections for vice presidents of Academic Affairs and Student Life, the committee chairs of Housing and Dining, Campus Safety and Wellness and the junior class president are all uncontested.



# A 100-year history of strange animal encounters in Gambier

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FEATURES EDITOR

From the resident cat Moxie to the Farm’s animals to the campus raccoons, Kenyon is known as a home to countless furry friends. A diverse animal kingdom is not a newfound staple of Gambier; campus pets have always been a topic of discussion amongst the community. In looking through the *Collegian* archives, you’re bound to stumble upon a story pertaining to one campus animal or another. Many stories have been buried over the years, or still remain a mystery to this day, and deserve recognition. Here’s a look at over one hundred years of Kenyon’s history with campus pets.

### Cat Shot by Campus Security Officer

After the October break of 1975, student Holly MacIsaac ’78 returned to her residence hall to find her cat missing. Confused, she approached campus security hoping to get answers. MacIsaac was shocked to hear that her cat, according to the officers, “had been taken and dumped off near the river,” supposedly left in the forest to survive on its own. The article implies that MacIsaac stopped her investigation there. Keeping the cat on campus in and of itself was in violation of the strict no-pet policy of the time, so pursuing the issue further may have drawn extra attention to her violation.

Suspicious of the affair, *Collegian* reporters directly approached former Director of Student Housing Ross Fraser. Only then did students discover the truth: A campus security officer had shot the cat. According to Fraser, a room inspector heard the cat’s cries from MacIsaac’s room over break and assumed it had been abandoned. Security then approached Mount Vernon’s local pound hoping to find a home for

the cat, but the pound didn’t accept the feline. With no solution in sight, the next best course of action was, apparently, to “do away with the cat themselves,” according to Fraser.

When approached by the *Collegian*, Former Chief Security Officer James Cass expressed little regret or concern. Though it’s unclear whether or not Cass shot the cat himself, he was certainly aware of the killing. When asked how the affair may look under Ohio’s animal cruelty laws — which clearly prohibits the killing of cats — Cass responded, “Things can be done off the record.”

Though he didn’t excuse the killing, Fraser expressed little regret over the occurrence. “This is not something we like to do or practice regularly,” he said. However, he contended that the cat’s initial presence on campus was deemed the true crime. According to him, all pets, since illicit, are “solely the responsibility of the person who brings them here.” There is no record of administrative action taken in response to the shooting.

### “Dopey” and “Doc” the Turtles

In October of 1939, “the Turtle Farm” appeared: a small enclosure dedicated to two turtles, “Dopey” and “Doc.” The students who owned the enclosure opened the Farm to the entire Kenyon community and hoped for it to contain hundreds of turtles and, eventually, for their enclosure to flourish into a campus attraction. The campus quickly fell in love with the turtles; everyone waited anxiously for “any developments that might result in further additions,” as the Oct. 1939 edition of the *Collegian* article puts it. Unfortunately, their hopes were futile, as the turtles didn’t produce any babies. All other records of the Farm or its founding fathers are unfortunately lost.

### “Purr-fect Pets” — The Exotic

### Pet Shop that Vanished

In 1999, perhaps one of the greatest of Gambier’s animal mysteries took place: Columbus resident Victoria Galle gained approval from the Village of Gambier to open an exotic pet store named “Purr-fect Pets” in the Village. Galle owned an exotic pet store in Columbus, and, hoping to expand her horizons, turned to Gambier to open her second location. The store was planning to exclusively sell fish, snakes, tarantulas, scorpions and exotic birds. The Gambier Zoning Commission granted Galle a “conditional use permit,” meaning that she could keep the store as long as it adhered to zoning regulations for domesticated animals.

With Dean of Residential Life Doug Zipp leading the cause, Kenyon spoke out vehemently against the opening of the store, stating that the shop would be a health and safety risk to the campus. The College also expressed fear that students, once purchasing exotic animals, would neglect and abuse them. “The last thing [students] think about is ‘what am I going to do with my tarantula over spring break?’” Zipp said. The town committee dismissed the College’s concerns, however, and Galle received the permit.

After making *Collegian* news in November of 1999, all mentions of the shop completely vanished, and there are no other records of discourse surrounding the shop in the *Collegian* archives. We can presume that Galle never followed through on her project, or that the store only existed briefly. Either way, the exotic pet store remains a Kenyon mystery.

### Two Boa Constrictors loose in Watson Hall - 6 Years Apart

Watson Hall must be condemned to a very specific curse: On two separate occasions, in the years 1975 and 1981, pet boa constrictors escaped their owners to hide in the dorm’s

### New shop less than Purr-fect, says Kenyon



Morris and the missing Boris



Jim Cass: 'Insignificant'



### Enigmatic Sex Life of Turtles Enthralls Campus





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ventilation system. First, in 1975, a boa named Junior snuck out of its owner’s room through the building’s heating system. The snake then slithered down two stories, making a home for itself in the ventilator right outside an unsuspecting resident’s door. Junior sat there for months on end, without food or water, and was never found by its owner. Tragically, the boa died over winter break of that year after the school’s heating system was shut off.

Six years later, the same thing happened. Former Student Council President Morris Thorpe ’81 allowed a fellow student to borrow his boa, Boris, to play a prank on a roommate. The prank was allegedly successful, but while reveling in success, the boa escaped through a ventilation shaft. Thorpe went above and beyond to find his lost snake: He crammed himself through the crawl

spaces, capturing a live mouse as bait hoping to lure the snake out of its hiding space, all to no avail. Surprisingly, Thorpe didn’t seem too distressed with the fears from his dorm mates, who expressed obvious concern that the snake could harm someone. In his interview with the *Collegian*, Thorpe seemed mostly preoccupied with Boris’ well-being.

“I hope I get him back for the simple reason that I like him,” he said, insisting that the snake would not harm anyone. According to the article, Thorpe emphasized the snake’s gentle demeanor and encouraged other students to take care of Boris if they found him. After the incident was mentioned in the Nov. 12, 1981 edition of the *Collegian*, the boa was never spoken of again, leaving Boris’ fate a mystery.

CLASS CLASH					
Compiled by Mia Snow '24					
					
		Senior Class Total:	Junior Class Total:	Sophomore Class Total:	First-Year Class Total:
		40	31	35	26
	Answer	Jaidyn Cook '22	Eli Haberberg '23	Benjamin Chang '24	Raya Kenney '25
What is the highest temperature recorded on Earth (±5 degrees)?	136 degrees Fahrenheit	135 degrees Fahrenheit	160 degrees Fahrenheit	120 degrees Fahrenheit	137 degrees Fahrenheit
How long is Middle Path?	3/5 miles	1.2 miles	3/5 miles	1 mile	1.2 miles
What is the capital of California?	Sacramento	Sacramento	Sacramento	Sacramento	San Diego
Who was the first U.S. president to be photographed in color?	Franklin D. Roosevelt	FDR	FDR	FDR	FDR
	Weekly Scores	3	3	2	2



# Owl Creeks bring soulful ballads to Rosse stage in spring concert



The Creeks opened their concert with Sarah Siegel's '23 (above) powerful rendition of "I Put a Spell On You" by Nina Simone. | CECILIA OSHINS

**CECILIA OSHINS**  
ARTS EDITOR

Last Saturday, the Owl Creek singers had their spring concert in Rosse Hall. The Creeks, one of Kenyon's all-female-identifying a cappella groups, came to the stage dressed in shades of green to perform a set of songs that ranged broadly in genre but stuck to the group's signature soprano-heavy, harmonized sound.

To start the show off on a lively and more casual note, the Kokosingers (one of Kenyon's all-male-identifying a cappella group) rushed on stage, grinning and wear-

ing formal dresses, and introduced themselves as the Owl Creek singers. They performed songs from "Pitch Perfect," the movie that played a large role in popularizing a cappella on college campuses. The first was a rendition of "The Sign," by Ace of Base, which quickly had the audience's energy up. They then sat down on the stage and sang "When I'm Gone" — popularly known as "The Cup Song" — using red Solo cups for percussion, in imitation of Anna Kendrick's iconic "Pitch Perfect" scene.

The real Owl Creeks began their set with a stunning cover of "I Put a Spell On You" by

Nina Simone, soloed by Sarah Siegel '23. This was an immediate indication of the group's talent, with smooth backup vocals that blended together perfectly. Siegel gave an amazing performance, with powerful vocals that showed off her wide range. Like the other Owl Creeks, her stage presence was engaging, as she moved and swayed in sync with the music.

The next song the group performed was "Sunrise" by Norah Jones, with soloist Elena Petron '22. This was one of the slower songs of the night, which worked well with Petron's soft tone and mimicked the original recording. It was

beautifully done; the rest of the group harmonized together, rising and falling in volume which added an emotional feel to the cover.

Another impressive piece, with soloist Zoey FitzGerald '25, was "Street by Street" by Laufey. This piece in particular had the audience cheering. FitzGerald took on this jazz-inspired song by incorporating subtle riffs and vibrato into her singing. This was one of the Creeks' strongest performances, as she pulled off an impressive run, and stood out from the rest of the group's fairly simple melody.

One of the last pieces of the night, "Something to Talk

About" by Bonnie Raitt with soloist Katie Hileman '22, was another highlight. Hileman sang with strong vocal control, and pulled off high-pitched key changes with ease.

The final song of the show, an upbeat rendition of "The Sweet Escape" by Gwen Stefani, did not disappoint. This last song, which featured many different Owl Creeks, was a quick, upbeat pop throwback that had the audience dancing. The group danced along with them, snapping and stomping to the beat. The audience cheered on as the Creeks wrapped up the night with enthusiasm.

## Strange Creatures leaves audience with lingering questions

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On April 7, *Strange Creatures* opened its three-day run in the Bolton Theater. While the show entertained the audience with its song and dance scenes, the show's lack of cohesion seemed to confuse audience members.

Associate Professor of Drama Anton Dudley wrote the script and lyrics for the musical, while Faye Chiao, an associate professor at Berklee College of Music in New York City, composed the music. The musical centered around Hart Crane, played by Jed Levinson '25, a young person trying to make it as a poet in New York City during the Roaring Twenties. The plot was a bit confusing as the show was very abstract, but the individual scenes were certainly entertaining.

The show opened with a music number by the city docks, with the crew dressed in dark clothes, except for Crane, who was in white. After arriving in New York, Crane developed a lust for Emil, a sailor played by Drew Sutherland '25. Act I ended with Crane having to choose between going out to sea with Emil or staying back to pursue his writing, leaving the audience in suspense going into intermission.

Act II started abruptly as Crane drunkenly walked around the stage with the lights still set for intermission. As the lights returned to their normal white color, Act II was already underway.

Crane chose to stay in New York to pursue poetry, though his life soon started to fall apart. After taking a trip to Paris, Crane developed a sexual relationship with a married couple, but after the husband died by suicide, Crane's erratic life choices caught up to him and he considered doing the same.

At the climax of the play, Emil returns to the stage as a figment of Crane's imagination. The lighting on stage turned to a green color for the first time, and helped to highlight the struggle that Crane was grappling with in the climax. He wanted to be with Emil, but it wasn't possible as Emil was somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.

In the following scene, white and red tissue paper representing newspapers fell from the catwalk above the stage, which were caught and read by Hart's friends, Frank and Williams, played by Bo Huang '25 and Gideon Malherbe '24 respectively. Through this, the audience learned about Crane's decision to drown himself.

The costume designs by Assistant Professor of Drama Tatjana Longerot were effective in convey-

ing the 1920s on stage. The lighting, designed by Emily Blanquera '20, was a neutral-warm white color throughout the first part of the play and, like the costumes, was also effective in transporting the audience to the Roaring Twenties.

While the musical was mostly realistic with the props and set design, the resolution featured ensemble members dancing on stage as sharks with cheap paper fins as their costume. While this was one of the more puzzling moments of the play, there were plenty of scenes that stood out.

In recurring interludes, Crane read letters from Underwood, played by Joey Martens '25, a correspondent who also was gay. Martens really brought the character to life with his charming monologues. Additionally, moaning sounds occasionally played over the speakers, helping to convey Underwood's hedonistic image as a person who frequently engages in sexual intercourse. The character made all of his appearances via a trap door on stage left, surrounded by plastic legs and arms. Every time the trap door opened, Martens was greeted by applause and cheers from the audience.

Additionally, the play's choreography by Professor of Dance



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Julie Brodie did not disappoint. Some of the dance numbers were representative of characters making love, while others were big group numbers. Both elements were very creative, with the audience bobbing their heads along to the beat.

The biggest issue with the musical was the two competing plots: One was focused on Crane's love life, while the other focused on his writing. Before intermission, Crane could have left to go with Emil on a journey in the South Pacific. However, he declined in order to pursue his writing. When he is offered to publish what would become his

best-known poem, "The Bridge," he cannot complete it in 10 weeks. In the end, his erratic lifestyle catches up to him and he decides to take his own life.

Overall, the show was enjoyable as it showcased many compelling characters, and each scene was entertaining and evoked emotion in the audience. Put together, the musical left the audience confused as there was no central plot throughout. However, each scene was impressive in its own right. The musical provided the audience a glimpse into the Roaring Twenties.



## STAFF EDITORIAL

# The College must consider the ramifications of housing changes

The housing selection process for the 2022-23 academic year has officially begun, and next year will look vastly different than this one. With temporary modular housing, the \$100 million South Quad construction project and another year of overenrollment, Kenyon as we know it is rapidly changing. Not only will these changes alter Kenyon's physical landscape, but it will further alter a campus culture that has already been drastically affected by the pandemic. At such a fragile time in Kenyon's history, all these campus changes beg the question: Is it really for the better? We aren't so sure.

For starters, the construction project on the south end of campus, which won't be completed until 2027, will dramatically alter the campus' serene atmosphere. Sounds of students playing music while lounging on the quad will soon be replaced by bulldozers tearing through what was once Bushnell. Recently, Vice President for Student Affairs Celestino Limas informed students that they should not live on that end of campus if they are sensitive to noise, but for most, the lottery selection process leaves them with little say in the matter. Furthermore, due to continued overenrollment, students are now, more than ever, forced to live wherever they can fit — whether they like it or not.

Beyond turning much of South campus into a construction site, when completed, these massive residence halls will completely ruin the College's historic skyline, highlighted by the steeples of Old Kenyon's silhouette, the quintessential building of the College used for all of the school's promotional material.

Because of this construction project and the College's overenrollment, some students will live in temporary modular housing, located close to the Lowry Center, in the upcoming 2022-23 academic year. Although Kenyon is offering the price of a double room for a single room, this still seems to be too steep a price to pay. Not only are the mods isolated and far removed from the rest of campus, but the quality of living in temporary units will likely be substandard. The College needs to further consider the sacrifices that students living in the mods may be forced to make.

Students were also informed that NCAs which housed four people prior to the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to house five people as a result of overenrollment, with the top-floor double room converted into a triple. The widespread presence of triple occupancy rooms in primarily upperclass-student apartments has the potential to affect many students' well being and academic success, as they are forced to live in extremely tight quarters. We have seen this year that such situations often lead to strife between roommates and friends alike. The lasting friendships we make at Kenyon are one of the College's most endearing qualities, so it is alarming to consider the long-term impact of these changes to the housing process.

While the College is clearly making decisions right now that they think will make Kenyon better in the long term, the administration does not realize the lasting cultural effects their choices will have. To continue to overenroll classes, dig up new expanses of campus and disregard current opinion in favor of future success year after year is disheartening for current students. With these housing changes, the College is making a clear choice: to expand the College for monetary gain instead of valuing the campus culture that we all know and love.

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## WEEKLY COLUMN

# Kenyon is easy to criticize, but we shouldn't forget why we chose it

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Nothing causes you to reflect on your own college choices in quite the same way that seeing prospective students on campus does. Even if you manage not to trip over them as they wander down Middle Path, it is hard not to feel responsible for guiding these wide-eyed high schoolers away from hills that go nowhere and gates that promise hell. Although I give each student a wide smile, I can't help but feel guilty for not telling them what the brochures don't — that the Wi-Fi never gets better, the tour guides are underpaid and days off are a myth. While I know in theory it should be possible to smile at prospective students and also critique the College's flaws, I often struggle to practice what I preach.

I was able to avoid the moral dilemma of smiling or warning for much of last week. That is, until one of the prospective students sat down in front of me and asked me her question point blank: "Are you glad that you chose Kenyon?" The question took me aback, not because of its abrupt nature, but instead because of its simplicity.

Am I glad I chose Kenyon? I write articles criticizing administrative decisions, I don't eat much at Peirce, I type my Wi-Fi password in six times a day, I groan at the registration process and I still don't know if my room has mold or water damage (or both). Kenyon is not perfect; it's certainly not the rose-colored picture I signed up for. Nonetheless, my answer was confident and true: "Yes, I am unbelievably happy to be a Kenyon student."

I talked with the prospective student for the next 40 minutes. I was honest. I told her that the first semester of freshman year is hard no matter where you are. I told her that I didn't have many friends at first, and that the hills could feel like obstacles. I even told her about the Wi-Fi.

But I also told her about the parts of Kenyon we are all too eager to leave out. I told her about the teachers with whom I have had hour-long conversations only tangentially related to class. I talked about how exciting it was to have a class with someone I had run into for a semester but had never officially met. I joked about my friends, who each feel like talented superheroes, and I described our student shows, which are clever and beautiful. I even explained that the same hill that was brutal to walk up was perfect to sled down or to hammock on.

Even after leaving my conversation with the student, I found myself appreciating the wonders of Kenyon I had forgotten or never known, like the way that you can see every constellation at night and the fog on the hills in the morning. Kenyon students are smart, critical thinkers, trained to question the world around them for themselves. As students, it is not only our right to criticize Kenyon's missteps, it is our responsibility. However, as I demand change in certain aspects of Kenyon, I hope to also remember the parts of the school I am willing to fight so hard for.

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# Why I wrote Kenyon out of my will — and why you should too

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My family has always cared deeply about Kenyon College. Two generations of us have lived in Gambier, and, hopefully, more will. We've given a lot back to the College — we've donated our entire collection of Holocaust artifacts so that it may enhance the education of anyone who wants to study them. We've also created a scholarship fund which has allowed students from around the world to come and learn here. We love Kenyon, and Gambier, and all we want is to see the College succeed.

On March 3, 23 Kenyon alumni wrote an open letter to Joe Lipscomb, the vice president of the Board of Trustees, calling on him to use his power and influence to allow student workers to vote in a union election, which Kenyon's administration has been intentionally delaying for months. I commend these alumni for attempting to reason with one of Kenyon's most powerful decision makers, and I agree with what they wrote.

But it is not enough to simply ask politely for Kenyon's trustees and administrators to treat its student workers decently. We must give them a financial reason to do so. This is why, until administrators sit down with the Kenyon Student Worker Organizing Committee and negotiate terms for a union election, I will be removing Kenyon from my will.

Like those who wrote to Mr. Lipscomb, I am deeply disappointed in the way the administration has treated its students. When two-thirds of student workers filed for an election with the National Labor Relations Board in October of last year, they weren't even asking for a union — they were simply asking for an opportunity to vote for one.

However, it seems that for Kenyon's administrators and trustees, democracy is too much to ask. Their well-paid lawyers filed a series of motions to cancel or otherwise indefinitely delay such an election, withholding workplace democracy from hundreds of student workers.

In the meantime, Kenyon's administrators have made use of their unilateral authority over student workers' lives. It is well known at this point that they removed the residential program at the Kenyon Farm, a program that has benefited the lives of student workers and members of the community for the past 10 years.

It is less well known, but perhaps even more concerning, that administrators are now publicly declaring Community Advisors exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). In the administration's view, the student workers who make residence halls into safe and supportive communities do not deserve the protections enshrined in the FLSA — an act explicitly passed to ensure that workers receive a basic minimum wage for their labor.

When I chose to include Kenyon in my will, it was because I felt I could trust the College to use my family's resources for the benefit of students and the rest of the community. But the administration's recent behavior has made clear to me that it cannot be trusted with unchecked power over the rights of its students. I cannot trust Kenyon to use my donation dollars wisely if it chooses to spend its money on lawyers from Jones Day, money it could be spending on the wages and support services that the student workers deserve. And I cannot look away while the administration disenfranchises and alienates the student community it claims to care so much about.

Like many colleges and universities before them, Kenyon could, at any time, stop these legal delay tactics and sit down with its student workers to negotiate a free and fair union election. Until that day comes, I will continue to leave Kenyon out of my will and refuse all attempts to solicit donations. I encourage all alumni and friends of Kenyon students to do the same.

Adam Bulmash

Class of 2014

# Student Council needs to reform campaign and election process

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With Student Council elections underway, candidates for various offices have wrapped up their campaigns. Candidates made announcements on social media, pinned up posters in Peirce and emailed their platforms to the student body. Though the last two years saw most activities relegated to online meetings and emails, we now have a fantastic opportunity to connect with future members of student government. There is one issue, however: No such opportunity formally exists. This points to a broader issue with the process for electing Student Council members.

Kenyon's process for electing its Student Council is inherently obscure and allows candidates to provide little information about their platforms. It is entirely contained to various forms of written statements, thus failing to provide enough information to make an informed vote. Once voting closes, the level of student engagement is kept hidden, leaving it unclear how much students actually care about their government. Going forward, the Student Council should act to make the campaign and election process more public and active.

The lack of organization in Student Council elections has been apparent from the start. Though there is a deadline to run for a position, the official candidates are not formally announced until voting opens. Students are then asked to vote within a week, based on a written statement from each candidate.

Candidates may also advertise through social media, posters and emails, but this amounts to little more than repeating the same talking points. This process is opaque and not conducive to informed decisions about those running, as it allows candidates to make bold and vague claims with no chance for examination of their positions.

To remedy this lack of information, candidates should be expected to do more than provide a short message detailing their platform — they should be provided a clear space to publicly advertise their positions, and then elaborate on and answer questions about their positions in front of an audience.

Candidates for Student Council president, at minimum, should be subject to a town hall-style forum, which would ensure candidates are well-rounded and capable of tackling various issues that are most pressing to students. A physical list of who is running should be made public and easily accessible, such as by organizing a display in Peirce soon after the deadline to enter. Perhaps these initiatives could be handled by the Student Life Committee, who already runs elections.

Lastly, the results of elections should be made clear. As a democratic institution, the Council's power is based on public support from the students. What Council members pursue in committees, and how they vote at meetings, is motivated by what they consider to be in the best interest of the student body. Since they have won over a majority of voters, Council members can act with the confidence that they are effective voices for students — that students support and agree with them. It is difficult, however, to tell how the student body feels about their government because there is no public record of how many students voted. Many elections are also uncompetitive, as most Student Council positions see few students run for them, and some candidates even run unopposed. Once voting closes, the student body is only notified of the names of the victors, not the numerical outcomes of each election. The Student Council should publish voting counts, which would reflect student interest, once voting closes.

Having a Student Council that is accountable and powerful means it should be made up of students who are not only personable, but practical and responsible. If students are interested in a government that reflects their needs and has the power to fulfill them, then the Student Council should make its electoral process as active and public as possible.

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# Baseball extends win streak to program-record of 12 games

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At the moment, nothing is stopping the Kenyon baseball team. With four victories this past week, the Lords extended their win streak to 12 — the longest in program history — and are one of the hottest teams in D-III. After a doubleheader sweep of Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU) in Delaware, Ohio on Thursday, the Lords continued to excel upon returning home, winning both games on Sunday against the Wabash College Little Giants. The Lords are now 17-6 this season.

The bats were the story against OWU. Kenyon combined for 31 hits in the two games, as well as eight home runs. The Lords struck first in game one, scoring three runs in the first on the strength of RBIs from Luke Meister '24 and Will Sturgeon '22. In the fifth, the Lords established a cushion, scoring five runs in the inning, which included a home run from Alex Gow '22.

Kenyon took a comfortable 10-3 lead into the bottom half, appearing to be cruising. However, after OWU scored twice in the fifth, a grand slam by Dillon Ysseldyke suddenly cut the Lords' lead to just one. With the momentum swinging towards the home team, backup catcher Stephen Carr stepped up for his first at-bat in the eighth and clobbered a vital home run to center, giving his team an 11-9 lead. Lords' pitching was able to keep OWU off the board in the final two innings, as Joel Biery '22 secured his fourth save of the season to seal the victory.

In game two, the Lords continued the offensive onslaught, scoring 21 runs in a lopsided victory. After falling behind 2-0 in the first, Kenyon didn't look back. Carr responded with a three-run homer in the following inning, his second dinger in two at-bats. In the third, Kenyon hit three more home runs to push their advantage to 8-3. Carr yet again took a trip around the bases with another three-run homer. This sealed a remarkable stat line for Carr: three home runs in three at-bats. The Lords built a 21-6 lead in the seventh, and the mercy rule was implemented, capping off the doubleheader



Luke Meister '24 won NCAC Player of the Week, as Lords go 4-0 this week. | COURTESY OF MARTY FULLER

victory.

After just seven plate appearances this season prior to the doubleheader, it was particularly meaningful for Carr to contribute to the victories. "To deliver in that kind of spot just felt like the culmination of a lot of hard work. [I] felt like I was able to take advantage of the opportunity I was given not only for myself but to give the team a good chance to win, which we ended up doing," he wrote in a message to the *Collegian*.

The Massachusetts native has made it clear he deserves more playing time, as he ended the game with six RBIs, and seven on the day. Tripper Capps '24 was the other major contributor, also driving in six runs, including a three-run homer of his own.

The Lords returned home to face Wabash on Sunday, but it far from slowed them down. Gow was the star in game one, carrying his team to a 5-1 victory. With his former 2021 classmates in the stands, Gow threw a complete game on the mound, allowing just one run on six hits and striking out 13 batters. Kenyon's ace had excellent command of his fastball, painting the corners throughout the game.

Gow described how meaningful it was to have his former classmates there to watch

him pitch. "Those guys mean the world to me, and knowing they were there watching was just a little bit more motivation," he wrote in a message to the *Collegian*. "It felt a little weird to have those guys who I loved playing beside for 3 years on the opposite side of the fence, but just knowing that they were there supporting us was a really cool feeling nonetheless." He also went 3-for-5 at the plate, scoring three runs.

Kenyon was aided offensively by six walks and two hit batsmen by Wabash starter Dylan Scheid. After scoring in the first to take a 1-0 lead, Kenyon added on throughout. A key RBI double from Andrew Rabinowitz '22 extended the lead to 4-0. Of course, Gow didn't need the extra runs: After allowing a run in the eighth, he struck out the side in the ninth to finish off his masterpiece.

Game two was more of a struggle in the early innings for the Lords. The Little Giants took a 2-0 lead in the second. Things could have been a lot worse, though, as Hoskins made a diving catch in left to retire the side in the inning, preventing two more runs from scoring. Morale was a little low in the Lords' dugout as they came up to bat in the bot-

tom of the third. However, Hoskins led off the inning and completely changed the dynamic of the game. After a long 15 pitch at-bat, in which Hoskins repeatedly fouled off pitches, he earned a walk, prompting roars from the dugout.

The Lords proceeded to bring five runs across in the inning, clearly rattling Wabash starter Jacob Bishop. In the fifth, RBI singles from Hoskins and Drew Robinson '24 kept the team's adrenaline high and extended the Kenyon lead to 7-2. After Wabash trimmed the lead to 7-4 in the following inning, Rabinowitz absolutely crushed a solo shot onto the soccer field in left. Two more runs for the Lords in the eighth gave the purple and black a 10-4 victory.

An unsung hero in the game was pitcher Noah Rosenberg '24. After initially entering the game with runners on first and third and nobody out in the seventh, Rosenberg provided three scoreless innings without allowing a baserunner to close out the win.

After a week off, the hottest team on campus will travel to DePauw University on Saturday for a doubleheader, looking to extend their best-ever win streak.

## Golf takes first place at Hanover D-III Showcase in Indiana

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The Kenyon golf team has begun their spring season with an impressive showing at many tournaments. Over spring break, the Lords traveled to Georgia to compete in the Jekyll Island Collegiate Invitational, where they logged a 16th-place finish among the 30 teams in the tournament. This past weekend, the players of the B team participated in the NYE Intercollegiate in Wooster, Ohio. The A team then were victorious at the Division III Showcase on Monday and Tuesday.

From March 18-20, the Lords competed in Jekyll Island, Ga. Eric Lifson '22 and Armand Ouellette '25 were the standouts for Kenyon in the tournament, finishing in 22nd and 35th, re-

spectively, out of the 119 golfers who played all 54 holes. In three rounds, Lifson shot 1 under par for 215 strokes (70, 70, 75) while Ouelette was 3 over par for 218 strokes (74, 71, 73).

The par for the tournament was 864 strokes. As a team the Lords had 879 strokes, which put them at 15 over par. Nationally ranked Sewanee: The University of the South (Tenn.), Methodist University (N.C.) and Emory University (Ga.) made up the top three with 851, 853 and 854 strokes, respectively.

After Saturday's round of the NYE Intercollegiate tournament was canceled, the Lords arrived for their 10:30 a.m. tee times on Sunday ready to play. While Kenyon was not scored as a team, two golfers earned top-10 finishes. Logan Spiess '23 finished in second. He was 3 over par with 75 strokes, two strokes behind first place. Garret Thesing '24 needed five more strokes to get through 18, so he finished in sixth at 8 over par.

The Lords' A team traveled to French Lick, Ind. for the D-III Showcase on Monday and Tuesday. On day one of the tournament, Kenyon finished in an impressive second place out of 20 participants. Ouellette finished in second place overall, shooting a 69. The next four finishers for the Lords ended the day within four strokes of each other. Andrew Kotler '22 secured 18th place with a 73, while Ethan Manalo '22 finished just one stroke behind Kotler in 24th. Nick Lust '22 shot a 74, and Eric Lifson '22 shot a 76.

Entering Tuesday's play just four strokes behind leader Carnegie Mellon University, the Lords were in striking distance of a tournament victory. Kenyon was up to the task, finishing tied for first with Carnegie Mellon with a total stroke count of 574. After 291 total strokes in round one, they improved their

score by eight strokes on the second day with a round of 283. Kotler had the best day for the Lords, shooting a 67 and moving him into a tie for fourth overall. Ouellette had another excellent day, shooting a 70 and finishing in second overall. Lifson moved up in the standings as well, also earning a 70 and 16th place.

The Lords were rewarded in the golf rankings for winning the D-III Showcase. Kenyon will look to build upon their No. 20 ranking when they play at home in the NCAC/OAC Clash in Howard, Ohio this weekend.



## Ladies impress as Bishay throws three complete games

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The Ladies softball team got back in the win column this week, as they swept doubleheaders against Oberlin College and Marietta College, before dropping a pair of games against the College of Wooster. The Ladies are now 20-10 on the season.

On April 7, Nicole Bishay '22 led the way against Oberlin's Yeowomen, starting and winning both halves of the doubleheader on the mound. Kenyon's bats came alive in the second inning, when six Ladies crossed home plate. Though Oberlin made it a two-run game heading into the home half of the fourth inning, the Ladies were able to reestablish their six-run cushion. From there on out, Bishay kept Oberlin's bats quiet, and the Ladies won 12-4 after six innings due to the mercy rule. In the second game, the Yeowomen took an early 3-0 lead, before Kenyon's offense then exploded for a six-run third inning. Bishay then got back to work, pitching two scoreless innings. Though Oberlin cut into Kenyon's lead in the fifth as the sun began to sink below the horizon, the game was called with a final score of 9-5.

In the first game against non-conference foe Marietta, Emily Pater '22 got the start for the Ladies. Kenyon capitalized on a series of Pioneers miscues to lead 6-1 after two innings, but Marietta did not give up without a fight, and Kenyon entered the top half of the sixth inning leading by just one run. However, Kenyon tacked on two key insurance runs, and though the Pioneers would get a run back in the final half inning, the Ladies hung on for a 9-7 win. In the second half of the doubleheader, Bishay, who was later named NCAC Softball Pitcher of the Week, found herself in a pitchers' duel with Marietta's Amelia Timko. Through seven innings of work, Bishay allowed just three singles and no runs, while Timko allowed five hits and no runs through her first five innings of work. In the sixth inning, the Ladies' potent offense finally broke through. After forcing Timko out of the game with a double and a walk, the Ladies scored the game's only

five runs. Bishay, who has pitched a complete game in each of her starts this season, closed out another game to give her a 12-2 record on the season.

With a four-game win streak in hand, the Ladies were proud of what they had accomplished. "Going into the heart of our conference season, I think the streak gives us the confidence we need to get it done when it matters," Sara Campagna '22 wrote in an email to the *Collegian* after the Marietta games. "We have the capability to win a lot of games, we just need to capitalize on our opportunities and execute what we know how to do."

The Ladies were unable to extend their win streak further when they faced Wooster on Tuesday. After trading leads and ties to begin the first game, Maddie Friday '24 gave Kenyon a 4-2 lead in the second inning with her two-run home run. After four scoreless innings, the Fighting Scots took the lead thanks to timely hits, a Kenyon error and a bases-loaded walk. The Ladies were unable to score in the top of the seventh, and lost 5-4. Kenyon trailed 1-0 for the first six innings of their second game against Wooster, until Emily Buckwalter '22 doubled home Grace Finn '22 in the top of the seventh. Clare McMahon '22, who was previously named the NCAC Softball Player of the Week, gave Kenyon the lead in the top of the 10th inning with a sacrifice fly. In the bottom of the 10th, Wooster tied the game with a double and walked it off with a sacrifice fly, winning 3-2 in the long, extra-inning affair.

With 10 games remaining in the season, Kenyon's overall record sits at 20-10, though their conference record sits at 2-4. The Ladies next play Saturday, as they face off against Ohio Wesleyan University at home. With only conference games remaining on the schedule, Campagna is confident that the team can get back on the right track and finish strong. "At this point in the season we know we have what it takes to win, we need to go into conference with that same confidence and play like we know how," she said.

## Women's lacrosse upsets Denison for first time since 2013



Nola Garand '25 was phenomenal in net. | SEJIN KIM/SID/NCAA

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### Lords

Last weekend, the Lords lacrosse team began their week of play with an important NCAC matchup against DePauw University. Kenyon had no trouble defeating the struggling Tigers 15-5, moving up in the NCAC standings as a result. The Lords quickly cracked the opposing defense with their relentless offensive attack. In every quarter, Kenyon doubled up DePauw on shots, leading to two quick goals in the first minute by Weston Powell '22 and Matt Pollack '22, before the Lords added three more first-quarter goals. Pollack played a pivotal role throughout the rest of the game, scoring four total goals on eight shots.

Next, the team was challenged by another NCAC opponent, Wittenberg University. The Lords defeated the Tigers with ease 11-2, scoring all 11 of their goals within three quarters and keeping Wittenberg off the scoreboard in the second half. Pollack and teammate Cameron Longway '25, who leads the team in goals this season at 22, both tallied three goals in this match. Overall, Kenyon had a dominant performance: The Lords shot the ball 48 times — 23 more times than their opponent — and picked up 38 ground balls as well.

The Lords will play next this Saturday, April 16, against Hiram College in the Benson Bowl. They are now 8-3 on the year, with a 3-1 record in conference play.

### Ladies

The Ladies, who boasted a notable six-game winning streak coming into their match against No. 21 Denison University, continued their streak and grabbed the victory away from the Big Red, winning by a final score of 8-6. Denison failed to win in an NCAC regular season game for the first time in seven years, snapping a 45-game win streak. A heroic performance by goalkeeper Nola Garand '25 held Denison to only one goal in the entire first half despite eight shots on goal. Garand earned the NCAC Athlete of the Week award for her performance. At halftime, the Ladies had an astounding 6-1 lead against a school Kenyon had not defeated since 2013. In the second half, Kenyon stretched their lead to 8-2, and, though the Big Red scored four fourth quarter goals in response to close the gap, the Ladies held on for the win. With 300 people watching this match, it was one of the most popular of the season thus far.

On Wednesday, Kenyon faced off against NCAC foe Ohio Wesleyan University. The Ladies jumped out to an early lead thanks to a hat trick from Maddie Garner '24, but the Battling Bishops scored three unanswered goals to tie the game. Julia Losey '22 gave Kenyon the lead with two second-period goals, and, though the two teams traded goals throughout the rest of the game, the Ladies came out victorious by a final score of 8-5.

The Ladies will look to extend their seven-game win streak in their next match on Saturday against DePauw University at the Benson Bowl, following the Lords' match earlier that day. It will serve as the team's Senior Day. Kenyon is 10-1

## After rough start on the road, Lords and Ladies persevere



**TATI GROSS**  
STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday, the Lords and Ladies track and field teams competed in the annual Marv Frye Invitational at Ohio Wesleyan University, with several members of both teams clocking top-15 finishes. In a field of

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14 teams, the Lords finished seventh, while the Ladies finished eighth.

However, the track meet did not start without issue, as the team's bus broke down 20 minutes into their trip. They had to wait an hour for a replacement bus, causing several jumpers to miss their events. Only at

around 12:15 p.m. — over an hour after the meet had begun — did most of the team arrive. The field throwers for the men's team made the event on time because they took a separate van, as their events started earlier in the day.

In the meet itself, Riley Orth '24 placed second in shot put with a throw of 48 feet, 3 ½ inches. Angus Soderberg '22 finished third in javelin with a personal-best throw of 132 feet, 3 inches. On the track, Tapiwa Gono Phiri '25 claimed the only first-place spot for the Lords, with a time of 22.28 in the 200-meter dash. He placed second in the 100-meter dash at 11.08 seconds. Gono Phiri collected his third NCAC Sprinter of the Week honor for his success. The final top-10 placement for the Lords came from Peter Bernhardt '25, with an eighth-place finish in the 5,000-meter race (15:56.11).

For the Ladies, Grace Neuger '24 and Erika Conant '24 finished fifth with 16.91 and sixth with 18.03, respective-

ly, in the hurdles. Sierra Smith '24 finished seventh in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.73 and 15th in the 400-meter with 1:07.91. Lorien Kauffman '24 took sixth in the 800-meter run with 2:27.11, and Emma Becker '22 placed third in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:33.65.

The biggest win for the Ladies came from Katarina Yepez '22 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, where she finished first with a time of 12:33:05. Originally, with the bus being late, Yepez was almost unable to compete, as the team arrived at the meet 11 minutes before the race began. "I surprised myself with what I was able to do," Yepez said. "I wasn't expecting much from that race. Attitude helped me get through that one. It was rewarding; I was just happy to get those points for our team."

Next week, the Lords and Ladies will return to Delaware, Ohio to compete in the All-Ohio Championships.



# Lords enjoy dominant weekend, win four of five matches

**KATIE SPARVERO**  
SPORTS ASSISTANT

The Lords tennis team had a busy and successful weekend, as they faced off against five teams, going 4-1 and moving to 10-7 on the season. The Lords beat Asbury University (Ky.), Oberlin College and Wabash College, before falling to the University of Northwestern Ohio. Despite the loss, the Lords were able to end the week on a high note, coming back to beat No. 13 Denison College.

On Friday, Kenyon faced off against Asbury at home, looking to move above .500. In the No. 1 doubles match, Christophe Leblanc '25 and Harshal Rukhaiyar '24 lost 8-5, the only blemish in an otherwise stellar match. Luis Andres Platas '23 and Eric Zhang '25 won the No. 2 doubles match, and Thomas Kallarakal '23 and Rishil Kondapaneni '25 took the No. 3 doubles match, each by a score of 8-4. The Lords swept singles play to win by a final score of 8-1.

The Lords followed a nearly identical path to their 8-1 away victory over Oberlin the next day. After Leblanc and Rukhaiyar dropped the No. 1 doubles match 8-1, Kenyon swept the rest of their matches against the Yeomen. The Lords



Kallarakal clinched the match against No. 13 Denison. | COURTESY OF MARTY FULLER

were particularly dominant in singles play, where they took each match in straight sets.

Heading into their third straight day of competition, Kenyon celebrated Senior Day with a match against Wabash. Playing with a split squad, the Lords continued their impressive play against the Little Giants. Though Kenyon again dropped the No. 1 doubles match, they swept the rest of the matches to win 8-1.

On Sunday afternoon, the Lords stumbled against Northwestern Ohio. Platas won the No. 1 singles match

2-6, 6-3, 1-0 (with a 10-6 tiebreaker) and Zhang won the No. 4 singles 3-6, 6-2, 1-0 (with a 11-9 tiebreaker), but the Racers took the rest of the singles matches. Though Kallarakal and Kondapaneni secured another point with an 8-5 win in the No. 3 doubles, Northwestern Ohio won the match with a score of 6-3.

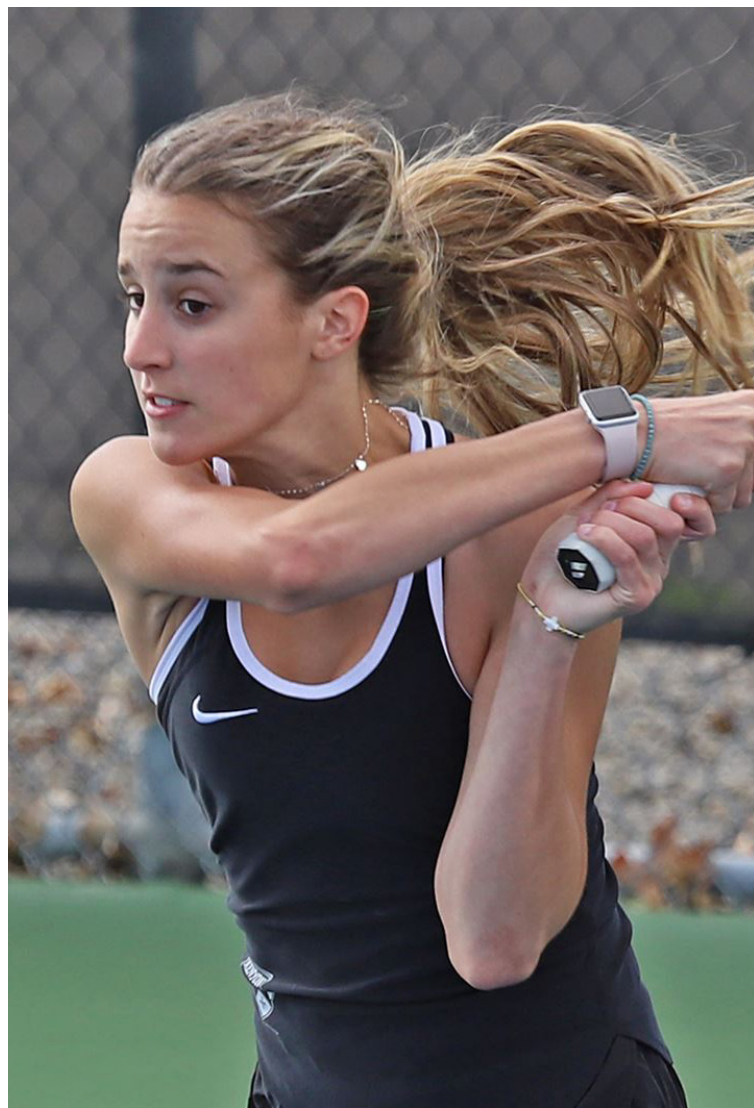
Looking for redemption and for a chance to make some noise against a higher-ranked rival, the Lords quickly found themselves trailing the Big Red in their match at home on Tuesday. Ken-

yon dropped the No. 1 and 2 doubles matches, and secured just one team point as Kallarakal and Kondapaneni won the No. 3 doubles match 8-6. Kondapaneni helped his team during singles play, as he won the No. 2 singles match in straight sets to tie the match. Denison took the lead back with a win in the No. 1 singles, but Henry Wessel's '22 6-4, 6-0 win in the No. 6 singles match evened things up just in time for Zhang to give Kenyon a 4-3 lead with his win in three sets in No. 4 singles. Denison tied the match

with a win in the No. 5 singles, setting the stage for the other half of the No. 3 doubles pair to play hero.

Kallarakal's No. 3 singles victory was hard-fought, as he dropped the first set and trailed during the second-set tiebreaker. With the match on the line, Kallarakal gave the Lords the win when he took the third set 6-4.

The Lords will return to the courts for their final regular season match of the season when they travel to the Keystone State to play Allegheny College on Saturday.



Eleni Dakos '24 did well, playing in the No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles. | COURTESY OF KENYON ATHLETICS

## Ladies pick up a victory on Senior Day

**CALEB NEWMAN**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Ladies tennis team started conference play this week, defeating Oberlin College before picking up a second win in as many days against the University of Northwestern Ohio over the weekend. On Wednesday, which served as their Senior Day, they defeated the College of Wooster.

This past weekend, Kenyon traveled to Oberlin. After winning two out of three of their doubles matches, the Ladies dropped their first two singles matches. However, Kenyon was able to take No. 3-6 singles matches to earn a 6-3 overall victory.

The following day, the Ladies returned home to face Northwestern Ohio. The No. 1 pair of Daria Beshentseva '22 and Eleni Dakos '24 picked up the lone win for Kenyon in doubles play. After a speech from head coach Andrew Carlson, the Ladies were prepared to come out firing in the singles matches. "We're a really scrappy team and I was confident we would go out swinging in our singles matches," Anna Winslow '22

wrote in an email to the *Collegian*.

Winslow took care of her singles match in dominant fashion, winning 6-1, 6-0. In the top singles match, Beshentseva won 6-3, 6-3. Dakos followed suit, scoring a 6-3, 6-1 victory in the No. 2 match. Lalasa Nagireddy '25 took care of her assignment in the No. 3 match by winning 6-3, 6-2. Since the men's tennis team needed the court to play their match on Sunday, the final two singles matches went unplayed, because the Ladies had already clinched their victory with five wins.

After the victory, the approach of Senior Day began to dawn on the Ladies seniors. Winslow felt a sense of accomplishment entering the monumental day. "We definitely had a unique four years dealing with COVID, but we also showed so much perseverance throughout that time that I'm really proud of," Winslow said. "Despite COVID, we've had some great accomplishments like making the final four at the NCAA [Tournament] and winning the conference tournament every year so far."

Winslow is also excited to

enjoy the last part of her Kenyon career. She is grateful for the impact that the team has had on her as both a tennis player, but more importantly a person. "I know the connections I've built on the team will serve far beyond my time at Kenyon and I couldn't be more grateful," Winslow said.

The Ladies won on Senior Day 8-1. Beshentseva and Dakos teamed up again to win the No. 1 doubles match 8-2. Winslow and Erika Pontillo '23 played in the No. 2 match, where they soundly defeated the Fighting Scots 8-1. Kenyon swept the doubles matches, including a 8-0 win from Catriona MacIntosh '23 and Lalasa Nagireddy '25.

Beshentseva played in the No. 1 singles match, winning 6-0, 6-0. Fellow senior Winslow lost in a close match 6-4, 7-6. The rest of the Ladies' matches went in their favor as Kenyon dominated Wooster throughout the match.

The Ladies will look to continue their dominant play on Friday at 4:30 p.m. in Gambier against Otterbein University. They are 9-8 (2-0) on the season.