Administrative “check-ins” on Greeks reveal mutual mistrust

BY SARAH PHELDMAN

News Editor

On Monday, March 31, and Tuesday, April 1, Dean of Students Tammy Turner led a group of Student Affairs staff members and Campus Safety officers in “check-ins” on all Greek organizations.

The check-ins were prompted by a call made on Monday to the Office of Campus Safety by an anonymous caller. The caller who, according to Director of Campus Safety Bob Hooper, would not identify herself, made allegations that Greek organizations on campus were hazing pledges in ways that were “incridibly dangerous and potentially put people’s health and safety at risk,” said Gocal.

“[The] formation of what we got was significant enough [that] we as the College had an obligation to check into it,” said Hooper.

“We thought that it was happening that night,” said Assistant Dean of Students for Housing and Residential Life Alicia Dugas. The caller was “not naming a group per se, but naming actions that led us in directions that we needed to check on students and their safety. That was the primary and only objective of walking around,”

Gocal assembled a group “for hours.” Still, when they did find the organization’s president, their interaction was “respectful” and “to-the-point,” said Dugas. “It was like, ‘It’s 3:00 in the morning, you’re not where you said you were going to be. What’s going on?’”

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Brown and Dowmow then transported the group of Student Affairs staff members to locations on campus where Greek organizations were holding pledging activities. They accompanied the group on its tours through Old Kenyon but remained outside at other places, such as lodges, said Hooper. In the two nights, the group talked to Pi Upsilon at Pi Upsilon at its lodge, Beta Theta Pi at Temple, Phi Kappa Sigma and Delta Kappa Epsilon at their respective lounges and Zeta Alpha Pi and Delta Phi on Middle Path, said Gocal. The group also observed Pep’s of Kenyon at an outside bonfire.

On Monday night, according to Dugas, the group visited three organizations. Conversations were held with the first two groups but the Student Affairs staff members could not locate the third group “for hours.” Still, when they did find the organization’s president, their interaction was “respectful” and “to-the-point,” said Dugas. “It was like, ‘It’s 3:00 in the morning, you’re not where you said you were going to be. What’s going on?’”

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Dugas said the College plans to enlist AVI’s help in putting together a new copy rather than read from the recycled ones on the dining tables.

“Any newspapers that go unread are returned and Kenyon receives financial credit for them,” Dugas said, “but unfortunately students choose to read a new copy rather than read from the recycled ones on the dining tables.”

Burst pipe causes 3-day boil alert in Gambier

BY LINDSAY MEANS
News Assistant

The boil order on tap water in Gambier has been lifted, according to Assistant Director of Campus Safety Suzanne Hopkins. After a water main broke on Meadow Lane last Saturday night, Hopkins issued a village-wide boil advisory that recommended residents “boil their water for 20 minutes for drinking and cooking purposes.”

According to Hopkins, the main break was most likely the product of seasonal change—as water pipes alternately freeze and thaw, the stress can lead to breakage. As soon as the break was detected, Village maintenance crews began repairing, and the boil advisory was initiated as a precaution against any contaminants that may have entered the water supply from runoff or other environmental factors. Campus Safety sent out an email to all students soon after, and flyers were placed in residential halls telling students to drink bottled water only. After the system was flushed, water samples were taken to labs to ensure that the tap water was again safe to drink.

Though the boil advisory was initially set to last until Tuesday, the lab testing samples notified Hopkins that one sample would need to be re-tested, which resulted in the boil advisory’s extension until Wednesday morning. According to the Village of Gambier Web site, “There was nothing found in the testing that cause[d] concern. The sample was not good not bad, just in a gray area, so it was decided that it would be tested again just to be sure it was fine.”

There was “a risk of contamination from dirt,” Hopkins said, but this is something that can be fixed once we get the repair and flushed the system just to make sure, then the samples came back and were clean.”

All boil advisories were lifted at 9:15 a.m. yesterday, with the exception of four College-owned houses at the end of Meadow Lane. The results of those lab tests had not been received at the time of printing.

Many students were not aware of the boil advisory for a few hours. Diana Argollo ‘10 said that “there weren’t any signs on our doors in Aclands, just the Horn Gallery … I thought it was a prank at first.”

“Nobody reported getting sick from drinking the water,” said Hopkins.

Water main breaks have occurred before, and so local businesses reacted quickly. “The owner” see Alert, page 3
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down the dean of students at your room door?"

“We didn’t want Campus Safety going in and documenting behavior,” said Gocial. "I’m sure that’s like, we didn’t want to go in guns blazing if it were a room, which is what people say we did.”

According to Gocial, everywhere she went, "she knocked on the door, she was invited in. It wasn’t a barge-in or driving through windows or anything like that.”

Although no official accounts of the night’s events perceived them both as “good exchanges” and as “trying to block doorways” said Smith. “I’m guessing it was somewhere in the middle.”

At that meeting, “I had mentioned that I might [conduct check-ins],” said Gocial. “I also think that lots of this could have been avoided if the chapters had done more. Gocial has always said that if her or her designee has the authority and responsibility for administering the Kenyon judicial process.” This process starts when an allegation is made and ends with a judicial action being decided upon, said Gocial.

Hooper said that it is “not uncommon just to check-ins” like Gocial did. “I think there’s a concern that you’re living a lie here which you’re not afraid of having someone aware of,” said Nugger. “By and large, if you’re doing fine, you’re probably not going to feel that your privacy has been invaded.”

“I think there’s a concern on them that they were sort of looking for people to be screeching up,” said Gocial. “It’s sort of a way for students to have a voice in terms of the things students are saying. We were looking for people to be doing what they said they would be doing. The point of turning in schedules is that you sort of are going on record to say what you will be doing.”

“It was totally about safety,” said Dugan. “Period. It was not to prevent traditions, it was not to invade anyone’s space, it was not to harass anyone or intimidate anyone. It was simply to check on the safety of some of the pledges, who we had heard could be in danger because of the activities we were told they were participating in.”

“While it might feel like a surprise inspection and it might feel like we’re trying to dig up dirt on them, it’s not that we’re doing a grand job,” said Gocial.

According to Smith, the controversy stems from a miscommunication. Some Greeks believed “that the administration was just on some sort of a rampage” and didn’t know of the phone call that instigated administration’s action. “They thought it was a whim out of nowhere … and clearly that was never the case,” she said.

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Greek Council
April 7, 2008

• The Greek Bondfire will be Friday from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on South Quad.
• Letters of intent for executive positions and Greek Council are due Monday, April 14. Coordinators will be elected at the beginning of next semester.
• Elly Deutsch ’08 of Social Board came to talk about Send-off. Director of Student Activities Brent Turner said there is “lots of finger-pointing” from faculty and independents concerning Send-off. Greeks should talk about Send-off in advance so that they do not take undue blame for anything that happens. The Council rejected suggestions of having official party monitors, but agreed that as many Greeks as possible are trained as monitors. Precumbers are also being taken to make sure high schoolers are not served alcohol. A representative suggested that Kenyon students wear identifying wristbands, which could be handed out by Community Advisors or placed in Post Office boxes.
• Council discussed how to keep Send-off clean. Although Maintenance will sweep at 6:00 a.m. the day after Send-off, organizations and students should make an effort to not make a mess. Maybe there should be a dumpster or large cardboard trashcans, so College cans are not used to prop up beer pong tables.
• Greek Council discussed the fairness of the College rule that fraternity members must pay for damage to lounges, no matter who caused it. A representative suggested that organizations should have keys to lounges if they are held responsible for their condition.

News
April 2 — April 8, 2008

April 3, 8:02 a.m.—Vandalism/spray painting on sidewalk outside Bushnell Hall.
• April 3, 7:04 p.m.—Reported theft of wallet and cell phone from locker room at the KAC. Wallet later recovered.
• April 5, 1:57 a.m.—Intoxicated underaged student at Lewis Hall. Student being watched by roommate.
• April 5, 1:59 a.m.—Non-injury vehicle accident at Quarry Chapel Road and Brooklyn Street. Highway Patrol at the scene for a report.
• April 5, 5:28 a.m.—Fire extinguisher discharged in Weaver Cottage. Maintenance notified for cleanup.
• April 12, 01:00 a.m.—Medical call regarding intoxicated/all underaged student at the Forman House. Student transported by squad to the hospital.
• April 12, 02:42 a.m.—Intoxicated underaged student at Gund Commons. Student will be watched by a friend.
• April 6, 12:36 a.m.—Intoxicated/underaged student at Gund Commons. Sheriff’s Office notified. Campus Safety Officer injured in altercation.
• April 6, 1:21 a.m.—Vandalism/glare broken in doors at Gund Commons.
• April 6, 4:07 a.m.—Possession of drugs at Hanna Hall.
• April 6, 4:21 a.m.—Fire alarm at Old Kenyon/pull station pulled. Building checked and alarm was reset.
• April 7, 12:19 p.m.—Thief of empty keg from Gund Commons.
• April 7, 2:31 p.m.—Thief of item from Emst Center.
• April 7, 10:52 p.m.—Vandalism to door handle, door lock, and couch at Leonard Hall.
• April 8, 1:14 a.m.—Unauthorized persons inside construction site at Peirce Hall.

Alert: Gambier water unsafe for three days
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of the market called me Monday and asked how long it was going to be so he could determine how much water [he should stock],” said Hopkins. “I believe the market purchased 50 extra gallons.”

AVI also purchased bottled water for students, which was distributed in both dining halls as well as the atrium of the library and the KAC. According to Carol Kelley-Boyd, the general manager of Ernst, “we attempted to boil some water, but we just don’t have the equipment to boil large quantities.”

“We made some phone calls, and our corporate offices brought in 3,000 bottles [on Monday],” said Kelley-Boyd. In total, however, “we probably went through between 5,000 and 6,000 bottles of water for both Ernst and Gund,” she said.

“I thought students really dealt well with it,” she said. “We were trying to encourage people not to take too much, but it was just one of those moments that we need to get through together.”

Some Greek organizations’ pledges lived in lounges such as this one.

Greek Council
During “Work Week”, Greek organizations reserve their lounges for pledging activities and sleepovers, sometimes making it more difficult for independent students to find communal space, according to Assistant Dean of Students for Housing and Residential Life Alicia Dugas.

“Work Week” is “a culmination of everything you were supposed to have learned in preparation for full membership in the [Greek] organization,” President of Greek Council Brendan Mysliwiec said. “It’s the final push; it is the busiest week, and the week with the most scheduled activities, he said.

According to Dugas, there was a “collective concern” about how to provide lounges for students who are not affiliated with Greek organizations. She said she wanted to honor the “fraternities and sororities and the brotherhood and sisterhood, but also [ensure] that we have common spaces that are open for independent students as well.”

Dugas said there was “some hold-up” in scheduling lounges for Greek activities because the handbook states that Greek organizations must schedule lounge use through their CAs. The CAs were hesitant to approve those requests because they wanted more specific information and a communication with Res Life, according to Dugas. Mysliwiec said Greek organizations with lounges use them during the day and also schedule sleepovers at night during “Work Week”.

“I had no idea the historical significance and tradition of the lounge sleepovers,” Dugas said, “because there had been absolutely no communication between our office and Greeks.”

Dugas said she met with Mysliwiec about two weeks ago to coordinate a schedule of lounge use during “Work Week”. According to Dugas, there was supposed to have been a housing liaison from Greek Council to work with ResLife on scheduling lounge use during “Work Week”, but she said, “we never once heard from a single housing liaison.”

Dugas and Mysliwiec said an e-mail to the residents of Bushnell, Manning, Old Kenyon, Hanna and Leonard telling them when lounges were reserved for Greek use during “Work Week”. Dugas said Greek Council and Res Life should collaborate to formulate a plan outlining how many lounges are available to independent students and Greek students.

Many lounges are damaged and to build a communal environment where people get to know each other and build trust with one another.”

“Before 1990, we controlled the buildings completely,” Mysliwiec said of fraternities, “so back in those days the lounge was our lounge.” He said there had been a “loss over time of that use of the lounge” space by groups, except for during “Work Week.”

Beth Mysliwiec and Dugas said there was no concern that allowing Greek organizations to use their lounges during “Work Week” would increase the opportunity for hazing. “My expectation is that the fraternities and sororities know what the College’s policies are on hazing, and regardless of whether they do that in a lounge or in their rooms, or in an apartment or in an off-campus facility, they will still follow the College’s expectations on hazing.” Dugas said. “I trust the Greek chapters to do what they’ve put their integrity and their word on.”

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Times: next year, daily copies reduced
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that take you beyond the Kenyon bubble.”

Though the Times is available on-line, “a lot of students find that when they get on their computer, their papers take precedence, Facebook takes precedence, watching movies or TV takes precedence,” Dugas said. “A lot of people just need the physical, tangible thing every morning or every afternoon to read the paper. Getting a little ink on your hands makes the news seem more real.”

Dugas also said newspapers give students “something to do at a meal time when sitting alone can be sometimes uncomfortable.”

This gives them an opportunity to dive into something beyond Gambier.”

The Times subscriptions were part of a program that was new last year, according to Dugas. She said Res Life originally ordered 200 newspapers, but quickly realized that 150 newspapers were enough.
The Gambier Village Council's proposal to expand the area zoned for commercial use in the Village has undergone many changes. At the most recent meeting, the Council narrowly failed to return the re-zoned area to the originally-proposed size.

At the March Council meeting, the Council, facing opposition from property owners holding land adjacent to the proposed re-zoning area, amended the proposal to include only the southern half of the area recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. At Monday's meeting, Council member Lee Cubie moved that the boundaries be re-enlarged to include the area north of Scott Lane between Center Run and Acland Street as well as the area south of Scott Lane. According to Cubie, March's amendment amounted to “second-guessing” the Planning and Zoning Commission. Cubie noted that the reduction in size of the proposed area did not satisfy opposition from the Village employees.

The plan, Council member Liz Forman, speaking in support of the smaller re-zoning boundaries, said that she wanted growth of the business district to be more incremental than the original Planning and Zoning recommendation would allow.

Although the motion was seconded by Andrea Cubie, it failed on a 2-2 vote. Council member Tom Stump was absent from Monday's meeting. Stump had written a letter in support of the larger re-zoning area. It was agreed that the amendment would be considered again at May’s council meeting along with the ordinance’s final reading.

Ultimately, the second reading of the re-zoning ordinance, only containing the smaller area under consideration, passed in a 3-1 vote, with Council member Susan Sukys dissenting.

Water Main Breaks

The Council also discussed the recent water main break. According to Village Administrator Suzanne Hopkins, an eight-inch PVC pipe “exploded” near the Community Center at 4:30 a.m. Sunday morning. This burst caused the drainage of nearly all of the water—over one million gallons—from the Village's water tower and plumbing system.

Mayor Kirk Emmert asked Hopkins about the possibility of replacing the thinner-walled piping near the Community Center, and Lee Cubie asked about installing more pressure meters so that a situation like this could be better monitored.

Hopkins agreed that both ideas should be considered, and the matter was referred to the Streets and Utilities Commission.

Raises

The Council also approved a five percent annual raise proposed by Emmert for all of the Village’s employees. This would be in addition to any raises earned by employees by gaining licenses or other skills.

The rationale behind the licensed raise, which is one percentage point larger than the raises given for 2006 and 2007, was to assist the employees in paying for higher health-care costs. According to Emmert, he considered three percentage points of the raise to be a cost-of-living adjustment, one percentage point to help cover the additional cost of health care, and one percentage point as a wage increase.

This amount garnered controversy as possibly being too generous. Emmert agreed that it was relatively generous, but said that the Village could afford the additional cost because there would be a staff position left unfilled for 2008. The five percent amount had already been figured into the Village budget.

Sukys, who spoke in opposition of the five-percent figure during the meeting, noted that if Council members would give as large a raise if it was their personal business. Additionally, Sukys noted that she believed the Village’s benefits were considerably better than those offered by comparable private employers in Knox County.

Sukys offered an amendment reducing the wage increase to four percent, in line with previous years. The motion failed for a lack of a second, and the full five percent raise was approved in a 4-1 vote.

Fire Department

Interim Fire Chief Bill Smith spoke to Council during the Monday meeting. He announced that the department was doing well, having taken in five new members recently and continuing to receive applications.

Smith also said that the department was committed to remaining a volunteer department as well as to continuing to provide “professional-quality service.”

Emmert thanked Smith and the department for their work, noting that the volunteer status of the department saves the Village between $350,000 and $400,000 per year over a professional department.

In other business:

• Emmert said that Gambier had been named a Tree City USA.

• The Council announced that Student Senate President Bill Hushow was the first to plant a tree in front of the book store.

• The Council announced that Spring Dumpster Day would be April 26. Some members of the Council had hoped for a later date, and expressed their desire for 2009’s Spring Dumpster Day to be as late as early June.

• Hopkins announced that April 14 would mark the first day of Chester Lane being a one-way street. At that time, the bags over the edges of the street as one-way will be removed.

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Village Council convenes for monthly meeting

Members discuss zoning, water main break, Village employee salaries

Student Council

April 6, 2008

• RFC allocations were approved.

• The Frisbee team requested money dependent on whether it reaches Regionals.

• There was a discussion on whether or not the Student Council Elections regulations should extend to campaigning through on-line groups such as Facebook.

• Facebook is difficult to monitor.

• Online social groups change frequently, thus rules would have to be amended to allow for new or improved groups to appear.

• Facebook is independent from Kenyon life, and to regulate campaigning would be invading a private sphere.

• The decision was made to hold off posting on issues concerning student elections and Facebook.

• Students will not, however, be allowed to spam students with campaigning materials.

• Social Board requested 35-40 volunteers from various committees with at least three volunteers each for events.

• The moratorium on room switching was presented at the meeting. The Council will formally write up the moratorium and put the issue to an electronic vote this week. The new contract will appear on the back of the note cards given to students during the housing lottery, and will be to be signed by the student before picking housing. It will also be added to the housing contract signed by incoming students.

• A clarification was made in the formal proposal. Before Oct. 1, room switches include meeting with Residential Life and producing a concrete reason for needing a move, while after Oct. 1, room switches can be obtained through normal means.

• Board Member Marenka Thompson-Odlum stressed the importance of the campus housing lottery. “I have seen this campus housing lottery as the backdrop for discussion of community work, the development of Gambier’s ‘sense of community,’ and as a basic element of Gambier’s identity. It is important that we continue to focus on the Village need to be concerned about it. As we move forward, we will probably be issuing the survey results. That plus the historical presentation will provide the backdrop [for discussion of housing],” said Sacks.

• According to Sacks, the workgroup will prepare a report based on the survey’s results that will be distributed to senior staff, the Board of Trustees, Village Council and Township trustees. The report will probably be issued over the summer and will “summarize[e] what we found and any recommendations we might have, which hopefully can then provide a starting place for any particular decisions or initiatives that might take place throughout the Village,” he said.

• One result of the survey is certain enough to publicize before the survey officially ends. “I think the students who responded wanted to see an ice cream store, so we think that we’ll have that ready to go no later than in the fall, in the Bookstore,” said McConnell.
**Notes from abroad: Getting around in Uganda**

**BY CHRISTIE DUKO**

Guest Writer

Every evening around 6:00 p.m., I head down to Kampala's New Taxi Park, and thus begins what is often the most important part of my day—the quest to find a taxi. There are several different forms of transportation around Uganda. The cheapest form is taxi, and by taxi I do not mean the yellow sedans that drive you around well-kept roads in large American cities.

Taxi around here are big vans, often in their final stage of life, that slowly drive over well-paved roads and treacherous dirt roads—especially treacherous now that Uganda has entered the rainy season. The most expensive way to get around is using private-hire taxis, which are small sedans, but they are not yellow or well-maintained. Bikes and bodas (motorcycles) are also quite fun to take from one point to another. They are not only cheap, they are the most dangerous of the choices due to their reckless drivers weaving in and out of jammed up traffic. Then there are buses, large and small, that normally only make longer journeys.

Though it is easiest to hop on a boda and just let the driver take you right to where you need to be, my program has deemed it too dangerous to ride on bodas through the city, so I am forced to find a decrepit van and entrust my life to a driver who likely never really learned how to drive. To catch the right taxi to my house, I must walk to the taxi park, a maze of taxis and buses surrounded by stalls selling a wide variety of goods like fruit, fried chicken and baklava; and sometimes, even relationships. If I find the correct taxi, I ungracefully jump down on the floor nipping at my feet, making the ride even more interesting.

Once the taxi fills up at the park and the car successfully starts, we’re off into Kampala’s streets. Most of the time, I notice that upon arrival in Kampala were a lack of traffic lights, a lack of traffic lights and an abundance of traffic jams. There are police on the streets, often directing traffic if there is a really bad jam or if the electricity is on, but they usually do not stop taxis from driving down sidewalks or bodas from driving on the wrong side of the road.

The lack of traffic lights is certainly understandable due to frequent power outages that most often leave the evening streets pitch black. Traffic jams occur all the time in some spots and sporadically in others. A vehicle can usually get through a jam in 15 minutes, but often it takes up to 45 minutes for police to direct traffic through one. Without these jams, traffic would be a little more tolerable, though I bring a book and begin reading it once the driver turns off the motor in anticipation of a long wait. If I do not have a book, one of my favorite games to play from the taxi is to count how many NGO’s (Non-governmental organizations) vehicles I can see. They certainly are not in short supply here and they are quite easy to spot—almost always a clean white truck or SUV with giant print on the doors spelling out the NGO’s name.

After getting out of a jam, the driver will speed down the road to the next stage. If someone wants to get out, they yell “stad,” “parking” or “massawo,” which means “hold on.” After dropping some one off and perhaps picking up more people, we are on our way again, dodging any giant pot holes in the road, weaving by the zebra crossing, dodging the zebra crossing. Any giant pot holes in the road, weaving by the zebra crossing. Any giant pot holes in the road, weaving by the zebra crossing. Any giant pot holes in the road, weaving by the zebra crossing. The next stage is often Produce and Dryer, which means “第一家” or “house.” I often read articles that suggest the most important thing about travel is to be aware of your surroundings, though I often find myself making a snap decision to get out of the taxi and find food, water, or a bus.

When the taxi comes to a stop, a large crowd of bodas and bodas will jump up onto the side and begin hagglng for the fare. After all, riding in these taxis is a little more safe than being a pedestrian in Kampala, where no one stops for the zebra crossings. However, there are even a few chickens on the floor... making the ride even more interesting.

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**Poison or privilege? Panel examines underage drinking**

**By Abby Comstock-Gay**

Staff Writer

On Wednesday, April 2, members of the Kenyon and Knox County communities gathered in the Gund Ballroom to talk about issues of underage drinking. The panel consisted of a question-and-answer session with Michelle Foster, a prevention educator at the Alcohol and Drug Freedom Center of Knox County, posed questions about the effects of drinking alcohol, the drinking that goes on at Kenyon and drinking age, among other things. Perspectives came from all across the board—the Kenyon Counseling Center, the Freedom Center, New Directions, a Gambrider community member, campus security, the municipal court, the hospital and the Kenyon student body. Last week, town meetings like this occurred across the nation as part of National Alcohol Awareness Week. Residential Life and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) sponsored the event.

The most heated discussion was about the evening’s topic: underage drinking. The evening began with a question posed to Dr. William Jantsch from the Knox Community Hospital. Foster asked Jantsch whether from a medical standpoint there was a difference between the effects of alcohol on 18-year-olds and 21-year-olds. Jantsch responded with his own perspective, including the remark that alcohol slows down motor neurons, which makes “underlying animals instinct come out.” Jantsch’s panel consisted of well-known people who became hardcore alcoholics who did not drink at all until they were in their 30’s.

“My experience,” he said, “I do not think there is a correlation between age of first drinking and age of alcohol addiction. The consequence are different if it happens earlier.”

Dean of Students Tammy Gosiak discussed a program started at Middlebury College called “Choose Responsibility.” The program, which she described as being like driver’s education, has the purpose of educating students about drinking alcohol. Choose Responsibly advocates a system in which students at participating campuses in certain states would be able to acquire special licenses and permits due to the ability to drink as age 18.

“Alcohol is a reality in the lives of young Americans,” the Choose Responsibility Web site says. “It cannot be ignored, legis- lated away.”

The response from the panel was generally positive, “I think it’s something worth looking into,” said Municipal Court Judge Paul Spurgeon.

“It makes a lot of sense,” said Mike Durham from the Counseling Center, “after you can’t use marijuana, go to war—I’m not sure if anti-drinking fits.”

Mary Samuell from the Freedom Center agreed with the premise.

“Young people’s bodies are more susceptible to alcohol than older people’s,” she said. “It’s bad enough that we send them to war at 18. Why do we have to let them poison themselves as well?”

Student panelists, Jon Edwards ’11, Caroline Strumpf ’09 and Keith Shayon-Novlan ’09 all supported the idea of the Choose Responsibility program. They especially emphasized the idea that better education and awareness is crucial.

“Kids come to [college] when they’re 18 and they have friends who are 21 who have already had an informal education,” said Shayon-Novlan. “That’s when they run into problems.” Shayon-Novlan’s main complaint about high school alcohol education was that “it was just ‘no, no, no, no, no’.” We weren’t engaged on the level that there was choice involved,” she said.

After all, riding in these taxis is a little more safe than being a pedestrian in Kampala, where no one stops for the zebra crossings.
Features

Middle Path Etiquette

How to be a true Lord or Lady while on the go

BY LAURA GOEHHKE
Staff Writer

Every day hundreds of students travel down the “social stream” that runs through the center of Kenyon: Middle Path. It is the connecting force that brings north and south campus together, the breeding ground of gossip and stories and the peaceful trail ensconced in nature. You may not realize it, but there are many underground rules and regulations of Middle Path that are followed — and broken — by students every day. Questions have probably run through your head, such as: “Should I wave to stranger(s)?” “How fast do I need to walk?” and most importantly, “Can I use my cell phone? Even just to text?”

If so, I am here to give you some critical advice and pointers that I have collected from fellow students and from my own observations on how to handle yourself while you stroll, bike or even stumble down this wondrous walkway.

1. General Rules of Walking: The pace at which you choose to walk can make or break your reputation. Overall, many factors influence how fast you should walk: the time of day, the weather, your destination and, of course, your company. During “rush hours,” especially lunchtime and between classes, keep your pace brisk and steady. No one likes a sporadic stopper who feels the need to socialize with everyone he or she sees. If you want to have a full-on conversation, pull over to the side or take it to the grass. People do not like to be held up, especially if they want to get to class early to do some last-minute studying. If the path is not as crowded, however, you may have more freedom to walk, stop and talk as you please. Lastly, please do not form a huge line of eight or nine across: it acts as a blockhead that no one can get by.

2. Public Displays of Affection (POA): The consent-seem to be as follows: holding hands is acceptable. For everything else, save it for the room. A small peck on the cheek is fine too, but students do not want their peaceful thoughts interrupted by the sight of two lovebirds going at it on a Middle Path bench. Just keep it low-key.

3. Cell Phones: Here’s the deal. To all of the undergraduates who complain about the seniors heckling them to get off their phones, do not take it personally. We just miss Middle Path, Kenyon Middle Path especially, too. Foster social interactions, and when students choose to make calls as they are walking, they become antisocial and disrupt and annoy others. The point is to be courteous and respectable. And if you feel that you are being judged while you make a call, I can say for a fact that you are, so just don’t do it. There are some circumstances, however, that can pass as acceptable. If you are in one around, or if it is late at night and you just want someone to talk to that will take your mind off the weather or your loneliness, then go ahead. But even then, you could walk on a side path, away from Middle Path. Overall, try to avoid it or at least use it minimally and, whatever you do, do not get labeled as a “repeat offender” by being that girl or that guy who is always on the phone. Don’t even get me started about cell phone usage in dining halls. If you need to talk, you better hide under the table.

4. iPods: iPods are not nearly as bad as cell phones, even though they still take away from the social aspect of Middle Path. Sometimes, it is necessary for students to “get in the zone” for their 8:00 a.m. class, needing those couple of songs to wake them up. If it will make you less grumpy for the rest of the day, then please, put on those headphones in the morning. During the prime busy hours, however, put them away and make some face-to-face interactions.

Also, it can be somewhat embarrassing for your friends who yell your name from afar, not to realize that you are jamming out to tunes, which makes you unable to hear their calls and ultimately leaves them hanging.

5. Tripping/Slipping: From much personal experience, I’ve found that the worst thing to do is pretend it never happened, because no matter what, there will always be at least one bystander who watched your every move. After you acknowledge the fact that you wiped out, laugh it off and, as Dj Unk so wisely says, “walk it out.” If you are truly embarrassed, don’t cry on Middle Path. At least wait until you get to a bathroom stall by your class to release that stream of tears. To the onlookers: laugh with them, not at them — or less you know them personally. If you feel the need to approach them and ask if they are all right, thank them because you are one of the victims of the fall or just need some time to gather themselves and you checking up on them will make them even more embarrassed.

6. Biking: If walking were peanut butter, biking would be jelly. Middle Path would not be Middle Path without the various bike riders spiraled through the crowds of pedestrians. They add variety, and, in terms of modes of transportation, bikes are much better than cars. Just make sure you are not dangerously swerving around students. Rather, try to stay on the side. Also, do everyone a favor by not biking when there are rain puddles and mud pits, because that flings dirt everywhere, including on people’s clothes and faces.

7. Interactions with Strangers: When in doubt, smile. Even if you have never seen this person in your life, why not brighten their day by giving them a polite head nod, wave, eyebrow raise or a flirty wink, just to throw them off? If you are not in the best of moods, then just avoid their eyes and pretend to be observing the squirrels or trees. If any eye contact is made, however, you should follow through with some friendly gesture. Lastly, many of students mention how they walk by someone on Middle Path that they randomly—perhaps drunkenly—bonded with the weekend before, and they are not sure how to handle themselves. There is no point in acting like you don’t remember because you know you both had a great time, so acknowledge it with a sheepish chuckle and grin.

Hopefully now you can take some of these pointers and use them to become a skilled Middle Path traveler. So many things can happen while you are on Middle Path, and every day is a new adventure. So, just remember, keep your head up as you go down it, because it sends a signal to the other Middle Path-ers that you are ready and willing to mingle!

Ah, parents. They flock to Kenyon’s campus as birds returning to the nest, and every time they visit they bring with them the time-honored tradition of good meals for more-than-college-dining prices, and so with the arrival of my own kin, my father suggested a trip to our own Kenyon Inn. I would have been loathe to refuse. Knowing my dad as a beer connoisseur himself, I knew that he would be happy to sit down to a beer before my mother, brother and sister got ready for dinner. He took me up on the offer, and we decided to get seated early in the Kenyon Inn’s spacious, yet intimate dining room.

The Kenyon Inn, beer fans, is not your average fan. This is the realm of high class, pretentious beers that have long pedigrees and histories of excellence, the ones my dad is used to drinking — I don’t think he’s ever tasted Keystone in his life. Perusing the beer menu, he rocked back in his chair in surprise and turned to the expectant server with a look of half-appalled, half bemused astonishment. "$12.50 for a beer? He looked at me incredulously. I gasped myself. $12.50! Surely he was speaking in jest. I seized the menu and looked for myself, but despite my disbelief, there it read: Fuller’s Vintage Ale: $12.50."

I thought for a minute before nodding and saying, “I know you...” This seemed to partially sway my father, and with the server adding that the bottle was a double-size bottle, so that the beer actually came out to about $6.25 a glass, he assented. Sometimes beer appreciation just runs in the family.

This Week’s Brew: Fuller’s Vintage Ale: Limited Edition

The presentation of this beer was impressive. It comes in a deep red box with the label on the front, and the bottle, when removed, is individually numbered. This, beer fans, is class. The label on the back of the box states that it is one of only 150,000 produced, so it would behoove you to keep the bottle, if you do decide to take the $12.50 plunge — or hell, buy two and age one, the brewer, John Keeling, sug-gests that too.

Fuller’s Vintage Ale is brewed by Fuller Smith & Turner PLC in the United Kingdom and imported — a part of the price jump — to the United States. It boasts a heavy 8.50 percent ABV and is released every year in a new edition in the winter. This being a darker ale, it may not be perfect for the coming summery months, but it is certainly worth a go in any season.

This beer shies from the start. The dark double size bottle pours a clear coppery color — made a little darker if you forget to lift the nose of the bottle at the end of the pour because it is bottle conditioned — and gave off a deep, creamy smell of caramel and hops. The head, upon pouring, rested at about a half-finger length and was not as thick as I expected it to be. The Old Ale styles are generally supposed to have thicker head, but I was not arguing; the smell of it already had my taste buds going.

The first sip was a little overwhelming (remember: $12.50) but the second more than made up for it. There is a slightly spacy taste underneath the hops in this ale, and it did its job of bringing out the caramel and black licorice tastes that coat the top of the pint. The taste did not deteriorate as the pint progressed, but actually improved, an aspect of the rarest beers that find a way to expertly blend the aftertaste and the initial taste to compliment each other. The feel of the beer was of a medium thickness and had a slightly oily finish, perhaps not recom-mending itself to warmer weather, but the taste was enough to set me to hoping that my father would like it enough to order another bottle.

I don’t get to go to the Kenyon Inn often, and I don’t think most Kenyonites do. Most of the time we are forced to save our pennies for decent six packs at the market, or a few dollar nights at the Cove or the VL. Every once in a while, though, your family comes through and helps you to a higher plain. My beer, no. 121,326, was a treasured memory that I share with my father in my senior year of college. It was not just a beer. It was truly an experience.

I do hope you get to try the Fuller’s Vintage in the coming month, beer fans, and make sure to check back in next week for an eventful trip down to the market that you will not soon forget! Until then, enjoy your beer!

BY JAY ULWICK
Staff Writer

Mark Flick ‘09 and Leo Lobb ‘09 disproved of Will Martensen’s ‘09 lack of cell phone etiquette.
Let’s go fly a kite

One of the first full-fledged Saturdays of spring saw the debut of the unofficial campus Kite Brigade. Hannah Withers ’11, Will Dangler ’10, Rose Proctor ’10 and others took to the skies with kites such as Reginald Von SillyBottom: the octopus kite.

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Features

By Kathleen L. Someah
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With the assistance of Kenyon College’s Career Development Center staff, students had the opportunity last Friday to listen to respected authors discuss their journeys to success. The panel consisted of the executive editor of The New Yorker, a reporter for the New York Times, a children’s book author and a renowned novelist.

A self-described comedy lover, author and producer, Lin Oliver offered wisdom to eager writing enthusiasts.

“Writing is the only career anyone should always pursue,” said Oliver. “Writing elevates your own thoughts in your own right. Everything you get to reflect on takes on a different importance.”

Oliver, author of the children’s book series Hank Zipzer: World’s Greatest Under-Achiever with co-author Henry Winkler, has achieved great success in the market for children’s books. The Hank Zipzer series, released in May 2003, reached the top of the Barnes & Noble children’s bestseller list. Oliver has also produced a number of children’s programs including the familiar Corduroy.

When it came to offering words of advice, Oliver appeared anything but speechless. Among her five suggestions for writing-bound Kenyon enthusiasts. “You must relentlessly pursue your own voice,” said Oliver. “If you try to write for a particular audience you won’t be successful. The only story you can tell is one that feels good to you. Write what you feel and whatever feels genuine to you.”

Oliver was not alone in stressing the importance of writing in one’s unique voice. Ben Cheever, author of four novels and two non-fiction works, concurred with Oliver. His advice, however, contained a different importance. “It’s a career with defeat built into it,” said Cheever. “It’s one of the hardest tasks forms.”

Cheever’s acknowledgement of the challenges surrounding writing was not spared from Oliver’s rebuttals. After claiming that “writing is tough” and listing authors, such as Virginia Woolf, whose lives have ended in tragedy, Oliver responded by saying that such misery was “before Starbucks. Now you can write in Starbucks.”

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Reason?

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Opinions

Czar Gociad and the Great Purge of Greek Life

BY BENJAMIN FLOTNICK

Guest Columnist

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Last spring, in front of the members of the Psi Upsilon and Alpha Theta Phi fraternities, Dean of Students Tanya Gociad emphatically stressed that she is not “anti-fraternity, anti-sorority, or anti-Greek life.” Presumably, such a declaration signals the administration’s acceptance of Greek life at Kenyon; however, at least, those in attendance could temper Gociad’s hard-line policies, self-assured fraternal traditions and values would remain protected and an integral aspect of Kenyon’s past, present, and future.

To her credit, and to the benefit of all Greek organizations, Gociad has used her position to make confusing social policies more transparent. I, for one, respect her work with the party-monitoring system; peer-to-peer monitoring has replaced random party canvassing by security officers. Prior to Gociad, an isolated slip-up (beer bottle, underage consumption, etc.) could be reason enough for security officers to prematurely shut down parties. Thankfully, Greeks now work hand-in-hand with fellow Greeks, a situation that fosters better support and dialogue between the monitor and host. Gociad and others should be commended for volunteering to transfer some of their power to the student body, where a “bottom-up approach to policing has, thus far, been more successful than the alternative.

Her party-policy mandates have coincided, ironically, with a bubbling of anti-Greek sentiment, with the Kenyon Collegian serving as the publisher of many editorial attacks on Greek life. Whether the response was ambivalence or outrage, I doubt any Greek overly panicked about these attacks. A lack of oft-repeated allegations; certainly divisional housing, binge drinking, and hazing are important issues and deserve a mutual through which to discuss changes and improvements.

However, it is irresponsible to call-out Greek life as the sole culprit. It is an even greater abuse of power to investigate such claims in a manner that throws decency and respect to the curb. In middle school, I was over-weight, and virulently bored the same irrational fear with swimming. If I still harbored the same irrational fear of the local pool and taking off my shirt, that would give me probable cause to rail against swimming. Obviously not, but Gociad has shown such a blatant disregard for Kenyon tradition, it makes me wonder whether she would accept that topsy-turvy logic.

According to the Kenyon website, Tammy Gociad, in her position as the Dean of Students, means she is responsible for and maintains a close association with all student-service and student-development programs in the college. Common sense would seem to dictate Gociad, a priori biases would at least marginally respect the time-honored legacy of Greeks has been neglected on campus for the last century and a half. And by marginal respect, I mean following Kenyon protocols that are undertaken by the administration into student affairs. Starting at approximately 11:30 pm Monday, March 31, Gociad and an ad hoc random party monitoring conduct uninvited and unannounced ‘visits’ to Greek organizations. Make no mistake; this was a deliberate attempt to investigate allegations that Greeks conduct hazing rituals during Work Week’. I find it true that the same gall and audacity of Dean Gociad is an exercise in imagination in and of itself. Never mind that a member of the Kenyon administration barged into a place of ritual and tradition at 11:30 pm on a school night. (Or did Tammy’s mother not explain to her it’s improper to walk into a stranger’s house uninvited?) As taken-aback as I was to see the dean of students, I could not help but to wonder if the situation could have been handled with an ounce of tact. Instead of Dean Gociad, whose very occupation title constitutes that students in a social environment, wouldn’t a security and safety officer be better suited to investigate allegations of misconduct? I do not dispute that while they are sometimes shrouded in secrecy, fraternities and sororities should be open to investigations if the need should ever arise. Let them from the Office of Judicial Affairs, indicating that an investigation is nigh, is much more appropriate than an announced intrusion.

Perhaps more than anything else, the matter in which this vigilante investigation took place causes me to doubt the dean of students is protecting my rights as a student here at Kenyon. I cannot personally help it if Gociad has negative views concerning Greek life, nor is it my responsibility to influence her in my capacity as a member of a Greek organization. I learned long ago that the worst thing one can do is to try to impress everyone.

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Letters to the Editor:

To the Editors of the Collegian,

I was very much taken aback by your March 27 editorial, “Send-off not for tykes.” I am actually hoping it was an early April Fool’s joke. What you seem to regard as a new and subversive idea was in fact the norm for many years. When our children were small and the weather was fine, we brought blankets and relaxed on the lawn listening to the music—it may surprise you, but we professors like music, too. Sometimes there were even activities set up for children. Students juggled and did magic tricks. One year there was a giant rubber tent filled with balls to jump in. We did encounter the occasional inebriated student, but we always left well before the evening, and there was not the sense that the entire campus was engaged in a drunken orgy from dawn till dark. I am sorry that you believe that the campus belongs to you alone, and that the day for you is primarily about drinking and not about friendship, sun and music. When students complain that professors no longer attend events like Fandango, remember that most of us prefer to see our students in a better light than staggering across campus. I would be very sorry to see Summer Send-off join that category of events that we no longer wish to attend. I’m even more sorry to think that students prefer their isolation by age, and no longer feel comfortable around their aged professors and the screams of the young. I hope very much that is not a majority opinion at Kenyon now. Tell me, “April Fool’s,” and we will all enjoy the joke.

Mary Suydam
Assistant Professor of Religion

To the Editors of the Collegian,

After reading the staff editorials and many letters to the editor in prior Collegian issues, I can only help but feel that my voice as a student is being misrepresented. The editorials start with “we at the Collegian feel,” and the staff elaborate on a recent Kenyon issue. Each week we read these articles and wonder, “is this the view of the entire Collegian staff?” From my understanding, the editors of the Collegian write the article on behalf of the entire staff each week, but are not these just the views of these editors?

When Kenyon faculty, staff and community members read these staff editorials, are they assuming that the entire Kenyon student body feels the same way as the writers? As much as I like to think this is not the case, I would love it if the letters written to the editor in the past few weeks, specifically regarding Send-off, had me believe that non-student readers assume that all Kenyon students share the same feelings.

Personally, I very rarely share the opinions of the editors and I hope that non-student readers can recognize that not all students agree with the staff editorials. I hope to see people other than students at Send-off, and I hope that students and non-students can continue to build positive relationships rather than create divides, as last week’s staff editorial suggested.

Julia Wessel ’08

Staff Response

The editorial portion of the Collegian is typically written by one of the two editors-in-chief, though any member of the staff is welcome to write the editorial and some have done so before. Our use of the phrase “we at the Collegian” does not mean that we intend to speak for every section editor, writer or contributor. We do, however, take into consideration the often varying and complex opinions of the most senior editors of the staff. We feel that when we editorialize, we are representing the opinions that are held by some group, though not always the majority, of students. We hope that non-student readers and student readers alike can recognize that not all of the College’s students feel the way that we do. We do, however, hope that the editors will write to help to evoke thought and to elicit discussion among community members.

—The editors

The best of intentions

At the close of my four years in Gambier, I have developed an understanding of the need for the Office of Campus Safety in Kenyon’s institutional environment. It is from this perspective that I approach Monday night’s incidents involving Dean of Students Tammy Gocial and several campus fraternities. I have misgivings about what may be their result.

Much of what is being spread around campus is rumor. I will do my best to avoid inaccuracies and will only tell of what I know, although I have heard rumor of much worse. As a member of Beta Theta Pi, I was present when Gocial entered, some of my fraternity brothers insist that she barged, into a pledging event at the Beta Temple, which is private property. I was not the only brother present who felt that we were treated in a threatening manner, being forced to separate from our pledges as they were questioned, intimating that we were acting in violation of College rules, not to mention the shock of having the dean of students enter unannounced. It is my understanding that the equivalent or worse occurred at fraternity pledging events across campus, although I cannot confirm what I did not see.

There is no doubt in my mind that Gocial is acting with honest intentions. Seeing hazing as a threat to her students, she is trying to protect them. Again, it is not her intentions that Monday night’s incidents call into question, it is her method.

Monday night’s incidents, and the plethora of rumors resulting from them, are creating an adversarial environment between Greeks and the administration. There is a feeling that “they” are out to “get us.” Such an adversarial atmosphere encourages a game of cops and robbers, that the school is the enemy of the fraternities and sororities. I cannot stress how counter-productive this conflict-centric attitude is and how much I worry about the end result this seems to lead to.

Fraternities and sororities are, by nature, secretive. We place high value on our traditions and seek to keep them private so they remain special and ours. To violate our privacy violates the trust we place in the administration by scheduling our events with the school. We are, in effect, telling the world where we will be and when, and that makes us very uncomfortable. I fear that, should fraternities and sororities feel sufficiently threatened, Greek organizations will go underground, becoming more secretive, hiding their activities to a greater extent. Should this happen, everything involving Greek life would become more dangerous due to feelings that the administration could not know of its presence. Good Samaritan laws would not be there to hide behind should activities be forced off-campus.

I believe that it is Gocial’s goal to create a safer campus environment. I fear, however, that her actions do not aid her in her goal. Tuesday saw Greeks meeting others in small groups, discussing in hushed tones of “response.” Such an action would be equally counter-productive. I encourage my fellow Greeks to act sensibly, for a rash action would hurt our cause for fair, reasonable treatment and give credence to midnight raids and the indignities of room searches. At the same time, I ask for the administration to appreciate that fraternities and sororities feel threatened and insulted by the incidents of Monday night.

I encourage the administration to please respond, as I hope to achieve dialogue and understanding, as I believe we both seek to avoid fraternities and sororities from going into hiding.

—Jesse Oppenheim
Senior Editor

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Themed Housing spreads across

1. New Apartments

Kenyon Film Makers: New Apts B2

The Kenyon Film Makers is a group that is essentially a network of support for film makers that helps students who have an idea for a film by providing resources such as labor and equipment. Next year will be the first time KFM has themed housing. "The house is just an extension of what we do," and serves to better facilitate their ability to help students make short films, said KFM President Jean Mougin '10. The members of the house got involved because they all have a great affinity for movies, and think that there is a large pool of talent not being explored on campus. They will host movie showings at the house and will discuss the movies and the various techniques they use. KFM helped make four films this year: Three Chords, Blackout, Ruggers (a documentary of the Rugby team) and The Reader.

Ultimate Frisbee: New Apts B3

The Ultimate Frisbee team has been very competitive this year: it is going to Sectionals and maybe to Regionals for the first time in Kenyon history. According to Russell Wallack '11, the team wanted a house as a place for team meetings and pasta dinners before games. The house will also serve as a recruitment tool, where the team can host prospective students interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee. All in all, said Wallack, the house is a place for the team to build team spirit.

Ballroom Club: New Apts A3

This group of 25 students applied for themed housing to have a place to hold activities, as well as a place to practice when Gund Ballroom is occupied. The New Apartments will also offer more privacy when practicing then the openness of Gund. Six members of the club will be residing in the New Apartment. The Club has been active this year taking part in several competitions. This is the first time the Ballroom Club will reside in themed housing.

Haven House

The Haven house is a new organization for students who want to assist the counseling center in achieving its goals. According to the group's themed-housing application, it hopes to use the space "to provide a house and a group of students that are easy to approach and comforting which will promote a more accessible image of the counseling center." Most of the house's members have applied to be upper-class counselors, so they have the skills required to create a comforting atmosphere and can play liaison between students and the Counseling Center. The House hopes to have an open house during orientation week to familiarize first years with its purpose.

3. Caples Residence

Buddhist (Zen meditation): Caples suite 401-404

The Buddhist Club seeks to help educate students about the Buddhist religion. They were awarded themed housing so that they would have a quiet and calm place to hold daily meditation hours. All the students who live in the themed housing are Buddhists.

4. Mather Residence

Wellness: 4th floor Mather

The Wellness group opted to remain on fourth floor Mather for next year. This group provides an area for students who want to live in a substance (alcohol-and-drug) free environment and also want to incorporate wellness in various aspect of life. Wellness was offered a number of attractive housing options by Residential Life, in order to attract more people and keep the space provided would be filled.

5. Gambier Grill Firefighters

The students who volunteer their services as firefighters in College Township received themed housing at the Grill Apartments and upstairs Wilson Apartments. "The students are cross-trained as firefighters and also take EMT classes," said volunteer firefighter Matthew Bright '11. Housing and Grounds awarded them themed housing in Grill and Wilson because the campus wanted to ensure that they remain in close proximity to the firehouse in case of emergency, therefore not hindering their reaction time.

By MARENKA THOMPSON-ODILUM, Staff Writer
The Kenyon campus in 08-09

6. Wilson Apartment
   Nu Iota Alpha: Downstairs Wilson Apartments

   NIA uses its housing as a central meeting place for its sisters, and to hold events and weekly meetings there. "The apartment is a social space for the sisters to hang out and promote sisterhood," said NIA sister Allison Maus '08. NIA has hosted student-faculty barbecues, formals, Easter events, and pumpkin-carving.

7. Acland Apartments
   KAC Heads: Acland 103A

   The KAC Heads are mostly athletes from various sports, whose main goal is to provide a place to support athletes and to help foster school spirit among students so that they attend the various games. The KAC Heads hold barbecues before sporting events to attract students, and then they all headed down to the various games together.

   Coaches have remarked that more students have attended games this year than last year, thanks to the KAC Heads efforts. The KAC Heads also host study sessions so that athletes can come and do their homework. There is also an athletic hotline in case an athlete needs to talk to someone about a problem.

   Epsilon Delta Mu: Acland 107C

   "It is really good for the sisters to have a place to host sister-only events in order to bond," said sister of EDM, Jean Turner '10. The sisters use the space to host events and other various activities. Like the other Greek groups, EDM also does at least two service events per semester.

8. Other Houses
   International House: Acland 105A

   The International House has existed for a long time, and hosts events to help international students acclimate to their new surroundings. The International House is also opened to any international student who cannot fly home for a break, and offers them a place to live. The International House aims to foster awareness of the world outside of Gambier, and hosts foreign movie nights and brunches boasting food from various countries.

   Christian House: Murnen House

   The Christian House is a well-established house which the various Christian groups on campus such as Cornerstones, Canterbury, Saturday Night Fellowship and Bible Study use frequently to host events. "It is open to everyone on campus who may be looking to clear their head and take a break," said Hornick. The house holds Sunday afternoon brunches and dinners. The house also serves as a place for Christian students to connect with one another.

   Cooking Club: Spaid House

   During the past year, the Cooking Club, which has about 20 regular members, has used its space to hold dinners and cooking classes. The house boasts a large kitchen and students are urged to use the space to cook whenever they want. "The four students who live in the cooking house are very dedicated, they always talk about cooking various dishes," said Hornick. The Cooking Club also hosted Kenyon's Iron Chef Tournament.

   Chinese House: Cai House

   The four students who will be living in the Chinese House next year all have deep backgrounds in Chinese culture, and know how to speak Chinese well, but are hoping that living in a house with others dedicated to Chinese will make them as fluent as possible. They intend to have times when only Chinese can be spoken in the house. The club will celebrate various Chinese events such as the Chinese New Year. It is also a place where various Chinese groups can meet.

   Theta: Acland 107B

   The Thetas have only been re-active for the past two years, and want to use the space to help promote the sorority, and to keep the chapter alive. "Our aim is not only to promote sisterhood, but to think of ways to help the campus, and to recognize how the campus helps us," said Hannah Anderson '09.

   Zeta Alpha Pi: Acland 107A

   Since the organization's founding in 2000, Zeta Alpha Pi has resided in Aclands, which it uses to host all-sorority events such as meetings, pledging events and rush events. "We also like to bake a lot, so it is a good thing we have a nice kitchen," said Christina Bogasky '10. The Zetas hold formal every semester, and holds a Halloween themed baby-sitting for professors' children and Easter egg hunt and have a Relay for Life team.
Spring has sprung for Wind Ensemble

By Doug Wieland
Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 12, the Kenyon College Symphonic Wind Ensemble will kick off the arrival of spring with their annual spring concert. Directed and conducted by Associate Professor of Music Dane Heuchemer, the ensemble will be playing a selection of works from Pavel Tchesnokov, Vittorio Giannini, Igor Stravinsky and H. Owen Reed.

The concert promises to deliver a new level of playing as Heuchemer leads the group on one of their most demanding sets yet. "This group was special, and I was going to try to do ... work that previously I hadn't considered as doable," said Heuchemer.

"These are four quite different works in that you have the sacred chorals of Tchesnokov with the Eastern Orthodox tradition, then you have Giannini, who is an American academic composer, so it's a romancing style piece along the lines of Brahms and Dvorak ... And then you have the completely tongue-in-cheek circus polka by Stravinsky," said Heuchemer.

The first work that the ensemble will be playing is Two Chorates by Tchesnokov. Tchesnokov wrote the work under Soviet realism, during a period when the arts that did not meet the government's approval were censored. "Even Shostakovich was censored," said Heuchemer. The program reads that the piece "takes[s] advantage of the composer's command of the passionate Russian style; sections calling for an assertive, confident interpretation are balanced by lyrical counterpointal lines, which present the performers with fruitful opportunities to explore the expressive side of music."

Next comes the Symphony No. 3 for Band by Vittorio Giannini. "It is an active viewing experience—you are part of the performance area."

Last year, Nickhoff and troupe performed what was then a work in progress. "They had a brief residency [at Kenyon] last year and loved the master classes they taught," said Brodie.

Lingo returned this year for the two weeks after spring break and is currently in residence at Oberlin College. The company has choreographed a new piece that will be performed at the Spring Dance Concert as a companion piece with Oberlin students. "This is the first time we've done an exchange with Oberlin like this," Brodie said. "We've been able to really take advantage of this opportunity."

"And we all made the conscious decision to attend school in the middle of rural Ohio, and while most of us love and embrace the Kenyon bubble, we do not always have access to the same opportunities as our friends attending school in New York or Chicago. When Kenyon brings in a performance group like Lingo, it's a chance to make the most of this rare opportunity."

"They are bringing cutting-edge dance to Gambier," said Brodie.

INHABIT will be performed Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Gund Ballroom.

The concert promises to deliver a new level of playing as Heuchemer leads the group on one of their most demanding sets yet.

Lastly the ensemble will play H. Owen Reed's La Fiesta Mexicana—A Mexican Folk Song Symphony for Concert Band. "[Reed] had a strong interest in Latin American styles and themes and incorporated a number of Latin elements into his works," Heuchemer said. "La Fiesta Mexicana is probably the most famous of his works ... It's rather extraordinary in the way he composes."

All of the works require a great degree of skill on the part of the ensemble. "Wind ensemble music is graded on six levels. Grade one and grade two are elementary, grade three and grade four are middle school and high school, and then grade five and six are generally regarded as college and conservatory and professional. Of the four works, three, the Giannini, the Stravinsky and the Reed are grade six. There is no grade seven," said Heuchemer.

The performance will also feature a guest student conductor, Katie Woods '09. Woods is a member of the French horn section, and she will be conducting Two Chorates. "This is her first experience with the full ensemble," said Heuchemer. "In the fall she was working with about 12 players and now she is working with all 55 ... Typically people don't realize until they're up on the podium how much courage it takes for a 20-year-old to work with 55 people on a common musical goal. It's a rather daunting feeling to be on the podium and see everyone's eyes on you ... It's almost like you're facing 55 judges. Katie has a real strong sense of courage."

This weekend in A&E

Friday, April 11
Sean Hoffman voice recital
7:30 p.m.
Brandi Recital Hall

Saturday, April 12
KT Nickhoff and Lingo present INHABIT
7:30 p.m.
Gund Ballroom

Symphonic Wind Ensemble
8:00 p.m.
Rosse Hall

Sunday, April 13
Katie Woods voice recital
2:00 p.m.
Rosse Hall
The Bolton Theater finished its season last weekend on a joyous note with a production of Michael Hollinger’s 2000 comedy Red Herring. It was set against an imposing, rusted metal backdrop, which served as a reminder of the seriousness of the political themes which are tossed around in the play’s periphery, acted on set pieces constructed masterfully by Mark Peterson ’08 as his senior thesis and filled with energy, clever direction and wonderful performances. The play, though somewhat flawed, was hilarious, exciting and ultimately pretty adorable.

The play bills itself as a film noir-style farce, taking place during the heyday of anti-Soviet McCarthyism in America, a time when everyone was suspicious of everyone for being potential communists. Faculty director, Associate Professor of Drama Jonathan Tazewell took up this conceit enthusiastically, having three projection screens resting above the set, playing documentary newsreels and advertisements from the period between scenes. The running crew was dressed in black outfits with black hats, holding small black guns. The decisions were charming at first, as the clips and images were well chosen—Nixon talking about his pet dog, a chauvinistic advertisement for pies, a bizarre animated “I Like Ike” campaign clip—and the running crew itself was made up of talented actors who scurried in and out of the set changes. Eventually, however, it became clear that they were clever ways of hiding an essential fault of the script.

In trying to create a farce based upon film, Hollinger tries to get away with a structure that only film can. In its first act especially, the scenes are frequently only several minutes long before they black out upon the delivery of some discovery or witty retort. In film, this can work—it moves the plot along briskly and cuts away to a new scene with as much or as little transition as it wants. Theater, try as it might, does not work that way—and with so many scene changes and interludes, it loses not only a sense of pacing and urgency, but also character development, even in a farce. In a film, especially in one as stylized and plot-driven as film noir, the audience gets to know a character by a close-up, a look, by their faces, which the camera can get close enough to see. It is hard to translate something so cinematic to theater, and the play suffers for it. We never really get to know most characters, and the plot, jumping from Wisconsin to Boston and back again, becomes rather confusing. In fact, it mostly stays interesting because we have no idea what is going on.

The fact that it is a comedy is the script’s saving grace and, with this production, it was a successful comedy. No doubt about it—it was funny. The performances were, without exception, excellent, and the chemistry was cast-wide, especially towards the end when all the major players started to intersect in hilarious and endearing ways. These major players can be broken up into three couples: in Boston, Kate Ross ’09 and Stew Urist ’08 play Maggie and Frank, a tough little cop and the FBI agent who wants to marry her, both of whom are in love with much more savy and cautious women. Also notable was David Ellis ’10, who, along with the cast’s other Ellis, perfectly embodied the farce, playing three roles and stealing most scenes he was in, especially as a major aboard a ship and again as a priest who has to deal with a very difficult challenge in a professional.

The running jokes, many of them involving mistaken identities, were much easier to follow than this convoluted plot, which admittedly became much clearer in the second act, when scenes took their time were allowed to build. Notable among these were an almost-gentle scene between Kettler and Ross in a bar and another between Urist and Hamilton by the docks.

This play is very busy, themes of America, sex and loyalty hit the audience in rapid succession, faster than three shots from Urist’s gun into a mannequin. And though it is long, it goes by fast, thanks in large part to its well-executed comedy.

Hollinger has been quoted as saying, “plays are music to me; characters are instruments, scenes are movements.” If that is true, then Red Herring is a long swing song, brimming with fits of energy, whose “instruments” hit many stunning notes, but whose movements are, unfortunately, frequently over before they have begun.

Neil Labute’s Autobahn will be performed Friday April 11 and Saturday April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box theater. Directed by Hannah Fenlon ’10, the play is comprised of six short vignettes taking place entirely in the front seat of a car. The show features Will Bainton ’10 and Catherine Duennebier ’10 (pictured above) as well as Japhet Balaban ’09, Max Kelly ’10, Kate Kremer ’11, Rose Proctor ’10, Rachel Rubenstein ’10 and Jon Sarlin ’10 and is stage managed by Caroline Rotenberg ’10. E-mail rotenberg@kenyon.edu for tickets.

—Allie Wigley
Faculty Profile: Kelley Hart gives voice recital

By Laura Briskman
Staff Writer

For the two years she has been teaching voice lessons at Kenyon, Adjunct Instructor of Music Kelley Hart has been nurturing the musical growth of her students. This Sunday she will share her talent with the rest of the Kenyon community when she presents her voice recital.

Hart enjoys working with college students because they tend to be more focused, whether in the interest of pursuing a music major or simply for personal enjoyment. “That kind of commitment is very motivating for me as a teacher,” said Hart, who also teaches high school students in her hometown of Dublin, Ohio.

The different paths that a music student can take after Kenyon is a subject that Hart feels is important to discuss. She said that she tells students considering a performance career what to expect and the “obstacles they may face … in the ‘real world.’”

Hart also noted that some of her classmates have been so fortunate as to win a lot of money from karaoke competitions. Hart said that karaoke could be fun, especially if it is “the right person singing … if not, it’s just painful!”

Also a successful classical vocalist, Hart recalled performing in the University of Texas production of Monteverdi’s opera L’Incoronazione di Poppea, in which she sang the role of Poppea. It was there that she earned her master’s degree in opera performance.

Hart will be giving her recital next Sunday, April 13, at 2:00 p.m. in Rosse Hall.

Time travel always seems to fascinate people. There have been countless films, books and TV shows on the subject – a full 963 Star Trek episodes and movies make use of the premise, including Star Trek IV: The One With the Whales. In order to stand out from the crowd, any movie about time travel really has to stand out from the crowd.

Time Chasers does just that. The protagonist, a butt-chinned fellow named Nick, stores the secret of time travel on a 5.25 inch floppy disk, sticks an ancient computer in his single-passenger airplane and bam! He’s jumping forward in time and back in time and causing paradoxes and apocalypses all over the place.

Nick causes apocalypses because he sells the materials for time travel to a transparently evil corporation, which promptly begins developing the technology for military applications. Way to go, Nick! Luckily, he has a very average-looking gal pal named Lisa to help him wander around blindly as he attempts to fix everything.

But oh no! During a time jump intended to fix all the stupid problems stupid Nick made when he made his stupid decision in the first place, Lisa gets shot by the CEO of the evil company to which Nick sold the super-advanced time travel technology. Luckily, as in any time travel story, plot holes abound, and everyone ends up with what we can only assume is a happy ending.

Highlights of the movie include: time traveling to a poorly researched re-enactment of the Revolutionary War, a vision of the future which overestimates the staying power of early 90s clothing, a vision of a post-apocalyptic future that looks more or less exactly like any given part of Cleveland and a short man in an embarrassingly pink suit. Additionally, the movie stars no one in particular. The planned sequel, Time Chasers 2 (really!), never went into production.

So, in case you didn’t pick it up, Time Chasers stands out from the crowd because it’s not very good. I’d rather be watching Congo.

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Track prepares for All-Ohio meet

BY ANALISE GONZALES
Staff Writer

The Kenyon College Lords and Ladies track teams continued their string of strong individual performances this past Saturday at the Washington and Jefferson College Invitational.

Matt Riley '10 and Kaleb Keyserling '09, who finished second and third respectively in the 5,000 meter run, led the Lords, who placed 13th overall. Keyserling, who was injured during the indoor season, was satisfied with his performance.

“I feel that I’m making progress,” he said. “At Washington and Jefferson, I ran 20-plus seconds faster than two weeks ago and I feel good about that. My time also qualifies me for All-Ohio, so I’m excited to run there next weekend.”

Along with success in the long-distance event, Ken Oguchi ’10 placed sixth in the steeplechase and Brandon Balthrop ’08 placed seventh in both the 110- and 400-meter hurdles.

“My seventh place finishes in the 400-meter hurdles is really exciting,” said McKoy, who also finished seventh-place finish in the 400-meter hurdles.

Distance runners also lead the pack for the Ladies, who placed fourth overall in the meet. Tracey Hutchings-Goetz ’11 placed fourth and Chiisy Ostrowski ’11 placed eighth in the 5,000-meter run. Two other solid performances came from Anna Grif-fin ’10, who placed in the steeplechase and Karin Lockhart ’10, who had a seventh-place finish in the 400-meter dash.

“I’m really happy with my race,” said Hutchings-Goetz. “I ran a good time and qualified for All-Ohio, which is really exciting.”

Hutchings-Goetz believes that team success was found in the number of runners who qualified for All-Ohio.

“We have a lot of runners who qualified for All-Ohio,” she said. “which really shows how well our team is doing.”

On Saturday, 27 members of the team will be traveling to the All-Ohio Championship. Along with the traditional running and field events that occur, four Kenyon women and two Kenyon men will be participating in the 10,000-meter run, 6.2 miles in length, the equivalent of 25 laps around a track.

Keyserling is hoping for individual and team success.

“it will be running the [5,000- meter] next week at All-Ohio and will be hoping to compete with the top runners in the field and score [in the meet].”

“All-Ohio was our high goal last week and All-Ohio is the first meet of the season where athletes have a chance to compete in the 10K, a great challenge for all who dare to toe the line.”

The All-Ohio meet commences at Ohio Wesleyan University this Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
The Kenyon College Ladies lacrosse team continued its winning streak this week, adding two more victories to its win total. After being tested on the road in their first four games, the Ladies took their first two at home with victories against Hope, the team relying on its endurance to stay focused and alert going into the singles matches,” said Marino. “Doubles has been our weakness throughout the season, but our new doubles combinations are really working well and this is especially helpful against tougher teams, like those we played this weekend.”

The subsequent championship ship round face-off on Saturday with Kalamazoo did not faze the Ladies, who won the match solidly, finishing with a final score of 8-1. MacDonald racked up two more victories, individually one and one doubling up with Marino once again.

Meredith Brown ’08, Prita Kidder ’11 and Molly Yost ’09 helped prove Kenyon’s depth. Brown came out on top in all three of her No. 2 singles matches over the course of the weekend, Kidder won the two No. 3 singles matches and Yost added two wins of her own at the No. 6 singles slot.

“We only lost a total of four matches this weekend, so I think that’s a testament as to how talented the team is this year, seeing as the teams we played this weekend were challenging and just as qualified,” said Kidder. “Paige MacDonald and Alexis Marino played especially well in doubles this weekend. They were the only ones to win a doubles match against Albion, which really helped the rest of us feel more at ease when we went on to play our singles matches.”

The Ladies, who now have a 9-3 record and are ranked 21st in the nation, will host the College of Wooster at 4:30 p.m. on Monday. “We are looking forward to the conference tournament coming up,” said Marino. “If we continue to play like we did this past week, we should do very well in our upcoming matches.”