New daycare center to serve faculty, staff

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The Gambier Child Care center, a daycare and educational enrichment facility mainly for the children of faculty and staff members, will open by Oct. 15, pending this week’s occupancy inspections, said Peg Tazewell, director of Knox County Head Start.

The center is the College’s response to a long history of faculty demanding childcare options. “Literally, I think the first committee was 25 years ago,” said Tazewell.

The most recent committee formed following a survey about faculty satisfaction. “There are many areas in which Kenyon faculty are very satisfied with their jobs, but not child care,” Professor of Psychology Sarah Murnen said, citing a five percent rate of faculty satisfaction with childcare—a figure that probably came from those without children, she said.

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ing training. They will be full-time benefited employees and “as well paid as you can be in the current childcare industry,” she said, which will attract the best candidates.

The center’s teacher to student ratio for all age groups will be lower than state standards. For infants, the ratio will rarely exceed 1:4; for toddlers, it will be 1:7; for pre-school, 1:8 and, it is hoped, 1:10 including student volunteers for kindergarten and school-aged kids.

The building

Located on Meadow Lane near the Gambrill community center, the College-owned building that houses the center was renovated and expanded to meet the needs of a childcare center. The College financed the entire project. “It’s always nice to have ‘new’ because we tend in early childhood to be in old schools or old churches,” said Tazewell.

“So ‘new’ is also a rare event, in this county especially.”

The old space now contains mostly staff rooms and one classroom. The new part includes four classrooms, a kitchen and a multipurpose room. “It’s designed to be a childcare facility,” said Mur¬nen. “It’s not retrofitted.”

The facility includes child-height windows, storage space, child-sized toilets and doorways that can be easily adapted to accommodate children with special needs.

The Gambier Childcare center, on Meadow Lane, will serve the sons and daughters of Kenyon’s faculty and staff.

Corrections

Due to staff error in “Bomb threats still problem at Kenyon,” the “14 percent” should have been "10 percent." The full-page spread’s reference to ‘% of students” misstated it as “% of Kenyon students.”

Due to editorial error in “Daycare: Cost, location are concerns for parents,” the number of classrooms was misstated as 20, when there are actually 10.

Due to staff error in the new faculty and staff spread (Sept. 7, 10), Jason Block was given the title Assistant Dean for Residential Life. He is actually the Assistant Director for Residential Life.

Due to staff error in “Bomb threats still problem at Kenyon,” Presley said, “We have been working closely with local and national authorities from the beginning, and will continue to do so until the case is closed.”

Due to staff error in “Fresh: prizes awarded for ideas,” Sacks says, “This allows everyone to have their say and to really take part in enhancing the quality of life here.”

Sacks has high hopes for the program’s future. “I think that, over time, people will get a sense of what kind of ideas we’re looking for, ideas that can be put into action,” he said.

“Fresh Ideas is still a fresh idea, but we believe that, through it, we can make Kenyon a better place.”

If any member of the Kenyon community is interested in submitting a suggestion to Fresh Ideas, he or she can visit the Fresh Ideas website at http://www.kenyon.edu/freshideas. xml and fill out the Fresh Idea Form. While ideas may be submitted anony¬mously, personal information must be provided for the person to be eligible for the prize.
Packer talks Iraq to capacity crowd

Allie Wigley

Kenyon students packed the Higley Auditorium this Monday night to hear internationally renowned author George Packer lecture on the War in Iraq. After reading the gripping words of one source within Iraq, Packer addressed potential troop withdrawal strategies from that country. While he acknowledged the mismanagement of the Iraq War, Packer urged careful consideration before any further unwise decisions. Noting that any impending strategy could cause shockwaves in the Middle East, Packer painted a bleak picture of the war. He emphasized the biases within General Petraeus' recent optimistic report on the war and claimed that any steps towards democracy in the region would take decades, rather than months or years. Packer also discussed the monetarily dangerous task of reporting within the war zone and credited papers such as The New York Times for their latest nuanced reporting. Finally, Packer answered questions from members of the audience. In response to several student inquiries, Packer cautioned that Iran and Turkey have already begun to exert their influence within Iraq, and that the instigation of regional war is a distinct possibility given Iraq's present instability.

Village Record

Sept. 5 – Sept. 11, 2007

Sept. 6, 7:49p.m. — Suspicious persons at the Bookstore. Sheriff’s Office was notified.
Sept. 6, 8:55p.m. — Medical call regarding ill student at Manning Hall. Nurse Practitioner was contacted and student was transported by squad to the hospital.
Sept. 6, 9:26p.m. — Theft of money from room at Lewis Hall.
Sept. 6, 10:54p.m. — Medical call regarding ill student at Manning Hall. Nurse Practitioner notified and student transported by squad to the hospital.
Sept. 7, 1:43a.m. — Vandalism/ceiling tile broken at Leonard Hall.
Sept. 7, 6:48a.m. — Fire alarm at Caples Residence. Smoke detector activated, possibly by steam from shower.
Sept. 8, 12:47a.m. — Underage possession of alcohol in South Quad.
Sept. 8, 1:10a.m. — Drugs at Caples Residence.
Sept. 8, 1:16a.m. — Drugs paraphernalia outside of Old Kenyon.
Sept. 8, 2:37a.m. — Suspicious persons reported at bike rack outside Caples Residence. Officers unable to find persons.
Sept. 9, 1:33a.m. — Underage possession of alcohol at Bather Breezeway.
Sept. 9, 4:19a.m. — Vandalism/shaving cream on walls and mirror in restroom at Old Kenyon.
Sept. 9, 5:13a.m. — Medical call regarding ill student. Nurse Practitioner called and student transported by friends to the hospital.
Sept. 9, 10:06p.m. — Medical call regarding student who hit head in a fall. Student transported by squad to the hospital.
Sept. 9, 11:19p.m. — Medical call regarding ill student at Norton Hall. Student will see Nurse Practitioner tomorrow.
Sept. 10, 12:58p.m. — Reported theft of iPod from car at the Ernst Center. Sheriff’s Office notified for report.
Sept. 10, 4:30p.m. — Medical call regarding student injured at volleyball court by Watson Hall. Student transported to the Health Center.
Sept. 10, 5:58p.m. — Medical call regarding student injured at rugby field. Student transported to the Health Center.
Sept. 10, 11:18p.m. — Medical call regarding ill student at Watson hall. Nurse Practitioner was called.
Sept. 11, 1:10p.m. — Medical call regarding student with injured ankle on the lawn at Ascension Hall. Student transported to the Health Center.
Sept. 11, 1:37p.m. — Medical call regarding student with injured leg at Hayes Hall. Student transported to the Health Center.
Sept. 11, 6:11p.m. — Medical call regarding student injured while playing racquetball. Nurse Practitioner was notified.

Student Council sets plans for new year

BY SARAH QUELLE Staff Writer

Kenyon’s Student Council, led by President Jarrett Moreno ’08, enters the 2007-2008 school year aiming to keep students involved and informed about the College’s most significant issues, including construction on Peirce Hall, the new party policy and the housing lottery.

One problem stopping Student council from keeping students informed is that they do not know much about the council. Dean of Students Tammy Gocial said, “Students don’t really know enough about Student Council, what they do, and more importantly, what they can do.” Moreno agrees with Gocial. “Unfortunately,” he said, “[students] don’t expect much” from their Student Council representatives.

Moreno hopes to remedy this by keeping students informed and inviting them to open meetings, as well as revamping Student Council’s website to post meeting minutes and times to encourage student involvement.

Although Gocial said Student Council is the voice of the students, Moreno said the job is made more difficult by the increased size of the College. “Everything is strained with an increased population,” he said.

According to Moreno, it is the Council’s responsibility to “make sure the school doesn’t forget anybody,” by encouraging students to voice their opinions on what features should be included in future dormitories.

The Council also hopes to update its constitution, as well as examine the new party policy, keep students up to date on the renovations to Peirce Dining Hall and develop a friendlier relationship with Campus Safety.

Last year, the Housing and Grounds Committee wrote and proposed the new housing lottery, which changed the former system for the first time in 17 years. This year, Gocial said, the Student Council will refine the system by reviewing last year’s process and taking suggestions to make this year’s process “as easy as possible.”

Moreno presides over seven council subcommittees: Housing and Grounds, Campus Safety, Academic Affairs, Student Life, Budget and Finance, Social Board and Student Lectorships. Each class year also has a committee of 8-12 representatives who report to the Student Council and, according to Moreno, help to “spread the Student Council’s word.”

Moreno said it is “hard to find a system that works and keep it working throughout the year,” but he feels the senior class is particularly involved.

“When you have individuals who really care about the future of the school,” Moreno said, “it makes a huge difference.”

Greek Council

Sept. 10, 2007

• Brent Turner, the new Director of Student Activities and advisor to Greek life at Kenyon, was introduced.
• Kathryn Chiasson ’08, Greek Special Projects and Activities Coordinator, described Greek Week. There will be a blood drive on Wednesday, Sept. 19 in Gund Commons, with sign ups on Monday and Tuesday in both dining halls during dinner. Also on Sept. 19 will be a water pong tournament from 7-9:30 p.m. on the south quad.
• Lizzy Weiner ’09, Greek Council representative to Student Council, discussed the Student Council meeting, noting that they are still taking submissions for the head of safety position.
• A policy was passed mandating that 10 members (or at least 50 percent) of any Greek organization must undergo party monitoring training and enter the party monitor pool.
• A motion was passed to adopt Safe Rides as a Greek-run program.
One step closer to being the next Karate Kid

By Laura Gohhke
Staff Writer

One might think that Gambier is a quiet, safe, cozy and overall perfect little community. I totally agree—but someone’s life could suddenly be at risk, whether at Kenyon or anywhere else.

This is why I attended the self-defense clinic at the KAC last week, along with 150 other females. Ages ranged from 18 to about 40, occupations ranged from student to faculty, but we all had one thing in common: we wanted to learn how to better protect ourselves in the face of danger. A retired yellow belt, I didn’t have much of a martial arts background, so I had much to learn at this clinic.

The conductor of the seminar was Rick Hornick, a third degree black belt, who began his martial arts training in 1970. He started off the class by saying, “I’m going to teach you some nasty, yet very effective techniques, and if only one person remembers something, it’ll be worth my time.” He then used the next hour to show us three simple moves that would help us escape from a harmful situation.

The four main targets that one should aim for on an attacker are the eyes, throat, knees and groin. By taking away the ability to see, breathe or walk, you are more likely to escape from an attacker unharmed. When Hornick demonstrated the first move, it startled us, because he suddenly screamed and jabbed his hand out in front of him using his knuckles and nails as his weapons. He explained that one must always yell to catch the attacker off guard and to gain confidence in oneself. This “eye jab,” if performed quickly, and with a flick of the wrist, is probably the most effective technique of self-defense. After practicing on a blue dummy pad with a mean face on it (which was my favorite part of the class), we learned the next move—the throat jab.

In order to successfully perform the throat jab, one must position his or her hand in the shape of a mitten, four fingers together and thumb apart. Then, proceed to jab at the Adam’s apple with the L-shaped portion of your hand, so there is a better chance of actually striking it. This should startle the attacker just enough for you to escape safely.

Lastly, we learned how to kick directly at the knee-cap to injure the attacker. If the knee is bent backward with a strong force, it can be easily broken. One can also aim for the groin, but Hornick recommended aiming for the other targets because the groin is the most protected area on a male’s body. If you do see a window of opportunity, the “grab and twist” method or a hard knee to the groin would surely put a damper on the attacker’s day, not to mention raise his voice a little bit.

Overall, I thought this clinic was really helpful and I learned a lot of tips to help me in case I ever get put in a dangerous situation. Here are some self-defense basics:

• Don’t hesitate
• Carry your keys in your hand when approaching your car
• Use your open palm to strike rather than your closed fist
• Practice the techniques so they become second nature in case a situation arises
• Carry a fake wallet with old credit cards to throw down and then run away
• Remember, your objective is to escape, not to stand and fight!

There will be another, longer self-defense clinic in the middle of October. E-mails will be sent with details.

Light’s advice

1. Get to know a faculty member who can serve as valuable resources and become good friends.
2. Study in groups, especially for science classes.
3. Find a new and interesting class in your first two years, rather than worrying about distribution requirements.
4. Be proactive in seeking out people different from you and share your ideas with them.

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Morning-after pill easy to come by

BY SARA CARTER
Staff Writer

Nobody expects a condom to break. Whether it is because of the age of the condom, improper use or just bad luck, when a condom breaks during sex, it is extremely worrisome.

Luckily, there are options if this happens, or if other forms of birth control fail. Plan B, or the “morning after pill,” is one of these options. Plan B, a two-dose pill, can stop the release of an egg from an ovary, stop a sperm from fertilizing an egg or stop a fertilized egg from attaching to the uterine wall. If taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, Plan B can prevent pregnancy.

Until recently, Plan B could not be obtained in Ohio without a prescription, except at Planned Parenthood. But this all changed in March of 2006, when Plan B became available over the counter to those 18 or older.

This decision was highly controversial, not just because Plan B stops potential pregnancies — oral contraceptives do this too — but because of the way it stops pregnancy. Proponents of pro-life campaigns believe that in making Plan B more accessible we are opening the door to childlessness. As I mentioned above, Plan B cannot prevent STIs, which are, at least in my mind, a fairly substantial deterrent to having unprotected sex. Furthermore, Plan B decreases in effectiveness with each use, so it is hardly comparable to a condom, which is 97 percent effective (as long as it is used correctly) each time, or oral contraceptives, which are consistently almost 100 percent effective. Not to mention that Plan B does have some minor side effects (about 20 percent of users experience some nausea), whereas condoms do not. Finally, regardless of what is available, unprotected sex and other accidents will happen. It is far better to have an easily available resource to fix accidents after they happen than to scare people into thinking there are no options when something goes wrong.

Perhaps it was just her motherly radar kicking in, but I noticed a change in my insurance that this purchase had just been an experiment, but my mother did not share my enthusiasm about the accessibility of Plan B. She thought that if the pill was so easy to obtain, it might encourage more unprotected sex, which carries with it the danger of acquiring an STI as well as pregnancy (though it should be noted here that Plan B does not protect against any STIs). This argument was actually made one by opponents of the decision to make Plan B available over the counter, and has been around in response to many efforts at making seemingly-risky behaviors safer (needle exchange programs and free condoms, for instance, are often met with this same refrain).

I, however, find it hard to believe that in making Plan B more accessible we are opening the door to childlessness. As I mentioned above, Plan B cannot prevent STIs, which are, at least in my mind, a fairly substantial deterrent to having unprotected sex. Furthermore, Plan B decreases in effectiveness with each use, so it is hardly comparable to a condom, which is 97 percent effective (as long as it is used correctly) each time, or oral contraceptives, which are consistently almost 100 percent effective. Not to mention that Plan B does have some minor side effects (about 20 percent of users experience some nausea), whereas condoms do not. Finally, regardless of what is available, unprotected sex and other accidents will happen. It is far better to have an easily available resource to fix accidents after they happen than to scare people into thinking there are no options when something goes wrong.

Meet the street vendors

BY HANNAH CURRAN
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You’ve seen them, you’ve bought jewelry from them, now you can officially meet Eric Miller and Saffron Tonton, nine-time circumnavigators of the globe and visiting vendors at Kenyon College for 16 straight years. A former admissions officer at the University of Ohio, Miller left his job “when my boss left to backpack around the world. He could do it, why shouldn’t I?”

His companion and co-worker Saffron Tonton, whose name is a variation of the given name that, as she explained, “I felt I grew out of,” she said. “We were both career people, but decided our talents extended beyond the cubicle.”

The pair met in 1985 at a food co-op in St. Augustine, Florida, and decided to travel together to Guatemala, where both desperately wanted to go but had never been.

“We ended up staying for six months,” said Miller. “When we were down there, we kept running into these beautiful textiles and fabrics. A friend promised to foot the bill for buying the fabrics if we brought them back to Ohio.”

The couple now travels three months out of the year to Southeast Asia, collecting beautiful items to vend at college campuses throughout Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Their usual mid-winter route includes Indonesia, Bali, India and Nepal. “Bali is the best for feeling at home; Indica the best to restore my spirit,” said Tonton. “Sometimes we hit Sri Lanka, Thailand and/or Nepal—it all depends on the year and your sense of adventure.”

Each brings their personal strengths to the partnership. “Eric is better with the driving and directions—he actually gets us where we need to go,” said Saffron. “He checks out the wood carvings in the village.”

“She focuses more on the artistic displays and the jewelry, and exploiting possibilities where we might next go for jewelry,” said Miller. “Somehow it all comes together.”

The couple makes enough money selling their wares to maintain a small house in Amesville farming co-op with 100 communal acres, as well as cover both all their business and pleasure travel expenses. Their life is not luxurious, but they like it that way.

“The key has been simplifying our lives to be able to do this for the past 20 years, obtaining handicrafts in countries where they are made—supporting the craftsmen without a middleman—and then using these beautiful objects to support our livelihood,” said Miller. “We understand this is a lot easier to do without a family, but we believe everyone could do with a bit of simplification in our lives.”

“I feel so special being able to nourish my soul by traveling. I’ve just been a total observer and absorber of all the high-energy countries around me,” Tonton said.

The connoisseur’s personal favorite? “I like the wood carvings,” said Miller.

“That’s funny, I was sure you’d pick up that wooden cat,” said Saffron.

Apparently, even after nine trips around the globe you never really know a person—although we can be sure to see Miller and Tonton back on Midsummer April 24 and 25, 2008, before they revisit their first travel spot, Lal Atitlan in Guatemala.

“We inevitably return to Kenyon not only because people here always buy, but because they keep us in their hearts,” Tonton said. “You guys remember us, so we’ll always return.”
Where are party hosts?  As I scribe, I sit and wear white gloves, but we gently remind you, as we would like to be treated. “We at Kenyon believe that good things come from the upperclassmen and do not expect party hosts to do everything themselves. Glasses should only ever be filled half full. The way of making sure that no one drinks too much is to top people off when necessary—a great way to ensure that it is a good time for all. Marjabelle’s rigid recommendations out the window. We at Kenyon believe that good things come from the upperclassmen and attend party monitor trainings. Many CAs for 2,200 students). At each institution, no CA is expected to do two rounds a night. During the weekdays, from 10 till 12, I usually manage one. This past Monday, Greek Council passed a resolution requiring either 10 representatives or 50 percent of members—whatever number is greater—to attend party monitor trainings. Many students show reluctance to commit either their afternoons for training and evenings for monitoring. However, I found similar reluctance to either throw parties or attend them. For party monitoring to be effective, however, there needs to be a certain level of trust between CA and host and monitor.

The past year, the College bought two bars to accommodate Com dorms. During the forum, I asked President Nugent about my experiences studying at three different institutions in the fall at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, the spring at New York University and the summer at Fordham University. At each institution, no CA provides more than 25 residents apiece. At Kenyon, the average number of residents per CA is 42 (38 CAs for 1,600 students). Compare this to Oberlin College, which has 31 residents per CA (70 CAs for 2,200 students). To be fair, our first-year halls have a much lower ratio resident to CA ratio, at around 20 to one. The numbers that make our average resident to CA ratio so high come from the upperclassmen halls, where each CA attends at least 50 residents. In the case of Ithaca, a CA works with over 100 students. This is my second year as a CA, and I can say it’s already more difficult than the first. I moved into an upper-class residence hall, Bushnell, which I love, but I have more than twice as many residents than I had on my first hallway in McBride. Granted, upperclassmen and women are much more self-sufficient than first-years. Time constraints related to programming and security rounds are much higher, however, in the upper-class residences. For the former, I have to plan for more people and target interests shared by more residents. In the case of the latter, one round of South Campus takes at least an hour. I’m ideally supposed to do two rounds a night during the weekdays, from 10 till 12. I usually manage one. For some of us who would prefer less interference on the part of CAs, this sounds like a good thing. But for someone who considers rounds a time to look out for safety concerns, and not necessarily policy violations, I find the situation worrisome. In addition, there are only seven CAs on South Campus. The math is fairly simple: my cohorts and I spend one night a week just doing rounds. There are solid reasons why Kenyon cannot currently increase its number of CAs. There are few available single rooms on campus, and the housing crunch makes converting any more doubles into CA singles an impossibility.

Low CA ratio limits interaction  

BY KES SCHROER
Guest Columnist

Last week at a town-hall style forum President Nugent announced the upcoming construction of two new, south-campus dorms. During the forum, I asked whether these new dorms would be equipped with more single rooms to accommodate Community Advisors. Specifically, I wanted to know whether the 80 students housed in each of the new dorms would be provided only one CA apiece, as is currently the case in many of our residence halls.

My question stemmed from my experiences studying at three different institutions in the past year. I spent the fall at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, the spring at New York University and the summer at Fordham University. At each institution, no CA provides more than 25 residents apiece. At Kenyon, the average number of residents per CA is 42 (38 CAs for 1,600 students). Compare this to Oberlin College, which has 31 residents per CA (70 CAs for 2,200 students).

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We also have a small benefits package compared to other institutions, making the position less attractive to potential applicants. CAs at Kenyon only receive free room, whereas room and board waivers is standard at most institutions. Although we’ve managed to put together an awesome staff this year, attracting more applicants in the future will be key.

The Office of Residential Life is currently working on a more attractive benefits package. They’ve already allotted more money for programming this year, so hopefully a bigger budget and more applicants are somewhere on the way. Ideally, the promised new dorms will alleviate the housing crunch and provide more single rooms on South Campus.

I think every CA wishes they knew all their residents on a more personal basis, and maybe even by his or first name. I think every CA wishes they could spend more time providing programming and less time doing rounds. By increasing the number of CAs, even slightly, we’d get closer to this goal. Residents would have more access to their CAs as well as increased access to administrators, security and maintenance personnel.

Speaking of administrators, we have three talented new administrators in Res Life already, with more on the way. I recommend we use them. They’re the friendly sort, and now is a great time for change.

The Kenyon Collegian Thursday, September 13, 2007
On average, a Kenyon student visits the bookstore seven times a day. I always assumed this statistic to be an exaggeration, but the Kenyon website confirms the number. As I frequent the bookstore once a week at most, I can only wonder who balances me out every other day.

Philander Chase first began raising money for the bookstore so that a student would not have to "send hither and thither for a book and perhaps be obliged after all to send to the East before he can be accommodated." We must have a bookstore belonging to the Institution. Over the past 168 years, the bookstore has grown in size, service and reputation, the highlight being the Rolling Stone declaration of our bookstore as the best in America.

When students returned during the academic year, the bookstore had changed in many ways, and, of course, there has been immediate resistance.

The word on the street is that our bookstore has now lost touch with the community, which is a price paid for efficiency and hopefully some profit. I have not purchased a book from the bookstore in the last two years, and I wonder if I am the only one. A simple Amazon search yields books for less than half the retail price at our bookstore.

Whereas Chase feared we would have to head East, I find myself relying on the internet to get all of my textbooks for class. As such, the bookstore has failed me and many others, and especially those who have to check their bank accounts before they make a purchase. Besides books, almost all other commodities, such as stationery, food and drinks, cost far more at the bookstore than at the market next door.

This substantial difference has kept me away. It is my hope that the proposed changes will help cut down costs and perhaps lure me in to the bookstore once again.

September 11th goes unobserved

Two mornings ago, I overheard a classmate ask, "What day is it?" Last year, I would have been appalled to hear such a comment on September 11, but this year I was prepared for such indifference.

I loved Kenyon from moment one. I arrived, the bubble burst a few weeks later, however, when the morning of the fifth anniversary of September 11, 2001 passed unnoticed by my classmates, teachers and the administration. The New York Times devoted an entire section to commemorating the event and telling stories of survivors and victims' families. Reading it amidst the morning battle of Gund Dining Hall, I felt estranged from both the Kenyon community and the outside world.

In my hometown—a suburb of New York City—September 11, 2001 was chaos epitomized—with administrative directions, my school shut down. My father and uncle almost bought bikes to escape the City when trains stopped running, and every adult I saw was crying. For the next two years, stories about that day made their way into every family conversation without fail. Every anniversary, my school observed a moment of silence and my town held a memorial service. Probably every school and town in New York did the same. I imagined that these practices would hold true all across the United States.

At Kenyon, it seems, September 11 is a meaningless date. Last year, Mount Vernon held a memorial ceremony, but only about five people attended the last-minute on-campus candlelight vigil I arranged with the help of Chris Kennerly, associate dean of students and director of multicultural affairs. In classes, I occasionally hear the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon mentioned, but only in reference to politics.

The political implications of the attacks are, of course, important—in fact, they have shaped much of U.S. foreign policy for the last six years. President Bush sufficiently muddled the events of September 11 with the Iraq War in the minds of many American citizens. His success in doing so confuses me. Why can people be blinded by emotions when it means revenge, yet exhibit no grief when it comes to commemorating those who died?

The time for grieving has largely passed, as even the Times pointed out. But Kenyon should still remember September 11 in a meaningful way. That means a well-advertised event organized by the administration—a vigil, a speaker, an art exhibit—anything that shows that Kenyon has not forgotten September 11.
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The College's Director of Facilities Planning described the renovation project as being "an architectural marvel. " The Peirce renovation began, the Peirce Hall construction project is still months from completion. Lepley said. Although, according to Chief Project, the Peirce Hall construction project is still months from completion.

The three-story Peirce Hall is scheduled to open in the fall of 2009, but the college must still complete the process of commissioning the new building over the summer. Lepley said. Under the original schedule, the Peirce Hall renovations were expected to be completed by the end of the 2006-07 academic year. The College demolished Dempsey New Dempsey, which will provide additional dining space. The new construction going in a 1929 dormitory, the Peirce renovation is a major project for the construction team. Lepley said. The age and architectural style of the building, " Lepley said. The construction operation will make an announcement about the Peirce renovations, including the installation of new bathrooms, sprinkler systems and elevators. In order to make room for new construction, the College demolished Dempsey for the summer. During this time, the Peirce renovation was carried out. The Ernst Center was converted into a dining facility, serving as the college's stand-in during the renovation process.

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Arts

Art Professor Discusses Digital Work

By Roxanne Smith
Staff Writer

Associate Professor of Art Marcella Hackbardt has worked at Kenyon College since the fall of 2000. Her digital artwork has been shown at the Ohio Art Gallery, as well as in exhibitions all over the country. The Collegian recently sat down with her to talk about her projects and artistic influences outside the classroom.

Collegian: What are the aims of your most recent project? How much digital manipulation was involved in it?

Hackbardt: It’s a project I started about a year ago. It’s called Story of Knowledge, and is a series of digitally-constructed color prints. For each image there are usually three to four photographs which are combined into that image. The theme for this project uses light as a symbol for knowledge. Sort of like allegorical painting maybe, from the 16th century, where you’ll see someone holding that light, holding on to it, so light represents this flowing in of knowledge. Sometimes also there are several light sources … that move in these spaces and hopefully explain a sense of knowing, determination, agency.

Collegian: In some of your past work, there were series of photographs in triptych form which made me wonder how much the traditional arts inform digital art, which is such a new field.

Hackbardt: A lot of times artists look at historical artwork and the light or leading others with it, so light represents this flowing in of knowledge. Sometimes also there are several light sources … that move in these spaces and hopefully explain a sense of knowing, determination, agency.

Collegian: In your artist’s statement, you talk about “finding the imperfect to be the norm.” Do you think there are limitations in expressing reality through digital art? Traditional photography seems to have that limitation.

Hackbardt: What I think is like it is less biased.

Collegian: Do you think those are similar themes which run through your work?

Hackbardt: Absolutely!

Collegian: How much does work at Kenyon affect the kind of work you do? Are you inspired by teaching or your surroundings?

Hackbardt: I think it has in lots of different ways. Maybe there’s a technical connection, because when I came here from the city my work was primarily in color. And here I didn’t have access to a color printer. So my work immediately became digital. I shoot film and then all my work goes into the computer and then it gets constructed and then I take that image and I send it off to a company that puts it into a machine that outputs light, like shining light through a negative. And when it gets back I have good old-fashioned color prints (so they’re not inkjet).

The fact that I had to work digitally—just because we don’t have the facilities to work chemically—I think has made my work become much more manipulated. And also giving me the opportunity of Photoshop or other such programs that allow you to merge different images.

Collegian: How do you think where you are from affects your work? Do you find living here in Ohio “roots off” on your work at all?

Hackbardt: I grew up in Michigan where the geography, the landscape, is very similar to here. When I was twenty I moved out here to West for a long time, so when I came back here [to Ohio] there was this strong feeling that I was “back home.”

It was funny too because even the style of clothes had come full circle—people were wearing long hair and they had their corduroy flare pants—and I was feeling like, “Oh my god! What happened to all the years?” It was like Michigan just as I had left it. But moving here I feel like I have the opportunity to work with my relatives because they [now live] closer. To create the photograph “Story of Knowledge” in the light blue of a December, I took a picture of an experimental work, that became my training in grad school. So I definitely have a background in different approaches to photo.

Collegian: Do you have a specific artist who influences your work?

Hackbardt: I don’t think influences is the right word … there are so many great photographers … I had to work at The Yards, then I spent a day with Ralph Eugene Meatyard … He was untrained, self-taught, and he takes the most amazing emotional images, works with his family and his neighborhood.

The Long Goodbye
(1973)
Fri., Sept. 14, 7:30 PM

We continue our tribute to recent deceased great directors with a lesser-known work from one of cinema’s true innovators. Robert Altman, fresh off of his massive success with classics like M*A*S*H and McCabe and Mrs. Millie, decided to make this adaptation of a Raymond Chandler murder mystery, from which he was formerly banned. It did so badly that it was pulled from circulation, and Altman was forced to start a new advertising campaign.

Film stars Elliot Gould as Phillip Marlowe, a private investigator whose best friend apparently murders his wife and then commits suicide. Unconvinced that this is the truth, Marlowe tries to uncover some clues. He is eventually hired by a rich woman, whose husband (Sterling Hayden) has mysterious connections to Marlowe’s friend.

The film features Altman’s trade mark dialogue style and stellar acting by Gould, along with a cameo by Arthur Hill as Mervyn LaMotte, and a brief one by everyone’s favorite “Mama Mia” who would take her away from every- thing interesting in the photos, and embarks on a quest to find out what it is. Eventually becoming obsessed with the search, the photographer’s star is lost. But is it all real or is what we see simply perceived?

Vasilis’ will be a movie that’s not to be missed, on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Hipsey Auditorium.

MST3K Preview

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The first English-language film by legendary Italian director Michelangelo Antonioni, set in London and winner of the Grand Prix at Cannes, Blow-Up is definitely a film worth considering. If you haven’t seen The Yards, Jimmy Page and Jeff Beck playing side by side, and a brief one by everyone’s favorite Monty Python member, Michael Palin, the movie has great faces and a great story.

In 1975, an obscure director by the name of Steven Spielberg released a summer blockbuster movie called Jaws. Maybe you heard of it? Well, if you haven’t, then it’s safe to assume that you’ve also never heard of its Italian cousin, a 1984 knockoff called Devil Fish by the English-speaking. The plot, such as it is, involves a very large, devilish fish that roams the ocean with its theme music and eats old people. There’s also a marine biologist who sits out in a boat and drinks beer while doing research. Then the film’s ominous hero, who seems to be some sort of VCR repairman, fixes some electronics and has intercourse with a girl. There’s also a skinny man who travels with a musical instrument, which makes him come to blows with Satan, and then he gets a job on a boat. Eventually, the fish comes together somehow, and begins a hunt for the elusive devil fish.

Anyway, it turns out that the monster is some sort of genetic experiment, and as is so often the case there are some evil scientists who are trying to cover it up. They fail in this endeavor, however, and the fish is hunted down and killed with all-oh-sube subtle combination of gasoline and fire.

Of course, there are other things that happen in the movie — there seems to be an affair going on between a scientist and a lady with frightening hair, and I think an ugly man kills a hooker in there somewhere too. There are also several scenes where a couple of guys stare at a corpse mutilated by the devil fish. How any of these scenes relate to anything else is a complete mystery. Perhaps you can decipher it when you show up on Friday.

—Mystery Science Theater 3000 is shown on Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Hipsey Auditorium.
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Little changed during the second half as Kenyon continued to power through Oberlin, begin- ning with a try from Zach Webb '10. Baldwin and Travis Schuster '08 each scored after fighting their way through the Oberlin team and into the try zone. Favorable luck and poor field conditions in Westerville, Ohio landed the Kenyon Yeomen the opportunity to host the Otterbein College Women’s soccer team at home, and the Yeomen capitalized on their shot at two more home games.

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Jayme McElwee ‘10, each followed by a successful conversion kick by Rosebluth. Captain Japhet Balaban ‘09 and back Jarrett Moreno ‘08 each scored tries of their own. At the end of the first half, the Lords led 29-7.

"We’re here to play because we want to play,” said rookie Peter Moore ‘10. “The new guys are here because we want to be.”

Men’s rugby seems to be per- manent fixture on the Kenyon campane, which the players constantly mention, and off of which the fans seem to feed. With hopes of a division title, perhaps this asset of Men’s rugby will be the driving force behind their future success this season.

This Saturday, the Lords will be looking for revenge against rival Ohio Northern University (OUNU). After ONU ruined the team’s chances of going to the play- offs last year, it is just what the rugby has, what Balaban describes as, “unfinished business” with their upcoming opponent.

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Lords win on road

By Meghan McClincy
Staff Reporter

Amanda Drummond, a senior soccer and lacrosse player from Mayfield, Ohio, has been playing sports since the age of three. "I guess soccer and lacrosse players have been an integral part of her life up until now, and when asked what she will miss most after her last year of playing, Drummond replied, "I can't imagine life without soccer practice… I won't know what to do!"

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