Bomb threats disrupt life on Hill

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Kenyon College received 11 e-mail messages containing bomb threats to Ransom Hall to three separate admissions email accounts last night, causing firefighters, cops, and Knox County Homeland Security vehicles to descend upon the College, only to deem it another hoax.

The messages, starting at 7:32 p.m., remained unseen until 9 p.m. at which time the response team consisting of President S. George Nugent, Director of Public Affairs Shawn Presley, Director of Information Systems and Institutional Research Ron Griggs, Chief Business Officer Dave McConnell and Dean of Students Tammy Gocial met at the Student Affairs Center within several minutes and put in place the emergency response plan.

The Knox County Sheriff's Office and College Township Fire Department were called and arrived quickly. The FBI was also contacted. Ransom Hall was taped off while South Quad and College Township Fire Department personnel were called and arrived quickly. Ransom Hall was searched by 5:00 p.m., and evening classes went on as scheduled.

Unlike the threats of last Wednesday, however, the threats this week contained a specific target: Ransom Hall. "The reason that fire trucks and police squadrons seemed so much more present than last Wednesday was because of the specificity of the target," said Nugent. "We had a specific zone to watch for. I need to decide what the substantive response—like sending out the police and fire vehicles—as well as the communicative response—like voicemails and Fortnightly messages—will be. That's what this sort of team is for."

Gocial said she agrees. "Students should not be afraid to call campus safety if something isn't right," she said. "We want to avoid a sense of complacency—it could be that fifteen fire drill that's actually a fire."

Last week's e-mails, which did not mention Kenyon by name, were apparently similar to threats received the same day at other colleges, including the University of Iowa, Middle Tennessee State University, University of Alaska, Oregon State University, Princeton University and Carnegie-Mellon University.

Although the identity of the sender is still unknown, the location of the sent emails, both of this week and last week, have been traced to Italy and Austria. It has not yet been confirmed by these or any other colleges if they received emails similar to those threats of last night.

Knox Homeland Security reported to Ransom Hall, the building that the second of this week's two bomb threats targeted, in order to sweep the building for bombs.

Last night's incident follows three separate bomb threats received by the College in a general admissions email account last Wednesday. The communications were determined by local and federal authorities to be hoaxes.

At approximately midnight, the buildings were declared all clear and the emergency team returned home.

Two students injured during brawl at Grille

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Security was dispatched to the Gambier Grille the night of August 27 after a disagreement between a group of Kenyon students and three local men led to physical violence and an eventual broken nose.

"The officers arrived just as the men were leaving," said Director of Campus Safety Bob Hooper. "We provided needed medical attention and transportation but we couldn't do much else."

According to Hooper, Knox County police are still trying to identify and find the three Mt. Vernon residents who assaulted Eli Rosen '08 and Nate Pritchard '08, both of whom declined to comment.

"I left just before it happened, but when I did the men were standing outside smoking," said Brian Sloan '08. "As I walked by, they started heckling me—saying pretty much anything to pick a fight. It wasn't anything against Kenyon specifically, though."

"It isn't a problem, but it's happened before," said Hooper when asked about a potentially dangerous pattern in relations between local residents and Kenyon students. "I think they have the Grille all to themselves during the summer and then all of a sudden, students are back. They're not here particularly to pick fights."

"I recognized one of the guys from when I was here during the summer," said Samantha '09. "He just liked to come in and drink a lot."

Many of the students present wrote subsequent angry "alltoo" emails, referring to the local men as "skinheads" and rallying others to discuss potential methods of "preserving the integrity of the campus."

There have been no similar incidents, however, within the past week.

BSU RAISES AWARENESS OF THE JENA SIX

Students gather on Middle Path to sign a petition regarding the imprisonment of a group of imprisoned black students from Jena, Louisiana who have been dubbed "The Jena Six."

"The BSU made an effort to raise awareness about a case going on in Jena, Louisiana that we feel is being mishandled due to the white supremacy that is ever-present in our "criminal justice system," said Black Student Union President Frankie Gourrier '08. "The issue began when a few black kids decided to sit under the "white only" tree at the local high school. The next day, as a prank, some white students hung nooses over the tree, eventually leading to many racial clashes throughout the next few months in the small town. When six black kids fought a white kid for allegedly calling them n-word, they were charged with attempted murder and their bail set between $70,000-$138,000, leaving some of them sitting in jail for months."

"Even though these are minors, we are still not excusing them from their actions. The BSU is fighting to make sure that he punishment against these students actually fits the crime."

The BSU passed out approximately 1,500 fliers on campus and collected somewhere around 700 signatures opposing the current charges. For more information visit www.freethejena6.org.

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The “hometown” became both the biggest winners and losers this year when the housing lottery left 120 students waiting to be summered. As hundreds of students passed their day on the Kenyon Athletic Center Gym floor, closely watching the ever-diminishing options, organizers tried to placate the masses.

When the Residential Life crew announced well into the afternoon that all of the rooms were gone, the outlook was bleak. But a new Dean of Residential Life, Alicia Dugas, and many creative renovations resulted in the newly forming “Res-life phone call” often turning into a pleasant, or at least, decent surprise for many students. Some assignments even made waiting until the last few days before coming back to school worth the agony.

While many summer-housed sophomore male students ended up in Mather Hall, many female students were housed in renovated basement rooms, themed houses and generally upper-classmen-reserved options, including the New Apartments and Old Kenyon doubles.

The Bushnell Hall basement, formerly a study lounge, became a more than four students to live in a room.

As s e n i o r s last y e a r f a miliarized the campus safety and maintenance crews. The College did assign many dorm rooms to the residence hall, house or apartment.

For more information on the college’s policy regarding alcohol and drug use, visit The Kenyon Collegian’s website. For a complete list of officers and staff, visit http://www.kenyon.edu/about/officers.shtml. For information on residential life, visit http://www.kenyon.edu/reslife.

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The response team alerted the College community via campus e-mail, mass voice-mails and personal contact in classrooms, residences and offices.

Last week, those concerned about their safety were given the option of leaving their buildings. Updates on the investigation were conveyed to students, faculty and staff as they were received, and the campus remained calm while all buildings were searched by fire fighters, officials from the office of campus safety and maintenance crews. Residence halls and academic buildings were the first to be searched.

"We typically disseminate this sort of information using Formightly emails," said Director of Public Affairs Shawn Presley. "When you see an e-mail of that sort, you should recognize it as something official you should read.

This week, however, students were evacuated from Ascension, the science quad and the library without choice. "I was in the middle of an experiment," said Sarah Holtman ’08, after being told to leave the science quad. "It’s not for class, but its disappointing because I was right in the middle."

The discovery of an abandoned package in Farr Hall led to an evacuation being ordered for all buildings along the east side of Guiskin Avenue between Wiggins and Brookly, streets. The buildings were reopened when a College employee identified the box as harmless.

"Although we suspected it to be a hoax, that doesn’t diminish the way we respond to bombs," said Presley. "We also run a risk of panic when considering evacuation and given the generic, unspecified nature of the threat, we chose not to evacuate the campus at large."

Farr Hall was the only place we found something," said Hooper. "It was eventually accounted for. If the e-mail had been building- or time-specific, we would have actually evacuated." Students on the whole seemed unconcerned, both last night and last week. Many admitted to simply closing their doors or staying in class, having experienced similar situations in high school or elsewhere.

"I just think it was someone who applied to all those schools and didn’t get in," said Diana Aranda ’10. According to Thomas A. Angell’s book, "The Kenyon Collegian was told by an officer outside Ransom Hall last night that activity was merely a training exercise. A college employee sent an e-mail less than an hour later that it was indeed a bomb threat. "I wouldn’t be so worried," he said.
Schermer on sabbatical, Metcalf named interim director

BY DAVID BAUGHMAN  
Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Tracy Schermer, who served as the medical doctor for the Kenyon student body for 27 years without a break, will be on sabbatical for the 2007-2008 school year.

In addition to his primary role as campus physician, Schermer was the College’s director of Health Services and assistant campus physician on campus emergency services on campus, the College Township Volunteer Fire Department and the office of Campus Safety.

Schermer worked extensively with sports teams, attending sporting events and assisting Kenyon’s sports medicine teams.

In a recent e-mail interview with the Collegian, Schermer discussed the College’s plans to fill his position at the health center during his leave.

The College has named Nurse Practitioner Rebecca Metcalf as the interim director of health services, Schermer said. Metcalf will replace Schermer as the College’s primary medical staff member during his leave.

Metcalf praised Schermer for his commitment to serving Kenyon College.

“He’s given, blood, sweat and tears,” Metcalf said. “He often came in 2 a.m. to avert patients, I don’t know how he did it all alone.”

Schermer said that two local doctors will assist the nurse practitioner with providing health care coverage to the student body this year.

Doctors William Elder and Brad Smith ’87 will come to campus on a part-time basis on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings. Smith will also work at the physician’s office in the KAC to assist the athletic teams on Wednesday.

Two part-time, certified nurse practitioners will collaborate with the regular physicians.

The amount of medical coverage will be the same, but the new system will affect students who require certain prescriptions, Metcalf said.

The nurse practitioners cannot write prescriptions for addictive or controlled substances, including ADD medication and narcotic painkillers.

“Toward the end of the year, we will come in when the doctors are gone,” Metcalf said.

“We ask that students make appointments. We won’t refuse walk-ins, but appointments make their wait time less.”

Metcalf also added that the last appointment of the day will be seen at 4:30 p.m. and that she can be contacted in case of emergency.

The former College physician also indicated that Kenyon students can expect some changes at the campus health center.

“The College and the new administration of the center are making a number of changes that hopefully meet the needs and the requests of the students,” Schermer said.

“They will be addressing some of the concerns expressed by students toward the end of my time at Kenyon.”

Metcalf said that Schermer was likely alluding to the College’s long-term plan to build a new health center on campus.

“Most of the students will not notice changes to the Health Center,” Metcalf said.

Schermer said that he plans to return to campus in late August, close to the beginning of the school year.

Metcalf said that Schermer is technically on sabbatical and that he will return to Kenyon as a full-time employee next year.

“We’re counting on him,” Metcalf said. “He’ll be back as director of the Health Center. That’s what I have understood as acting director.”

Schermer said that he is currently working at an under-located Indian reservation near Fort Belknap, Montana, homeland to the Assiniboine and Gros Ventre Indians.

New policies introduce party monitors, open parties

BY DAVID BAUGHMAN  
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Two new policies governing parties at Kenyon have been added to this year’s student handbook, changing the way that Kenyon students register parties and effectively banning hard liquor from Kenyon parties.

The Senate and Student Council approved the policies titled “Alcoholic Beverages” and “Social Events and Parties,” last year making them official rules of Kenyon College. Student government representatives, however, had little choice in the matter, according to Brendan Mysliwiec ’08, who served as the junior class representative to Senate last year.

“It seemed to me, as a member of Senate, that the Dean proposed the rules,” Mysliwiec said. “The first was that we adopt the new party policy, which she created with the input of students. ... The second was that security remain omnipresent at the parties. We chose, in short, the lesser of two evils.”

Dean of Students Tammy Gocial, however, said that the policies were created with the best interest of students in mind.

“It’s all about safety and responsibility,” she said.

According to Gocial, under the previous policies governing registered events did not actually allow alcohol to be served. They also did not allow all-campus parties. Students who were holding parties were required to provide a guest list for all parties.

The new policies establish “open” parties, which are defined as parties of more than 20 people and do not need to provide a guest list. In the past, Gocial said, students would photocopy the College’s directory as their guest list. The new policies eliminate the need for this.

At all open parties, six students will act as party monitors, making sure that the party is under control and that no students are dangerously intoxicated.

If such a situation presents itself, it will be the party monitor’s duty to alert the party host that there is a situation and then the party host will call security.

Events with fewer than 20 people can be registered, but still require a guest list. Groups as small as six are required to have their registrations if they include alcohol.

Problems arise with the open/closed party rule when students plan an event with fewer than 20 people, but end up with more people at their party than they intended. No closed party may have more than 200 people in attendance.

Closed parties that end up with more than 20 people are subject to being broken up by security.

The distinction between open and closed events is important because open events require party monitors whereas closed events do not.

According to Gocial, students are going to have to turn people away from their parties. And students are going to have to learn to say “no,” she said.

Under the new policy, all parties are allowed a certain amount of beer and wine, but no registered parties are allowed to serve hard liquor. Open parties are allowed a maximum of five kegs or their equivalent in wine or cake wine.

Party monitors are culled from all of the groups on campus who normally have parties—including fraternities and sororities, the swim and rugby teams and beer and sex advisors—and any students who wish to volunteer. The students, who were trained last week, are entered into a pool and then assigned to specific weekends. No student may be a party monitor at a party that is hosted by an organization with which they are affiliated.

Administrators have been holding information sessions with students around campus.

Toby and New Apartments CAS Neil Johnston ’08 and Gwen Faulkner ’08 had Gocial come to talk with their residents.

“I decided that I should have Dean Gocial come and explain the new party policy because I was not comfortable explaining [the new policies] since I did not know it that well,” Johnston said. “Since she was on the committee I felt that she would be better able to explain it in well and it was important that the New Apartments and Beasley residents know the party policy.”

Informational sessions covered a number of topics according to Johnston, and the students had many questions.

“arid, Gocial said she believes that while the policy is about student safety, it falls to students to make sure their friends are being safe. “You should always be watching your friends, and making sure they aren’t going to far,” Gocial said. “We never want to have another alcohol related death at Kenyon.”

By Teddy Eismeier  
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Kenyon’s Denham Sutcliffe Used Bookstore closed this summer after operating for two years. The building, which once housed the bookseller, is now home to part of Kenyon’s Student Activities Center personnel.

The bookshop, named after a professor of English who taught at Kenyon in the 1950s and 60s, functioned without employees managing cash registers. It depended, instead, on the honor system: students could enter the building, browse and take a few books, leaving their money in a slot in one of the shop’s doors. Cameras placed on strings proved that the system was ineffective, according to Assistant Dean of Students Tacci Smith.

“Not a lot of people went in, and not a lot of people paid for the books,” she said.

According to Chief Business Officer Dave McConnell, the bookshop made only $500 last year and had already “lived its useful cycle.” He said that the administration, having added many new positions, was “extremely short on office space ... and the most practical place to put it was in the Used Bookstore.”

The Student Activities Center contains several functions, including academic advising, athletics, career development and the international students’ office. Smith said that major motivations for moving several divisions into the former bookshop were the demand for space and more comfortable settings for students.

Originally, stressed students seeking academic advising and those excited about study abroad or athletic careers were all tied to the same building, according to Smith. “When people come up for academic advising ... some people are happy and excited and others come in serious,” said Smith, creating an uncomfortable environment for students with varying agendas. The Student Activities Center offices now include a porch, a lobby and space where students can do homework and chat with administrators.

The Student Affairs Center (SAC) and four deans’ offices retained their central location in the house by Middle Ground.

As for the used books donated to Denham Sutcliffe? They can be found in the College bookstore.

—with additional reporting by Sarah Friedman.
Beer in the 'bier: Great Lakes Brewing Co.'s Elliot Ness

BY JAY ULWICK
Staff Writer

For the first column of the year, I’d like to extend hearty congratulations and a welcome to the Class of 2011, which I hope is full of (future) beer drinkers. To recap the purpose of this column ever so briefly, I began reviewing beer last year in the hopes that I might inspire some of Kenyon’s best and brightest to take a little time out on the quad to enjoy some of the finer beers available around Kenyon’s campus, or to venture into one of our fine drinking establishments for a cold pint of relaxation. As my first column’s writing falls on a worker’s dream holiday, labor day, I decided to hit the books again.

This Week’s Brew: Great Lakes Brewing Co.’s Elliot Ness Lager

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Brewed in this state by the Great Lakes Brewing Company from Cleveland (go Indians!), this beer boasts a 6.2% ABV (alcohol by volume), a bit higher than your average American lager—so be forewarned, this brew packs a bit of a punch! This Vienna lager pours a deep amber color with a sustained head that lingered long after pouring, leaving traces along the glass as I drank it. The bubble movement was very minimal, the depth of the dark beer concealing any obvious carbonation rising to the surface.

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**Security Officer for a Day**

**BY SARAH FRIEDMAN**

My foray into the world of a Kenyon Campus Safety Officer began at the first major gathering under the new party policy. At 10 p.m. last Saturday night, Officer Greg vonFreymann, Officer JP Dowses and I pulled up to a troupe of argyled "pros" awaiting their "hoes" at the Delt Lodge. Dowses checked the IDs of the party hosts and monitors against his list before vonFreymann led them downstairs to the empty bar, where he verified the keg numbers and explained the party regulations. He warned the monitors against high schoolers and underage drinkers, urging them not to hesitate to assert their authority. That said, and the sandwich tray-trademark of registered parties set up, everyone nodded agreement and Security left the party to its own devices.

Then our real work started. We drove around campus in the Office of Campus Safety's one vehicle, snaking from north campus to south to the Brown Family Environmental Center to E. Wiggin Street and all through Gambier. Although not all buildings on the route are College property, vonFreymann includes them in the patrol as a courtesy to professors in the area. He looks for anything out of the ordinary, from students passed out in bike sheds to open doors after midnight. Averaging 18 mph, the Office's one vehicle still racks up to 35,000 miles a year. The drive seems monotonous, and vonFreymann agrees that his job is "fast or famine"—the campus may lie quiet for hours until three urgent calls come in simultaneously.

To break up the tedium of our patrol, vonFreymann told me stories that popped the Kenyon bubble. A lot happens on campus that the Office of Campus Safety protects us students from seeing. Busting parties is a much smaller part of a security officer's job than the average party-going Kenyon student might think. Although that is when officers are most visible to students, the officers' main goal is to protect students, not ruin their fun. The officers spend so much time on campus that a "vested interest with students, faculty and staff" comes naturally, said vonFreymann.

He added that it is easy for students and officers to become friends when they are interacting in the social environment of weekend nights—plus, he said, drinking can be funny.

The job is nevertheless arduous. The shifts are from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., which means that for eight hours at a time security officers are in motion. I experienced the night shift's concurrent exhaustion first-hand with Campus Safety Officer Carol Brown, who allowed me to accompany her as she locked up the academic buildings of southwest campus. By midnight, all 70 buildings and their internal doors must be locked; for one person, this task takes about an hour and a half. Besides the inherent boredom of such a job, the empty buildings are spooky, and a late-night campus walk must be excruciating in the midst of winter.

We found a rare bit of excitement in Hanna, where two underage girls were drinking beer in the hallway. Because it was the first weekend of the semester and everyone's slates were clean, Brown invoked the Good Samaritan Policy and let the girls pour out the beer. At the end of their shift, the officers hang up the enormous key rings they carry in the floor-to-ceiling key cabinet. They write reports that are then reviewed by secretaries and sent to the College's dean. The next day is the same thing—but every officer I talked to enjoyed the work. Whether surveying the grounds by car at 18 mph or traipsing up and down the beer-soaked staircases of the southern dorms, the officers' priority is looking after the best interests of the Kenyon community—students included.

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**Sex & the Country**

**BY SVAN VAINER**

**Question**

What does it mean to "date like a guy" and why is it so appealing? I have heard pop culture figures from Carrie Bradshaw of Sex and the City to Lauren from The Hills mention the need for women to act more like men—to be less emotionally invested and more casual. What romantic relations come down to at Kenyon is how the person on the receiving end feels. I have seen too many female friends get stuck in the "just friends" zone, even when they are sure there is more. Why is the mutual emotional connections so rare? Of course, if feelings of admiration and respect are not reciprocated, then it is unlikely that a healthy relationship can come. Even though we all know what a healthy relationship looks like, emotions get in the way of our better judgment. After getting our hearts broken, we often get the message that acting more like a stereotypical college guy is better—or at least less painful. From an outside perspective it is easy to see egocentric, fun-free, mess-free emotions. For some, that is satisfying enough; for most, it is not. Though some women may envy men and their ability to not get hurt, there are many men and women I have met who avoid commitment out of fear. They have gotten hurt in the past and that is why they act as they do. Often, the "fun" they seem to be having is merely a façade to avoid being vulnerable again. I hope that any of us who have felt envious of the way guys act in relationships can stop being hard on ourselves and realize what is really going on.

Though men and women are different biologically, I believe it is our culture that puts pressure on both sexes. Men are not encouraged to be caring and sensitive; women are not encouraged to be sexually active or alone. So when we fail to fit in with social expectations, we look exceptionally at the other side. Since the social expectations of men and women are so different in the dating world, we see what men do and associate it with their gender. But what are they really doing that we admire? They are able to have fun, not people and not be constantly disappointed. They do not have standards that are nearly as high and fitting into the idea of a successful college male does not include being in a relationship. The pressure to be part of a "we" is so much stronger for females that it takes all the joy out of socializing.

Whenever women are discussing a particularly attractive single male, there is usually a point when someone asks why he doesn't have a girlfriend yet. The conclusion is usually that his single status is due to his own choice—his lack of desire to commit, or maybe that he is not interested in women. Whatever the reason, people assume there is a reason. If a woman is single, however, rarely do I hear people suggest that it was her choice to be so.

I do not like or agree with the set standards, but I do believe it is important to acknowledge them as the first step towards knocking them down. The real issue is not of gender but of resisting social constraints and being confident in who we are. We need to take the pressure off ourselves and do what we want. We need to realize that those of us brave enough to go out on a limb and genuinely care about someone else are actually a heck of a lot braver than those of us committing the random acts of "instant intimacy" we witness on the dance floor in the basement of Old Kenyon on a Saturday night. When an opportunity for intimacy presents itself, we should not run away because we fear getting hurt. People will still get hurt. As the ones running away, we may be saving our own feelings but perpetuating the cycle by hurting others.

Before all of us who have been heartbroken in the past go out and embrace the seemingly easy lifestyles we admire, let's think about what we really want. This is what I want: to forget social pressures and stop being hard on ourselves and realize what is really going on. Stop being hard on ourselves and realize what is really going on. I hope that any of us who have felt envious of the way guys act in relationships can stop being hard on ourselves and realize what is really going on.

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**Correct Answer**

**Students:45 / Faculty:3**

**BY SARAH FRIEDMAN**

**Features Editor**

**What is the most consumed fruit in the world?**

Students: Banana. Faculty: Mangos.

**What was the element polonium named?**

Students: Poland. Faculty: Poland, Marie Curie's native country.

**In Montreal, is it illegal to do what in the rain?**

Students: Sing. Faculty: Spooning.

**What is the greatest distance someone has moonwalked in a day?**

Students: 50 feet. Faculty: 10.5 miles.

**Name one past nickname for the Uptown-Down Town Tree.**

Students: Umbrella Tree. Faculty: The Makeout Session Tree.

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**Features**

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**Sex & the Country**

**BY SVAN VAINER**

**Guest Columnist**

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**Correct Answer**

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**Faculty & Staff**

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**Students:45 / Faculty:3**
Denham Sutcliffe’s second demise

Kenyon is burning at the seams: dormitories are full, class sizes keep increasing and now we have begun cannibalizing space to house our ever-expanding administration.

The Student Affairs Center has grown this year to the point where their Guskin Avenue office can no longer contain itsirth. The office has now been split in two, its members occupying both of the office it has used for years and now the former Denham Sutcliffe Bookstore, which the administration decided to close down, according to Chief Business Officer Dave McConnell, had “lived its useful cycle.”

In an interview with the Collegian, McConnell said that Denham Sutcliffe made only $1,000 last year. That may seem like small change, until one recognizes that the bookstore sold books for 50 cents on a paperback and a dollar for a hardcover edition, meaning it sold between 500 and 1,000 editions last year.

Regardless of how much the bookseller made, McConnell’s reasoning sets a scary precedent. Does everything at Kenyon come down to dollars and cents? It seems plausible when viewed alongside the other moves the College has made recently.

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Welcome back to Gambier and a special welcome to the class of 2011! I wish I had met you all at the “Life on the Hill” program during orientation. I was supposed to speak on behalf of Kenyon Men for Social Responsibility. I would have given you statistics from a national study about sexual assault on college campuses and how Kenyon’s estimated number for the year would be over twenty. I was going to tell you how we should reduce that number to zero and that men needed to do their part by being respectful and responsible towards women. Unfortunately, I got appendicitis. At about 11 p.m. on Monday I checked into the emergency room at Lansing, Michigan Regional Medical Center’s South Side hospital where the motto goes something like: Shady Neighborhood, Great Care! I knew the place, and the surgeon on staff had saved my grandfather’s life just a few years earlier, so I was very comfortable.

The girl next to me was not so lucky. The guy who brought her in had found her unconscious on a sidewalk outside of a bar in East Lansing called Maggie’s, a popular and fairly nice place frequented by Michigan State students. She had no ID, no cell phone or purse. Her clothes, covered in vomit, were cut off so that the nurses could insert a catheter to her bladder.

Was this a simple case of a girl who had too much to drink? Not according to her blood test, which was relatively low. What her tests did come back positive for was GHb, the date rape drug. Some people think this is evil. The doctors asked her who she had too much to drink for was GHb, the date rape drug. She did not know her new number. The only good thing that had happened to her all night is that some random guy got her to the hospital and, according to the doctors, probably saved her life. The nightmare should be over. Unfortunately, here is where the real lesson begins.

In her anguish Ann refused any examination, including a rape kit. She did not cooperate with the police officers who came to take her statement, and was so hostile to the hospital staff that she was escorted off the premises at 5 a.m. into the aforementioned shady neighborhood, a place she had never seen.

When I awoke to hear that these events had transpired, I was sad but hopeful. I felt that I was meant to miss my talk in front of you all so that I might experience something infinitely more real. This girl was careful and still had a great tragedy befall her. Yet, when I relaxed this story to various female friends of mine they related it to Ann’s decisions. This scares me immensely.

I would ask you to consider the following: do not rely totally on your cell phone! Especially know important numbers when you are out of town. Watch out for your friends and take care of each other. As a rule, medical professionals and (most) cops are good people who are trained and willing to help you. When you are in a dire circumstance, your attitude is the first thing that should go out the window. Not all strangers are bad. In fact, some of us are here to help. Though Ann railed her frustration against those unfamiliar hospital employees, it was the kindness of a stranger that allowed her to wake up from an unthinkable nightmare.

Party policy fails to address core issue

Fall at Kenyon, with its influx of new first-years, means many things: endless reminders of what Ann is and is not “Kenyon,” constantly mistaking new faces for friends who’ve graduated or gone abroad and parties packed with students eager to make up for dry summers. But the rowdy parties of first semester are about to change: Kenyon’s new party policy, which requires students to register both open and closed parties and puts student party monitors in charge of keeping parties in check, hopes to harness underage drinking and create a safer party atmosphere.

This new policy has sparked a bevy of responses from students, ranging from excited to livid. Some have expressed their enthusiasm with the administration’s willingness to place more responsibility in the hands of students, while others worry that this new policy will deepen divisions at Kenyon.

My first worry upon hearing about this new policy was that the focus would be on the parties themselves, as opposed to the individual students. Sure, it would be great if Campus Safety never had to shut down a party, but wouldn’t it be better if we could halve the number of alcohol-related hospital runs? Pregaming, when undergraduate students drink copious amounts of what is usually hard liquor to make up for not being served at parties, is a serious problem on campus and one that often contributes to alcohol-related injuries and illness.

In replacing the role that Campus Safety plays at parties with student party monitors, the policy hopes to make it easier for students to be served beer at parties, and thus undercut the desire to take eight shots of Jaeger before heading out. How effective will student party monitors be? At big parties it will be difficult to know what is going on at all times, and students who served as party monitors this past weekend said they felt as though they weren’t sure what their jobs entailed. That said, though, I hope that if students replace Campus Safety as a presence at parties, students will be more confident that they will be served drinks and will be less inclined to proclaim before going out.

Nevertheless, most students I’ve talked to worry more about the aspect of the policy that requires all parties to be registered, regardless of whether they are open or closed. Open parties are parties open to the entire campus, and closed parties are those parties defined as gatherings of 20 people or less. If closed parties are registered, Campus Safety will have no reason to visit these parties (unless there is a noise complaint), and party monitors are not sent to closed parties.

What students seem to fear is the possibility of the administration showing their business, but what is most worrisome to me is the prospect of a changing social environment at Kenyon. One of the things I boast about to friends at home is how open Kenyon is, and how people aren’t turned away at parties. But I fear that this might change in the wake of the new policy, which puts the onus on party hosts to keep their parties small. And while I certainly don’t condone wandering unannounced into a stranger’s house and drinking their beverages or eating their food, someone shouldn’t have to be turned away because a party might become five or six people too large to remain closed.

I am excited to see that this policy isn’t a “crackdown” in any way, and that it recognizes the realities of the social scene at Kenyon. Putting responsibility in the hands of students allows us to take an active role in our community, and I would urge anyone still unsure about the exact guidelines in the policy to look it up on the Kenyon website (http://www.kenyon.edu/c5794.xml). As for my worries about whether or not this policy will change the party environment at Kenyon, I believe that how we handle the policy is up to the students. In the end, community is really what is important here, and I hope that our sense of community is strong enough to endure a change in where and how we share our drinks.
Gambier has always been home to swimming champions, but it now claims its own singing champion, too. The 16-year-old daughter of Kenyon College guidance counselor Patrick Gilligan, outshined the rest of the 14 to 18 age division to win the title of Mr. Vernon Idol this August 11. The Collegian got a chance to interview our own blooming star and aspiring Kenyon student.

When did you first start singing?

From the time I could open my mouth, we did shows for the family, and I always got to be the main performer.

Do you have a favorite song?

Reba is my favorite right now. I love “Forever Love,” and “I Think I’m Going to Take that Mountain” was what I sang for the win.

How did you choose the right song for the competition?

The crowd could get into it and it talks about female empowerment. It’s really into girl power (laughs). I like to choose songs that relate to people and really connect with the audience.

Do you ever write your own songs?

My dad and I write together. He was in a band called “The Grapes of Wrath” and we have a bunch of awards in the basement of these KFC-sponsored country music events. We’re going to record a demo—it’s kind of leaning towards country. This one song, “If you ever love, “ and “If you get out of all of it.” I think it’s more about finding your inner self and being able to get out of the high school world to something deeper.

Now you’ve won Mr. Vernon Idol, is American Idol next?

Probably not. I want to be a country singer or live in the country—and I really want to be a family person. I’m a nanny and I’ve had these kids for 2 years and I almost feel like they’re my own—I hope that doesn’t sound weird! I definitely want to be famous and if I decide to do go on I want to do it the hard way, doing demos and working my way up. It’s not that I don’t have respect for them—cause they put up with Simon. Anyone who has the guts to get up onstage demands respect.

But you seem so confident! Do you still get nervous before going onstage?

Mmm h m m, I get the—butterflies right before we get on. I think the cheering helps me get in front of a crowd. It’s so much easier to perform for the big crowds of people you don’t know than small crowds of people you do. I couldn’t do intermission in front of 20 people and there was a little over a thousand on idol and I didn’t blush. I’ll sing in the shower, or in the car with my dad, but nowhere else really.

What’s your favorite personal idol?

My psychology teacher. She told us the first day of school that you’ve been alone and you’re going to die alone so you might as well love yourself. I think it’s so true so any way you can find to build self-confidence I think you’re good.

Any words of advice for your fans?

I would someday love to say “GOOD NIGHT MT VERNON!” (laughs). I think I would say no matter what find some way to be funny because it becomes so much easier once you start and you build much more confidence in yourself.

As much as it’s psychology, I love it. It think it’s more about finding your inner self and being able to get out of the high school world to something deeper.

The idea of combining art and advertising—or even juxtaposing the two—did initially throw me off. Our generation has developed a healthy skepticism toward the tactics of commercials and magazines, and after reading the artists’ statement, some of the images began to look generic or even manipulative. But for every photograph that I could see as a back-ground for a store-bought frame, there is another that feels genuinely unique.

Overall, “Vision and Communication” is definitely worth seeing, and it should be interesting to hear Touster and Rice discuss the influence of commercialism in their own work.

The artists will hold a talk about their work tonight at 7:30 in the Olm Art Gallery.

For our first preview of the year, I’ll clarify the premise of our little student group and the show we love to watch: Mystery Science Theater 3000, a television show which ran from 1988 to 1999 and celebrated mediocrity in cinema. A man and his two “robots”—in this case, pup-pets cobbled together from random household items—are, as part of a mad science experiment, forced by their captors to watch horrible movies in a spaceship orbiting Earth. To deal with this predicament, these brave souls talk back to the movies they are forced to endure; the end result is funny and worth discovering.

That having been said, this week’s film, Squirm, is not a good movie. A heavy rain brings down a power line somewhere in back-woods Georgia, which then pumps a whole lot of electricity into the wet, worm-ridden ground. Instead of killing these worms, though, the electric current transforms them all into insane, flesh eating, intelligent super-worms, out to wreck the sleepy shantytown of Fly Creek and, basically, get all up in everybody’s business.

The movie does have protagonists, a skinny Yankee antique enthusiast and his even skinner redheaded beaupeole of a love interest, but it doesn’t try very hard to make us care about them. As a result, we don’t care when their friends and family get eaten and mutilated by worms,
On the hill

QuOtes Of the Week

Meghan McClincy ’09

Her job last summer as a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation traffic director led Meghan McClincy to an internship this summer at the United Steelworkers Union at its international headquarters in Pittsburgh, Penn. She worked in the communications department, writing articles for the Union’s political/labor magazine and interviewing people for its USW PowerCast radio show. She attended political rallies like the Employee Free Choice Act rally in Washington, D.C., protesting President George W. Bush’s veto of a bill that, according to McClincy, “fights for the rights of employees to unionize; it protects workers’ rights and it’s basically what the unions are all about.” She also traveled to Washington for Take Back America, a progressive social movement conference where she saw and greeted some of the presidential candidates. “It was interesting to see the impact the labor movement still has,” said McClincy. “They’re a big influence on what direction the primaries are going to take.”

Some of the Union’s current positions are ones many people might expect: anti-outsourcing, anti-NAFTA and pro-universal healthcare. A more surprising position, said McClincy, is its support of green initiatives. The Union recently formed an alliance with the Sierra Club. McClincy calls it “one of the most green-friendly, green-concerned groups in America right now.”

Alex Roland ’09

Alex Roland lived and worked outside of Athens, Greece, at the Archelon Society’s sea turtle rescue center. Early every morning for six weeks, before the temperature reached a high of 115 degrees, she and other volunteers from England, Wales, Sweden and France rehabilitated diseased and injured sea turtles so that they could be released back into the wild. The center housed twenty turtles at a time and treated them for infections, potential diseases and injuries caused by fishermen.

“I’m a bio major and I want to go to veterinary school,” said Roland, “so I was looking for something that was hands-on work with animals.” As such opportunities are difficult to find—and because she has never been to her ancestral country of Greece—she applied online last summer and secured the position. Although she is “a horse person,” Roland said working with reptiles was interesting because their cold-blooded system is different from what she has previously studied. The turtles’ aquatic environment causes “side issues,” she said, like having to drain their tanks every other day so that they can receive injections.

Alex Hull ’11

Alex Hull spent six weeks in the small town of Comalapa, Guatemala coaching soccer and teaching English. He lived with other college-age volunteers on a farm bought by a Peace Corps volunteer who built a soccer field, basketball court and organic garden. Although Hull used the field, he said his program was “all what I could create by myself using my own resources.” He brought his own soccer equipment, including 80 pairs of cleats donated by acquaintances and soccer organizations in his hometown.

Every morning, Hull taught English to fourth through sixth graders in a church school. Most of those 40 kids were on one of his two soccer teams, one for 8 to 12-year-olds and the other for 13 to 14-year-olds. He decided to go to Guatemala to learn Spanish, play soccer and help the people there. “[It] sounds trite, but [I went] to help people,” Hull said. “Not in a self-serving way so I can feel better about myself, but because I have the ability and money and resources to be able to pay for a plane ticket and to help kids out ... there’s just so many poor people in the world, and if I have the ability to help them out then it would be a disservice to the world if I didn’t do anything.”

Emily Burns ’08

As a junior, Emily Burns did not go abroad, so last summer she lived on Wasini Island in Kenya and worked with Global Vision International on environmental conservation research and community development projects. For five weeks, she lived in a Muslim village in a banda, which she described as “a cross between a hut and a building.” She and other volunteers conducted marine and forest research, monitoring animal populations—like bottlenosed dolphins and Angolan black and white colobus monkeys—to track how tourism affects them. The research was intended to “[help] the government make informed decisions about tourism,” said Burns. She also took classes that explained why the work was necessary.

The best part of the trip, said Burns, was that “through the community work that we did, we really were immersed in the culture and connected with the community so it wasn’t like we were outsiders so much.”
New faculty and staff members come to the Hill

The Collegian had the opportunity to speak with a few of the many new faculty and staff members who will be impacting the Kenyon community.

LUIGI FERRI
VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ITALIAN

Why did you decide to come to Kenyon?

After a four-year experience in a large university, I was offered the opportunity to teach in a smaller liberal arts college. I thought that working in such an environment (smaller classes, more occasions of contact with students, etc.) would allow me to better put into practice my ideas about teaching Italian language and Culture... and here I am!

What do you think of Kenyon so far?

I love everything I have seen so far! The campus life, students, my colleagues, my A.T.s... everything is great. From a more specific professional point of view, I am delighted with the organization and structure of the Kenyon Intensive Language Model. I believe that with it, students have an incredible chance to learn the languages and the cultures of the countries where those languages are spoken, thus becoming better citizens of the world.

What do you have planned for the rest of the academic year?

First and above all, I want to enjoy as much as possible my classes: this semester I am teaching one session of Intensive Italian and one of Advanced Italian; I really love to see these students either grow day by day in their knowledge of a new language, or develop and reinforce what they studied in the past while focusing on Italian culture. In terms of research I have a quite rich agenda: in November I will read a paper at the AATI (American Association of Teachers of Italian) conference in San Antonio, TX, while I am working on some other projects, including a monograph on Carlo Emilio Gadda, a 20th century Italian writer.

ALICIA DUGAS
ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENTS FOR HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Why did you decide to come to Kenyon?

I decided to decide to Kenyon for a variety of reasons. First and foremost, working in a liberal arts college in my undergraduate and having worked in several others, I see the distinct advantage that students have in this type of atmosphere. I value the combination of students being able to live and learn in the classroom and beyond. Kenyon values residential living for all of their students and working for an institution where this is fundamental to the mission of the institution speaks volumes about it. In addition, I had the opportunity to meet several Kenyon folks over the years who spoke of the wonderful education and environment that Kenyon offered. I have found this to be true but also have found that the students and the growing group of colleagues which make Kenyon even more of a fit for me. Finally, Kenyon offers a unique location. I love going to town feel after having lived in downtown Raleigh, NC for several years. The rolling hills, green grass, and small town feel are a perfect fit for my family.

What do you think of Kenyon so far?

Kenyon is wonderful. I’m not completely used to working and living in such a peaceful, natural setting and the lack of urban pollution, but I’m not complaining in the least. I’m also pleasantly surprised by how intertwined the faculty, administrative, and student communities are. Everyone knows everyone, and this broad and flexible social network is good serve at accepting newcomers like me.

What do you have planned for the rest of the academic year?

I am visionary and some would say a change agent. I think these are the areas that I seem to be blessed in. I balance those tendencies with honoring the history and understanding the tradition of a place at the same time. I look forward to being very visible as an Assistant Dean of Housing and Residential Life. I am looking forward to visiting buildings regularly, to see first hand issues that need to be worked on and also understanding what students love about their homes. To add to this, I have implemented open office hours so that students feel comfortable coming in and just talking. I also believe that a large part of my position is to mentor, advise and supervise the Residential Life team. The Assistant Directors, Head Community Advisors, and other Residential Community Advisors work very hard to serve the students of Kenyon as well as help aid their educational pursuits. I look forward to working with them more closely to make sure that their needs are being met in order for students to succeed more broadly. Other key issues include safety concerns for students, the housing lottery process/housing crunches, housing and safety planning for the future, and finally just fine tuning the work that Residential Life has been doing for years.

LORETTA KIM
MARILYN YARBROUGH DISSERTATION/TEACHING FELLOW IN HISTORY

Why did you decide to come to Kenyon?

I visited Kenyon for the first time in April of this year. It was the first time I contemplated being in residence at a liberal arts college, after receiving all of my higher education at a research university. I knew about the strong academic programs and equally serious and motivated students, but what also inspired me to seek an opportunity to teach here was the environment. Kenyon has the perfect physical spaces for deep concentration and a community that supports and encourages learning among people with various interests.

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I’m looking forward to teaching and getting to know students both in my department and others. I hope I can join in some student-faculty activities like Chi Chi’s Language Table and experience Kenyon life outside of the classroom like seeing sports events and getting my afternoon coffee at Middle Ground.

MILES LARSON
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Why did you decide to come to Kenyon?

I decided to come to Kenyon College for several reasons, most importantly, the position for which I applied was exactly what I wanted. An opportunity to focus on getting first and second year students to think about career development was a perfect fit. I really enjoy young students and find that many times they are already thinking about upperclassmen don’t.

What do you think of Kenyon so far?

I love it, especially now that the students are back. I feel that I have a lot more opportunities to get plugged into the campus community and develop an understanding of how Kenyon operates as a whole. Campuses are rather different without students strolling around everywhere.

What do you have planned for the rest of the academic year?

I will be doing a bunch of programing for first-year and sophomore students. Some presentations, some simple discussions and “The Lemonade Stand” will be the start. I will also continue publishing “The Other Toilet Paper” for first-year reading pleasure. I am also having individual and likely group meetings with students to discuss their career goals, and help in selecting their majors, working on summer jobs and internships, etc.

JASON BLOCK
ASSISTANT DEAN, OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

Why did you decide to come to Kenyon?

I decided to come to Kenyon because I love the liberal arts-collegiate environment. I was struck by how engaging and engaged the students are. I also liked the idea of being a part of a student life program committed to improving the campus life experience.

What do you think of Kenyon so far?

Kenyon is a community and institution on the move. Students here are smart, articulate and enjoy being on campus. I like that energy. Kenyon also seems open to the idea of chang- ing in ways that benefit both the campus and village communities.

What do you have planned for the rest of the academic year?
What do you think of Kenyon so far?

I am really enjoying my time at Kenyon. I am excited about the initiative and commitment students exude, and the students, faculty and staff are very welcoming. I am honored to be a member of this community.

What do you have planned for the rest of the academic year?

Student Activities is excited about our new location and new staff. We hope to increase student involvement and foster leadership skills, educate students about levels of commitment, and increase participation in campus events. We are excited to continue strong traditions while creating new events!

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My experiences at Kenyon have been wonderful. My colleagues in Student Activities and in the greater division of Student Affairs are very supportive and have welcomed me into the community. I am having a great time advising the Social Board!

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I am very excited that Student Activities has its own space and we will be working to make our office a great resource for students and organizations. I am really looking forward to some exciting late-night programs with the Social Board, including my first ever trip to Cedar Point on Saturday, September 15! You can go to Cedar Point too by signing up in Student Activities. Cost is $15 per student and space is limited!

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I was attracted to the quality people that I meet while interviewing for the position. There is a real commitment to education at Kenyon that I wanted to be part of. I also was attracted to the challenge and opportunities of the merged library and IT operations. It is the right model for a small college such as Kenyon, and one that I am intensely interested in.

What do you think of Kenyon so far?

I was drawn to Kenyon because of the great people I experienced during my interviewing. Tacci Smith and Amanda Buzzi feel confident that they are a big brother type. ... I was attracted to the opportunity and Kenyon seemed interesting so when Kenyon made the offer, I accepted it without hesitation.

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The physical beauty obviously will be able to surpass last year's. I was also impressed by the commitment of the faculty members to the highest level of teaching and scholarship.

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Lords football breaks records and Grinnell 70-35

BY LINDSAY MEANS
Staff Reporter

Lords Football opened the season with a 70-35 win over visiting Grinnell College. Pioneers, racketing up more points than had ever been scored in Kenyon football history, and topping the Lords’ record for total yardage in a single game.

The Lords’ record breaking offense, which totaled 624 yards, included several notable highlights, QB Rafael Sanchez ’08 racking up 157 yards (123 rushing, 234 passing). In addition, Sanchez threw for four touchdowns, rushed for two and completed 12 of 21 passes. WR Carlin Shoemaker ’08 had five receptions for 112 yards, returned four kicks for 111 yards and scored a touchdown. Javier Arelladoz ’09 scored two touchdowns and ran for 113 yards. Foot ’09 had 91 rushing yards and one touchdown, Joey Koneczny ’08 had one touchdown and 56 rushing yards.

The Lords defense held Grinnell’s offense to 237 total yards. The defense was led by LB Dan Rannula ’10, who had nine tackles, Mike Chase ’08, with eight stops and Chris Loggins ’08, with two sacks.

“Grinnell College fully earned every point they got,” said Lords Head Coach Ted Stanley. But Stanley still sees room for improvement. “The score looked good, but the game was a little sloppy,” he said. “We blocked fairly well, the effort was pretty good, but we just need to play harder.”

While mentioning the 16 penalties called against the Lords, Stanley was Compliment or not, Saturday’s game was a chance for players to shine, and the first years were no exception. For many of them, however, the game was a lot more than just a win. Starting cornerback Frank Monotl ’11 still

Stanley has high hopes for this year’s first years. In addition to Morales, he pointed out first years Mark Sullivan, Harrison Scott, Brandon Venderly, and Mike Buck as “solid players, guys you’ll really want to watch.”

“For next week,” he’ll be working on the basics, polishing, improving,” said Stanley. “We don’t need to reinvent the wheel or anything; it’s all mental, and that we can fix.”

Chase 08 claimed that, while the whole team was pleased with the win, they still have a lot of work ahead.

—“It’s not like we can just sit back and celebrate,” he said. “It was a good game where a lot of things went right, but we have to work to correct the things that went wrong. We need to add that the season is a new game. It’s a long season and we will have a long way to go.”

The Lords look next for revenge against the visiting Clmont-Mudd-Scipps Stags, who beat the Lords 3-10 last year. The game will be held at McBride Field this Saturday, September 8, at 1:00 p.m.

Volleyball attempts to salvage its season

BY JO HAYES
Staff Reporter

The Ladies’ volleyball team exists in a sort of athletic limbo as their season begins. With only five players, too few to be completely competitive, the Lady Kronys are working on changing what kind of team they are and if the lack of players will affect competition all season.

After losing five seniors and two rising sophomores, the volleyball team was left with only two returning players, Captains Hannah Ross ’09 and Callan Skirts ’10. The team, however, was apparently more than willing to join the team for pre-season.

“Coach had some people who were supposed to come on line on the week,” said Ross, “but some new comers.”

Only four athletes joined the Ladies for pre-season, leaving the team with six players, just enough for competition. After Emma Rottle ’10 decided to withdraw from the team, however, there were only five Ladies left on the volleyball court, too few for regular play.

“For me, volleyball didn’t work with my schedule,” said Rottle. “Ultimately, it’s hard to make a decision that’s the best for you when you know you’re letting other people down. It’s impossible sometimes to do everything you want, and that was a hard lesson to learn.”

Despite their problems, the Ladies remain hopeful. They plan on playing against other schools, but most likely in the form of a scrimmage instead of an official game. The Lady Kronys do not have enough players to compete in a full team game. The Ladies may, if it is possible, have to borrow one or two of the opposing team’s players in order to participate.

As for the reasons behind the inad- quate numbers, senior captain Grace Stainbrook of volleyball, opinions are varied. Ross believes it is a matter of the popularity of volleyball as a sport.

“Volleyball is a smaller, growing sport,” said Ross. “Because of social life, it will draw less people, as opposed to larger sports like soccer.”

Nevertheless, the team remains optimis- tic about the upcoming season and is always open to new players.

“We are still looking for people to play, especially to compete in conference matches,” said Skirts.

Ladies field hockey splits the weekend, goes 1-1

BY MEGHAN MCLUNIG Staff Reporter

The Ladies field hockey team won their season opener last Friday against the visiting DePauw University Tigers 2-1 in a thrilling overtime victory.

“We had some first-game jitters,” said goalkeeper Karen Thompson ’09. “But we showed our strength in overtime, when we worked hard for our winning goal. This game was a good indication of the changes we can make for future games.”

In the first half, the Ladies took the lead following a goal from Megan Connolly ’09, with an assist by Captain Lauren Keeling ’08. The Ladies held the lead until just under two minutes were left in regulation, when DePauw scored to tie the game. Despite the setback, the Ladies rallied to win in overtime on a walk-off goal scored by Keeling. Thompson had a strong showing in goal, making 11 saves.

In their second game of the weekend, the Ladies did not have as much luck as they lost to the DeSales Uni- versity Bulldogs 1-0 on Sunday. The Bulldogs scored early in the game, and the Ladies could not score, despite tak- ing 22 shots in the game.

“It was a disappointing loss, but we played a stronger overall game than on Friday,” said midfielder Jenny Howard ’09 said. “After the outcome of Sunday’s game, we are definitely looking forward to proving ourselves in our upcoming game on Friday against Earlham, our first conference match.”

Last year, the Ladies set a program best 18-6 record, in which they went on to claim the NCAA tournament. The result was the second round of the NCAA Division III tournament. Under the leadership of the team’s of- fensive dynamic duo, captains Keeling and Caroline Graham ’08, the Ladies will return to the season with 14 return- ing players, including eight returning starters.

The Ladies’ abundance of sea- soned talent and the NCAA ACAC coaches’ pick to win the conference title. The team received five of seven first- place votes in a recent preseason poll.

The Ladies’ next match-up is scheduled for this Friday at 4:30 p.m. at McBride Field against the Earlham College Quakers.