Trustees approve site for art buildings

BY ALLISON BURKET
News Editor

“We couldn’t be more pleased with how things are going,” said Chair of the Board of Trustees Bill Bennett. “The current campaign, which was one of many points of discussion at last weekend’s Fall meeting of the Board of Trustees. The trustees also discussed the recommendations of the Diversity Task Force and the siting of the art facilities.

The progress of Kenyon’s campaign to raise money for the College’s endowment and campus buildings, which is currently in its early phase and will not be formally launched until June, was reviewed this weekend to gauge levels of interest and support for the campaign’s different priorities.

Things are going fine,” said Development Committee Chair David Horwitz ’74. “We’re not going to blow past our goal, but I’m relatively confident that we’ll get there.”

Among the campaign’s priorities are the goal of approximately doubling Kenyon’s current endowment, which Horwitz called the “smallest endowment of our peer colleges,” as well as expanding certain financial aid and academic programs and funding the major construction projects of new art facilities and residence halls. According to Bennett, there were no major changes to those priorities made during last weekend’s meetings.

Art facilities siting

The proposed siting of the new visual arts building behind the library and the museum and exhibit building between Cromwell Cottage and Chalmers library was presented to the Building and Grounds Committee and approved by the board. The proposed relocation of Cromwell Cottage, which had been suggested to create enough space for the new building, was not approved.

"We did not officially rule it out," said Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee Paul Goldberger, "but it is unlikely that that will happen."

What will become of the English department also remains undecided. "The idea of a cluster of cottages close to Wiggins Street made up part of buildings that would not be moved and maybe built was approved in principal," said Goldberger. "But is something that is much further down the road."

"The notion is if we could raise funding for it, we could as quickly as possible try to construct one [new] building and create a small campus for English in the future," said President Georgia S. Nugent. English offices will most likely remain in Sunset Cottage, while Bailey House and Neff House will also be made available for the department. The Kenyon Review’s offices will also be moved to Neff, which will most likely undergo renovations before the move can take place.

The architects will come forward with adjusted plans, “we hope, in the next couple of months,” said Goldberger. "We would like to see these designs move forward."

UE 712, College settle on contract

BY WILLOW BELDEN
Editor-in-Chief

"There’s a pretty sour taste in everybody’s mouth," said Bob Smith, president of the Local 712. "There’s a lot of hard feelings... Morale is at an all-time low, and that’s not going to go away."

Smith explained that union workers are dissatisfied with the contract because it is not very different from what the College has offered all along. Kenyon’s original offer would have required workers to pay 20 percent of health insurance premiums in the first year, 17 percent in the second year and 20 percent in the third year. The new contract still requires workers to pay 20 percent in the third year but only demands 13 percent in the first year and 15 percent in the second year.

"We weren’t happy with the offer," said Smith. He and the other UE members who negotiated with the College recommended that the workers reject Kenyon’s offer. When put to a vote, however, the workers opted to accept the contract.

Smith said he thinks workers decided to accept the contract because they did not wish to go on strike.

"The College wasn’t going to move without a more drastic measure," he said. "We were talking about rejecting it and probably going on strike, and too many of the [UE workers] weren’t willing to do that and decided to go and accept it, even though they didn’t necessarily feel it was a good contract."

No more tears? Housing lottery reviewed

BY LAURA GARLAND
Staff Reporter

Student government and administrators have been working to shrink the student housing lottery process into a one-day event, while pre- lottery housing may be adjusted if a bill drafted by the junior class committee is approved.

Dean of Residential Life George Barbuto plans to change the housing lottery system from a process taking weeks to one that would occur on a single Saturday in the spring semester. The changes, Barbuto said, "after 15 to 17 years of doing the lottery one way, are bound to be a bummer," but he said they will "simplify the system... with no more deadlines and applications."

On lottery day, all students will meet in the Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC), and names will be drawn, starting with seniors. When a student’s name is drawn, he or she can select any room or apartment that has not yet been claimed. Until now, students have had to enter separate lotteries for singles, doubles, triples and apartments.

Barbuto said that while the new process should be much less complicated for students, "the hardest thing will be figuring out what you want," he said. "The individual has to make a choice."

If students choose an apartment for four to six people and pull their friends in with them, all of those friends’ numbers will also be eliminated. But many students whose numbers come up earlier may face the prospect of having to choose between their top room and what their friends wish to share with them.

As a result, Barbuto concluded, one big problem might be that the new lottery system "may be tough on peoples’ relationships with friends."

Given the housing shortage this year, Barbuto could not predict what will happen next year with an overflow of students. Currently, some first-years are housed in nontraditional housing, such as the Norton apartment, although Barbuto said the housing crunch is less severe this year than it was two years ago, when students drastically outnumbered beds. Still, some students choose to remain out of the lottery and without a room until the summer in the hopes that something better than their first time around would surface.

Division housing bill

Campus policy for pre-lottery housing in fraternity divisions is also

WKCO rocks for generations

Adam Birk/aWhite U7 chaise is up with a friend in the WKCO studio in the basement of Fair Hall. WKCO has been functioning as an independent student broadcasting organization for over 40 years. See story page 13.

Tobin Theriault
Results of Student Life food survey

- 886 students took the survey, with approximately half living in North or central campus and half South
- Around 40 percent rated the overall quality of the dining hall food to be average and 28 percent rated it as poor.
- One of the largest concerns about food preparation was the use of too much oil, salt and spices.
- There was a strong demand for "healthy" options in general, including chicken breasts and other lean meats, beans, steamed vegetables and fresher vegetables in the salad bar.
- 65 percent say that if they eat a snack during the day they buy their own food from a local business in Gambier, and 26 percent buy their own breakfast every day.
- Approximately 75 percent said that the current all-you-can-eat concept is either very important or important.
- Approximately half of the respondents are not satisfied with the hours of the dining halls, over 40 percent requesting extended weekend hours for both Gund and Ernst.
- 60 percent said that they would rather have Ernst open on the weekends than Gund.
- Approximately 60 percent of respondents said that locally-grown foods were important to them.

---courtesy of Student Life Committee

Corrections

Due to editorial error, we last week identified Thomas Burkart, a candidate for Ohio state senate, as a Republican ("Gambier decides," Oct. 26, 2006). In fact, he is a Democrat.

Due to staff error, we last week misreported several facts about the Mount Vernon City Schools tax levy ("Gambier decides," Oct. 26, 2006). The levy is a decrease from the old levy, not an increase, and the owner of a $100,000 house would pay $53.20 per year toward the levy. A corrected version can be found with this week's election information on page 7.

The Collegian apologies for any inconveniences these errors may have caused.

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Trustees: College focus to shift to new student residence halls

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Student residents

Because the emphasis has been on getting the art facilities project off the ground for the past 18 months, said Bennett, it was decided the focus should turn to planning the renovation and construction of student residences, a project to be included in the current capital campaign.

"Student residents are a number one priority to Kenyon right now," said Bennett. "We understand we need to address that." We're probably going to ask--

Dean Social, with a group of students and faculty, to reconsider housing--what is the best site, the best kind of housing," said Nugent. "We would like to have an answer about [housing] siting and type by February."

We have not raised funds for the housing," said Horwitz, "although we expect that it will be realized very well, especially with parents."

This weekend's discussion established an estimated budget of $12 million for the project, with the goal of adding 120 beds.

The objective, said Horwitz, is to "take the existing population we have and make sure we have good housing for them," rather than expand Kenyon's capacity.

Bennett emphasized the Board and the College's commitment to bringing Kenyon's current enrollment of around 1,700 down to the target number of 1,575 students, a number agreed upon during the board's fall meeting last year as Kenyon's optimal size.

We want to bring Kenyon back to those numbers that is how we're going to be successful," explained Bennett, emphasizing that it is something that takes time, especially with unpredictable factors such as retention and yield rates that have been high for Kenyon in recent years.

"Divinity Task Force

Following divinity's central place in discussion during the board's April 2006 meeting, the College's Divinity Task Force received approval for their recommendations in their revised report analyzing multiple aspects of Kenyon's divinity and proposing ways to improve.

"The most significant thing is that the board has agreed to establish a special committee on divinity," said President Georgia Nugent, describing it as "an oversight committee committed to looking at all of the divinity instruction and improving upon divinity."

Other components of the approved proposal include the endowment of certain scholarships and plans to diversify campus programming.

"Other Discussions"

The board also continued ongoing discussions concerning the health center and the progress of the Prince project, without any major disputes or decisions, Bennett said. Several new trustees, who Horwitz said "are just terrible," were introduced to the board.

A proposal to add students with laptops, an idea originally put forward by the board last year, was shelved for the time being, because of "financial concerns and the general feeling that the community is not ready to use this policy implemented," according to Vice President for Library and Information Services Dan Temple.

The board also received updates from Nugent on the status of the school, highlighting well-known successes such as the school's ongoing success with Fulbright scholarships, and from student council, discussing the results of the food survey goals for the Career Development Center and the success of the changes in the health center.

Fence dispute spurs 'Aristocrap' truck

"The Ohio lined fence law is that you have to maintain half of the fence," explained Hall. He feels that throughout the 75 years that members of his family have owned the property, "the College has never maintained their portion of the fence."

When he was approached several years ago by members of the College to repair his portion of the fence, he pointed to sections of fence that Kenyon has not maintained. "They led me to believe that they would take care of it," he said.

"And after that they did never really do anything about it." It seems like they just kind of blew me off," he continued. "They made me comply with the law when Kenyon wanted me to, but when I wanted Kenyon to comply with the law, they ignored it."

The message on the sign, which he emphasized was more for personal amusement than anything, was directed towards a select group of individuals. "I debated about [the truck] because the students and the faculty are 99 percent decent good people," Hall said. "You get a few that rub you the wrong way and that ruins it for the whole group."

"I knew some people take it to be about all of Gambier, it's not," said Hall. "It's just a couple of people that irritated me."

I hope to have all those people leave it alone. He said he would probably move it in after the Trustee's fall meeting. "I'm too old to get mad anymore," said Hall. "I thought it was just kind of fun."
Student Council

The council met on Sunday, Oct. 29.

- Senior Class President Jeff Delozier said that the senior class committee is continuing preparations for the senior dinner on Nov. 10. Because of the renovation of Prince Hall, the dinner will be held on multiple floors of Ascension Hall in the form of a cocktail party.

- Chair of the Housing and Grounds Committee David Shockey '07 told the council that the committee is finalizing a draft of the new housing lottery system. The council will also be meeting with representatives of the Greek community to discuss division housing.

- Campus Safety Committee Chair Bob Warnock '07 reported on the Committee's meeting with Dan Werner and their discussion about concerns of increased theft on campus, especially in prescription drugs stolen from dorm rooms. They also discussed student complaints about the safety of bikes incorporated in Activist University's yellow bike program.

- Student Life Committee Chair Jesse Lewis '07 discussed the results of the food poll, which were presented to the board of trustees and will be posted online to show general trends and opinions. Among the most prominent causes of concern on campus is the quality and freshness of dining hall food, and the role played by local foods and vendors.

- Lewis also discussed some issues brought up at the meeting of the trustees' student affairs committee last weekend. The trustees and students discussed communication issues and ways of streamlining information for the Kenyon community. The trustees provided positive feedback about improvements at the campus health center as well as the newly incorporated Campus Wellness Initiative. The panel also considered ways to improve and strengthen the College's Career Center and its role in students' lives. Senate Co-Chair Norm Kaufmann '07 suggested that integrating faculty and departmental programs into the career development program might be a good way to get students more involved.

- Dean of Students Tommy Gocial, the administrative advisor to the council, expressed concerns about the large number of student groups and organizations on campus. "I think it's important that we hold these organizations accountable to fulfilling their missions and ensure that they contribute to the community," said Gocial. She also expressed reservations about student organizations seeking funding from both the Budget and Finance Committee and the Dean's office.

- Another of Gocial's concerns related to communication between the administration and members of the student government during the policy-making process. "Although mechanisms do exist, we need to work on ways of getting this information to the general student body and getting students involved in making these decisions," remarked Gocial. She also said it might be necessary to sacrifice speedy implementation of policies in order to increase student input and dialogue with student government bodies.

Teddy Flaim

Lottery: Division penalties may be reduced

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being addressed in a bill drafted by the Junior Class Committee. The bill is being reviewed in the Student Council Housing and Grounds Committee, and Senes began dis- cussing it on Tuesday.

Currently, division housing is guaranteed to certain fraternities. Non-fraternity students who wish to live with their friends must apply for the popular and interest houses. Sophomores living in division housing lose three lottery points for every subsequent lottery they enter after their sophomore year. If they never leave division housing, they never deal with this point deduction.

The reason [the point deduction system] was put into place was because it was felt that sophomore fraternity members were given an unfair advantage at living South their sophomore year over their classmates," Junior Class President green asked explained.

The new policy would have division-house fraternity members docked only one point in the next lottery they enter and not at all in subsequent lotteries. Paulsen said the writers of the proposal reason that [because] once a fraternity member leaves division housing to enter the lottery they will face a point deduction and will be at a disadvantage compared to their other classmates in the lottery.

Also of concern was that the point deduction puts fraternity members in such cases behind the rest of their classmates but not behind students who have lost points due to disciplinary action. Students penalized for punitive reasons normally get one to two points taken away.

The current bill put forth by the junior class is an attempt to create a more just and equitable housing penalty for those students [fraternity members] who have the advantage of being exempted from the lottery their sophomore year," said Junior Class Representative to Senate Brendan Mysliwiec.

Labor: Union morale at 'all-time low'

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- Higher wages, higher payments

The new-contract gives UE workers a 12 percent (HNM) wage increase over the next three years: 4 percent in the first year, 4 percent in the second year and 3 percent in the third year. UE workers say they think the salary increase is satisfactory, but they are upset that the College wants "to take so much of it back in insurance premiums."

The union workers feel they should pay a lower percentage than other employees because they have a different insurance plan, which is cheaper for Kenyon. The United Steel Workers Health and Welfare Fund Plan, which the UE 712 ad- opted in 1999, will pay approximately $1,013 per month for a family plan—a nearly $50 less per month than Kenyon's insurance plan. This means Kenyon is saving more than $35,000 per year and "pocketing" the money, union workers said.

They felt they should be en- titled to the savings, which is why they refused to accept Kenyon's offer when their old contract expired in June. In talks over the summer, union members asked Kenyon to cover 100 percent of their insurance premium costs, a request that the College rejected.

The General Administrators say that while the steelworkers' insurance plan costs less, it isn't actually saving the College money. Over the past three years, Kenyon has absorbed the rising cost of health insurance for the UE 712 workers. The steelworkers' premiums increased by an average of more than eight percent each year, while the workers have paid a fixed $101 monthly.

NEWS

Hillel members get free Israel trip

BY SABRA FRIEDMAN, Staff Reporter

This coming January, six Kenyon students will travel to Israel for ten days in order to "make real that con- nection that each of us as Jews has to Israel," according to Marc Bragin, the new executive director of Kenyon College Hillel.

The trip, sponsored by the Taglit Birthright Israel company, is not affiliated with or sponsored by the College; Hillel International, the organization of which Kenyon Hillel is a chapter, collaborates with Taglit Birthright to secure funding for trips to Israel. The Kenyon Hillel is merely "informing students that there is this opportunity," according to Jon Porobil '08, Co-Home Manager of Hillel. Although Bragin made the phone calls to organize the trip and will be a trip leader, he will not necessarily lead groups focused on Kenyon students because his position at Kenyon is unrelated to his role as a trip leader.

The birthright program is a "peer" group trip to Israel. Particip- ants must be Jewish, ages 18 to 26, and must never have been to Israel on a peer program. Hillel International schedules the trip, so as to not conflict with school schedules. Colleges organize their own groups and then combine with other participants, forming a travel group of around 60 people.

These students will "interact with other Jewish college students from around the world," said Bragin. There are currently six Kenyon stu- dents signed up for the program: two house managers, Hillel participants and other Jewish students. Jessie Rubenstein '08, Co-Home Manager, says she can't wait to get to know the trip participants.

According to Porobil, the Ken- yon Hillel has long wanted to orga- nize a trip to Israel. He said interest in Hillel's previous trips to New York, Cleveland and other places, was low because "Israel is the only option" for a Jewish bonding trip. Although the previous house manager was, ac- cording to Porobil, "shaky on Israeli issues," the current House Managers feel strongly that visiting Israel is important.

The purpose of the Israel trip is, according to Porobil, to understand the political climate and "tone of living" of Israel. He says that a free trip "cost[s] down on the number of excuses" people give for not visiting Israel.

The trip's itinerary includes: among many activities, a sunrise hike up Mount Masada, an archaeo- logical dig, an overnight in a Bed- ouin tent and a visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial museum. Students will participate in semi- nars about the Arab-Israeli conflict and discussions of religious issues. Bragin expects that "the students [will] strengthen their own Jewish identity by visiting Israel and hav- ing the realization that it is closer to us than the student ever thought."

- New Hillel director

Bragin's role is one of the "moving factors in the Israel trip," according to Porobil, has been only one of his many initiatives in his new position. More locally, he has made sure that the Menorah Kroger and the Gamber Deli have kosher meat, available for purchase, available. Shabbat dinners have got- ten a lot of positive feedback from this ini- tiative, says Jon. There is meet every week, a welcome change for kosher students who must be vegetarian in the college dining halls. Some of his other ideas that have been implemented are the creation of Kenyon Hillel water bottles, a "pizza and tie dye" gathering and new landscaping in front of the HP, which has been brought in for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur was a "huge success," according to Porobil. He has also "spiced up the services by playing guitar every week."

According to Porobil, Bragin "inspires people to want to get involved" and as a result, Hillel is more active than it has been in the past year.

With attendance that has "somewhere between doubled and tripled," according to Porobil, and with more expensive food, Hillel is spending the money more than ever. Bragin has secured money from the Student Activities Committee and the Ohio State University Hillel to cover these costs and implement his ideas for new events.

Hillel does, however, have a private endowment from alumni and Hillel International. Because Hillel is both a departmental and student organization, the Budget Finance Committee has appropri- ated money only for publicity and not for food.

In taking the job as Executive Director of Kenyon College Hillel, Bragin was "looking for a little more variety and responsibility" than his previous role as Jewish Chaplain at Colgate. He was interested in that other offer. He said he wanted to deal with Judaism as "more than just religion."

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In 2004, there were officials who were coming out and... questioning whether students should vote, said Professor of Biology and poll worker Jean Slonczewski. "This time there is none of that."

Out-of-state student voter registration was a popular item of discussion during the 2004 election season because Ohio was a decisive state. Several Ohio races are hotly contested this time around as well, so a variety of groups have pushed both in-state and out-of-state students to register to vote in Gambier. Zeta Alpha Pi, Beta Theta Pi, Activists United and Kenyon Democrats have each been conducting voter registration drives to get as many students registered as possible.

"On national issues I don't see any problems with students registering here—for Congress and for Senate," said Gambier Mayor and Professor of Political Science Kirk Emmert. "But on local issues it can be more of a problem. Students could easily overwhelm the village here, and they're only here for a short time."

Slonczewski said she thinks four years is more than enough time to become acquainted with local issues, however. "The criteria for registering to vote is supposed to be permanent residency," she said, "but the average residency of Ohio citizens in one place is something like 2.5 years, so if students are here for four years, I think that's pretty good."

This year, Slonczewski said, "the Knox County Board of Elections has gone out of its way to encourage students to participate not only in voting but also as poll workers. No Kenyon students are actually serving as poll workers because the job requires 12 hours of work, Slonczewski said.

The Kenyon Democrats, who have 60 students on their distribution list, 20 of whom are regular participants, have been working on out-of-state voter registration in Ohio. Kenyon Democrats officer Sarah Cohen said she feels that "Kenyon students become increasingly politicized due to the closeness and intensity of the presidential race. The result of [the 2004] election further politicized the students by raising awareness about voting issues."

While Cohen says she has heard little negative talk from community members or professors about students voting here, she says she has heard some criticism from students at Kenyon who view voter registration for students as a partisan maneuver. Fellow Kenyon Democrat Caleb Ruopp '09 said that if out-of-state voters "still care about what's going on at home, that's great; they should have an absentee ballot sent from home. We mostly want people to vote."

That's the first step. According to first-year Brian Kelso, the Kenyon Republicans have also been encouraging students to register to vote. While he conceded that registering out-of-state voters at Kenyon would likely mostly help Democrats more than Republicans, he said, "It's really more important that that many more people are getting out to vote at all."

Fellow Kenyon Republican member Colin Maguire '08 said that he encourages all students to vote but that "without the Presidential election to galvanize such a movement, we are certainly expecting fewer students at the polls this year."

Regardless of the outcome of the elections, Maguire said he thinks voting is worthwhile. "The biggest thing that politically active Americans forget in the campaign season is how to be a good American," he said. "We forget how to be politically responsible and accountable for our views."

Maguire is planning a forum based on the upcoming election in the near future and has invited Cohen to speak. Kenyon Betas and Activists United have also been working on registration and fundraisers, and the Zetas held two voter-registration nights in first-year dorms. As voting day approaches, Slonczewski commented, regardless of where the student voters call home, "If they register, they better show up. It's like attendance at a class."

"If you want to vote Democratic, that's excellent," Ruopp said. "If you want to vote Republican, I disagree with you but I want you to vote anyway, because I want everyone's vote to be heard and counted. In a representative democracy, there have to be enough people to represent, and be represented by someone that most people want. Let's try again for that this year."

Calendar for the week

Nov. 2:
10:15 p.m.
Stitch N' Bitch
Crozier Center

Nov. 3:
7:30 p.m.
A Scanned Darkly
KAC Theater

Nov. 4:
1:00 p.m.
Kenyon vs Oberlin
Football
McBride Field
7:30 pm
Lady Vengeance
KAC Theater
8:30 p.m.
Diwali
Gund Ballroom
Nov. 5:
4:00 pm
Evening
Church of the Holy Spirit
9:00 p.m.
Open Mic
Horn Gallery
Nov. 6:
7:00 p.m.
Poetry Reading by T.
R. Hummer
Weaver Cottage
Nov. 7:
8:00 p.m.
Borealis Wind
Quintet
Nov. 8:
10:15 pm
Junebug
KAC Theater

Before you graduate

Before you graduate, you really should gather together all of your nearest and dearest friends in order to discuss the day's events: the food choices you made at Gym, the sweaters you picked out to wear this morning, that cute boy you locked eyes with in PHSU, how many times you got lost in the McBride hallways. Yes, dear students, these truly are the moments that make Kenyon shine brightest, and should be shared across the world. Why not pick up your cell phone, take a stroll down Middle Path and risk ridicule from an upper classman, like Brian Hepp '09, Geoff Bulker '09, Katie O'Malley '07, Zach Shapiro '08, Melinda Bennett '07 and Brendan McCarthy '07 do? Why not? Because then you're not better than a Denison student. Before you graduate, talk to your neighbors, not your cell phone.

Student maced and sent home

Ben Browning, a first-year student from Ramsey, N.J., was recently physically tackled and sprayed with mace by the Knox County Sheriff. The College asked him to return home until further notice.

On the evening of Oct. 20, an argument broke out between two males on the sidewalk of Aeland Street. Browning, 18, attempted to stop the fight by creating a diversion. Browning threw a nearby Activists United yellow bike into the road, narrowly missing an approaching police vehicle. When the police stopped to get out of the car, Browning ran. He was then tackled and maced by the authorities, who then took him into custody. His bail was posted by friends in the early morning of Oct. 21.

After meeting with school officials, Kenyon requested Browning return home until further notice. Neither Browning nor the sheriff wished to comment on the situation when contacted.

---Hannah Curran
GAMBIER DECIDES
Ohio Supreme Court

Robert Cupp
Republican

Cupp has served on the 3rd District Court of Appeals for four years, where he was appointed presiding judge in 2005. Prior to this, he was a member of the Ohio Senate for 16 years, serving as president pro tempore from 1997 to 2000. He served on many committees in the senate, including the judiciary education and joint legislative ethics committees. Cupp also served as Allen County commissioner and Lima city prosecutor and assistant law director. He is a visiting professor at Ohio Northern University, where he teaches judicial process and leadership. Cupp also attended Ohio Northern University, where he earned his bachelor of arts and Juris Doctor. He practiced law privately for 25 years and currently resides in Lima, Ohio.

Information courtesy of http://www.robertcupp4justice.com

—Elizabeth Beckman

Ben Esby
Democrat

Espy has been an attorney in private practice for 38 years. He earned his bachelor of arts from Ohio State University and his Juris Doctor from Howard University. He served as a member of the Ohio Senate from 1992 until 2002. During that time, he was assistant minority leader from 1994-1996 and minority leader from 1996-2000, and he served on the Senate Finance Committee, the State Controlling Board and the Senate Judiciary Committee. Esby was also the chief of the division of criminal activities and the deputy chief of the civil rights division of the Ohio Attorney General’s Office. From 1982 to 1992, he was a Columbus city councilman. He also was a captain in a JAG unit in the Air Force. Esby currently resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Information courtesy of http://www.esbyforjustice.com

Terrence O’Donnell
Republican

A resident of Rocky River, Ohio, incumbent Terrence O’Donnell has served on the Ohio State Supreme Court for four years. Prior to this, he sat on the 8th District Court of Appeals, to which he was elected in 1994, and the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas for 14 years. He was also the chair of the Ohio Legal Rights Service Commission. O’Donnell received his bachelor's of arts from Kent State University and his Juris Doctor from Cleveland State University.

According to his web site, Justice O’Donnell believes that “the oath of a judge is to support and uphold the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio not to represent special interests on the court.”

Information courtesy of http://www.justiceodonnell.com

William O’Neill
Democrat

Currently in his second term as a judge on the 11th District Court of Appeals, O’Neill has decided over 3,000 cases since 1997. He received his bachelor’s degree in journalism from Ohio University and his Juris Doctor from Cleveland Marshall College of Law. A Vietnam veteran and recipient of the Bronze Star, O’Neill is a retired lieutenant colonel. He is also a registered nurse and was an attorney in private practice before becoming the assistant attorney general for the state of Ohio from 1984 to 1996. O’Neill lives in South Russell, Ohio.

O’Neill firmly believes that “money and judges don’t mix” and accepts no campaign contributions, according to his web site. He is running on the slogan, “No Money from No Body” and does not believe in “sitting on contributors’ cases.”

Information courtesy of http://www.william4justice.org

Jennifer Brunner
Democrat

Jennifer Brunner is a native of Clark County and current resident of Columbus. She has served as a member of the Franklin County Board of Elections, as legislative counsel for Secretary of State Sherrod Brown in 1983, as an election lawyer to many Ohio Democratic politicians and as a judge in the Franklin County Common Pleas Court. Brunner also had a private practice specializing in elections law for 13 years, during which time some of Ohio’s most influential companies sought her legal advice, according to her web site. As judge, she allowed justices to inaugurate a trial with questions and introduced a program of drug rehabilitation for non-violent offenders.

Brunner’s main goal is to abolish corruption in elections. According to her web site, Brunner will work to ensure that "elections can be audited and verified, so that voters have confidence that elections are fair, reliable, and trustworthy." She also hopes to generate jobs by "meeting an environment where business growth and expansion is uncomplicated," and to work against identity theft.

Information courtesy of http://www.jenniferbrunner.com

John Eastman
Independent

Born in Ohio and educated as an environmental engineer, Eastman is currently chief environmental engineer at LJB, Inc., Engineers and Architects in Dayton. From 1977 to 1984, he taught engineering at Michigan State University, and then became vice president for engineering with Berry and Associates in Michigan. He has been active in the Natural Law Party of Ohio, "a progressive third party that believes in preventative measures and scientifically proven solutions to problems," according to his web site.

Eastman’s catch phrase is “full participation,” promoting an easily accessible voting process to all citizens and a level playing field for all candidates. On his web site, he says, “I want to bring back independent and nonpartisan integrity to the office, promote fair and open elections, and create an even playing field in the election process for all Ohio citizens and candidates regardless of their political persuasion.”

Information courtesy of http://www.johneastman.org

Greg Hartmann
Republican

Greg Hartmann, a resident of Cincinnati, has worked in the private sector as a manager for Airline Distribution Services, Inc. He earned a law degree from Pepperdine University and worked as assistant prosecutor in Hamilton County. In his current position as Hamilton County clerk of courts, Hartmann says he has managed to reduce costs and generate savings of over $1.3 million, according to his web site. He has also become renowned for protecting against identity theft.

Hartmann is also concerned with Ohio's election system. He wants to strengthen the Ohio Elections Commission, simplify voting procedures, increase training for election supervisors and prevent vote fraud by increasing it's transparency. On his web site, Hartmann says, "Small businesses are essential to Ohio's economic growth and we must make sure we create an environment that encourages their development and growth." He also will advocate "more timely changes to Ohio law as business technology changes."

Information courtesy of http://www.greghartmann.com

Timothy Kettler
Green

Kettler is active as a member of the Green Party, serving as the party’s secretary in Ohio and the co-founder and treasurer of his local branch. He and his wife own the Action Septic Service, an “environmentally directed business service,” according to his web site. Kettler says his “blue collar, working class background and his rural lifestyle” means that he will dedicate himself to the needs of those groups.

Kettler says he hopes to bring “principled leadership and Green Party values” to the office of Secretary. As a staunch opponent of the Bush administration, he has always opposed the war in Iraq. He advocates single-payer, universal health care in Ohio, which means that one non-profit government agency would replace the current private health insurance companies.

Information courtesy of http://www.ohiogreens.org/elections/kettler06.html

—Sarah Friedman
Gambier at the Polls
Governor of Ohio

Kenneth Blackwell
Republican
Ken Blackwell is currently Ohio's secretary of state. Born in Cincinnati, Blackwell received a degree in psychology and a Master of Education at Xavier University and taught there for over 15 years. He served on Cincinnati's city council and as mayor of the city. He also served in George H.W. Bush's administration as undersecretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Bush later appointed him ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

Blackwell helped bring about the Ohio Marriage Amendment prohibiting same-sex marriage passed in 2004. He is endorsed by several anti-abortion organizations including Cincinnati Right to Life, Republican National Coalition for Life and Concerned Women for America.

Citing Ohio's failing stance on job creation, Blackwell believes a plan to control government spending and reduce income tax will stimulate growth. Blackwell also helped initiate "The 65 Cent Solution," which would require every Ohio school district to spend at least 65 cents for every education dollar on instruction only, increasing "classroom spending" by more than a billion dollars without a tax increase.

Information courtesy of http://www.kennblackwell.com/

Bob Fitrakis
Green
Bob Fitrakis is a lawyer, journalist and professor of political science at Columbus State Community College. He earned his law degree at Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and his Ph.D. at Wayne State University in Detroit. Fitrakis is renowned for his advocacy of voting rights and has published books about the 2004 presidential election. He was also responsible for calling the first public hearings to investigate voter suppression and election irregularities after the 2004 elections, and he was one of several attorneys to file a challenge lawsuit to Ohio's election results. Fitrakis won Columbus State Community College's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1991 and has won several awards for his journalism including recognition by the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists and the Press Club of Cleveland.

Hoping to end corruption in Ohio, Fitrakis is convinced that cleaner government is the solution to Ohio's troubles. If elected, Fitrakis will "stop the conflicts of interest, end the cronynm and remove the sweetheart deals that have brought shame" to Ohio's electoral process and government, according to his campaign.

Information courtesy of http://www.bobforohio.com/

Bill Peirce
Libertarian
Born and raised in Massachusetts, Bill Peirce has had a long career in some of America's most prestigious schools. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University and then studied at the American Institute for Economic Research for two years before earning a Ph.D. in economics by Princeton University. He is a professor emeritus of economics at Case Western Reserve University. Peirce has published many works on economics and was elected chair of the board of trustees for the American Institute for Economic Research in 2004.

Concerning Ohio's economy, Peirce has a three-step plan for lifting the "roadblocks to growth" by eliminating all the tax increases included in current Governor Taft's budget; protecting private property by forbidding eminent domain abuse and reforming the property tax to exempt homes and other improvements; and improving education by allowing parental and school choice in education and providing a $3,000 state grant to be given to any school chosen by the parents to instruct their child.

Information courtesy of http://peirceforohio.com/

Ted Strickland
Democrat
Originally from Lucaville, Ohio, Strickland was the first in his family to attend college, graduating from Auberly College with a bachelor of arts and later a master's and doctorate degrees in psychology from the University of Kentucky. Strickland worked as a psychologist at a prison at Lucaville, Ohio and taught psychology at Shawnee State University. He ran three times unsuccessfully for Ohio's 6th congressional district and then the 19th district following the 1990 census when the 10th and 6th districts were combined. He lost the seat in 1994 but won it back in 1996 and has served that position since.

A release progressive vision to "Turn Around Ohio" includes efforts to provide every child with early care and education and to increase the number of students in Ohio's colleges and universities. Strickland also hopes to spur small and mid-size business growth by investing in energy production and entrepreneurship and by stabilizing health costs for Ohio workers.

Information courtesy of http://www.tedstrickland.com

---Michael Finki

Auditor of State

Barbara Sykes
Democrat
Sykes began her political career as the first African-American woman elected to the Akron City Council. She subsequently served as the deputy auditor of administration for Summit County and is currently in her third term in the Ohio House of Representatives. Since 2003, she has been the president of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus. In 1992, she worked on the Clinton-Gore campaign as the Ohio political director. According to her website, Sykes hopes that by making all audits public record and identifying the roots of financial problems, she will prevent the mismanagement of Ohio's tax dollars. She wants to eliminate "fraud, waste and abuse" in the state government.

Mary Taylor
Republican
In the private sector, Taylor worked at the firm of Deloitte Touche as a certified public accountant and then as senior tax consultant and at the firm of Bober, Markey, Fedorvich & Co. as director of the tax department and senior manager of the Employee Benefits practice. Elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 2002.

Stephen Belden
Nonpartisan
"I enjoy intellectual challenges, researching legal issues and writing," Belden said in an interview with WCLT Radio. "My objectives are to treat all parties and attorneys fairly and courteously, to make my decisions quickly but with a thorough and fair analysis and to be objective in interpreting the law."

Belden has been active in working ... assure that the jail and the Stark County Jail are available for the worst offenders." He said, "We have suffered from jail overcrowding that at one time required us to release prisoners and to tell them to return later years to complete their sentences. This no longer is the case."

Ohio Appeals Court

Patricia Delaney
Nonpartisan
A resident of Delaware, Ohio, Delaney has served as the assistant Columbus city attorney since 1998. She served as a judicial staff attorney on the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas and as an assistant Ohio attorney general, "where she prosecuted civil environmental enforcement actions."

Delaney has also represented private clients as a lawyer with one of Ohio's largest firms, the web site said. She has worked to recover more than $2 million in taxpayer funds and has represented police officers in civil rights suits. She has conducted numerous jury trials and bench trials in both federal and state courts.

Belden has served as a judge in the Canton Municipal Court since 1997 after spending 14 years in private practice and four years as an attorney with the Navy JAG Corps.

---Charles Negro
Mike DeWine Republican

Raised in Yellow Springs, Ohio, DeWine has served two terms in the U.S. Senate and four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

On the Senate Appropriations Committee, DeWine has supported research and development programs at Ohio universities and in high-tech industries. These R&D programs are critical investments that push the Ohio economy into the future and make our nation stronger and more competitive, DeWine said on his website.

DeWine favors tax cuts as a tool for economic growth, and he has "helped pass two of the largest tax cuts in American history to help stimulate our economy."

He is now "working to pave the way to make those tax cuts permanent."

DeWine is also "one of the Senate's strongest defenders of the lives of unborn children and has a 100 percent pro-life voting record," according to his website. He worked "to restrict access to abortion, to eliminate taxpayer funding for abortions and to ensure that human embryos are not used as a tool for medical research."

DeWine co-sponsored the Child Protection Act, which was passed in 2003 and makes it a federal crime to take a minor over state lines for an abortion without parental notification.

DeWine also co-sponsored the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, "which makes it a federal crime for any physician to knowingly perform a partial-birth abortion."

DeWine has "sponsored several pieces of legislation to force China to comply with international trade laws" and "wrote the law allowing Ohio employers to receive $296 million in compensation from foreign companies that violate international trade laws," according to his website.

Information courtesy of http://www.mikedewine.com

Sherrod Brown Democrat

Raising in Mansfield, Ohio, Brown has served in the U.S. House of Representatives for Ohio's 13th district since 1992. Brown favors "rewarding" corporations that create American jobs and passing "fair trade initiatives." Raising living standards in developing nations is his goal and he has worked "to make sure foreign workers purchasing power to buy U.S. made goods."

Brown is a "critical" voice of the war. "The way President Bush misled our country into war was a disgrace to our democracy," he says on his website.

Before he went to war ... I drafted a letter signed by 130 of my colleagues to demand the President respect the U.N. process and let the inspectors work. Since the invasion, I've successfully lobbied to get body armor for soldiers ... We need to listen to our military leaders closely and work with them on specific goals in Iraq so we can bring our troops home."

"I supported No Child Left Behind, and still do," Brown said of educational issues. "Unfortunately, Republican legislators in Congress haven't kept up their part of the bargain. No Child Left Behind ... remains underfunded by $40 billion--far short of the promise made to Ohio teachers and students."

Brown promises to "invest in Pell Grants," to "maintain funding for Head Start and Early Head Start," and to "fully fund No Child Left Behind."

Information courtesy of http://www.sherrodbrown.com

Election day is Nov. 7.

The polls are located in the Gambier Community Center on Meadow Lane and will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Marc Dann Democrat

Originally from Liberty, Ohio, Marc Dann graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in history and later from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1987. He has practiced private law in Youngstown, Ohio since 1991. Dann was a member of the board of education of Liberty, and in 2003 he was appointed to an opening in Ohio's senate. In 2004 he was elected to the seat.

He has been a leader in exposing political scandal, most notably with current Governor Bob Taft's criminal charges and the "Coingate" scandal, in which money intended for the workers' compensation reserve fund was directed to Tom Noe for personal use. Dann announced his candidacy November of last year and hopes to use the position to help police and prosecutors pursue both street and white-collar crime.

Information courtesy of http://www.dannforohio.com

—Michael Fisk

Betty Montgomery Republican

A native of Ohio, Montgomery is a graduate of Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo College of Law. She began her career in public service as a criminal clerk for the Lucas County Common Pleas Court, then became an assistant Wood County prosecuting attorney in 1977 and Perry County city prosecutor in 1978. She was elected Wood County prosecutor in 1980 and was elected to the Ohio Senate in 1988. From 1993 to 2001, she was Ohio's first female attorney general and then switched to her current position of state auditor when she was term-limited in 2001.

While in the Senate, her work included drafting Ohio's first living will law as well as its Victim's Rights Law. According to her campaign, "much of her work in the Senate centered on crime and law enforcement, as well as efforts to help protect consumers, children and the elderly."

Information courtesy of http://www.bettymontgomery.com

Ohio Treasurer of State

Richard Cordray Democrat

Privately, Richard Cordray is an attorney, publicly, he has served as a state representative and as Ohio's first state solicitor. In recognition of "his efforts to promote tolerance and understanding," the Human Rights Campaign honored him as the Humanitarian of the Year in 2000. He is currently the second-term Franklin County treasurer, president of the Board of Revision and chairman of the Budget Commission.

Cordray hopes to replicate his achievements as county treasurer on a state level; he promises to continue to fight homelessness using payment plan contracts, raise the quality of life for senior citizens and stay connected to his constituents. The same type of outreach and financial education programs that he implemented to protect low-income people will remain a priority.

Information courtesy of http://www.ohioauditor.com

—Sarah Freedman

Sandra O'Brien is currently serving her third term as Ashtabula county auditor. During her service, she has defeated a proposed tax increase and conducted investigations that led to the removal of corrupt county officials. Previously, she worked as an elementary and junior high school teacher and a faculty member at Lakehead Community College.

O'Brien is opposed to abortion. She is also an NRA member who supports Second Amendment rights. She opposes gay marriage and spousal benefits for unmarried couples. As county auditor, she proved her fiscal cautiousness by refusing tax dollars to fellow government officials who lacked proper documentation of how the money would be spent.

Information courtesy of http://www.sandraobrien.com

—Charlotte Nages
Division again? Sigh.

The year would not be complete in Kenyon campus government without another quixotic effort to rig

get some small rule in the unfair and sciss institution known as division housing.

The junior class committee proposes rolling back penalties imposed two years ago on fraternity members who leave division housing (see story, page 1). Currently, fraternity members lose three points in the housing lottery the year after leaving division as a trade-off for bringing housing in fraternity divisions as sophomores or juniors.

The committee proposes reducing this penalty to a single point, arguing that a three-point dock puts these fraternity members below many students who get points taken away for judicial infractions and so unfairly stigmatizes fraternity members for joining a fraternity.

However, the three-point deduction was instituted to discourage fraternity members to live in their fraternity division. While sororities—and all other student interest groups—must really pay for year-for-year housing, sophomore fraternity members gloriously bypass the housing lottery by having guaranteed rooms (many of them singles) in historic dorms, only to share them with upperclassmen to live in apartments. Yet no sooner does one utter the word "abolish division" than fraternity members fall over themselves invoking the horror of division housing and the fellowship fostered by living there.

If divisions are so important, why don't fraternity members live there for all three years? The fraternities and their vocal alumni want to both privilege and segregate the college for younger fraternity members to escape the horror of capacities and privilege as upperclassmen to escape the noise of south campus dorms.

The clamor for rooms in crumbling south campus residences reveals the truly abominable quality of student housing at Kenyon. We've had a résumé of the student government pushing for better housing for years. Yet another resolution in the student government papers pushing by Senate and does nothing to fundamentally change a system that entrenches privilege for students wealthy enough to pay fraternity dues. If the junior class committee or Senate really wanted to help the student body, they would further tackle the campus drinking culture or ways to involve students in campus changes rather than worrying about a few points in the housing lottery.

If Greek students at Kenyon really wanted to show their mettle, they would pursue their divisions and agree to repa-

py each year for special-interest housing, just as sororities already do. Now those would only truly be campus government actions to remember.

By Leah Finn
Staff Reporter

Drinking responsibly could lead to relaxed enforcement policies

Kenyon is a little different this year. We stumbled down a Mill Car-

tons-esque hill every night for dinner. We are now encouraged to eat in the library. And whether or not you have an X on your hand usually decides whether or not you can get a beer.

Undoubtedly, this is cause for complaint. This may be only my second year at Kenyon, but I can re-

member the days when the silly little X on your hand meant only that your friends would laugh at you the next morning when you woke up with it on your forehead. You get an X, you walked into the party, you get in a line and a few minutes later you were talking

and drinking with friends, until someone whispered that security had arrived and you put your drink down until they left. It was easy.

These days, all a marked X is going to get you is a room full of frantic Greeks harrasing off the leg room from all under-21-year-olds in a panic to save their party. If you were stupid enough to think that you could get your buzz at a registered party anyway, you might as well head back to your dorm room and get that bottle of Popov out of the freezer, because it's time to throw back a few shots before you head down to Milks.

Yes, we've all heard it: tighter security and allegiance to drinking laws lead inevitably to pre-gaming, alcohol poisoning, drunk driving, declining GPA, memory loss, impotence, etc. Drinking is dangerous not when you're sipping beer, but when you have power hour with Jose Cuervo. Discussions of the drinking problem at Kenyon are beginning to feel as repetitive as the song but at a lounge party (when you're sober enough to notice). At the ADEPT-sponsored drinking forum last week, students said, "College students want to drink!" Administrators said, "Drinking under 21 is illegal!" I felt like I was watching a teenager argue with her mom about curfews.

But who's right? Technically, the grown-ups. The law—that same force forbidding you from committing

homicide when your hall-mate holds a Kelly Clarkson dance party at 2 a.m.—states that drinking alcohol before you are 21 is illegal. As in the cops can arrest you.

We can't go to bars or liquor stores in our hometowns; why should we think that turning up the hill from 229 suddenly means we are in a parallel, lawless universe? Throwing a student body-wide temper tantrum when we can't get a beer at a party is not going to convince the U.S. government to amend nationwide drinking laws or officers of Campus Safety to break them.

Dear Gocial responded to student complaints by assembling a party policy task force. This supposedly works to make parties both safer and less paralyzed. ADEPT held an open forum as an opportunity for students to ask faculty and security questions about drinking in a regulated environment. Attendance was decent, but I suspected that the students present

were not necessarily those who needed to go there. In other words, the people who really have a problem with Kenyon drinking policies.

What the ADEPT forum did was raise was the real issue that needed to be discussed: in order to free up some of the Knox County Community Hospital ambulances on Friday and Saturday nights, Kenyon needs to offer its under-socialized students an environment for drinking that does not involve your dorm room, a short glass and a handle of Bacardi.

Dean Gocial asked the students, "What would be different if the drinking age were under 21?" If my friends and I were legal drinking age, we would probably go to the Cow and have a couple beers with dinner, or maybe we'd make margaritas and drink them over board games out on the quad. In other words, we'd drink casually in a social setting, grateful not to worry if security was around the corner. But where, dear administration?

Do not lose hope. No, Dean Gocial is never going to publicly condone underage drinking, but what she is doing to work is do work with the Campus Security as well as the students to figure out how party policies can be improved. By forming a student task force to discuss drinking, by participating in open forums where students can ask questions and share opinions on campus alcohol policies, the administration is giving us exactly the much-needed opportunity to take responsibility for our drinking and prove to Campus Safety that hanging around our parties is a waste of their time.

Yes, the under-21 rule is frustrating when you are under 21, but it is the law. Whether the administration chooses to turn their heads or not, underage drinking is never going to be publicly approved on this campus. But we're smart kids. If those of us under 21 want to get a beer at a party, we have to show that we are capable of drinking in a responsible, social man-

ner that won't endanger ourselves or anyone else.

And if that never happens? Just wait it out till you turn 21, and you'll have a great time laughing at the frustrated freshmen with X's on their hands.
Student involvement needed to raise awareness, cure malaria

BY RALUCA TOMA
Guest Columnist

At Kenyon, we receive an education meant to open us up to the world. An important part of that is awareness of the problems confronting others—even far away from us. Due to their magnitude, disasters like Hurricane Katrina or the tsunami of 2005 reach us even if we are not ourselves directly affected.

There are stories unfolding quietly, yet because they do not occur all at a sudden, they do not shock us into awareness. Nonetheless, we should take the time to listen to such stories because the people involved in them need our help just as much as those suddenly struck by a calamity.

Malaria is one drama unfolding behind our back. Somewhere in the world, one child dies of malaria every 30 seconds. That’s the time it took you to read this. Malaria goes hand in hand with poverty, and we do not hear much about it in the developed world. The burden of this disease falls on low-income countries unable to raise awareness of this issue in states that actually have the finances necessary to fight it.

Malaria remains the world’s biggest killer. In sub-Saharan Africa alone, between one and two million children die every year of malaria. Think of how many people would fit into seven jumbo jets—that’s how many children die of malaria every single day. Two hundred forty thousand people die because of the tsunami that struck Southeast Asia—that’s the same number of people that die of malaria every three months.

There are many reasons why malaria is so prevalent in Africa, most of them revolving around lack of money and appropriate infrastructure to fight the spread of the disease. Malaria can be prevented, treated and even cured. It is not impossible to stop, but it requires a comprehensive effort that needs to be supported financially by the developed world. The magic word is money; it is poverty that breeds malaria and malaria that breeds poverty by impairing the economic growth of a country.

Kenyon students can help on two levels. First, we can make those around us more aware of this problem, and, second, we can offer substantial help by donating money. It may seem like a stretch to always be giving money away for this or that cause; yet, the money we spend on a meal at Middle Ground could buy a mosquito net treated with chemicals, protecting against the main culprits of spreading malaria.

The Kenyon Amnesty International club will be holding a swim as part of a larger campaign called “Swim for Malaria.” The campaign consists of a series of swimming events, where people come and swim a few laps in a pool and donate money to fight malaria. This initiative is supported by many organizations and institutions around the world, including the BBC, Speedo and Microsoft. All the money raised goes into buying long-lasting, treated bed nets.

The Amnesty International charity swim will be held Sunday, Nov. 12, between 1 and 4 p.m. at the KAC swimming pool. Sign up and pledge donations Nov. 8, 9, 10, 13, and 14 outside Gund and Ernst dining halls.

Speak Out!

Do you think students from out of state should participate in the upcoming Ohio election?

"An out-of-state student, I say yes. Some people feel we're not entitled, but having lived here for three years and having taken the time to inform myself, I feel just as involved in the issues."  
Jenny Lu '08

"I'm not from Ohio and don't think that I will vote here. I don't know enough to feel I have a place, and I won't be here when the proposals take effect. Maybe people can if they research the topics, but I won't."  
Molly Papows '09

Top 10 revisions for the Master Plan

BY LESLIE PARSONS
A&E Editor

10. Instead of moving us from Ernst back to Peirce, let's just move our dining hall to the underside of the upside-down tree. We won't even have to hire workers; the squirrels will forage for us.

9. The College is planning to build an art building in between Olin Library and Cronwell Cottage. Why bother? I say just buy out the Fortune Building and add it to Cronwell Cottage and call it performance art.

8. My man Gunde never considered the Aclands in the campus master plan. I feel that when ropes should be installed around the Aclands apartment, so that only the most exclusive group of coffeeshifts can drink Natty Light with the Bettas.

7. I don't see why we aren't trying to make Caples taller. I mean, why are we settling for only eight stories? Why not nine, or even into thir double-digits? This would also provide more housing for the disillusioned sophomore who didn't get Old Kenyon but are thankful that they didn't get Marher.

6. Let's make Venetian blinds for the KAC. It would keep someone busy for a while, and it would keep that big glass-beast from being the south campus night light.

5. Colburn Hall should be renovated so that all of the walls are glass. Think about how many people it would attract like nude modeling night. This would kill two birds with one stone: it would bring greater interest to the arts at Kenyon and provide an alternative to Wednesday night drinking.

4. Graham needs to hop on this next idea. We can build a replica of the piazza huts on the north side of campus, and then we would be branching Pieta Huts. Get it? Hahahaha!

3. I think the Hill Theater needs to be moved next to the KAC and its name then changed to the Dale Thomas Theatre.

2. The Olin Grab-and-Go needs to be moved upstairs to the quiet work room in the second floor of the library. I need the constant ringing of a cash register to keep me awake.

1. Three words: Market, Dog, Drive-thru. Or is that four words?

Letters to the Editor

To the editors:

As former Kenyon Collegian staff members, we would like to respond to President Georgia Nugent seemingly discouraging a parent from using the paper as a source of campus news ("Nugent smears Collegian," Oct. 26). We acknowledge that the Collegian has been critical in its editorials and aggressive in its reporting on the many recent changes at Kenyon.

Unlike Nugent, however, we commend the newspaper for this work. It is important that any institution, be it a college or a country, have a press that monitors that institution's affairs aggressively and independently, and that all opinions be encouraged. Such a marketplace of ideas has long been recognized in our Constitution, our courts and our national consciousness as vital to a free and vibrant society. The president's voice is definitely important within that marketplace.

But we feel that this voice is best used not to discourage readership of the Collegian, but to inform its readers and partake in the community's discussion by cooperating with the newspaper's reporters, occasionally submitting a letter to the editor and welcoming, rather than decrying, the role of the press.

—Robbie Ketcham '04, James Lewis '04, Taryn Myers '04, Bryan Stokes II '05

Dear editors,

I was very disturbed by the article "Nugent smears Collegian" (Oct. 26, 2006). While Nugent's comments disturbed me, I was also disturbed by the Collegian's coverage of the event. When I first saw the headline for the article, I was initially under the impression that it was a editorial and not a news article. Highly charged wording in the headline such as "smears," which any sensationalist will tell you has anything but neutral connotations—seems inappropriate for a paper which prides itself on unbiased coverage and reasoned discourse.

While I was disturbed enough by Nugent's comments to join another letter to the editor penned by former Collegian editors. I'm not completely convinced that Nugent's comments merit coverage in the news section of the Collegian. As troublesome as the idea of the College's president attacking student journalism in a parent forum is, it hardly seems to be justification for anything other than the appearance of bias in a news week under whose banner was coupled with specific reports which served to limit the ability of the paper to carry out its vital functions. If the staff wishes to defend itself, the proper place to do so would be in the staff editorial, not in the headlines of a news article. I say this in hope that this staff does not plan to become involved in a petty "he-said, she-said" spat with the College's administration.

—James Lewis '04
Senior News Editor Emeritus
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SAMOSA prepares for Diwali

BY AERIN CURTIS
Staff Writer

"The Diwali Festival is such an important event for this campus because it is a monolithic event that brings so many people together to have fun and celebrate a cultural message," said Amar Desai '08, one of the event coordinators and co-convener of South Asian Multicultural Organization for Student Awareness (SAMAOSA).

The celebration, also known as the "Festival of Lights," will take place in Gund Commons Ballroom from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 4, and is open to the community. It will include a traditional performance by Nachda Punjabi, an award-winning Canadian Bhangra dance team, free Indian food, DJ Ishia West '08, an open dance floor and free henna tattoos.

The dancers visited Kenyon last year for this event and included, as they will this year, an interactive game group for anyone interested. Desai explained, "Last year there were at least a couple hundred [Kenyon] people out on the dance floor," said Desai. He said that the best part of the celebration was that "everyone dropped their inhibitions at the door" to take part in the spirit of the festivities.

"I can't wait to see everyone out on the dance floor again," said Geetha Kannan, '07, who is also in charge of coordinating the event.

This year marks the sixth Diwali celebration at Kenyon. "We are looking to promote a warm and fun atmosphere," said Kannan. "The celebration will boast epic poem "Ramayana" details the story of Rama, who built an army that comprised mostly of monkeys, in order to defeat the evil Ravana. There are many variations to the story, according to Kannan, and "each part of India celebrates Diwali for a slightly different reason."

In most regions foods, lights and gift giving play a significant role in the celebrations. "There are lights and color everywhere you look," said Desai.

The celebration normally lasts five days and takes place annually at the end of October or beginning of November, according to the Gregorian calendar. This year it started on Oct. 21. However, Kenyon's celebrations were postponed so that it wouldn't overlap with either Parent's Weekend or Halloween weekend festivities, according to Desai. Kannan added that it has become the "tradition [at Kenyon] to have Diwali on the first weekend in November."

SAMOSA is planning several smaller events throughout the second semester including a "Bollywood night" to showcase a Bollywood movie and Curry-in-a-Hurry, an event to raise money for a Indian NGO.

Karen Fauconnier

Geetha Kannan '07 prepares for Diwali by lighting candles Rangoli decorations, which feature a colorful design that would typically be made near the entrance of a building to welcome guests, according to Kannan. The Rangoli decorations include a brightly colored sand design and many lights.

The Diwali Festival is a traditional Indian celebration marking various events in different regions of India. In northern India, according to Desai, it marks the beginning of the New Year and the celebration of Lord Rama's victory over Ravana. According to Kannan, the Indian

Student investment club debuts

BY STUART SCHISGALL
Staff Writer

While making exorbitant amounts of money may not be the main goal for some Kenyon students, Talwar '10 and Morgan Scudder-Davis '10, who have started an investment organization at Kenyon this year, are inspired by their friends from UC-San Diego, who are part of an investment club there. "They basically said that our campus would benefit from such an organization," said Talwar. I felt like there would be interest here at Kenyon don't think that investing is perceived as a difficult thing to involve yourself in."

Even though an investment club at Kenyon may not attract all liberal arts students, Talwar said that he hopes to capture many students' interest "By showing them how easy it is to do it ... and by showing them the book and how easy it is to do as well as using other students who have invested in the stock," he said.

Talwar added that he believes "it will be very successful here at Kenyon due to the fact that over thirty people have responded to our original student info message," which was sent out Oct. 15.

"I thought it was interesting because it's useful for life after college," said Packer. "With Social Security going downhill it will be really useful after college."

Other students who responded said that they had already been interested in the topic of finance.

"Recently I've been reading investment books like The Little Black Book of Financial Independence," said Survana Srogonova '09, who also expressed interest in the organization.

According to Talwar, connecting students between the liberal arts education and a professional club should not affect success. He believes that as far as Kenyon culture goes, "It's about broadening one's knowledge and, as one of the admission brochures indicated, 'Learning in the company of friends... I don't think there is any real conflict all between our goal and that of our school.'"

The club said they hope to secure funding from the Business and Finance Committee and invest it into funds or other securities to try to make a profit. While the club faces legal dilemmas—one non-profit organization cannot legally donate to another non-profit organization—ideally the club would give its profits to charity.

If they are denied BFC funding, Talwar and Scudder-Davis plan to seek assistance from Joe Nelson, the Vice President of Finance and to gain access to a similar amount from the school's investing money or from other sources, including Burton Morgan Lectureship, the Alumni Office and Kenyon alumni.

A typical meeting of the club would include "researching securities as a club, and then buying and selling stock based on an overall consensus vote after discussion," according to Talwar. The goal of the club, he said, is to make the investment process more accessible to those who do not have the means to invest now and to those who would like to see how their moves play out before investing on their own."
Teach For America program gains in popularity

BY MARA ALPERIN
Senior Features Editor

The Teach For America program—which sends recent graduates into low-income areas to teach for two years—is certainly growing. This year marks its largest recruitment ever, expanding to over 25 different regions. Kenyon, though, is still above the national average, with over 37 alumni having joined since 1990, directly impacting the lives of 3,145 students, according to Recruitment Director Jennifer Howard.

"With the selection rate at Kenyon above the national average, the percentage of students applying in the past two years has grown to about 15 percent per year," said Howard. "There is a growing interest in our program because Teach For America provides recent graduates with the opportunity to have an impact in the lives of students across the country while working to solve one of our nation's most pressing issues: educational inequity in our schools."

"Kenyon students have a commitment to social justice and a desire to be of service," said Howard. Career Development Center Director Stew Peckham agreed.

"There seems to be a fairly strong 'service orientation' among Kenyon students, as seen through involvement in community service and other volunteer activities," said Peckham. "Plus, many students here simply enjoy the learning process, and Teach For America provides a two-year program where they can 'give back' and share their affinity for education."

Students also feel that the environment of Kenyon lends itself to Teach For America.

"Kenyon students have this openness or welcoming quality which transfers great into a situation like this," said Joanna Gohmann '06, who teaches 8th grade with Teach For America in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. "Kenyon prepares you to think on your feet and to be an independent thinker." Gohmann said that these were the same qualities that prepare students for Teach For America.

Teaching, in general, a popular option among graduation seniors. According to Stew Peckham, two of the nation's largest recruiters for private schools—the Educational Resources Group and Carney Sandoe & Associates—visited Kenyon each year to interview students. There is also the Southern Teachers Agency, which sends postings to the CDC, and recently requested a collection of resumes. Finally, Peckham listed the Peace Corps, which he said has "many positions that involve teaching responsibilities", and all the alternatives, though, many students are placing Teach For America as their top priority.

Will O'Keefe '07, a Teach For America campus program manager who applied to the corps, speculated that this is "mainly because of the great people that we have as alumni currently serving in the corps", who have set examples.

Laura McDowell '06 is currently a member of the Teach For America corps in St. Louis. She said that she has kept in touch with her friends at Kenyon and that numerous students have contacted her with questions about the program. McDowell added that Teach For America was "the only program [she] applied to at the time and [her] top choice for this year."

Several years ago, Teach For America began hiring a couple of student representatives to help promote their opportunities on target college campuses, and just over two years ago, Kenyon was added to that list," said Peckham. "Those campus reps have done an effective job with peer-to-peer communication. In conjunction with support from the national office to help bring Kenyon grads into the program back to campus for presentations, it has helped spur increased visibility and mutual benefit."

"Many pending graduates are still unsure of their career direction," said Peckham. "A program such as Teach For America provides a valuable learning experience, personally and professionally, a decent-paying job, and another two years of 'buffer' to help sort our career options or to explore graduate school possibilities."

"I decided that Teach For America is the only program I applied to at the time and my top choice for this year," said Zhang. "With my Kenyon biochemistry education, I can do a lot for the underserved parts of the community who need science teachers." Zhang said that his interest in education stems from his enjoyment of teaching—and as a teaching assistant in Chinese as well as a tutor at the Math Skills Center. Gohmann said she also applied to graduate schools, looked into the Fulbright, applied for education internships—looked into theater internships and even the Peace Corps. She said Teach for America "really exposes a huge problem in our country, my attitude by the end of senior year was that [the American education system] is so screwed up, and I saw Teach For America as my way to help." Howard added that half of students in low-income communities won't graduate from high school is pretty sobering," said Howard. "We find that recent graduates are outraged about the injustices in our country and want to be a part of the solution."

"Kenyon students have a commitment to social justice and a desire to be of service."

"I decided to apply because I'm passionate about educational injustice, and as an informed, soon-to-be-graduate of Kenyon College, I feel it is my responsibility to do whatever I can to fight against this injustice," said Ashley Miller '07, who sent in her application only a month ago. "Miller added that she loves kids and believes "all children deserve to have a quality education." McDowell agreed.

"I decided to apply to Teach For America because I was very interested in the cause and educational inequality," she said. "I was also interested in teaching specifically in special education. It was the only program I applied to at the time and my top choice for this year."

"Kenyon students have a commitment to social justice and a desire to be of service," said Howard. Anyone who is interested in applying should contact Jennifer Howard directly at jennifer.howard@teachforamerica.org or visit the website http://www.teachforamerica.org. It used to be that your tummy hurt the morning of Nov. 1 after having tried to eat your entire pillowcase of fun-size candies the night before (plus that king-sized Snickers that one old lady always gave out). Here at Kenyon, we can't wait until fall to have all its spooky fixings just as seriously—only we like to fill our bellies with something else. Hardly more mature and considerably less healthy than the childhood version, "drink or treat" nonetheless remains a time-honored tradition that we celebrated fall-fashion this past weekend.

"Our route hasn't changed since grade-school days. First, we assemble our costumes. Some costumes have taken precedence over class work for days, and others consist of wearing your roommate's clothes or slapping on a nametag somehow needs less and explanation as the night progresses. After prom-worthy amounts of pictures, we all parade to the Drive Thru! Around the downtown square, we'll run through for enough alcohol and sugar to forget how absolutely ridiculous we look. Finally, it was off the dance party in the Old Kenyon lounge, where we all immediately lost our props and friends after ripping up our costumes (if you females had on sufficient material to rip).

"Then it's time for a Costume holiday treat, though, is still the crowneled "walk of shame" down Middle Path on Sunday morning. There's nothing better to ease a post-Halloween hangover than watching a witch walk by the chapel around 11 a.m., with holes in her cape from dancing with the Great Wall of China and hiccups from that kid dressed like a carp. Don't laugh. You never know what some other trick might come back to haunt you."

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Haunted house scares intruders

BY SARA BRINDA
Staff Writer

I got chased by a bloody-faced, chainsaw-wielding zombie, as he begged to smell my friend’s hair a little longer. I fled in horror from a three-headed mutant monster dog. I watched an undead prison inmate get electrocuted over and over as he begged for sweet release. An authentic “hybrid vampire” (I don’t really get it either) moaned that he desperately desired my blood. Yes, this weekend I discovered the horrors of the Mansfield Reformatory’s annual Haunted Prison experience, advertised this year in “GHOST MANSFIELD REVOLUTION 2006!!” And trust me, this event was three-exclamation-point-worthy.

Knox County’s own little piece of Hollywood (The Shawshank Redemption was filmed there!), the Mansfield Reformatory, located in Mansfield, Ohio, is an imposing building whose gothic, almost cathedral-looking architecture seems to suit an Ivy League campus. An active prison from 1896-1990, the facility has housed all kinds of criminals (horse-thieves, bank robbers and serial murderers, oh my!) and now draws various thrill-seekers from around the nation to stand in often two-hour lines to get a glimpse of some of the scariest things they’ve ever seen—six-story cell blocks, replicas of old tools for torture and execution and ghosts leaping from the shadows at every turn. The haunted prison is an exciting and nightmarish hybrid of fantasy and history.

The production company that operates the haunted prison does an expert job of creating a genuinely terrifying experience—even the most skeptical members of our group spent the tour clutching one another and taking spooky, shuffling steps. The designers of the haunted prison use the old haunted house tricks absolutely perfectly: lighting, fog and mirrors, human and non-human sounds, and disgustingly realistic scenes of murder, mayhem and prison life gone wrong. Well-hidden ghosts didn’t just startle; they truly scared. Most of the many actors working at the prison had mastered the trick of walking silently behind you, head nearly perched on your shoulder, until you see a bloody face out of the corner of your fear-widened eye. The Mansfield spooks also had some specialties, such as learning names and facts about people in the group (especially the loudest screamers) and using them with terrifying effect, as well as splitting up men from women at strategic points.

Children aren’t admitted to the prison, and for good reason—I saw a few tears from the rugged, world-weary students of Kenyon College who dared tour the Reformatory. It’s hard to say which was more spooky—the consumed ghosts (with their bloody axes and actual gas-sweeping, ear-splitting chainsaws) or the building itself. A companion of mine, between screaming and clutching my arm for dear life, mused about taking advantage of the solid construction and classic design (all wrought-iron and exposed brick!) to develop condos. It’s both beautiful and genuinely scary. I’m hardly superstitious, but this old castle of a prison sends the imagination reeling. I was hardly allowed to daydream long before being locked into reality by the revving of a chainsaw three inches from my face. Scary as hell, and a hell of a fun.

The Mansfield Reformatory has been transformed into a haunted mansion.

Outside the Classroom

BY SARAH GOLDSTEIN
Staff Writer

If you walk into Assistant Professor of Mathematics Brian Jones’ statistics class on the right day at the right time, you just might find him juggling along to his own lecture. Jones first learned to juggle while in graduate school at The Ohio State University, where he and three fellow math and physics undergraduates formed an amateur troupe that performed at a children’s hospital, for math and physics banquets and, once, for the Mathematical Association of America. In the mid-1990’s, when he arrived at Kenyon, Jones even acted as advisor to the Kenyon Juggling Club. Now, as a full-time parent and professor, Jones finds much less time to indulge his love of juggling.

“I do, however, try to fit juggling into my math lessons wherever I can,” Jones said as he juggled first with three brightly colored balls and then with three long-necked clubs.

“I’ve used them in calculus lectures to demonstrate parabolas and dopes,” he said. “In my probability course, I use both sets to enhance my lecture on the history of the number system. This year, I juggled along with one of my lectures because I promised my students ‘entertainment’ if I didn’t finish grading all of their homework.”

Jones demonstrated how, in his lecture, different combinations of balls and clubs stand for whole numbers, rational numbers (such as fractions), irrational numbers (like the square root of two) and imaginary numbers. One of the clubs even had the imaginary number i” painted on the side.

When asked why he still juggles after all these years, Jones said, “It relaxes me,” he said, leaving back in his chair. “Sometimes, when I’m the only one at home, I just blast my music and juggle.”

Gambier Grillin’

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BY MARA ALPERIN
BY JASON SMITH

A Scanner Darkly

Employing the same trippy animation technique as in his 2001 film Waking Life, Richard Linklater's adaptation of Philip K. Dick's A Scanner Darkly is an utterly unique science fiction thriller that captures the paranoia of drug addicts in a dystopian future. (Keanu Reeves) is an undercover narc reporting on users of the highly addictive Substance D. But he has become addicted himself, and because of the effects of the drug, Bob is increasingly unsure of what is going on. The cast also includes Robert Downey Jr. as a paranoid and possibly dangerous new user, and Wintona Ryder as Reeves' girlfriend.

The "rotoscoping" technique used by Linklater involves filming the actors live and then animating over the images. It gives A Scanner Darkly a "whacked out" feeling that is appropriate for the subject matter. The film is intense and a plot thickener, and it is one of the most unique films experienced of 2006.

Lady Vengeance

Saturday, Nov. 4; 7:30 p.m.

KAC Theater

From Chan-wook Park, the director of last year's acclaimed Oldboy, Lady Vengeance is another story of betrayal and bloody revenge from a man who does it better than any other side this time of Tarantino. Geumja Lee (Yeong-ae Lee) is a young woman who, against her will, takes the fall for a murder committed by Mr. Bok (Oldboy star Min-suk Chol). Released from prison after 13 years, she immediately sets into motion a plan to get revenge on Mr. Bok and recover her daughter, who was an infant when they were separated. With help from some of her fellow inmates.

If you've seen Oldboy (or Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance), the first film in Park's "revenge trilogy," you will be expecting more of the same; however, you may not expect from Lady Vengeance. The film is a complex, highly entertaining, and very violent quest for revenge with a number of surprising plot twists. Lady Vengeance has a bit of a dark sense of humor that wasn't found in the other films, which adds another level to the film.

The film works in large part because of the likable performance of Yeong-ae Lee as the wronged heroine of the story. We never forget the humanity of her character, no matter how brutal her revenge becomes. Choi is also able to hold the audience's attention throughout.

Jueuneug

Wednesday, Nov. 8; 10:15 p.m.

KAC Theater

Jueuneug is a simple but wonderfully pure film from first-time director Philip Morrison about a family unknown the beauty of life. Known as the Quintessential South Korean, he once again lives up to that billing with this brilliantly twisted tale. Lady Vengeance is infinitely better than any other film, and Adams is a delight in all of her scenes. The rest of the cast is good as well, especially Wilson, who conveys a lot of information about his character through the smallest gestures and changes in inflection. Jueuneug tells a simple but worthwhile story. It is light-years beyond most films dealing with the same themes, and this is a testament to Adams' skill in playing such complex characters as real people with real problems.

WKCO seeks to regain former broadcasting glory

BY KATY DAY AND

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Collegian Staff

"When you're a college student, you make music a huge part of your life," says senior Adam Birka-White '07 as he leads us past shelves of albums and CDs and into a room packed tight with old records. "Mostly [WKCO] is a place for people to hang out—an opportunity for people to get involved with stuff they care about."

The headquarters of WKCO, Kenyon's student radio station, are situated in a set of cozy rooms beneath Farr Hall, where DJs, interns, and eager listeners go to hang out and hear some tunes. Entirely student-run, the station team operates on a he-who-shows-up-gets-airtime system, and as co-manager Matthew Long (Middlebrook '05), "We are literally flying blind here. This is the most independent radio station I could ever imagine."

Radio station staff start off as interns paired with DJs. As they move up in grade and start to have their own shows, Birka-White tells us that it's a "constant process of finding people who [care] about it and who can manage [the] technological aspects." As there is no formal indoctrination of executive staff, it's safe to say that the people working on the radio are the people that genuinely want to work on the radio.

Perhaps that's where WKCO gets its notable diversity. From Paul Quahlen '99's reggae block to Jeff Laza '97's "Dark Theatre" to Lied Schmidt '98's "lush and organic 'Found Sound.'" Birka-White stresses that WKCO is very much about "not trying to tell anybody how to do what they want to do." Aside from the once-a-Semester meetings for DJs and the filling out of logs, much of the stuff that the DJs are required to do is to the personal taste of the DJ in charge of the mic.

WKCO, in existence for more than 40 years, is broadcasting more than ever before. Currently working on setting up a user-friendly system for podcasts [recorded radio broadcasts that can be downloaded for play on personal music players], and replacing the very old radio tower that runs up the side of Peirce Hall, WKCO is working toward broadcasting further off campus. Long-Middleton says that the station's broadcast now reach Centerburg on the good, clear day and can be heard loud and clear from anywhere in Mount Vernon.

"Radio is in a transitional place," said Birka-White. "Now there's the Internet, which is really fast—we're trying to keep up with that by using CDs and the internet to stream our stuff online."

Kenyon's bandwidth is insufficient at best, so there is no international streaming of the radio. However, the execs at the station say that is their next big plan, even if they have to talk to the Internet companies themselves.

The biggest ambition of WKCO, though, is to raise the quality of the shows and make the radio something for the campus to be proud of again. "WKCO's coming together as a decent station," said Long-Middleton. Nonetheless, back in the sixties and seventies, the station was a hub of activity, with packed offices. As Long-Middleton says, "There weren't a lot of people there—there wasn't much to do."

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Streaming audio from WKCO can be found at wkco.kenyon.edu and on the radio on 91.9 FM.

A&E Brief

On Nov. 7 at 8:00 p.m. in Rose Hall, the Bolaris Wind Quintet will perform classical music at Kenyon. Their newest recording, "A La Carte," was recently a 2006 Grammy nominee for Best Classical Chamber Music Performance.

The members are all highly acclaimed and have had extensive experience playing in the scores of movies, in various orchestras and in the orchestra pit for Broadway musicals.

They have released four albums since their start, and they have toured all over the country, playing at Carnegie Hall, the Ericks Music in New York City and Pittsburgh and Wolf Trap in Virginia.

—Caleb Ronge
Graduate production sparkles despite space limitations

BY TOMAY PETER
Staff Writer

In its fifth years of existence, Renegade Theatre has provided first-year students with fun and valuable opportunities to create their own theater at Kenyon. The class of 2010 continued the tradition this weekend with a production of The Graduate.

Terry Johnson '10's play is, of course, an adaptation of the Calder Willingham-Buck Henry screenplay for the 1967 film. Directed by Mike Nichols, the comedy starred Dustin Hoffman as drifting college graduate Benjamin Braddock. Katherine Ross as Elaine, the woman he attempts to connect with and Anne Bancroft as Elaine's mother, that most pedantic (and possessive) of "older woman" seductresses, Mrs. Robinson.

Yes, Johnson is forced by the limitations of the stage to turn several of the film's most iconic cinematic moments into throwaway winks to the audience (like beginning the show with Benjamin already in his scuba diving gear, and even a poop-deep). He's even stuck with ignoring other moments altogether (Benjamin is seen dragging Elaine from her almost-wedding to another man with not much of a hint of that over the top pounding on the church windows, to say nothing of the couple's classic bus ride). Johnson can recreate the movie's famous quips and comic scenes, but he cannot replace its prevailing sense of the 1960s youthful isolation, except with lame dialogue and flat characterization of the young would-be lovers.

Given these script problems, Renegade is to be commended for turning out such a lively and entertaining production. Although the simple set in the even-smaller-looking-than-usual Black Box Theatre did not allow for much of the way of inventive staging, director Dan Lakin '10 kept the pace snappy and sharp. His most successful work, though, was in his casting.

Without exception, every actor created characters that were truly theirs, confidently sidestepping the movie's ghost. In particular, David Olesky '10's interpretation of Benjamin as a timelessly awkward, uncertain but searching young man, was not only fun to watch (a notable accomplishment in itself, considering Johnson's often unfortunate writing), but also worth admiring for how little it had to do with Hoffman's memorably catatonically portraying in the film.

Likewise, Maria Krovatin '10's entrance as Mrs. Robinson, with her throaty voice and femme fatale-ish way with cigarette smoke, brought to mind Lauren Bacall (or Kathleen Turner, who played the role on Broadway) rather than Bancroft. Despite this striking first impression, Krovatin had trouble sustaining the infamous seduction scene's momentum, playing so much of it with an air of invulnerable skeptic that things went more than a bit after a while. She was quite stronger in a later scene where she coldly attempted to avoid a conversation with Benjamin about her past (and her daughter), and from then on we held our attention with the sure conviction that her daughter couldn't and shouldn't have her man.

Carrie Walther '10's sincerely played Elaine offered a lovely contrast to Krovatin's disillusionment. It was easy to see why Benjamin would find her an ideal candidate for marriage and settling down. (Johnson allowed Walther to turn that assumption on its head in a second act confrontation scene, but not, in the show's conclusion, which proved to be much more upbeat than the film's could have ever hoped to be.)

Walther and Krovatin played beautifully off each other in a scene of temporary, drunken mother-daughter bonding, the most effective addition Johnson made to the screenplay.

Despite the great work from the actors who played the younger characters, Johnson gave full dimensions to Mrs. Robinson and the other adults, who all have clear moments of becoming as disappointed in their children as they have long been in themselves. Whether this focus is true to the film is debatable, but it did allow for many of the actors cast in roles that were less than memorable onscreen to shine here. Harry Slack '10, as the merely obvious, then humiliated Mr. Robinson, and Paul Diresta '10, as Benjamin's almost equally clueless father, were the most inventive with the opportunities they got, finding both hilarity and pathos in their characters' efforts to provide Ben with an idealized, limitless future, and then efforts to deny it to him.

The cast's energy and comic timing, combined with Johnson's eager plot cramping, made the first act fly by so fast that I was surprised when intermission rolled around. I applaud Renegade for leaving me looking for more, rather than the other way around. Even if the plot didn't offer as much as those who brought it to life.

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Pianist and singer Phoebe Claggert creates a career in song

BY TIDOR HORNICK
Editor in Chief Emeritus

Phoebe Claggert '08 is a talented and singer with a career that spans coffeehouses, albums and charity concerts—not bad for a Kenyon junior music major. Her CD "Poster on the Wall" contains fifteen songs (samples of which are available on both Kenyon's website and the artist's, www.phoebeclaggert.com). Her first album, "On the Road," raised $1,500 that she chose to donate to Variety, a charity for disabled youth.

Claggert began her music career at the age of seven by playing piano. She insists that like many students, she "hated" rehearsal and lessons. However, rather than shifting away from music because of the tedious routine, she started listening to the radio and learning her favorite songs by ear. Teaching herself how to play her favorites, she then began improvising around them, as well as collaborating on new ideas with her sister.

Among her influences, Claggert cites Ben Folds as a "big inspiration," as well as most "folk and jazz." She insists that her mother expanded most of her musical preferences by introducing her to Nina Simone. She recognizes "a connection" between her style and that of starlet Joss Stone.

The musical inspiration from these artists has had an effect on not only her sound but on her style, as Claggert insists the worst feedback she has received has been from people comparing her to pop singer Jewel. "I don't know why, but I hate that pop image," she said. Claggert categorizes her voice as "soothing" and "pure in the form that's not pure...real." When she hears music critics that she admires, Phoebe works to not only imitate them, but "stand out" from their influence on her.

On campus, Claggert sings with the Owl Creeks, a group she credits with keeping her "active musically" and helping get her "less shy." She explains that she hasn't performed as much by herself as she wants to, but she appreciates the recognition and support of her friends and fans on campus.

Claggert's plans for after graduation include staying in music, even though she says the industry is "absolutely absurd."

"I can see myself at 45 and not achieving what I wanted," she said. "[Even] if I am successful, there are artists out there who don't make enough.[I am] a little nervous."

In the immediate future, Claggert's plans include a tentative collaboration with producer Jonathan Edwards for her next record, which she hopes will combine a lot of different noises in its instrumentation.

In her daily life, Claggert is careful to always "have a song, a soundtrack." She listens to a song "the way an artist listens to a painting." She is connecting herself to it and struggling to recognize components of its creation.

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Women's Soccer

Despite entering the NCAC tournament as the top-ranked team, the Kenyon women's soccer team fell to local conference rival and defending champion Denison University on Wednesday, posting a disappointing final score of 6-0. The loss ends the season for the Ladies, who were ranked 26th in the nation by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

The Ladies' team ended the regular season on a major high, as their defeat of Earhart College, combined with Wittenberg University's tie against Allegheny College, allowed them to claim their first NCAC title. The 1-0 win over the Quakers also allowed the Ladies to enter the post-season tournament as the number one seed. The Ladies ended the season with a 13-4-0 record, 6-2-0 in conference.

The winning goal came off a corner kick to junior Kendra Panzitti, who found classmate Kary Speer. Speer's kick drove the ball into the net, good for her first goal of the season and for securing the victory. Junior goalie Rosie Davis posted four saves and racked up her seventh shutout of the season.

Sara Kaplow

Men's Soccer

The Lords' men's soccer team ended the 2006 season with a win over Earlham College on Saturday, boosting their record to 4-9-4 and allowing the Lords to go into the postseason on a positive note. Although Kenyon posted the same record as last year, they gained nine points in the conference standings which places them seventh in the conference, up three spots from their last-place finish in 2005.

Perhaps the most promising statistic from the year is the tremendous contribution the Lords got from first-year athletes. First-year David Gold was outstanding on the year, leading the Lords in goals with five and points with ten. First-year Matt Rittman also had solid years, adding another two goals and an assist apiece.

The Lords will try to improve on their gains in the off-season and destroy the NCAC next year in conference play.

—Donovan Ortega

SQUASH

This past weekend, the Kenyon squash club debuted its season and its new uniforms, traveling the short distance to Cleveland to take on the University of Rochester and the Cleveland All-stars. The team went 1-8 against Rochester on the first day of competition and pulled off two wins in the nine game set against the All-stars.

On Saturday, senior Chris Fennell provided the most impressive match for Kenyon, going 9-5, 10-9 and 6-3 before his opponent, Rochester's Yohay Wakabayashi, forfeited the match due to cramps. That game was the only win for the team during the first day, and Kenyon was forced to forfeit the number nine match due to lack of players.

The second day proved to be more positive, with number two ranked first-year Matt Sargent winning his match 3-2. Fennell also defeated his opponent with scores of 9-5, 1-9, 9-0 and 9-3. First-year Mike Shea, who only began playing the game four weeks ago, came close to winning his match, going 2-3, as did sophomore Dave Stull.

A high point for the team was when the Rochester coach, Martin Heath, formally ranked number four in the world, told the team that they were "better than I thought you'd be" and that he liked their new uniforms.

—Sara Kaplow

Cross country teams dash to sixth in conference meet

BY SARA KAPLOW
Senior Sports Editor

The Kenyon Lords and Ladies cross country teams each took sixth place out of nine teams this past weekend at the NCAC championship meet at Earlham College in Indiana. On the women's side, Oberlin College took first place, and for the men the champion was Allegheny College.

Once again, the Lords were led by sophomore Jim Bostick, who took ninth out of 112 total runners, in a time of 27:46. A group of Kenyon runners finished in a clump, with senior Ryan Winstock in 28th at 28:45, sophomore Chris Houser in 30th at 28:56 and sophomore Kaleb Keyserling in 32nd at 29:03.

The next three leaders, first-year Rob Carpenter, senior Matt Lobdell and first-year Matt Riley, finished in 44th, 50th and 58th places respectively, contributing to the point total of 143 to Allegheny's 25.

Like their male counterparts, the Ladies were led by the same runner as they have been all season, sophomore Jessica Francois, who also took ninth place with a time of 25:29. She was followed by a cluster of juniors, with Emily Reilly in 19th at 26:29, Emily Bierman in 34th at 27:58 and Maggie Kempner in 44th at 28:30.

Senior Jessica Little placed 47th in a time of 28:48, with sophomore Mary Bloom behind her in 48th and first-year Naomi Blauhild in 50th. The Ladies' finishes were good for 153 points in a race that boasted 96 runners.

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The Kenyon volleyball team ended the season on a slightly sour note last Saturday, as they dropped three straight close games to the College of Wooster on senior day. The Fighting Scots racked up scores of 30-23, 30-16 and 30-27, capping off a disappointing 7-22 season for the Ladie, who went 4-12 in the NCAC.

The first match was a tightly contested one, with the Ladies taking an early lead off of a service ace by senior Patrice Collins. The team posted a 10-7 lead before Wooster went on a 4-1 run to tie it at 11, capitalizing on some sloppy play by the Ladies. The Fighting Scots never abandoned the lead, taking the first game 30-23.

Though the Ladies started the second game with another early lead, they were never really in it and Wooster went 14-1 to bring the score to 19-8. Kenyon took a much-needed time out, after which they appeared revived and rejuvenated. Unfortunately, Wooster found its stride. Collins racked up some impressive kills for the Ladies, on her way to nine for the day, but the team still fell 30-16.

The third match provided both excitement and controversy. Despite leading Wooster pull ahead early, the Ladies, aided by impressive blocking by first-year Clair Green, senior Sarah Brieschke and Collins, managed to stay tight with the Scots.

Ladies advance to NCAC championship

The Kenyon Ladies field hockey team defeated Wittenberg University yesterday 5-1 in the semifinal round of the NCAC playoffs. The Ladies jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, outplaying the Tigers on both ends of the field.

Despite the tense off-season atmosphere, the Ladies showed no signs of early butterflies. Kenyon opened the scoring 11 minutes into the game on a goal by junior Caroline Graham. Senior Julia Sivon assisted on the goal off a penalty corner. Twenty minutes later, Graham tallied another goal, this time off of a pass from Lauren Kelling. Although this was all the Ladies needed in terms of scoring, they continued to pour goals into the ‘Tigers net’. By the final whistle, five Ladies had made their way into the scoreboard.

In addition to Graham’s two goals, Sivon led the Ladies in scoring, tallying one goal and two assists. First-year Sasha Grumman scored a goal and had an assist, while her classmate Hannah McConnell chipped in with a goal off a penalty stroke. The Ladies outshone the Tigers 19-7.

With the win, the Ladies advance to the NCAC Championship game. Kenyon will travel to the College of Wooster to play the Fighting Scots on Saturday at 3 p.m. The winner will earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament. Wooster is coming off a 2-0 semifinal win over Denison University. Although Wooster is unbeaten in conference play, the Ladies have battled with the Scots, losing both games by only one goal.

Amid defensive struggles, Denison sinks Kenyon football team 41-35

The Kenyon Lords football team failed to secure the win last Saturday against Denison University, eventually losing in double overtime 41-35. The loss put the Lords’ record at 4-4 on the season and 3-2 in the NCAC.

As temperate winds swirled above Denison’s football field, the two teams engaged below sought to make sense of a tense situation. Entering double overtime, in which any points could bring home the win, Kenyon had cause for concern. Could they stabilize their cold and bewildered offensive line to match Denison’s successful first OT run? The Lords executed their subsequent drive successfully, but the waning minutes of the three-hour battle would end morosely for them. The wind had already sabotaged many passes, punts and returns for both teams throughout the game. Even before they began, Kenyon’s final plays bore a grim introduction.

Three hours earlier, upon their opening introduction, Kenyon’s Lords ran onto the field full of pep. Players jumped up and down and encouraged the medium-sized crowd to cheer. They showed up to beat Denison University’s Big Red and continue their fight to grace the KAC with a conference championship plaque.

Big Red carried a dismal 1-6 overall record into this game and the Lords manned a steady 4-3 overall record. Both teams struggled defensively, but Big Red struck out early in the second half for the chance to win, while the Lords had only just settled into a pleasant groove, masking the often strong offense with a defense and offensive line supporting each other.

Kenyon is now tied with three other teams for third in the NCAC, and the season is not over, as they clearly have shown after facing losses earlier in the season. The conference win leaves Denison in fourth place.

This weekend, the Lords have a chance to improve their record as they take on Oberlin College at home on McBride Field. The Yeomen are currently tied for third place with the Lords with an identical conference record of 3-2.