Nugent sparks controversy at Founder’s Day

By Leslie Parsons
News Editor

President S. Georgia Nugent is receiving backlash from students and other community members who disagreed with remarks that she made during last Thursday’s Founder’s Day.

The speech, the text of which can be read in this issue of the Collegian, referenced the recent acts of vandalism and misbehavior on campus, which has become a sensitive topic for students and community members alike.

‘[The speech] was greeted with, apparently, extraordinary dismay that I actually said truth,’ said Nugent.

Other speakers at Founder’s Day included Associate Professor of Drama Jonathan Tazezwell, Associate Professor of Sociology Marlia Kohlman and Dean of Students Tammy Gocial. Tazezwell gave a speech to acknowledge significant alumni that died this past year and the founders of the College, which is traditionally done every year. Each Founder’s Day also included a speech from a member of this faculty, which Kohlman provided. Gocial administered the oath, as is customary of the Dean of Students.

‘Inde-pendently, each of the three of us [Gocial, Kohlman and Nugent] chose to address [the vandalism] we’ve been experiencing,’ said Nugent. ‘And each of them gave a very brief solution, but maybe that somehow came down too hard on people.’

According to Nugent, she received a letter that said she ruined the event and others have spoken with her about the speech.

‘It’s been blown way out of proportion,’ said Nugent. ‘I never spoke a word of reproach.’ She said that many of the complaints she’s received say that ‘the ceremony should be timeless, and that it wasn’t appropriate to speak of anything ‘actual.’

‘I think the whole Founder’s Day and the matriculation is just great,’ said Nugent. ‘I think it’s very noble… it’s very touching to me, the whole class rises and they pledge that they’re going to be terrific, upstanding citizens of Kenyon.’

Nugent said that she wanted to reflect on the recent actions in her speech and talk about the importance of the oath. ‘When you stand and say those words I hope it’s something you will say ‘Gee, I’m saying something here,’” said Nugent.

“I stated a fact and I expressed two hopes,” said Nugent. “One was the hope that in the Kenyon community, our words will match our deeds and the other was the hope that as they take the pledge, this class will particularly dedicate themselves to living the pledge. That’s it.”

“I think the president has an obligation to kind of call people to high values,” said Nugent. “And in my mind, that’s what I was trying to do. But I also need to recognize that somehow that was not what was heard.”

After some concerns were raised by members of the Chamber Singers, Professor of Music Benjamin Locke contacted Nugent, who arranged to meet with the group and discuss their feelings about the speech and other College matters.

‘She wasn’t apologetic at first,’ said chamber singer Emily Goldwasser ’09. ‘She just wanted us to understand why she said the things she did. We gave her our opinions, what we thought. Some of what we said seemed to really have an affect on her, like she didn’t seem to think about the impact her words might have fully. I understand she was hoping that by saying something about the vandalism and about every Kenyon student’s duty to take better care of Kenyon she was hoping that there would be some sort of positive reaction to that, but instead a lot of kids just felt accused, just wrongly.”

3 CAs quit, Res-Life calls for applicants

By Lindsay Means
News Assistant

The mid-semeter departure of several Community Advisors, or CAs, has led to a scramble in Residential Life to fill the open positions, and the advertise-ments in residence halls and on bulletin boards encouraging students to apply for CA positions have been successful.

According to Assistant Dean of Students for Housing and Residential Life Alicia Dugas and Assistant Director for Residential Life Jason Block, three CAs have resigned this year. While they said that the reasons for their doing so are personal and therefore confidential, they also said that the Residential Life staff supports each of their decisions wholeheartedly.

“We believe emphatically that academ-ics are a student’s first priority,” said Dugas. “If academics, the CA position and a student’s happiness are not congruent, we support them in making healthy decisions to achieve balance.”

Emily Kliever ’08 is one of the three CAs who resigned. “I’d always heard that being a CA was such a great position, but I just didn’t find that to be the case,” she said. “I liked my residents and I liked the job itself, but I really had a problem with the fact that they were increasing hours and responsibilities without more compensation.”

According to Kliever, the CAs did not have a say in many of the policy changes that affected them. “When we would voice our opinions about policies we thought were ‘un-Kenyon,’ they would only say ‘you signed the contract,’” she said.

Another CA who resigned, Adam Tassile ’08, said he feels that changes are needed in Residential Life. “They need to inform the CAs how their jobs are going to be affected by changes to their contracts before these changes are implemented,” he said. “It is not professional, not should it be allowed. I understand with new administration that changes are inevitable, but when an employee’s contract is changed, it has to be with the consent of the employee. Just because these employees are college students does not change this fact.”

While Tassile resigned for personal and academic reasons, he also said that a “clear lack of trust between the CAs and the administration” factored into his decision. “Some of the issues I would not rather bring up,” he said, “but trust was an enormous issue that was not handled properly in the beginning of the year.”

The absence of the three CAs should not be noticeable, according to Tassile and Block. “Our staff has been amazing,” they said, “and we appreciate their teamwork through this process.”

Other members of the Residential Life staff have been filling in for the missing CAs, and every attempt is being made to ensure that residents have access to a CA.

Kliever said that the other CAs have dealt positively with the resigna-tions. “They haven’t complained at all, and they say that the added responsibilities aren’t too big of a problem,” she said. In addition, Kliever said the resigna-tions have not been a precedent for other Community Advisors. “It says that we won’t get walked on,” she said.

Social hosts student forum on new party policy

By Lindsay Means
News Assistant

Last night, the Alcohol and Drug Education Program Team, or ADEPT, sponsored a forum on the school’s new Party Policy. Members of the panel included Dean of Students Tammy Gocial, Substance Abuse Coordinator Mike Durham, Judicial Affairs Coordinator Samantha Hughes, Professor of Anthropology Dave Sugg, Campus Safety Officers Greg von Freymann and Todd Bell, Psi Upsilon President Chris Wiloughby, Greek Council representative Alex Roland and party monitor/host Alex Lord.

The night primarily featured a question-and-answer session, where members of the administration and students responded to questions from the roughly 20 attendees. According to Dean of Students Tammy Gocial, the general perception of party policy in the community at large has become tainted by the rumor mill, and the forum was held in an attempt to address several misconceptions.

“What people don’t seem to under-stand is that the new party policy really only features two fundamental changes,” said Gocial. “First, most people don’t know that, in previous years, all parties had to be registered, and that there was technically no such thing as an open party. So the first change was creating open parties, and in order to regulate these parties and take pressure off security as well as the hosts, the posi-tion of party monitors was created.”

The second major change, she said, is the enforcement of guest lists at closed parties. “That’s how all parties were supposed to be,” she said. “But now we’re actually still enforcing it…” and we’re trying to make it easier for the student body,” she said. “We’ve cut the registration form down from nine pages to one, and people can just e-mail it in now.”

In terms of statistics, last year and this year are roughly similar, according to Mike Durham. “Last year between Aug. 25 and Nov. 5, ten students were charged with underage possession, 11 were given medical attention but not
College to build new health services center

One of the examination rooms in the current Health Services Center.

Paul Reel

Plan is underway for the construction of a new health and counseling center at Kenyon College. Although the project is in its preliminary stages, the College has begun conducting research and holding discussions with the goal of replacing the current health center with a new, state-of-the-art facility within the next several years.

The project began three years ago when student organization Feminist Union of Greater Gambier (FUGG) initiated a series of campus surveys, which revealed students’ frustrations with the health center. Bringing their findings to the attention of Kenyon’s faculty, FUGG worked closely with Dr. Tracy Schermer and Board of Trustees member Dr. Jim Cox. Recently, the board granted the College permission to begin planning for the new facility, allocating $3.2 million from Kenyon’s Capital Campaign to the project.

The location of the new facility is yet to be determined, but according to Dean of Students Tammy Gocial, the College has considered converting the art barn as well as constructing a new facility on campus. In November, the board granted the College $1.2 million from its endowment, allocating the money for the project, and Gocial said that their hope at this point is to keep both counseling and health services housed in the same place. In order to grant students more access to broader health services, Gocial hopes to bring in local specialists, rent out space to outside physicians and perhaps open the facility up to the Village Gabbet in addition to Kenyon students and faculty.

“It’s very early on in the process and these are all just ideas,” said Gocial. “In the future, we look forward to learning more about how students feel about making the health center more accessible to the Gambier community.”

Gocial is working closely with Kenyon’s current health and counseling staff on developing a plan for a facility that will suit their needs as well as those of the students. Charting though it may be, the health center’s current building is not conducive to the staff’s working needs.

“We really are working in an old, makeshift house where every storing medical supplies can be difficult,” said Nurse Practitioner and Acting Director of the Student Health Center Rebecca Metcalf. “I think it will be wonderful to be able to work in a facility that is designed specifically with healthcare in mind.”

Director of Counseling Services Patrick Gilligan agrees, saying “I hope that we’re able to replicate the coziness and welcoming quality of our current health center so that students feel comfortable about visiting us. However, modernization is essential in order for us to provide the best care.”

Both Gilligan and Metcalf said they look forward to the addition of specific amenities in the new facility such as airy, comfortable waiting rooms, space for information and health education and sound-proof examination rooms to improve doctor-patient confidentiality.

The College is also looking toward outside sources for guidance in developing the new center’s plans. Schermer, who is assisting via telephone although he is on sabbatical this year, has made several trips to study the health center at the College of Wooster as well as the Cleveland Clinic. In an Oct. 12 report to the Board of Trustees, Dr. Clark Mankowitz ’64 presented a survey of health centers in liberal arts colleges across the country, and Gocial is contacting architects in order to brainstorm what the facility could feasibly look like.

Gocial insists that although there is no exact time frame set for the building of the facility, the project is definitely a high priority for the College. Separate from Kenyon’s “Master Plan,” she insists that the lower cost of the new health center will make it a more feasible and efficient project than the $12 million mission to build new dorms.

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Student Council

Nov. 4, 2007

• The Housing and Grounds Committee is forming a sub-committee with representatives from Campus Safety, Student Life and Student Council to formulate alternative solutions to the swipe-card issue. Some suggestions to remedy the swipe card situation include holding a forum so that students can give their alternative ideas to the committee, contacting other schools to discuss how they ensure safety with and without swipe-cards and making security issues clear to the student body so that they can help think of effective alternatives.

• The Greek Council is recreating the Greek judiciary. The old judicial code states that individuals’ cases can be brought to the Greek judiciary, instead of only Greek organizations’ cases. The new judiciary will amend this, so that only organizations are brought before the board. Each Greek organization has a representative on the judiciary who will be trained by the deans. A mock trial will be held to help train the representatives. The Greek judiciary is modeled after the school judiciary.

• Changes made to the Greek Constitution were explained to the Council. There is now a president and two vice-presidents instead of a secretary.

• Council members were given the names of their administrative liaisons.

• The Council took a group photo to put on the Web site that is being designed.

—Marenka Thompson-Odlum

Senior Staff Minutes

Nov. 7, 2007

• The Senior Staff discussed next year’s budget. “They were just kind of telling others what their major areas are, and it was definitely a preview because I think all of the requests will add up to something like a million and a half dollars, and we don’t have a million and a half dollars,” said President S. Georgia Nugent. “So now we go into that messy process of deciding what is absolutely required and what is nice to have, but we can’t do it right now.” Negotiation will continue until the end of the year.

• Dean of Students Tammy Gocial made requests for money to make salary enhancements, make some part-time positions into full-time positions and hire a fourth person for the Office of Residential Life. According to Nugent, this has “always been her goal, so she could be fully staffed.”

• Dean of Admissions Jennifer Delahunty asked for money for an increase on financial aid.

• Provost Greg Spald is “trying to be very aggressive in increasing faculty salaries,” said Nugent. The faculty committee has written a memo for the board with hopes that they will review the budget and see where money can be allotted for increasing these salaries.

• Vice President of Library and Information Services Mike Roy made, according to Nugent, “fairly modest requests that have to do with providing better technical support.”

• The Senior Staff was debriefed on what was discussed at the recent faculty meeting.

• They discussed Nugent’s Founder’s Day speech and how some community members have responded negatively to it.

• They discussed the questions that were raised about parking during the construction of the new art facilities. “The short answer to that is that while that area is a construction site, there won’t be parking,” said Nugent. “But afterwards it will kind of be a community decision, what’s their preferred value, more parking or more green space.”

• They discussed retirees and their continued involvement with the College.

• Professor of Mathematics Carol Schumacher asked Nugent at this meeting what her three priorities were for Kenyon, to which Nugent replied quality of teachers, teaching students how to write well and balancing the emphasis between the humanities and science and social science programs for prospective students.

—Written by Leslie Parsons, courtesy of the President’s Office
Who needs the vote? Gambier candidates run unopposed

BY TEDDY EISMEIER  Staff Writer

Gambier saw a lower-than-normal voter turnout this year as many races were contested.

Among a number of posts for The Village of Gambier were up for election, most of the candidates ran unopposed, including Village Mayor Village Trustee and Village Fiscal Kellie Christy. Tom Stamp, the College’s associate vice president for communications and historian, was the sole candidate running for the two open seats on Village’s Council.

In other elections, five candidates ran for the four positions on the Mount Vernon City School Board, which oversees the Wiggins Street Elementary School. Those elected were Margie Bennett, Sharon Fair and Jody Goertzman.

Three county tax levies were also on the ballot to provide funding for Knox County schools, the county’s 9-1-1 response service, and public health services such as immunization, child health services and mosquito control, all of which passed.

Professor of Biology Joan Slonczewski, who assisted as a poll worker Tuesday, said that she noticed a light turnout of Kenyon students and village residents in general.

“To my knowledge, I was not aware of a voter registration drive for this year,” Slonczewski said. “I think those are local issues, but they are very important to Kenyon students, including levies to continue local health services and schools.”

Slonczewski said that no voting problems had occurred at the polls Tuesday. Gambier made national headlines during the 2004 election when students and community members waited as long as 13 hours to cast their votes. With only a handful of working voting machines, poll workers at the Community Center struggled to process the long lines of student voters.

Slonczewski reported that the Community Center now has four times as many voting machines as it did in 2004. Dean Evans, a representative from the office of Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner, was present on Tuesday as the chief election official.

Evans, regional liaison to six counties in central Ohio, conducted a spot check of the building’s handicap accessibility. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, polling facilities must be accessible to physically handicapped voters.

“There have been improvements to the polling site in Gambier,” Evans said. “There are handicap accessible machines to help avoid the problems from 2004. Gambier has been communicating more with the Board of Elections leading up to next year’s election.”

Evans also noted the low turnout for this year’s election.

“We’ll see more activity in the primary this spring and the national election next year than during an off-year election,” Evans said.

The Village Council will appoint the unopposed candidate to fill the uncontested seat on council. Interested parties should attend the January meeting of the council. The seat is currently filled by Susan Sukys, who announced her decision to run for the open seat after Jamie Gump resigned. “Susan will likely be a candidate in January,” said Emmett. “She joined council too late in the year to run as a write-in candidate.”

The polls opened at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning and remained open to Gambier’s voters until 7:30 p.m.

Gambier’s Village Council heard about the uncertain future of the College Township Fire Department at Monday night’s meeting.

According to Council member Betty Heer, who has been appointed by Mayor Kirk Emmett to a committee studying the subject, there are three possible future courses of action for the department: to join the Eastern Knox County Joint Fire District, which would require additional tax levies; to form its own Fire District; or to become part of the Mount Vernon Fire Department.

As a result of the meeting, the council passed an ordinance that changes the due date of effective immediately, instead of after 24 hours.

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Kenyon Literary Festival
Schedule of Events
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Thursday, November 8
Gala Dinner and Auction / Kenyon Review Award for Literary Achievement presented to Margaret Atwood. Four Seasons Restaurant, New York City.

Friday, November 9
Stone Soup Supper Weaver Cottage, 7:30-9:30 p.m. A simple supper of soup, salad and bread made with local ingredients; donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the meal.

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In-House Endorsement
The British are coming! The British are coming! Come see Professor of Humanities Tim Shutt and Sports Editor Jesse Oppenheim take on the British National Debate Team Saturday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. in Higley Auditorium
News

Scott Rutkoff develop American history program for Cleveland schools

BY JOE KLOC Staff Writer

It may come as no surprise that in Cleveland, a city plagued with economic woes and a failing school system, that faced bankruptcy only 30 years ago, students are producing markedly low test scores in many subjects. The lowest of these test scores are in areas of social studies.

Kenyon’s Professor of History Will Scott and Robert A. Woodyen Jr. Professor of American Studies Peter Rutkoff are working with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to develop programs that will help city school teachers more effectively teach their students American history.

Recently, Scott and Rutkoff obtained from the Department of Education what is known as a “Byrd Grant” in order to improve the American history program of Cleveland city schools. The grant gets its name from the U.S. Senator from West Virginia, Robert Byrd who championed the initiative to strengthen the “traditional American history” programs in U.S. public schools. “Byrd Grants” usually range from between $500,000 and $1 million, and are awarded to public schools that are working collaboratively with other institutions towards improving the abilities of their teachers to educate students about American history.

Scott explains that these collaborative programs will help educators to educate their students American history. Scott explains that these collaborative programs will help educators to educate their students American history. By the time of its completion, over half of the 150 American history teachers at the elementary and middle school level in Cleveland public schools will have participated directly in the program. Scott further explains that these teachers who complete the program will be equipped with the skills to educate other teachers who may not have received the direct course training. Scott hopes this program will help all of the 500 history teachers in Cleveland develop “literacy in American history.”

Much of the grant money will be used to pay the teachers who participate in the program, in the sum of $1,500 each. In addition, each teacher will receive $1,000 annually for materials and activities that will help motivate students to learn and enjoy American history.

After this three-year program is complete, Scott and Rutkoff hope to obtain another Byrd grant to fund a similar program for high school teachers in the Cleveland public school system. In the past, Scott and Rutkoff have worked to improve the teaching of history at the high school level, but Scott explains that because history was being taught so poorly in the lower grades, the high school students were unprepared to participate in and benefit from the program. Students who were being made available to them.

By first implementing a program to improve students’ understanding of American history at the lower grade levels, high school students will be equipped with the proper knowledge and abilities to fully benefit from more dynamic history classes.

By Sarah Queller Staff Writer

The first of two overnight multicultural visit programs, “Cultural Connections,” was held for Nov. 11-12, according to Director of Multicultural Admissions and Senior Assistant Director of Admissions Travis Culver.

According to Culver, the goal of “Cultural Connections” is for minority students to “experience Kenyon.” He said the prospective students tour the school, visit classes and interview for admission. Some of the additional “Cultural Connections” programming, however, is focused on “cultural awareness.” Culver said Director of Multicultural Affairs Chris Kennedy and Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Ennis Edmonds will speak to the students, and a student panel will allow “students of color to talk about their experiences at Kenyon,” Culver said.

Culver, whose job is to recruit students to participate in “Cultural Connections,” engages faculty in the planning and execution of the programs, to expose prospective students and faculty to the campus, he said. He said he sees Kenyon as a microcosm in which various backgrounds and experiences enrich the academic and social climate. He said a diverse atmosphere “yields different conversations” and increases “critical thinking, social awareness and cultural sensitivity.”

Kenyon has executed a multicultural recruitment program since 1995, and Culver said the program has been a “great way to attract students” based on the number of students who attend the program and then apply to Kenyon.

“I really valued the experience because it was nice to meet other multicultural students who were applying last year,” said Alberto Solis ’11, who attended the visit day last year. “I also got to meet other multicultural students who were already here and it gave me a sense of what the environment was like here as far as diversity at Kenyon.”

Compared to other schools I was applying to, Kenyon definitely doesn’t have the same multicultural student population and I don’t think it’s as visible,” said Kristy Gustman ’11, who also attended the visit. “I think, clearly there’s an effort to make that change.”

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Power-heavy leadership bad for all

BY JEREMY LAWSON
Guest Columnist

A friend of mine from my first year approached me after the publication of the last column ("Student affairs at K"). Oct. 25, 2007 and asked "Why do all. The biggest. The biggest."

It took me a second to comprehend what she was saying. After all, like many of the past on the campus, I am fundamentally opposed to all governmental action, whether the government be state, nation, or school. And that is what it hit me—she did not mean liberal in an American sense, like liberalism versus socialismo. That is a mind boggling idea liberal, denoting a belief in free markets and free people, versus authoritarianism.

I want to explain the basis for my leapfrogging of the top-down style of government applied by this hostel administration toward the problems around campus, including the dining facilities and the housing policy. Certainly, policies remain in both the administration and the government are almost always well intentioned—take it on faith that the majority of people have the best interest disposition toward their fellow humans being in most of the time. Governmental programs, such as Social Security, or measures on housing and dining, were enacted as a way to help people—seeing the poor and elderly and taking housing and food worries off of students' minds are both supposed to be palliative functions that make life easier for the majority of the population.

The problems with this type of approach are numerous. Consider what happens if the population is not buying into the thing happening currently at Kenyon and in the United States as a whole. By establishing criteria for membership in a group, say, the student body or the impoverished, and then introducing a benefits package promised to that group as a whole, governments are making a commitment. His promise to provide a free meal to students promises to guarantee a minimum standard of living. Should the population grow, as it is happening at both Kenyon and in the United States, the government suddenly has fewer resources to allocate to the members of each group. So, we witness increasingly cramped student quarters and constantly diminishing Welfare and Social Security benefits.

It does not stop there—by deciding things in an authoritarian manner government are in effect taking all personal preference out of the calculation. Say a student has an affinity for an off-campus apartment, and is willing to pay for it. In a liberal market economy, the high premiums he places on this type of housing would send a signal to potential landlords. More apartments would be constructed, and ultimately the price of off-campus housing would go down. The negotiated price sends an informational signal to both buyer and seller, and to potential buyers and sellers.

To extrapolate this example to the national level, private financial savings institutions (such as Roth IRA) achieve consistently higher rates of return than banks simply because the government is not the same function. Indeed, even if it put all my money into savings account (where the amount of actual money decreases due to inflation) it would still decrease as quickly as money puts into Social Security. The lack of bureaucracy in the Roth IRA and the independence from population cycles combine to make a big change in the amount of money you save or make.

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Administration's minds made up

BY EMILY KLEIVER
Guest Columnist

I think it's quite telling that Dean of Students Troy Slocum had already made up his mind to implement the swipe locks before the trustee meeting had even taken place. "We are going to do it this year, but the question is how" (Thurau may require new swipe card). Oct. 25, 2007.

Communication between the administration and student body has been awful in the past couple years. It seems we have had a mish mash of new administrators come in at once, each of whom have very specific ideas about how Kenyon should be run. Even if these ideas go against the very values on which Kenyon was founded, they are implemented anyway. We are being overlooked. An example of the lack of communicion lies in the relationship between the Office of Residential Life and the student body. I am one of three Community Advisors who have resigned since the beginning of this school year. While I cannot presume to know the reasons of my peers for their resignations, this is a disturbing trend—especially at a college where the Community Advisors have always been highly sought. While I loved my residence halls for their full potential, this is not the case for the majority of the population. I am a liberal, but I believe in free markets and free people, versus authoritarianism. I want to explain the basis for my leapfrogging of the top-down style of government applied by this hostel administration toward the problems around campus, including the dining facilities and the housing policy. Certainly, policies remain in both the administration and the government are almost always well intentioned—take it on faith that the majority of people have the best interest disposition toward their fellow humans being in most of the time. Governmental programs, such as Social Security, or measures on housing and dining, were enacted as a way to help people—seeing the poor and elderly and taking housing and food worries off of students' minds are both supposed to be palliative functions that make life easier for the majority of the population.

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Clinton, Bush Cabinet member speaks on discrimination

BY SARAH FRIEDMAN
Features Editor

Kenyon’s third annual Speak Out Against Discrimination Day, Tuesday, Nov. 13, will feature keynote speaker Norman Yoshio Mineta, a former member of both President Bill Clinton’s and President George W. Bush’s cabinets.

“A lot of money and funding [go] toward bringing in [a] prominent speaker” on issues of diversity, said Matt Segal ’08. Discrimination Advisors organized the speech in collaboration with Student Leadership, the Provost’s office, the Equal Opportunity Office and Student Affairs, according to Jason Tanenbaum, equal opportunity officer and head of the Discrimination Advisors.

“We’re hoping [the keynote speech] will actually build on the Stand Up For Kenyon day,” said Tanenbaum as a Japanese-American interred during World War II, Mineta will be able to speak from a “personal perspective on discrimination issues,” he said.

“With these recent events, it’s easy to think they’re just drunken students,” but there must be some reason these students turn to hate when intoxicated, he said.

It is important for Kenyon students to understand that vandalism and hate crimes can happen anywhere, not just in big cities, said Tanenbaum. “I don’t think we have an epidemic here … but there is some undercurrent of nastiness,” he said.

Mineta’s background
Mineta is “one of the most successful Asian-American politicians of all time,” said Segal, founder of Student Association for Voter Empowerment (SAVE), a non-profit organization with 22 chapters at colleges nationwide.

Mineta’s 35-year career in U.S. Secretory of Transportation from 2001-2006 under the Bush Administration. He also founded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus in 1994 and was instrumental in organizing the Transportation Security Administration.

Born in the United States, Mineta was forced into an internment camp in Wyoming during World War II at age 12. Because he and his family are Japanese-Americans, they were rounded up with other Asians living in the Pacific Northwest and interned in what Segal calls “one of the biggest disasters [in U.S.] history.”

Mineta was the only Democrat to serve in the current Bush administration, and he held the Secretary of Transportation position for a record six years.

In Congress, he pushed through legislation that provided reparations to Japanese-Americans in the country and, according to Segal, just a step below the Nobel Peace Prize on a national scale. The award signified Mineta’s “going above and beyond in his career of public service,” said Segal.

Post-9/11
As Secretary of Transportation during the Sep. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Mineta faced difficult and important decisions. On that day, from the underground bunker he shared with Vice President of the United States Dick Cheney, he decided to ground all planes in U.S. airspace. He “brought down thousands of planes within hours,” said Segal.

When issues of national security are involved, racial profiling becomes a complicated concept, said Tanenbaum, but Mineta unequivocally “rejected the need for racial profiling” when the topic was raised.

“He’s done a really good job of encouraging the administration to stay away from that,” said Segal.

The event is a good opportunity for people to come together to discuss and then “think about how to formulate solutions,” said Tanenbaum. “Sustained political change and social change” at Kenyon is the goal, he said. He wants to foster the mentality that discrimination is unacceptable here and wherever students go after Kenyon, he said.

Secretary Mineta will present his speech “Obstacles are for Leaping” and answer questions on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 8:00 p.m. in Rossi Hall.

Students: 16.5 / Faculty: 17

Gambier Grillin’

Question

Students

VS.

Faculty & Staff

Correct Answer

What is the only movie Nintendo Corporation and sequel pair to win the Academy Award for Best Picture?
The Godfather.
The Godfather.
The Terminator.
The Godfather.
The Godfather and The Godfather: Part II.

How many pecks are in a bushel?
14
64
2
6
4

When was the Nintendo Corporation founded?
1990
1973
1985
1985
1889

What was declared a U.S. Federal Holiday in 1870?
Labor Day.
Presidents’ Day.
Veterans’ Day
Labor Day.
Christmas.

Peter Robert Lowell transferred to Kenyon in 1838 from which university?
Stanford.
Harvard.
Harvard.
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Total Correct
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BY JON POROBIL
Despite wage issues, student employment benefits College, students

BY CAROLINE EICHLER
Staff Writer

Risa Griffin '09 has three jobs: as a phone-a-thon caller, a KAC desk attendant, and a tour guide. She is one of 650 students employed by the College and one of 250 who hold more than one position with the College.

"I’ve always had a job," Griffin said. Employment means "disposable income ... and something to do with my time."

Griffin has held down at least one job every semester she has spent at Kenyon. She said that having three jobs actually helps her stay productive and interested. "I don’t get too bored with one thing," she said, though she recognizes that "it’s important to budget your time." In fact, with the jobs she has, there are "so many people competing for hours, it’s hard to overfill."

Student employment is important for the College and students alike. This "mutually beneficial relationship" provides students with valuable "financial help and work/educational experience" while at the same time providing employers with good employees, the College’s student employment Web site said.

Of those students employed by Kenyon, over 50 percent are on the work-study financial aid program. "The Student Employment Office maintains a priority hiring list of work-study students on the Student Employment website," Student Employment Coordinator Lisa Jones said. The SEO requests that employers "use this list as a reference for making hiring decisions."

On the College’s Student Employment Web site, an electronic job search tool is provided. According to this tool, there are currently 123 job openings on campus and ten off campus, so there is still plenty of work to be had. On campus work opportunities include horse stable assistant, gardener and tutor.

Zornitra Kalibateva ’08 also has three jobs. She splits her time between working as a circulation desk attendant, a slide room assistant and an apprentice teacher. Kalibateva said the main reason she first sought employment at the College in order to "get some income for textbooks and pocket money."

Student employees are not allowed to work more than twenty hours per week during the school year. Because she is an international student, Kalibateva is not allowed to work off campus. Though she began the year working the maximum twenty hours, she realized that "sometimes it got really overwhelming." In fact, Jones said that most students "work an average of five to eight hours a week."

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Drive a love story with a twist

How I Learned to Drive is an inventive, Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Paula Vogel. The senior thesis show of Stewart Urist '08 and Anna Stevens '08, it is one of the most ambitious productions ever attempted at Kenyon theater, the boundaries of the smallest theatrical traditions, the Greek chorus, making the play unique.

How I Learned to Drive is a love story about a girl named Li’l Bit, played by Stevens, and her uncle, played by Urist. The play follows Li’l Bit from adolescence through college and uses driving as a metaphor for more general ideas about control and manipulation. Stevens said in an email that this extreme age progression is part of why “playing Li’l Bit has been an incredible challenge.” She said that the “emotional baggage that [Li’l Bit] carries throughout the show” was also challenging to portray.

While the subject matter may seem disturbing, Vogel imbues it with a sweet sensibility and a dark sense of humor. “One would think with the heavy subject matter of this show that I would have gone home crying every night, but How I Learned to Drive is an incredibly funny script,” said Stevens.

At the same time, the play recognizes that this isn’t a standard love story. As director Knud Adams ’09 said, “It may be sweet, but it’s not nice.” Full of gray areas and moral dilemmas, it provides an encompassing look at love, control. In an interview for The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, the playwright described her work as “an homage to Lolita” because of its examination of a young girl’s power struggles. Adams hopes that the script’s ambiguity “will spark debate and invite diverse opinions.”

Challenging your ideas about love, How I Learned to Drive promises to be one of the most intriguing theater experiences at Kenyon this year.

The play also features Rachel Rubenstein ’10, Drew Lewis ’10 and Rose Proctor ’10.

How I Learned to Drive will be performed Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Hill theater.
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**BSU and Hika sponsor well-attended poetry slam**

**BY MARION ANTHONISEN**

*Staff Writer*

On Friday, the Horn Gallery bustled with an inspired Kenyon at its glowing, supportive best for the Black Student Union (BSU)’s annual Poetry Slam, which was co-sponsored by Hika this year. The event had no official program or set order of readings; instead, the charismatic MC, Joe Valentine-White ’11, jumped on stage after each reader and asked who would like to share next. The resulting contributions were impressive in their thematic and emotional variety and, pieced together, created a surprising cross-section of Kenyon.

Each contestant found a unique way to inhabit the bare performance space. One reader stood near the back-left of the stage, another occupied the front-right, one perched herself at the very edge, one sat and another participant avoided the stage altogether, positioning herself nearer the audience. The lone chair at the back of the stage remained untouched for the duration of the event.

The majority of the submissions were self-reflective, with an emphasis on critique of Kenyon life. After reciting the first part of his work, Will Ciocco ’10 flung his rumpled source paper to the floor, reading the remainder of the poem from the small notebook in which the initial paper had been stuffed. Addressing idealism, Cambodia and cornfield isolation, this reader shifted quickly from a rhetorical, finger-pointing account of human inequality to a stilt, lecture-like discussion of Kierkegaard’s teachings.

Tim Lane ’08 performed a soulful ballad he wrote at the end of an extended stay in Japan, and the half-English, half-Japanese lyrics reflected on the near-permanent loss of the friends he had made in his time overseas. Senior Kate Guerin-Calvert delivered her poem. She tries on Happiness, in a potent but delicate voice: “The dress is pulled upwards/Under harsh fluorescent lights/And glares of mothers dragged along.”

The final reader of the night rushed onstage, discreetly out-of-breath, having spontaneously printed her poem in the Ascension Hall computer lab. Another contestant, Kayleigh Truman ’11, composed a few last-minute lines while sitting in the audience.

Poetry slams are typically competitions in which poets read original works that are then ranked by a pre-selected panel of judges, and the BSU/Hika slam stayed true to this form. The judges—Assistant Professor of English Erika Bockelet, Janes Peters ’10 and Theo Goa ’10—awarded third place to Alice Adebsei ’11, who recited a triumphant and colorful poem. Pastel, explaining that she would, in her reading, attempt to pronounce her poem’s title with an American accent (she is originally from London). Second place went to Geoff Munsterman ’09 with the darkest, most entrancing performance of the night. Munsterman was impassioned and direct, reciting a part-autobiographical, part-administration-questioning poem-in-progress. E.B. DeBruin ’08 ultimately won the slam, and the $100 grand prize, with a flawlessly comedic performance of two poems with words as hilarious as her delivery of them: “Swipe cards in my soul/You can’t get in/Unless I give you a card.” The winning poems will be published in the upcoming issue of Hika.

**Shakira Rahem ’11 at the poetry slam**

Kate Weber

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**Miss Reardon dark comedy, family drama**

**BY DANIEL PRAGER**

*Guest Writer*

And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little, a play by Paul Zindel, is directed by Cait Watkins ’08 in her directorial debut and stars Sara Hunkeler ’08, Eliza Huberth ’08 and Clara Elser ’08.

The play is a dark comedy that looks at the relationships of three very different sisters after their mother dies. The play, said Watkins, “is riddled with inguing family history and interesting family and relationship dynamics.” The play is the senior thesis of Hunkeler, Huberth and Elser. According to Hunkeler, they chose the play because of “its three strong female roles.”

The story takes place in the Reardon family apartment. Catharine (Huberth) and Anna (Hunkeler) live in the apartment alone after caring for their mother in her last few months of life. Her mother’s death has fueled some emotional problems in Anna, causing her to suffer a nervous breakdown and become a complete hypochondriac. Catherine copes with her sister’s emotional problems and mother’s death by being constantly drunk, while Cecil (Elser) did not have any contact with the family during her mother’s suffering.

For Watkins, Anna provides the most difficult story to tell, because of her very outward and comedic lunacy. “We have this thing at Kenyon about playing a crazy person by acting like you’re sane. It makes sense; it is rather if you simply act crazy. However, it presents the actor (and director) with the difficult challenge of making sure the audience understands the character to be crazy via their attempts to carry out ‘sane’ actions.”

And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little should provide humorous moments and emotionally riveting family drama. The play also stars Will Ciocco ’10, Kate Kremer ’11, Emma Farnsworth ’11 and David Ellis ’10.

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**MST3K Preview**

**BY ANDREW CUNNINGHAM**

*Managing Editor*

This week’s movie, Deathstalker and the Warriors from Hell, is a sword-and-sorcery flick that hails from sometime in the 1980s. So if you like fake sword fighting, dubious magic, evil henchmen and feathered hair, I guess you’re in for a treat.

Deathstalker is loathsomey played by one John Allen Nelson, whom some of you may remember from his performance as a high-ranking member of the government who hanged himself on 2/4 a couple of seasons back. He’s a swaggering lout of a hero if ever there was one, always chat up the medieval broads and bragging about his past accomplishments, so it goes without saying that he’s an extremely likable protagonist whom you really don’t want to see sliced in half by a sword.

This time around, he’s hunting for some weird rocks at the request of a princess who gets killed under his protection. These rock things are supposed to lead the princess’ people to some glorious shining new city or something—it’s probably not important. What is important is that this quest gives Deathstalker a reason to ride around, threatening women and sleeping with them and stealing their potatoes and horses, which he does often and without hesitation.

Our antagonist is hardly less likable, an unimpressive bald man who wears a robe and purple silk and ignores his girlfriend a lot. He employs henchmen who wear hat helmets, and I think he also is really interested in finding the magic rocks. Herein lies the conflict between Deathstalker and Bald Guy, as near as I can figure.

The film’s target audience seems to be either people who really, really like Renaissance festivals, people who have two hours to kill or people who religiously follow John Allen Nelson and love his extroisic body of work. If you belong to any of those groups, you’ll love this movie just as much as I do.

Mystery Science Theater 3000 is shown on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in Hegley Auditorium.
The Lords and Ladies swimming jump right in after testing the waters

BY RICHARD FREUND Staff Reporter

The Lords and Ladies swimming teams had a busy weekend, swimming against Ohio Northern University and Denison University. The Lords also faced The Ohio State University, testing their mettle against a Division I team. While the Buckeyes defeated the Lords handily, Kenyon put up a strong fight against Denison. The Lords and Ladies succeeded in beating the ONU Polar Bears by a margin of 40 points each, and the Ladies sent Denison packing.

The Lords and Ladies events against the Buckeyes, but were thrilled to face a Division I team. The team put up an impressive performance, especially senior Alex Stoyel’s 2:09:41 in the 200-meter backstroke.

Against ONU, Andrew Butler ’11 won three races, the 1,000-meter freestyle in 9:57.49, the 200-meter individual medley in 2:07:69 and the 500-meter free in 4:54.54. Another first-year, James Martin, swam the winning 400-meter freestyle relay and won the 50-meter freestyle in 22.66.

“The meets this weekend were great experiences,” said swimmer Pedro Geri ’11. “The guys that swim against ONU got the job done, and we had some great performances. [Swimming] against our biggest rival was really cool. We stepped it up. [The meet against ONU] was a good chance to race the best Big Ten School.”

The Lords were unflinching in the face of fierce competition against Denison. Both teams came into the final event tied at five wins apiece, but Denison won the final event, the 400-meter freestyle relay, to edge out Kenyon 123-120.

The odds in favor of the Lords could not match the Oberlin offense. In the first half, despite two touchdown passes from QB Rafael Sanchez ’08 to TE Harry von Kann ’10 and WR Kemiganyi ‘10 and an additional 8-yard scoring run from RB Joey Konieczny ’08, the Yeomen pulled ahead 42-20.

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Yeomen revolte, topple Lords

BY LINDSAY MEANS Staff Reporter

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Feature: Ladies say goodbye

BY HILARY GOWINS Staff Reporter

After garnering a bid to the 2007 NCAC Tournament, the Kenyon College Ladies soccer team has gone on to be ranked Wittenberg University.

“We had a lot of obstacles coming into the game, including a lower ranking, fewer substantial wins, a transition to playing on turf and a loss of household advantage,” said senior co-Captain Joan “Beanie” Arnold.

The Ladies came out and played with heart and the competitive fire of a group of veterans desperate not to end their careers. Despite their fierce and the outstanding performance of senior co-Captain and goalkeeper Rosie Davis, who collected four important saves, Stephanie Sharp of Wittenberg clipped a goal in the 52-minute mark that would ultimately decide the game.

The Ladies rounded out a respectable 2007 season with a 9-7-2 overall record, finishing 4-3-1 in the conference. Having played a difficult non-conference schedule and with one of the top performances in the NCAC, the Ladies hoped to receive a bid to the NCAA tournament. These hopes were dashed on Sunday evening, however, when the senior captains received the call letting them know that they did not make the cut.

Perhaps what the Ladies will miss most after closing the doors on this season will be the leadership that the class of 2008 has brought with them through their four years. This class includes co-captains Beanie Arnold and Rosie Davis, Elly Deutch, Amanda Drummond, Kendra Pananiti and Brooke Rockview. This talented group has made a huge impact and helped bring the program up to the high level on which it performs today.

“Our class has put a lot of pride into developing the program into what it has become today,” Arnold said. “All six of us are extremely competitive people who have trouble setting for less than what we know we are capable of. We have definitely accomplished a lot in terms of KCWS’s record books, but I think we would all say we are more proud of what we have done in the way of strengthening the overall quality of the program and experience.”

As fans watched the culmination of the final season for the class of 2008, this writer feels these leaders have instilled within their teammates a sense of greatness and what it is to compete on the highest level. As they close the door on this final journey on the field, these six athletes will bring their passion and competitive edge to whatever opportunities life throws their way, and they can do so knowing that they’ve left enough of themselves behind at Kenyon to have instilled a desire for greatness in the soccer program of which they were such an integral part.
Lords rugby emerges victorious from ruckus to continue to finals

BY JO HAYES
Staff Reporter

“They are huge but their hearts are weak,” said alumnus Jake Hansen ’07 before Kenyon’s rugby match against the Marshall University Herd this past Saturday. “Kenyon will triumph through sheer force of will and mental toughness.”

Rugby experts had predicted Kenyon right once again by fightering their way to a winning score of 13-10. Despite Marshall’s daunting size and an inauspicious start with a turnover on Kenyon’s first kickoff, it was clear the Lords were not going to give up the game.

The Lords revealed their determination within the first few minutes of the match, fighting their way to a try. After a kick to and tackle of fullback Jake Rosenbluth ’10, scrumhalf Captain Japhet Balaban ’09 successfully produced the ball from the ruck and kicked it up field. Lan Law ’08 intercepted the opposing fullback’s carry, instigating a struggle for possession. The Lords managed to capture the ball and quickly pass it down the back line to their wingman Jarrett Moreno ’08, who scored Kenyon’s first try.

Kenyon’s second try was scored later in the first half. The Lords won the ball on a line out and mauled their way up the field. Eventually Balaban picked the ball out of the maul and ran up the field, quickly pass it down the line to Captain Japhet Balaban ’09.

Hansen’s pre-game predic- tion proved more accurate than expected because, despite the size of Marshall’s players, they lacked Kenyon’s talent.

“We had a lot of guys step up,” said Webb. “‘Dannimal’ [Dan Ress ’08] took a bearing and stayed in the entire game. [Dann] also played extremely well for his first really important game, and Chris Henson ’09 also was a key player. In the end it came down to skill and hustle.”

“From the start we were more organized,” said Balaban. “We were better conditioned and as players 1-15 we were a better team.”

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Earlier that week, the Ladies defeated the Scots of the College of Wooster, earning their spot in the NCAC championship match-up. The Ladies also ended the Scots’ season last week, when Wooster suffered a 2-1 loss to Kenyon. Kenyon now holds the NCAC tournament championship game.

Wooster controlled most of the first-half action last Wednesday. The Scots penetrated the Lords’ backfield time and time again, but were ineffective against Kenyon’s strong defense.

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The Ladies turned things around early in the second half, forcing a series of penalty corners, and successfully converted one of these opportunities.

In an inverse of their roles in the championship game, Grumman received the ball at the top of the circle, made a quick pass to Grumman, who then passed the ball through the defense into the left side of the cage at the 26.50 mark. Bacon’s goal gave the Ladies their 1-0 lead.

After another half and two overtime periods, Kenyon’s strong defense held the Scots’ offense in check, giving the team an opportunity to convert their offensive opportunities.

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But the Lords’ season is not over. They will face another undefeated team, Xavier University, in the final match of the Ohio Rugby Union two weeks from now.

“I think we all want to win this now,” said Balaban. “We’re the underdogs going into the finals but we’ve made it this far and we’re going to keep going.”

Player of the Week

BY HOLLY KARN
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Rosie Davis, goalkeeper for the Ladies soccer team, has had an impressive four years at Kenyon. Originally from Decatur, Georgia, she thought about giving up soccer after her senior year of high school career, but was not quite ready to quit. Davis was recruited by the Kenyon Ladies soccer team, and on a last minute visit to Kenyon as a prospective student, she found out that she had been accepted. She continued her college career at Kenyon. As a senior on the all-tournament team, Rosie is a history major with a minor in African American history and is considering law school after graduation. She is also a member of the Kenyon Student Athletes group. Looking back as her college career comes to a close, Rosie said that what she will miss most is “having a close relationship with a group of friends that participate in all aspects of your life, from school, to work, to general social things.”