Approximately 15 Kenyon students have been treated for scabies, and about 40 more have been checked since an outbreak first began about two weeks ago.

The microscopic scabies mites cause rashes most commonly found between the fingers and toes, on the wrists, elbows, waist, thighs, buttocks and groin, and under armpits and breasts, said Nurse Practitioner and Acting Director of the Student Health Center Rebecca Metcalf. Inching results from the female's laying of eggs underneath the skin. This subsequent burrow can easily be mistaken for petty peckles or the symptoms of scabies, such as itchiness, often take four to six weeks from the time of exposure to be noticeable. The itchy red dots or small red lines created by these mites can exist on any part of the body, but sometimes only appear on the extremities. The rash varies from one person to another.

The origin of the outbreak is unknown, though it has been attributed to one resident of Norton Hall. While the resident did have scabies, the resident denied being the source of the outbreak. “I definitely did not have scabies before coming to campus,” the resident said. “I just didn’t realize what it was, so I didn’t worry too much about it.”

The period between contraction and treatment is one of the main causes of outbreaks, Metcalf said.

The Norton resident originally thought the itching was due to “mosquito bites and scratches … it didn’t seem like I should be worried. And then I found out it was scabies.”

One student who came into contact with the Norton resident also contracted scabies. “I noticed a few bumps on my stomach,” the student said. “I went and got it checked out in the Health Center and they said ‘Those aren’t scabies,’ then I went back and they said ‘those are scabies.’”

The student was treated after it was confirmed that the rash was scabies. “The health center was accommodating,” the student said. “They had some good advice [and] good pamphlets.”

The student, however, said the reaction to the outbreak on campus, which has included a number of all-star messages, has been unfair. “I feel a little victimized … [the] whole scabies thing is funny, and the all-stars are funny, but I don’t want to be known as [the student with scabies],” the student said. “I went through the whole treatment, so I’m actually more scabies-free than anyone who hasn’t been checked out.”

The student also said that the scabies had nothing to do with personal hygiene. “It has nothing to do with cleanliness.”

“Contracting scabies really requires body-to-body contact,” said Metcalf. “It cannot be transferred through a condom, but if you’re in such close proximity or in such a position as to need a condom with a person that has scabies, you could be infected. If I gave you a hug, I wouldn’t be worried about it—but then again, I’m not giving you a hug for 5 or 10 minutes.”

Not all the students on the hall of the first scabies case were treated, Metcalf said, but all the couches and furniture in first-year lounges received extra cleaning. Laundry—both of clothing and bedcovers—as well as frequent hand washing and showers are good ways to prevent infection.

Cleaning clothing, towels and any other fabrics that have been used or worn by the infected person before they were treated for scabies must be done with hot water and detergent or soap. The clothes should then be put into a dryer, not hung up to dry. Mattresses need to be cleaned with Lysol or a disinfectant solution before the sheets may be put back on the bed. Upholstered furniture must be well vacuumed, as the mites can survive for two weeks without human contact.

Any students concerned that he or she might have scabies should see their nurse practitioners, or see scabies in the article linked here.
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**News**

### Scabies: origin of outbreak still unknown to campus population

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by the Foodservice Department in collaboration with the Office of Residential Life and the Counseling Center. Despite the death of the mites at the beginning of any school’s fall semester, McTaff said, especially now that harmful chemicals, such as DDT, are no longer rid- ing the environment of such pests.

“Housekeeping has been wonderful to work with,” McTaff said, because they are making a real effort to ensure the eradica- tion of all mites around campus, especially those that could be surviving on the furniture of residence halls.

The Office of Residential Life and the Community Advis- ors are equipped with the proper disinfectants should a problem arise in one of the dorms, McTaff said. According to her, the prob- lem has been almost completely eliminated, provided that stu- dents willingly continue coming to the Health and Counseling Center to be examined if they feel they have been exposed to scabies or if they are experiencing itchiness.

### AVI: contracts may not include full-coverage health insurance

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area if the next meeting doesn’t go well.”

AVI’s employees are cur- rently working on an extension of their original contract while the negotiations take place. The workers would have to give a ten-day notice in order to terminate the extension.

AVI took over for Aramark as Kenyon’s foodservice pro- vider in January 2006. Many of the current AVI employees also worked for Aramark prior to the change. In the months lead- ing up to the transition, AVI’s management made assurances to the College and to Aramark employees that any existing employees would have the op- tion to continue working.

Although they work in College-owned dining halls, the foodservice workers are em- ployed by AVI, not by Kenyon College. Chief Business Officer Dave McConnell declined to speak on the matter, saying it would be “inappropriate to comment on an active negotia- tion between AVI and its employees at this time.”

Throughout AVI’s asso- ciation with the College, issues surrounding foodservice work- ers have garnered the attention of Kenyon’s student body. In December of 2005, the Col- legian reported that between 50 and 70 Kenyon students attended a contract negotiation between AVI and UniteHere represen- tatives at the Mount Vernon Holiday Inn.

In light of the newest round of negotiations, several student groups have organized events in support of dining hall employees. Nu Iota Alpha, a local sorority, held an AVI Employee Appreciation Day yesterday, asking students to support the foodservice workers by signing a petition. The AVI employees’ nego- tiating team is hopeful that the upcoming meeting will lead to a favorable resolution between the two sides.

“We hope that on Nov. 2 we can get this thing wrapped up,” Arck said. “We appreciate the support of students.”

See http://www.unitehere. org for more on UniteHere and http://www.kenyon.avifoodweb. com/ for more about AVI and Kenyon’s dining services.

### Greek Council

Oct. 15, 2007

- Two pieces of legislation were introduced at Greek Council. Safe Drivers passed Resolution 07/07 that governs the rules of Safe Drivers, stipulating no ratio of Greek affiliated to unaffiliated students in the organization. Judicial Board passed Council Concurrent Resolution 01-07, outlining how students run and are elected for positions. Students now submit a letter of intent as well as their student records.

- The council decided that those conducting pledge activities in the fall must send in pledge schedules by the end of this week.

- The council decided that advisors of organizations and the council to meet and discuss goals and cooperation.

- Greek Council and the Athletics Department are to meet and discuss interaction and ‘work week.’

- Boy City is to be held this Thursday outside Hannah Hall by Phi Kappa Sigma to raise awareness for homelessness. Owl Greeks are to perform and snacks will be provided.

—Marenka Thompson-Oldham

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**Student Council**

Oct. 14, 2007

- Three new clubs were approved.

- The debate team’s budget was approved. Greek Council asked for money for Safe Drives and were approved. Horn Gallery received 9 percent of their requested budget because their proposal did not state where the money was to be allocated. Renegade Theatre received 99 percent of money requested. WKCO received $3,650 to purchase a new soundboard, because the last one was extremely old, and of co-sponsorship for a band.

- Six letters of intent for Campus Safety Committee were approved. More letters of intent from independents were requested because the committee is so far mainly made up of Greeks, and more involvement from independents would be appreciated.

- The Food Committee needs people from each class committee to be on the food committee. The representatives should be of varied dietary needs so that there are multiple perspectives on the committee. The committee will discuss AVI issues and also students’ issues with AVI, such as increasing disposable flatware and silverware so that the amount of waste being lost will decrease, and re-starting the reclamation of wastes from dorms.

- The council plans to continue hosting forums to get students involved, such as having a forum to discuss the new party policy, a forum on the college network with Vice President of LBS Mike Boy on Nov. 1 and an Athletic Academic Forum on Oct. 15 to discuss the issue of athletes missing classes due to practices and games.

- Matters involving the housing lottery will first be handled by the Housing and Grounds Committee, and then brought back to Student Council. One suggestion is that an on-line poll be sent out to students about the housing lottery in order to get feedback.

- The council suggested having a student from each class committee on every Student Council committee to increase communication and participation between groups. A concern about this idea was that it recycles the same people and that there are no new people participating. One suggestion to get students more involved in the committee meetings was to send out the minutes to each class committee so that they discuss any issues that they find interesting.

- The council discussed the reaction to and the effectiveness of the fact that there may be swipe cards for Peirce Hall when it re-opens.

- The council plans to raise issues at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting such as replacing furniture in some of the residential halls, swipe cards in Peirce and the fact that changes seem to occur with or without student input.

- Suggestions were made for the council’s website. These suggestions include a comment box on the web site, a page for each Student Council committee that tells students which issues are being discussed in those committees and a place where meeting times can be posted so students can attend meetings.

- Committee chairs/class presidents will come to the next Student Council meeting with a brief summary of their committee’s plan for the rest of the year.

—Hannah Curtin

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**Admissions: Applications on Pace to Break All-Time High**

**By Sarah Queller**

Little more than a month before the College’s early-decision deadline, applications for admission are on pace to break last year’s all-time record of 4,627.

“If all indicators continue, we will have more applicants this year [than last],” said Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Sandra Delahunty. “Although the early-decision application deadline is not until November 15, and the regular-decision deadline is Jan. 15, Delahunty said applications are already running ahead.

Delahunty attributed the surge in applications to the ease of applying electronically, which allows students to apply to more schools, making the admissions process less predictable. Delahunty also acknowledged a national demographic bulge and that Kenyon has become “less of a hidden gem and more of a first-choice college.”

Delahunty said she expects the acceptance rate for the class of 2012 to be lower than that of the class of 2011 but that “it’s hard to say how much lower.” According to the College’s website, last year’s class had a “historically low admittance rate of 29 percent.”

Of the 4,627 applications, 1,351 students were admitted and 463 of those enrolled, for a yield of 34 percent, up two percent from the year before. If the increase holds, it might remain a trend, Delahunty said, the Admissions Committee “may need to be more cautious [with the number of students it accepts].”

Delahunty said she predicts the committee will admit around 1,380 students this year.

Delahunty said the College tries to fill less than 40 percent of its class from the early-decision pool in order to “make sure there are plenty of spots” for regular-decision applicants. She also added that two years ago, there was a “25 percent leap” in early-decision applications.

According to Delahunty, the Admissions Committee values students who challenge themselves by taking the most rigorous classes in their high schools and who are creative, community-minded, engaged and multi-faceted. The Admissions Committee uses 12 factors to judge students, said Delahunty, continuing by saying that no factor is more important than any other. She said the committee looks at “soft factors, such as recommendations, and at ‘hard’ factors such as GPA and rigor of classes.

“Everything is a factor,” she said. “It’s the composite of the person that really matters.” Delahunty said the committee reviews each candidate, and that admission is never random.

Increasing the diversity of the student body is a “keen priority,” according to Delahunty. She said the Admissions Committee is reaching out to schools with more diverse students, and is expanding its visit programs to enable students from diverse backgrounds to stay at Kenyon.

Delahunty said the committee is trying to bring “more students of color to campus” so that they can realize they feel comfortable at Kenyon. Delahunty also said the College has a broad view of diversity, which includes students who are first-generation college students.

Delahunty said the Admissions Committee “balances a list,” including factors such as in-state or out-of-state residence and gender. Delahunty also said students with legacy standing are never automatically admitted, but are sometimes awarded additional early readings in the process. She said the aim is to compose a “class that’s interesting,” with students who “provide the fuel that keeps [Kenyon] going.” No students are admitted, however, unless they are able to handle Kenyon academics.

The College keeps track of the schools that applicants have applied to in addition to Kenyon. Those that most often appear on this list are called overlap schools. For the class of 2011, Oberlin College, Carleton College, Middlebury College, Bowdoin College, Grinnell College, Macalester College and Denison University are Kenyon’s top overlap schools. Delahunty predicted that Kenyon’s decision to not release its data to US News & World Report will not affect applications because the College will make its data available on its website.

“It really is all about fit,” Delahunty said, “and that is the art of admission, not the science.”

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**Peeps’ O’Kenyon grapple with their Greek status**

**By Hannah Curran**

After recent social probation and reinstatement on Greek Council, the Peeps’ O’Kenyon stands at an interesting crossroads as whether or not to continue as a Greek organization or become independent.

The Peeps were placed on social probation earlier this year after their annual parade through North Campus. Neither Greek Council Advisor Brent Timmer, Dean of Students Tammy Social nor the Peeps would comment on the situation.

In addition, two weeks ago the Greek Council voted to inform the Peeps, listed as a Greek organization, that if they wish to continue enjoying the Greek privileges of rush, pledge, initiation and division housing they should pay the same Greek Council dues, attend meeting and adhere to the academic and community service standards as the other member organizations.

The Peeps, however, do not feel that they were ever a part of the Greek community. “We feel that we are being told to attend these meetings, rather than invited,” said Anne Kaiser 08, co-president of Peeps O’Kenyon.

“Both our members and alumni have been sending unhappy emails.” Peeps O’Kenyon formed in 1970 when the Lambda chapter of the Sigma Pi fraternity severed its connections with the national organization and became a local fraternity, according to the Kenyon archives. The widespread student rebellion triggered by Vietnam in the late 1960s and early 1970s took a toll on national fraternity membership, which at Kenyon also coincided with the feminism brought by the first women students in 1969. The result was a drop from 80 percent of students joining national fraternities to only 40 percent, according to the former Kenyon archivist Thomas Greenslade ‘31 — making the idea of a community-based, untraditional group became more appealing.

As the Peeps O’Kenyon listing under “Fraternities” on the Kenyon College website reads, “Guided by the ideology of purity and charity, we disbanded from national fraternal ties in 1970 to achieve greater creative independence and initiative with the Kenyon Community. In 1974, female members were accepted to form a more perfect aura within our state. We are balanced and continuous people, best known for their annual cross-dressing Deb Ball and springtime ‘wedding ceremony’; the Peeps largely keep to themselves, sharing little information about their rush or pledging process known as ‘turlting’.

Despite the move from national to local fraternity (and its immediate admission of women), the Peeps did not immediately leave the Greek community. There are records of the Peeps attending first the Interfraternity Council (which existed until 1981) and its successor, the Greek Council, until 2000. After this, the attendance sheets are absent of Peeps, although there was no move to remove them from the Council or the list of organizations considered fraternities on the Kenyon website.

“We, too, are a society [versus a fraternity or sorority], and a non-exclusive one. But we rush, we pledge, we initiate and enjoy division housing,” said Duff. “Just because your organization functions under the same rules as the rest of the Council doesn’t mean that you need to partake in the ‘Greek culture’ you dislike. This is more for the asset of the Greek community than the detriment of the Peeps.”

The reintegration process for the Peeps, if they so choose, into Greek Council is based on the precedent set by the Archons two years ago when that society chose to become officially Greek. Although the Council does not possess the power to eliminate division housing, it remains uncertain as to whether or not the Peeps would retain their traditional division in the center of Old Kenyon during the housing lottery if no longer termed Greek. If they choose not to remain Greek, the Peeps as an independent organization would fall under the direct jurisdiction of Student Life Committee and loose the privilege to rush and initiate. They still, however, could throw parties due the new party policy.

“We have no problem with you, we will be doing what we can for you,” said Marcus Hough 10. “You do all the same things we do. Whether you like it or not the school is going to view you as a Greek organization. No one likes sitting here at Greek Council or following these rules, but those are our responsibilities.”

At the time of publication, the Peeps had not decided on a course of action.
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Gambier Sustainability Committee

BY LINDSAY MEANS
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Last Wednesday, in honor of National Coming Out Day, the Unity House sponsored the second annual pride parade, open to the entire Kenyon community. The parade featured members of the administration, faculty and student body, who made their way down Middle Path decked out in everything from rainbow bathrobes to multicolored leis.

The pride parade was started last year as a way for the Kenyon community to express their support for GLBTQQ friends, family, classmates and coworkers and the second year was a success, says Unity House Manager Jeshia West ’08. The attendance was significantly larger than that of last year, and the fact that it began raining did not seem to bother any of the attendees.

The parade faced obstacles greater than the gloomy weather, however. The real storms were those that had been gathering all week in the form of all-stus who were upset by Evan McLaren ’08 accusing the Unity House of planning a “long, oppressive week for anyone who values free speech and wishes simply to be left alone.”

The ensuing all-stu war was immediate and passionate, provoking responses from members of the Unity House as well as members of the community who disagreed with McLaren’s statements, some accusing him of discriminating against homosexuals.

West said, however, that she was ultimately pleased with the situation. “We’re not trying to fight battles here,” she said. “All we’re trying to do is help keep this school a comfortable, welcoming place that will allow students to be themselves—we need to talk, we need to debate.”

In addition, she said, the all-stus provided added exposure. “It’s actually perfect timing,” West said. “A lot of students who were apprehensive about the Unity House were able to see the amount of respect and support that has been shown from the school community, and it’s given us a lot of free publicity!”

While the Unity House never officially released a statement concerning McLaren’s accusations, West said that this was not necessary. The responses from the student body were sufficiently in line with the viewpoints of the Unity House that having an “official stance was less powerful ... we have a lot of supporters, and they were willing to stand up for us. We didn’t have to fight.”

McLaren said that his message was not intended to encourage or endorse discrimination, while he admits that “the claim that certain people feel traumatized by my all-stus likely is true.” Kenyon, he says, should be a place where people “hear opinions that challenge them, and even disturb them ... but we eliminate this aspect of education when we try to guarantee the comfort and self-esteem of every student through tolerance policies and anti-discrimination campaigns.” He said he disagrees with the Unity House as a base for public expression, but not as a place for community and discussion, so the fact that his criticism boosted their publicity does not make him “particularly anxious.”

His claim is that the Unity House enjoys “familizing and moralizing, and casting in the shade those who aren’t insensitive but have honest reservations and disagreements with views that the Unity House holds up as authoritative.”

West said that the Unity House is much less a place for public discourse than private support. “We aren’t trying to convert people, but we want to engage in a discussion with them.” Ultimately, she said, the organization as a whole does not want to get lost in arguments, but rather allow people to just hang out with us—and feel comfortable about it.

Because of an all-stu war, the Unity House will soon be hosting a weekly forum that will not be open to straight students. Meeting locations and times will vary; any students interested must contact the Unity House directly. In addition, the Unity House will be hosting an Open House from 12:3-3 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 20, and the second “Snacks and Sexuality” of the year will be held next Tuesday and will feature President S. Georgia Nugent, Dean of Students Tammy Gocial and Profes sor of Anthropology David Suggs, who will speak on the “importance of straight allies to the GLBTQQ community.”

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Oct. 10, 6:34 p.m. — Medical call at the Ernst Center regarding student with allergic reaction to food. Student transported to the Health Center.

Oct. 11, 10:04 a.m. — Non-injury vehicle accident at Watson Hall east parking lot.

Oct. 11, 10:16 p.m. — Vandalism/tires slashed on vehicle parked at the KAC.

Oct. 12, 5:58 a.m. — Medical call regarding student with an allergic reaction to medicine. Student transported by squad to the hospital.

Oct. 12, 4:27 p.m. — Theft of items from car at the remote lot.

Oct. 13, 12:47 a.m. — Underage consumption by guest of student at Ganster Residence. Person transported to host’s room.

Oct. 13, 1:36 a.m. — Unauthorized entry by students into Peirce Hall.

Oct. 13, 1:45 a.m. — Underage consumption at Mather Residence. Roommate will watch student.

Oct. 13, 2:20 a.m. — Vandalism in room at Leonard Hall.

Oct. 13, 9:10 a.m. — Fire in packer truck outside the KAC. Fire extinguished with extinguisher.

Oct. 13, 11:36 p.m. — Vandalism/shower curtain bar broken at Manning Hall.

Oct. 14, 2:10 a.m. — Underage consumption of alcohol at Delt Lodge/Canes Residence.

Oct. 14, 3:38 a.m. — Underage consumption/ill student at Mather Residence. Student transported by squad to the hospital.

Oct. 14, 2:31 a.m. — Fireworks/smoke bombs at Gund Commons and Mather Residence.

Oct. 14, 9:20 a.m. — Vandalism/writing on EXIT light at Old Kenyon.

Oct. 15, 12:09 a.m. — Tampering with fire equipment—pull station pulled at Mather Residence. No smoke or fire found and alarm was reset.

Oct. 15, 11:47 a.m. — Fire alarm at Olin Library. No smoke or fire found and alarm was reset.

Oct. 13, 2:20 a.m. — Vandalism in room at Leonard Hall.
Philander Chase Corporation ensures Kenyon’s seclusion

BY SARAH FRIEDMAN
Features Editor

The 1998 Alumni Bulletin featured a photograph of Old Kenyon superimposed on the Columbus skyline. This startling image demonstrated that “the pressures from urban sprawl were beginning to come out toward Knox County,” said Doug Givens, managing director of the Philander Chase Corporation, which was founded in 2000 to counter the disappearance of rural lands around Kenyon.

The corporation is a non-profit organization intended to “preserve and maintain the farmland, open spaces, scenic views and characteristic landscapes surrounding Gambier,” according to its mission statement. It was created by members of Kenyon’s Board of Trustees but is a separate entity, with its own board of directors.

The corporation does not seek to acquire property, but “will own land if that’s the only way to protect it,” said Givens. A total of 2,400 acres are owned by the College or permanently protected by its partners, and the corporation has purchased only 250 of these acres. It wants to preserve land “forever,” said Givens, “not just for a period of time and have it paved over in three years.”

The corporation enjoys the “Right of First Refusal” in College Township—if owners are selling land for development, the corporation will have the right to purchase it before it is offered to any other entity and will “step in and buy it,” said Givens.

Background

According to Givens, when Bishop Philander Chase founded Kenyon College in 1824, he bought 8,000 acres of land with the intention of making the College self-sufficient. Chase called Kenyon “a place of natural beauty, a majestic yet secluded hilltop plain in central Ohio, remote, walled about with forests, impenetrable to vice and yet very accessible.”

This vision did not endure long; from the 1830s to the early 1900s, the College sold its northern 4,000 acres and pieces of property in College Township, the remaining 4,000. By the time Kenyon became coeducational in 1972, “the College was down to about 600 acres,” said Givens.

“Wake-up call”

In the late 1980s, the owner of the land at the bottom of the Hill announced his intention to build a trailer park there. “It was a wake-up call because it was the first time in a long time that the College actually started to think about outside of Gambier,” said Givens. “We hadn’t really focused on what was around us that could impact us, so we decided that we needed to be more involved in the ball game.”

The College, under President Philip Jordan, sued the landowner and settled by buying the land. A corn maze in the shape of Old Kenyon now occupies that land.

In the beginning of the 1996-2001 capital campaign, the Buildings and Grounds Committee made a proposition entitled “Rural Vision” to the Board of Trustees. Its goal was to raise $1 million for “land acquisition or protection,” according to Givens. It exceeded its goal by 250 percent.

“That was enough to convince us that there was enough of an interest in the alumni body for us to protect property,” said Givens.

By 2000, the Board of Trustees concluded its study of the Rural Vision proposal and, encouraged by President Robert Oden, formed the Philander Chase Corporation.

Partners in preservation

In 1997, Ohio ranked second of all states losing farmland over the previous five years; it had lost 212,200 acres. “Ohio’s number one industry is agriculture,” said Givens. “The state of Ohio was very concerned about this loss of farm land. The next year, the state of Ohio commissioned the Farm Land Preservation Task Force.

Knox County followed the state’s and the College’s examples in 1999 when it formed the Knox County Farmland Preservation Taskforce. In 2000, the taskforce approved Clean Ohio, a law intended to clean up brownfields, which are places that have led to the land being contaminated, preserve farmland and natural spaces and create bike trails and outdoor recreational spaces.

Kenyon College, as an education non-profit corporation, was not eligible to receive those funds [from Clean Ohio], so the College created a new corporation,” Givens said.

The state partially finances the Corporation’s easements. An easement is “the agreement that the property will continue to be farmed forever and ever and ever,” said Givens. Ohio will pay for up to 75 percent of an easement, but the Corporation must supply the remaining percentage. Givens said it hopes to obtain this money from the College’s current capital campaign of $230 million, of which the Corporation will ask for $4 million.

According to Givens, “the Chase Corporation is a leader in the state of Ohio in holding agricultural easements.” Once local farmers learned about the Philander Chase Corporation, they began asking it for assistance in keeping family farms. In order to have a farm protected by the Corporation, the farmer can sell the rights to produce agricultural products without selling the farm itself. The farmers then receive a payment from the Corporation not to develop the land.

What is visible to students?

The Corporation’s most recent action is its August protection of White Oak Farms, which is still pending. The Corporation owns all 385 acres of the Brown Family Environmental Center, which according to Givens is “all that land you can see up there [by the observatory].”

Kenyon students are permitted on all land the College owns, like the BFEC, but the Corporation is a separate entity and its protected land remains private property.

Sunset Bench Dedicated

A memorial to Amanda Block ’05 was recently completed in the wooded area around Sunset Point. Block, a 23-year-old resident of Morristown, N.J., perished in a car accident this February.

After earning a master’s degree in art history and connoisseurship from the University of Glasgow in Scotland, Block was pursuing a freelance career in film production.

Sunset Point, known for its scenic views of the twilight sky, is now also home to a stone memorial in Block’s honor. The Block family worked with College officials and a local stonemason, David Kridler ’75, deciding on a monument of several small boulders featuring carved seats to view the setting sun. Some stones from an old barn foundation provide a formal path down the slope.

According to Kenyon’s Forthnightly newsletter, funding for the project came from around $18,000 in donations made to Kenyon in Block’s memory. The majority of the work was completed over the summer, and a plaque memorializing Block will later be mounted on a carved stone post. Kridler commented on the visual effect of the new memorial.

“Because it’s a quiet space and because it’s the way I work, I wanted the project to have a visually low impact, to look like something that belonged there,” Kridler said. “When you look down, you’re drawn by the stones.”

In an interview with Forthnightly, Stephen Block ’75, father of Amanda, said that his daughter “had a good temperament for an artist … high-energy, enthusiastic, but sort of introspective.”

Block said the memorial was intended as a place “where classmates can go, and where [he] can go and feel connected in a spiritual way.”

“We would have gone to reunions together,” Block said. “You want to feel that there’s a place where you’re connected. We wanted to make Kenyon that place, a place where we thought of happy times.”

Teddy Eismeyer
Kenyon Web site to get new design from White Whale

This past week, representatives from White Whale Web Services have been hosting open discussions with students, faculty and administrators about Kenyon's Web site and what changes should be made to its design.

The project is being overseen by a redesign committee that was organized by the Public Affairs office.

"The idea [for collecting committee members] was to get a representative cross-section of the campus, people who look at the Web in a variety of ways and use the Web in different ways and have different kinds of interests," said Director of Public Affairs Shawn Presley. "The interesting thing about the Web is that it has to be so many things to so many people."

The Web site we currently use was designed in 2003 by Chicago-based design company mStoner and was designed in 2003 by Chicago University, Duke University and, according to Tetto, White Whale primarily designs Web sites for universities and colleges. "We’ve done a few nonprofits, but all of our major clients in the past few years have been universities," said Tetto. Some of those schools include Brown University, Duke University and, most recently, Haverford College.

"Having a blog was the best way to do it, so we’re sticking with that."

Hot plans are expensive, "said Pontius, throughout the redesign process. "Planes are expensive," said Pontius, "but I’m sure some of us will be back."

The committee is unsure of the final cost of redesigning the Web site. "This is the type of thing we plan for every four to five years, so it’s kind of built into a budget cycle," said Presley. "The cost for these kinds of projects, it’s in line with what we would pay for admissions publica-
tions or the brand of the school."

This will be the first year that the new design of the Web site and the new design of the admissions prospectus, used to recruit students, will be done within the same time period. The prospectus will again be written by Director of Admissions Communications Amy Blumenthal and designed by Landshurg Design, a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-based company that the school has used for many years.

According to Presley, the goal is to create a “sense of continuity between them … they aren’t supposed to be the same, or match, but we want to make more continuity between the print publication and the electronic publication,” he said.

Those serving on the committee include Director of New Media Patty Burns, Assistant Director of New Media Rebecca Mazur, Director of Admissions Communications Amy Blumenthal, Associate Director of Admissions Sarah Christiansen, Dean of Admissions Jennifer Delahunty, Administrative Assistant for Political Science and IPSH Janile Griggs, Director of Information Systems. The team continues to develop the redesign and the electronic publication, he said.

"We hope that there is not a period where we are down to the world,” said Burns. “We hope to minimize any downtime or any inconveni"
Lenin and laughs in the Bolton this family weekend

**BY THOMAS PETER**
Guest Writer

You may be introducing your parents to your professors, your friends and even the Nuge this weekend, but you also have the choice of giving them a little dose of Lenin, not to mention James Joyce and Tristan Tzara. If revolutionary politics and modernist authors don’t appeal to you, there’s always a little drawing-room comedy straight out of Oscar Wilde, plus some limewicks, vaudevillean comedy and a touch of a striptease.

You don’t have to run all over campus to find the lectures or readings that will cover all of these topics. (And no, you don’t have to drag the ‘rents to the Foxhole to see that striptease, either.) You can find it all on the stage of the Bolton Theater, where a cast of some of Kenyon’s most talented (and versatile) actors and actresses will be performing in Tom Stoppard’s *Travesties,* a parody of Oscar Wilde’s *The Importance of Being Earnest.*

The play is directed by Professor of Drama Thomas Turgeon, who first became interested in putting on the show when he taught it last spring in a class on contemporary British drama.

“It’s an interesting puzzle to solve,” said Turgeon of Stoppard’s drama.

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The costumes, though simple, were quite difficult, “said Turgeon, “but it’s also a great deal of fun. Perhaps the best thing about the show is that it is a very funny play.”

A few highlights of the last weekend’s production included Act 3’s balcony scene, which featured a creative set (using the aforementioned chairs) positioned in a circle around Juliet’s “balcony” symbolizing the familial conflict as the obstacle between the two lovers. Strong as well was the scene in which Juliet’s parents demand she marry Paris, played by Jonah Auteri ‘11. Both Alex Kaplan ‘11 and Kate Kremer ‘11 exuded intense energy as Lord and Lady Capulet. Emma Farnsworth was a mesmerizing Juliet, infusing emotion into the Shakespearean verse with greater ease than many actors do.

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Roméo and Juliet success for Black Box

**BY TAYLOR WATERMAN**
Staff Writer

Last weekend’s production of *Romeo and Juliet* was a surprisingly dynamic and energetic performance despite the limiting size of the theater in which it was produced.

Although trying to present a work of William Shakespeare in the Black Box Theater may have been difficult for some, William Cirico ‘10 pulled it off exceptionally well. The use of space in scenes such as Romeo and Juliet’s first encounter was excellent; the cast used the entire stage while maintaining the intimacy provided by a small theater. Also impressive was the use of props—mainly a number of chairs that functioned as versatile components of the set throughout the performance. The costumes, though simple, served to subtly, yet successfully represent, the conflict between the opposing families.

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Mystery Science Theater 3000 is shown on Fridays in Higley Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.
Quilting artists discuss work in Olin

The current exhibit in Olin Art Gallery, “Innovation and Tradition: Contemporary Art Quilting in Ohio,” includes the work of artists from across the state, and showcases a variety of quilting media and techniques.

During a common hour lecture and discussion on Tuesday, four of the artists involved in the exhibition—Ellen Harbort, Linda Shaffer, Elaine Hartley and Jo Rice—spoke about their work, focusing on their quilting beginnings, inspirations, and processes.

Harbort became interested in quilting as a young girl, making clothes for her Barbie dolls out of her mother’s leftover scraps of cloth. In college, she said, she became “obsessed with collages from magazines,” and these two hobbies later came together in the form of art quilting. For her first art quilt, she used scraps from her wedding dress along with pieces of cloth her mother found in her grandmother’s house.

Her inspiration, she said, usually “comes from a piece of fabric,” and she often begins a quilt without having a specific plan for how it will eventually look.

Shaffer, the second artist who spoke, said that she begins her quilts “either from an idea, a technique [she enjoys] or even the material itself.”

She keeps books full of scraps, pictures and ideas for quilts, and said these books are “more important to her than some of [her] artwork.”

“I usually have an idea, a memory I have, something someone says, so I keep journals,” she said.

One of her quilts on exhibit was inspired by a childhood memory of going into the woods with her brother, getting deliberately lost, lying on the ground and staring up at the sunlight shining through the trees.

Like Harbort, Shaffer enjoys a somewhat improvisational quilting process, often beginning a quilt without knowing exactly how she will finish it. “Sometimes I don’t know the techniques,” she said, “but they always show up.”

Elaine Hartley, who taught at Kenyon’s craft center for almost 20 years, is also chiefly inspired by fabric. “I love fabric,” she said. “It speaks to me, it tells me what to do, I have a dialogue with the fabric.”

Along with using fabric for quilting, Hartley has also recently taken a series of photographs of fabric floating underwater. The fabric being distorted by the current, and the light shining on the water create interesting images.

Rice, another quilter and once a studio art major at Kenyon, talked about how to overcome an artistic “block.”

“Trust yourself, don’t be afraid,” she said. “If you make a mistake, it doesn’t really matter. You can make a potholder or handkerchief [out of it], and you can learn something from it.”

The History Boys
Friday, October 19, 7:30 p.m. KAC Theater

Once
Saturday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., KAC Theater

This Film Is Not Yet Rated
Wednesday, October 24th, 10:15 p.m.

KAC Theater

Do you know what the MPAA is? Or better yet, do you know who is on the MPAA? If your answer is no, then you should come to see This Film Is Not Yet Rated. In this documentary, Kirby Dick decides to uncover the mysteries of the MPAA—the Motion Pictures Association of America—by hiring a private detective to dig up dirt on its members and find out exactly who is censoring all the best movies being made today.

While doing so, he interviews prominent filmmakers whose films have come under scrutiny by the MPAA. In this film you’ll hear from John Waters, Kevin Smith, Darren Aronofsky, Atom Egoyan (a KFS favorite), Matt Stone, Marry Harron, Wayne Kramer and Kimberly Pierce. Who could turn down a movie with all that talent?

The film also explores why the MPAA is so quick to rule against scenes of sex over scenes of violence and why male nudity is a huge no no, but female nudity is fine, and asks why movies with homosexual themes and relationships are more likely to be cut than those that deal with heterosexual relationships.

Come and see This Film Is Not Yet Rated to find out exactly who is running Hollywood today.

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Friday, October 19, 7:30 p.m. KAC Theater

Continuing our GLBT four-movie megawave, The History Boys is a film about eight young men and their varied trips through an English grammar school on their way to college. Adapted by the playwright Alan Bennett from the Tony award-winning play, and keeping director Michael Hytner on from the stage production, this film has a large ensemble cast and enough musical numbers (some cannibalized from other plays) to be a musical itself.

The movie is about eight boys who have just received record-breaking college entrance exam scores and their favorite teacher, Hector (Richard Griffiths), who encourages them all to take history-specific exams to get into Oxford or Cambridge. At the same time, their headmaster hires an energetic young professor (Stephen Campbell Moore), who advises the boys to find new ways to look at history.

It is revealed that Hector frequently offers different boys rides home on his motorcycle, and fondles them along the way. The boys, however, approach this issue with measured good humor, and mostly laugh it off.

As the story unfolds, several of the boys get into complicated relationships with each other and with various members of the school’s faculty. This is not so much a drama, however, as an teen coming-of-age story, and nothing seems to be too much for them to handle. In the end, they have all learned something important.

One of the most highly praised British films of the past year, The History Boys is a short, fun film.

Once
Saturday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., KAC Theater

A sleeper hit in the truest sense of the word, Once is the story of a Dublin Busker (Ewan McGregor), who meets and eventually falls in love with a girl he meets by accident. The extraordinary thing is that this film was made at all. Cillian Murphy was originally signed on to produce and star in the film, but pulled out when he learned that he would be acting opposite an untrained teenage non-actor (Marketa Irglova),

This led all the other financial backers to pull their funding as well, and Irish director John Carney had to appeal to the Irish Film Board for help, and put up his own money for a quarter of the film’s budget. Eventually made for $160,000, this film stars professional musician and fellow non-actor Glen Hansard.

The story concerns an unnamed guy (Hansard) who plays music in the streets of Dublin for a living, and has to deal with the challenges of living on the streets as well, for example when a heroin addict tries to steal his earnings. Eventually he meets a girl (Irglova), who asks incessant questions, initially irritating the guy before charming him into becoming her friend. They share their life stories, and it transpires that the guy has an ex-girlfriend who lives in London, and he still loves her. The girl, although very much attracted to the guy, encourages him to go to London to win back his love, but he cannot overcome his feelings for the girl, even when he learns that she is married and has a child.

Featuring unlicensed use of real crowds, including one where an innocent bystander kneels a fake billboard in the groin to stop him, Once is a charming piece of cinema for the whole family.

What’s New At...
Disrespect from administration

BY COLIN MAGUIRE
Guest Columnist

Last week, Kenyon College President S. Georgia Nugent sent a letter to the faculty. She asked them to discuss with students the recent rash of destructive and offensive behavior by students on campus. She has a point. There have been quite a few incidents on campus lately: the busted up bathrooms, the broken window at the Horn, the couch through the Mather window, the new infamous Anti-Semitic graffiti episode in McBride and some other smaller ordinals. That would be a lot of going on at Kenyon, if we were talking about a semester or two. Sadly, this can be measured in weeks.

What has gotten into Kenyon students? It is nothing that was not there before. We were all amazing human beings when Kenyon accepted us (at least that is what my acceptance letter said). What is lost on so many students who are angry about these disgraceful acts is a huge part of all these problems: disrespect. What is lost on Nugent and the administration is the reason for so much of this disrespect itself.

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Four years of living in cornfields? Excellent. Now get me out of here.

BY MArA ALPERIN
Features Editor Emerita

My four years at Kenyon were excellent. I loved the small town life: the trees and empty space, the familiarity of the town, the people I passed along Middle Path every day who waved back.

So what did I do when I graduated? I packed my room into 24 x 16 x 12 inch crates and moved to London, a city of over 7.5 million people and a dearth of anything green or natural (there is new legislation to get rid of trees on the streets, as they create cracks in the pavement which could cause people to trip and fall).

In fact, many recent Kenyon graduates are doing the exact same thing—migrating to massive cities such as New York, Chicago or Washington, D.C.

In some ways, this is not too surprising. To begin with, big cities offer a huge potential job market for recent graduates.

"I moved to D.C. largely because of the kind of work I wanted to do," said Beth Tuckey '07, who said she wanted to pursue a career in changing U.S. policy toward Africa. Tuckey is currently the Development and Outreach Director for Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN). "There are really very few advocacy organizations outside of Washington, D.C."

"I feel that in D.C. if you do so, a car is going to run you over. In many ways, we can never be completely prepared for the "real world," whether we enter it by finding a job straightaway, going on to grad school or getting married and starting a family. Part of the educational experience at Kenyon, however, is learning how to deal with challenges and solve problems. Once we have learned this within the safety of Kenyon, we can give it a try in the real world. After four years of cord-dling, perhaps it is only natural to seek a challenge in a large city—somewhere completely different.

I doubt I'm the only Kenyon graduate who has had a crash course in these skills. I'm increasingly impressed with the number of my friends from Kenyon who have left their families and homes to move to large cities.

I think there is something about spending four years in an environment as "cosy" as Kenyon that heightens this desire to try living somewhere completely new, even if it involves giving up a general sense of security. Many Kenyon graduates seem to want exactly what I want: to move on.

The "real world" can be terrifying at first: paying for housing, groceries and health care, to name a few. After living in dorms for four years, with all meals provided at Peirce, the Health Center open when necessary (well, most of the time) and the bookstore accounting for scarce jobs.

"I think that having around 15 percent of NYC's population, or about 1.1 million people, being female and in the age range of 21-29 being another incentive for moving to New York," said Geetha Kannan '07, who has lived in New York City for the past two months. "[Before graduation], I felt limited in my opportunities to escape Kenyon for a few days or the college lifestyle. I felt that no matter where I turned in Gambier I was always surrounded by school and the Kenyon bubble."

According to Schisgall, one of the best advantages of living in a big city is encountering lots of new people.

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"Sometimes you can feel really small and lonely in a place as large as NYC when you're looking for a job and trying to figure out things in life and everyone else seems to be preoccupied with their own lives," Schisgall said, adding that the experience of surviving outside the confines of Kenyon's tight community is part of the real world.

"[D.C.] is much less friendly," said Kannan. "In Gambier you could saunter around. I feel that in D.C. if you do so, a car is going to run you over. In fact, I have almost gotten hit a few times because the driver got impatient."

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"I tried to live next to a lady from Spain, across the street there are people from Korea, Japan, China, India, Brazil, El Salvador and so on," said Kannan.

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Still, there are ways in big cities to seek the familiar Kenyon-esque sort of support.

"I have my family and a lot of close friends in NYC as well," said Schisgall. "I thought it would be the most comfortable transition for me into the post-college (city) life."

"The Kenyon network is extraordinarily large in D.C., so I find myself running into Kenyon grads fairly frequently," said Tuckey. "It is somewhat comforting to know that there are so many of us here—a little odd, but nice."
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Student-run alternative to AVI

BY CAROLINE EICHLER
Staff Writer

When dinner time rolls around for students living in Gam- bier, most Kenyon students can be found eating food prepared at Ernst or at the various restaurants in the area. Not the members of the Cooking Club, however. Instead of letting someone else do the cooking, Alex Roland ’09, Nora Cole ’09, Jack Goldberg ’09 and Erik Chyr ’10, residents of the Spaid House and all officers in the Kenyon College Cooking Club, do the cooking themselves.

“I think it’s great,” Roland said. “The more people [that cook] the better.”

Roland and her friend Ben Berdan ’09, who is studying abroad in Denmark, came up with the idea of cooking for themselves the first few months of their freshman year. According to Berdan, “I’ve always loved cooking, so it was just a matter of time before I brought it into my life at Kenyon.” Roland said they “had always wanted to do something,” so at the start of their sophomore year, they formally established the Kenyon College Cooking Club to help finance their cooking exploits. They kept the club relatively small, cooking one meal every two weeks or so.

All that changed this year. Although the Housing and Grounds Committee and the Student Activities Center were at first “a little skeptical,” according to Roland, they decided to give the Cooking Club themed housing.

The club is required to hold meetings, have members, attend forums and contribute to the community. These responsibilities are even greater because they are living in an off-campus house. Roland said they are expected to be “more responsible in the Gambier community… be good neighbors.” And, of course, keep the house clean and in good condition, which can be difficult with four college students running amok in the kitchen. “We always get in fights about the dishes,” Roland said.

Spaid House is located be- yond the KaC and houses a maxi- mum of four people. Roland said the house is actually something of a “compromise.” It is a nice house, but doesn’t have a particularly large kitchen. Nevertheless, the club officers are enjoying their culinary independence, though Roland conceded that they do not cook all that often.

“It’s helpful to go to Ernst if we’re really crunched,” she said. “[Cooking] is just not practical sometimes.

On the whole, she estimated that each individual spends about four to five hours cooking each week, with additional time spent shopping. “I try to cook the ma- jority of my meals if I could,” Roland said.

“Cooking at school is chal- lenging in a number of ways,” said Berdan. He explained that the issue for him is not time, but space and money. “There are few kitchens available, and these are generally very poorly equipped… The tough- est part about cooking at Kenyon is certainly the financial issues that arise,” he said. “Food itself is not cheap.”

This problem is only exacer- bated by the fact that all students are required to be on the meal plan. Roland says that her parents “don’t like the meal plan situation.”

Berdan said: “If students want to cook their own dinner, they should not have to pay for it twice.”

The Cooking Club routinely hosts events for the community. Last Friday night, the club held its first Iron Chef competition. Three teams of three to five people each vied for dominance in the cramped kitchen of Spaid House. As a member of the judging panel, Roland said the competition was a “great experience—really impressive.” The title of Iron Chef went to Team Diesel (comprised of Dan Short ’11, Anna Childs ’11, Murat Ortaiskin ’11 and Arjav Ezeeki ’10).

“[The Cooking Club] is just not practical,” said Berdan. Team Diesel impressed the judges with the ap- pter of sweet potato fritters with raspberry pecan sauce and a main course of completely home- made ravioli. Team Suck (Hannah Curran ’09, Sarah Cohen ’08, Stephen Ellis ’08, Andrew Stein ’09 and Will Verman ’09) made two desserts; homemade pie with almond crust and an espresso kahlua sundae.

Jack Grant ’11, along with Goldberg and Waled Khoury ’09, was on the second-place team at Friday’s competition. “It was incredibly,” Grant said. “More incredible than I could have hoped it would be.”

Grant first got involved with the Club at the Activities Fair. When he found out about the Iron Chef competition, he jumped at the opportunity. “We cooked for a full seven hours,” he said. The competition was tied up “until the last judge cast her vote,” said Grant.

His team “lost by a dessert.”

The Cooking Club plans to host many more exciting events for the future. In addition to Iron Chef competitions, the Club holds cooking classes open to anyone in the community. They are also plan- ning on having a charity chili lun- cheon sometime in the near future. Roland says that the Club has had a “great reception” at Kenyon—their list is more than 100 names long. Even so, Goldberg said he hopes that more students will get involved. Professors have also shown a lot of interest in the club.

Many have volunteered to lead sessions, including Luigi Ferri, visiting assistant professor in Italian, who, according to Roland, plans to teach the club “how to make homemade Italian pizza from scratch.”

Roland is enthusiastic about the prospect of students cooking their own meals at Kenyon and recommends this lifestyle to all students. “It’s really healthy to learn how and practice [cooking],” she said.

Berdan agreed. “I’m happy to be cooking and I look forward to resuming my position as co-presi- dent of the Cooking Club upon my return,” he said.

Members of the Cooking Club agree that cooking is a won- derful experience because it creates “a family in a place where people aren’t actually related,” Grant said.

To get involved in the first place, this can become a more serious issue in long-term relationships. Or a cult.

The False Start

The Nothing

In a very official and objective survey of, not at all ironically, everyone who com- pleted our convocation. We will do our best to prescribe on our show “Business Time” is communication (the other is mutual manipulation, but that for another column). And though we too are kids of older folks telling us that “bad human connection” is “dying out” because of “the Internet," for we agree with them. As an astute caller said, “maybe instead of checking Facebook invites constantly and interpreting body language,” a real conversation is in order.

In a very rapid and objective survey of, not at all ironically, everyone who happened to be on line as we were writing this, we found that many relationship problems that crop up at Kenyon are caused by lack of communication. Be it a one-night stand, a year-long relationship or an awkward situation one party is trying to end, the most efficient and honest route is communications. You and every one of your friends probably have stories of demonstrating these pitfalls, but in the spirit of our show and of this column, gather round and hear some of the less productive methods used instead of frank honesty.

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One friend was, she thought, innocently watching a movie with a male friend and suddenly noticed that the man had fallen asleep. To make sure he didn’t wake up and get embarrassed, she got up and walked away.

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Wal-Mart vs. Kroger: comparison shopping in Mount Vernon

By Katie Weber  Staff Writer

The fridge is empty save for a few gross apples stolen from Ernest two weeks ago, and you're starting to feel bad about borrowing your roommate’s northwest apples last night. You don’t want to pay for overpriced food at the market, and the bookstore doesn’t have printer ink. But isn’t it going to fly even if it can be charged to Mom and Dad? It’s a familiar time. The time when we all have to face the dark reality of grocery shopping.

So, where-to-Wal-Mart or Kroger? Despite the fact that I was raised on the notion that Wal-Mart is an evil corporation—and it is the company that exploits its workers (thanks, Mom and Dad), I’ve always taken my shopping list straight to its doors, because they're open, well, everything. While I instantly gives Wal-Mart a step up on Kroger, which is simply a grocery store, I decided I wanted to compare them today. So I took a grocery list with a grocery list of things that the average college student might need—toothpaste, milk, cereal, printer ink or fabric or new tires and in 15 short minutes I had the prices of everything on my list: toothpaste, $2.99, Kroger brand milk, $3.07, cereal, $3.28, Tostitos, $2.57 and Keystone, $10.99. Unfortunately, the only item that was cheaper was the bag of chips and, as I guessed, Kroger did not sell printer ink.

Still, Kroger has some things that Wal-Mart does not. Kroger offers a Kroger Plus card, which saves you tons of money on food throughout the store. It’s simple to sign up, and there are all sorts of 3/5 deals that you can only get if you’re a Kroger Plus member. Also, the beer selection at Kroger is astonishingly better than Wal-Mart’s. Granted, I was looking for Keystone, but if you ever wanted to buy some beer that actually tasted good (no offense to the Keystone lovers out there!), Kroger would be the place to go. From domestic to imported beers, Kroger beats Wal-Mart’s feeble attempt at having a beer section.

Plus, Kroger has a Starbucks inside, so if you’re an addict like me, you can get your Caramel Machiato fix while you pick up your groceries.

Overall, it’s difficult to pick a winner between Wal-Mart and Kroger, because they both offer such different things. If you need printer ink or fabric or new tires or children’s clothes, you would have to go to Wal-Mart, because Kroger doesn’t even offer those things. If you’re just going on a tootsiey/grocery run, Kroger is your best bet. Wal-Mart’s lower prices only ended up saving me $0.34 in the end, and their large selection of other goods wasted my time. Going into Wal-Mart for one thing means you end up wanting other things you never knew you needed until you saw them—like my sudden need for plastic pumpkin straws.

Even though I have to give Wal-Mart credit for their recent attempts to “go green,” I can’t help but feel that I’m supporting the better company when I shop at Kroger. No matter your political views on the subject, when it comes to checking items off of your grocery list, the best bet is Kroger for its organic foods, better selection and lack of distractions. Oh, and did I mention that you can use a shopping cart that looks like a race car? Case closed.

Wal-Mart Fall Open House features new trails, local food

By Collin Dachenhaus  Staff Writer

On Saturday, Oct. 20, the Brown Family Environmental Center will host its annual Fall Open House featuring the opening of three miles of new trails called the Northern Trail System in a ceremony called the Harvest Festival.

Heather Doherty, the head director and program manager of the BF eC, is in charge of running both the annual event and the Harvest Festival ceremony. She will be working closely with Dave Heithaus, the BF eC facility manager.

An open house at the Visitor’s Center at 4 p.m. and the Harvest Festival will follow a ribbon cutting ceremony. All food at the Harvest Festival will be locally grown and sold by farmers from within the community.

The BF eC staff will be running this series of events. Doherty said that there will be three full-time BF eC employees, three student employees and two Kenyon professors that are involved with the BF eC working at the event.

“We are working really hard to build community support within Kenyon and also ... greater Knox County,” Doherty said. After the Harvest Festival, part one of the Mudman Triple contest will occur at Wal-Mart.

According to Doherty, “the Mudman Triple is three races that cover the span of two days and will be held all over the new and old trails.” Contestants registered for this event in the last several weeks. Doherty described the competition as an extreme running challenge.

The Northern Trail System is three miles long and closer to the north end of the College’s campus. The BF eC owns land to the northwest of campus but up until now never used it. “[The College], granted our request to have a tractor to clear out room to even start building paths. Without that, this project would’ve been impossible,” Doherty said.

There will be several loops in the new trail system which will provide a more challenging course for runners and bikers.

In addition to the two miles of old trails that are closer to the BF eC’s Visitor’s Center, the center will now offer a total of five miles of running and biking trails for use by Kenyon students and members of the greater Knox-County community.

Doherty said she is glad that these new trails are serving a purpose beyond just expanding the BF eC’s territorial ownership. “A benefit of the new trails is that we as a community need this for our mental and physical health,” she said. “Not only does the BF eC provide places of habitat for research purposes for those studying the sciences, but it advocates physical and mental health as well.”

The events are being held this Saturday, Oct. 20, starting at 2:30 p.m. and will continue through the evening. There are no attendance fees and students and community members alike are encouraged to come to the event.

The new trail system at the Brown Family Environmental Center.

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Professor Linda Smolak wins eating disorder research award

BY HANNAH CURRAN
Editor-in-Chief

Linda Smolak, the Samuel L. Cummings professor of psychology, was recently named the winner of the 2007 Price Family Award for Research Excellence by the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA), one of the top awards in the field of eating disorder research. She received the award Oct. 6 in San Diego, California, at NEDA's annual conference.

"I'm most interested in developmental psychology—gender role, body image, really gender," said Smolak, who along with her colleagues Michael Levine and Sarah Murnen in the psychology department, pioneered the study of how developmental factors, social-cultural influences and gender are linked to eating disorders. The three have frequently collaborated with one another, as well as with a large number of students, many of whom have gone on to graduate programs in the field.

"I'm not even sure which one of us is first author on some of these books," said Smolak with a laugh. Smolak cites a former student's work as the beginning of her interest in eating disorders. "Professor Levine and I were just using models for some homework on developmental psychopathology," said Smolak. "One of our students chose eating disorders as her topic and then pursued it for her final paper. Up until then—that was 1989—there was more of a clinical approach to the treatment of eating disorders. People looked in groups of adults who already had these diseases. I wanted to apply developmental psychopathology to children, to see who was more prone to these disorders and how outside influences, such as what they see in Marie Claire...shape their images of self.”

The prize honors Smolak for a body of scholarly work spanning two decades and including five major books, scores of articles and numerous collaborative projects. Her research explores not only the causes of eating disorders but also prevention, treatment and education.

Created five years ago, the Price Award goes to "the world's leading researchers in eating disorders. In a field originally dominated by clinical work and case studies, Smolak has stood out for calling attention to the connections between adolescent developmental stages and eating disorders, and to how eating attitudes and body-image notions are shaped by socio-cultural factors like family, peers and the media, as well as by gender roles.

"When I ask young girls what they should weigh, no one says more than 110 pounds," said Smolak. "I want to pinpoint what it is, whether it be genetic, sexual harassment or media influence, that brings them to that unhealthy place."
**Opinions**

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**Cryptoquote**

In the following cryptoquote, each letter in this popular quotation is substituted for another.

For instance, ACXYPTAACI could be LONGFELLOW.

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By Mara Alperin

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**Diversions**

**Weekeend at Kenyon**

**Friday, Oct. 19**

- Group Massage Therapy
  4:00 P.M. New Apartments B-4
- Summer Science Poster Session
  4:30 P.M. KAC Multipurpose Room
- Mystery Science Theater 3000
  6:30 P.M. Higley Auditorium
- Kokes Concert
  7:00 P.M. Rosse Hall
- *Travesties* by Tom Stoppard
  8:00 P.M. Bolton Theatre
- Student Band Extravaganza
  9:30 P.M. Horn Gallery

**Saturday, Oct. 20**

- Yoga Weekend Wind-down
  1:00 P.M. New Apartments B-4
- Symphonic Wind Ensemble
  2:00 P.M. Rosse Hall
- Musical Theater Workshop
  4:00 P.M. BFEC Visitor Center
- *Travesties* by Tom Stoppard
  8:00 P.M. Bolton Theatre
- Get Hypnotized!
  1:30 P.M. Rosse Hall

**THE BEST QUOTE WE DID NOT PRINT IN 2007**

“It was a wonderfully wacky and wild wonderland of positive political participation perpetuating peaceful protest of public policy. Condemning injustice in the contemplative capacity of a capitalist country and creating crucial criticisms of corrupt concepts.”

-Ryan Volson on a political protest he attended

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**Life on the Hill**

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Kenyon's Fraternities

The Beta
The A.D.
The Delta

The Alpha
The Phi Kappa
The Phi U.
The Phi Psi

Kenyon's College.
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**By Mara Alperin**
The Kenyon Collegian

Field hockey heads into final games at 7-8

BY MEGHAN MCCLINCY
Staff Reporter

Two weekends ago, the Ladies field hockey team’s long trip east proved unwieldy for the Yeowomen as they fell 1-0 to Denison University on Saturday and 2-1 to Oberlin College on Sunday. Last Wednesday, however, the Ladies were able to bounce back and reverse their recent misfortunes in a home match up with the Yeowomen of Oberlin College.

Offensive leader Lauren Keeling ’08 got the Ladies rolling early in the first half with an unassisted goal, her eighth of the season, off a pass from Captain Christine Thompson ’08. Keeling finished the game and recorded four stops to preserve the shutout. Together, Thompson and Keeling helped the Yeowomen negate Oberlin’s advantages in shots, 20-17, and penalty corners, 11-4.

“I strategically scheduled strong out-of-conference games to prepare us for our conference matchups,” said head coach Chrisy Kilroe. “I think this is when we could see them come out strong from the beginning against Oberlin after a weekend of back-to-back competitions.

The Ladies were unable to keep their momentum going when they faced off against the College of Wooster. Fighting Scots goalie Sarah Hickey ’07 shut the Yeowomen out in the first half, scoring two goals for Wooster, including one in the last minute.

The Yeowomen out-shot the Scots 37-9 and out-cornered them 4-0 in the North Coast Athletic Conference. Hickey also allowed Wooster to climb into the top spot in the NCAC standings alongside Kenyon. Nonetheless, the Yeowomen kept their string of five games in a row going with the victory against Ashland, an undefeated season and a division title with their 39-10 win.

The first try of the game was scored by Will Schofield ’10 after just a few minutes. It was not long before Kenyon scored again, this time with a try from captain Jarrett Moreno ’08. The middle of the half was subject to a lot of back and forth with Ashland attempting to push down the field but met with a strong opposition from the Yeowomen’s forwards.

“The forwards were fantastic at racks and mauls,” said Captain Japhet Balaban ’09. “We’re not the biggest team, but we have better technique and even though our forwards are smaller, they work as a unit.”

Eventually the work of the forwards paid off as Moreno scored a try on an Ashland break. Moreno scored again, followed by a conversion kick by Jake Rosenbluth ’10.

The Lords left the first half leading a scoreless Ashland by 22 points.

The second half of the match was much like the first. Zach Webb ‘10 quickly managed to score a try for his pass, pushing his way through Ashland. After several failed efforts, however, Ashland began to make their way up the field. The Lords managed to hold them at the try line for a substantial amount of time, but Ashland eventually pushed through and scored their first try of the game.

Kenyon countered with a try scored by Ian Law ’08, then followed another one by Jarrett Moreno ’08 with an impressive run down the field. Moreno followed the back-to-back tries with a conversion kick, concluding the Lords’ scoring in the match.

Ashland only managed to score one more try, but by the end of the game, the game was done and the Lords had achieved much more than just another victory.

“This is the perfect way to finish the regular season,” said Captain Ryan Stewart ’08. “When I was a [first-year], we didn’t win a game. But this season everyone became a lot more focused and disciplined.”

Balaban attributes the team’s general success this season to the increase in the number of players.

“There are so many guys on the team that there’s competition for starting spots, which forces us to push each other. A lot of new guys came in and stepped up,” said Balaban.

A lot of credit has to be given to the new guys who’ve been so patient,” said Stewart. “They’ve been working every day, worked hard, and they’ll be rewarded for it in the spring.”

The Lords completed the two point victory not only with a try and a successful conversion, but also with a penalty try clinching first place in Division III North in the Ohio Rugby Union, but also by doing so without losing a single try. They still have a very important challenge ahead of them: the playoffs.

The next match for the Lords will be at their home pitch on Nov. 3 against Marshall University, ranked second place in Division III South.

If Kenyon wins their match against Marshall, they will face a more unusual challenge in finding housing for the final match of the season, which is scheduled to be held on Nov. 17, the day that Kenyon closes its residences for Thanksgiving break.

“We’re going to ask Residential Life if we can stay the extra night,” said Stewart. “But I’m really amazed with the amount of guys who are willing to give up going home early and have said they’ll stay.”

“This season we’ve been building something pretty special,” said Balaban. “The tricky thing is that we’re playing teams we’ve never played before, but you don’t get to be 5-0 by accident.”

In any case, it is clear that the Lords’ rugby season is far from over. Only time, and the match on Nov. 3, will determine where the Lords will go from here.

BY JO JAYES
Staff Reporter

It’s going to happen,” said Jake Hansen ’07 before the Lords rugby match against Ashland University this past Saturday. He made a similar statement for a conference match-up, said head coach Chrisy Kilroe. “It was good to see the Yeowomen come out strong from the beginning against Oberlin after a weekend of back-to-back competitions.

Last Wednesday, the Yeowomen of Oberlin College played Ashland University, while the Fighting Scots of Kenyon College played Ohio Wesleyan University. The Yeowomen took down the Ashland Lady Skips in a 2-0 victory over the Ohio Wesleyan University Lady Scots.

The Yeowomen ended the season with a 6-0 home record, the most wins in Kenyon’s history.

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BY MEGHAN MCCLINCY
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by robert dignazio

Lords soccer chews Big Red

on Saturday, the Kenyon mens soccer team defeated the Denison University Big Red 2-1 in front of a rowdy home crowd at Mavec Field. The Lords rewarded their fan base Purple Pride day with their first win over Denison since 2002. Defeating their archrival kept the Lords at the top of the conference standings with only three games remaining in the regular season.

Kenyon jumped out to an early lead in the 16th minute when first year Tom Nolan sent a cross to the feet of fellow first-year Reiner Bauereifelder. The midfielder rocketed a shot past the Big Red goalkeeper for his first collegiate goal. The Lords carried their slim lead for 29 minutes before adding an insurance goal just before halftime. Bauereifelder extended the Kenyon lead, sneaking a pass past the Denison keeper to Migura Barrera ’11. Barrera converted the scoring opportunity, which proved to be the game-winning goal.

Although Denison went into halftime facing a two-goal deficit, the Big Red came storming back in the second half. After being out-shot 8-3 in the first half, Denison evened the scoring battle to 4-4 in the last frame. The Big Red pulled within one goal in the 57th minute. After that goal cut the Kenyon lead in half, Lords goalie Jamie White ’10 stood tall, blanking the Denison offense for the remainder of the match.

The Lords’ 2-1 victory over the Big Red proved very meaningful for the Kenyon squad. First, it kept the Lords atop the NCAC standings going into the home stretch of the season. Although the conference race is still tight, Kenyon finds itself right where they think they wanted to be when the season opened. Second, the Lords’ win dropped the defending NCAC champion Big Red below .500 in conference play. Denison must now battle it out of the middle of the conference pack if they wish to grab a playoff spot. Finally, the win triggered a wide range of emotions from the seniors. “This was everyone’s first win over Denison, which meant a lot to the team,” said Nate Prichard ’08. “It was the last chance for the seniors. Beating [Denison] in any sport is always a big win.”

“The young guys stepped up, and they will have many more wins over the Big Red in the next few years,” rob Susman ’08 added.

Entering their last week, the Lords’ 48 goals place them first in the North Coast Athletic Conference, 16 goals ahead of the nearest competition. Kenyon’s total of 34 assists is also best in the NCAC, ten ahead of second-ranked Hiram. The Lords’ 84 corner kicks place them only one behind conference-leading Wittenberg’s 85 corners. Kenyon’s high-powered offense is fueled by the Lords’ physical play. The most aggressive team in the conference, Kenyon ranks second in fouls and first in yellow cards in the ten-team NCAC. It is uncommon to hear the shrieks of the opponents’ mothers, who fear for the health of their sons against the Lords.

The Lords begin their final week of play on Oct. 20 when they host Wabash College for their last home game. They close out their season on the road at Oberlin College on Wednesday, and Allegheny College on Saturday.

Saturday marks the last home game for the careers of the four Kenyon seniors. It will certainly be a memorable one for the defending National Champions, Susman, Elliot Forhan and Tim Gal- lanan. In addition, the Lords will look to close out a perfect home record in front of the Kenyon faithful. They currently boast a 6-0 home record, the best in recent memory. Kickoff is at 3 p.m. at Mavec Field.
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Gators chomp Lords football 24-0

QB Rafael Sanchez '08 attempts to evade an Allegheny defender as the Lords were defeated 24-0 by the Allegheny Gators.

Cross country keeps moving forward

BY MICHAEL RILEY
Staff Reporter

The Kenyon Lords and Ladies cross-country teams both put forward strong efforts in the Calvin College Pre-Regional Invitational on Saturday. With the conference championships a week away both squads demonstrated a solid consistency that should garner confidence.

The Ladies once again finished in the top five in team scoring, edging out their rival Oberlin College and grabbing fourth place overall. The Lords took eighth place overall, and had a few runners coming through with season and personal best times. The Calvin College teams, top ranked in Division III cross country, won both the men's 8000-meter and the women's 5000-meter race. Captain Jim Boston '09 once again led the Lords with a 15th-place finish and a time of 25:32. Matt Riley '10 came next putting up a personal best time of 26:16 and finished 26th overall. Kaleb Keyserling '09 also had a solid race, taking 43rd-place with a time of 26:29. Will Kosennich '11, Chris Houser '09, Chris MacColl '10 and Robert Carpenter '10 were the next four Lords to finish and all had scoring efforts. Host Calvin College's Ted Christiansen put up the day's top performance, finishing with a time of 23:23. Will Kosennich '11, Chris Houser '09, Chris MacColl '10 and Robert Carpenter '10 were the next four Lords to finish and all had scoring efforts. Host Calvin College's Ted Christiansen put up the day's top performance, finishing with a time of 23:23. "We did really well, our top three runners all had season best times," said Head Coach Duane Gomez. He also had high praise for Riley's running, "[His] performance was incredible. It puts him among the top in the conference."

The Ladies also saw impressive finishes. Lauren Brady '11, this week's NCAC runner of the week, led the ladies with a time of 22:23 and a 12th place finish. Jessica Francois '09 came in shortly behind her, finishing 19th with a time of 22:44. The Ladies solidified their fourth-place team finish with four more runners finishing in the top forty led by Lauren Mettger '11, who finished 29th overall with a time of 23:19. Anderson University's Gwen Kemple took top individual honors with a time of 21:12.

Both the Lords' and Ladies' performances have Gomez feeling positive going into next week's conference championships. "I'm looking forward to it," he said. "Both teams run really well on the home course and we should finish pretty high up there."

The North Coast Athletic Conference Championship will be held Saturday, Oct. 27 at Kenyon.

Player of the Week

BY HOLLY KARN
Staff Reporter

Jessica Francois '09 is more than just the cross-country runner she appears to be. Born in Milan, Italy, the enigmatic athlete has been running since she was 15. She became involved with indoor track as a freshman in high school and cross country the following year. The 20-year-old junior, from Yorktown Heights, New York, has always had a certain passion for running and is now captain of the Ladies' team.

"Running is a life sport," said Jessica. "Have patience and determination and you can improve."

Jessica was named the North Coast Athletic Conference's Runner of the Week for September 17, 2007, after recording her best time of the season. She was named All-NCAC second team in 2006 for cross country and given honorable mention the year before. She was awarded team MVP honors in 2006 along with Emma Reidy '08.

The amount of passion she has for running extends to her other interests and activities. As a religious studies major, she is planning on going abroad to study Tibetan Buddhism. Jessica practices Zen meditation twice a week and has a particular fondness for incense. "I love incense ... it's my favorite part of Zen meditation," she said.

Jessica is also involved with the Kenyon Student Athletes group and volunteers at the Brown Family Environmental Center leading walks for elementary school children. Her other interests include photography, drawing, and downhill skiing.

Ladies soccer wins two, loses two

BY HILARY GOWENS
Staff Reporter

Quite a bit has happened since for the women's soccer team since just before Kenyon's October Reading Days. They faced four fierce conference opponents, winning two of the four match-ups.

The four-game stint began at Denison University, where the Ladies met the formidable Big Red, who rank 12th in the nation. Many Ladies' fans made the 30-minute trip to Granville for the game. The devoted supporters, however, were not enough to help the Ladies fend off the offensive attack brought on by the Big Red. Despite senior co-captain and goalkeeper Rosin Davis' eight saves, Denison managed to send three key shots into the back of the net, sealing a Kenyon loss.

Next on the Ladies' list was a trip to Wooster, Ohio to face the Fighting Scots of the College of Wooster. Seeking their first NCAC win, Kenyon managed to shut the Scots out during regulation, despite failing to score themselves. It was the Ladies' time to shine as overtime rolled around. Amy Kessler '09 broke the silence 94 minutes into play with a header past Wooster's goalkeeper off of a free-kick from Tracey Farriss '10. This win brought the Ladies to 1-1-1 overall in conference play.

After two trying games on the road, Kenyon finally got to return to Mavec field to face the up-and-coming Earlham College Quakers. Kenyon was handed a 3-0 loss at the hands of a young and quick group of Quakers, landing them in an incredibly troubling position.

"Our future exists simply because we haven't been executing to our full potential," said Head Coach Kelly Bryan. "We have the tools we need to do well and it's just a matter of belief in our team and consistency. We are asking our team to play with the control of mature young adults, but with the enthusiasm of a small child. The game really is simple and fun and that's how we want to play."

After dealing with this last uphill battle, Bryan said the Ladies had to dig deep to find the inspiration to press onward and tap into their full potential.

Their first chance at redemption came this past Saturday as Kenyon traveled to face the Hiram College Terriers. This time, Bryan attempted a new strategy. "We have modified our formation and moved a few players into different positions to see if we can find other options," Bryan said.

The first Lady to score was co-captain Jean Arnold '08, as she booted a penalty kick past Hiram's goalkeepers at the 66th minute mark. Arnold's heroics were followed up by sophomore Stefanie Couchman's goal late in the game off of a Rachel Coleman assist. "The Ladies managed to come away with the 2-0 win, along with a much needed confidence booster," Bryan said.

A revitalized and invigorated Bryan said after the game that, "Hiram was a much welcomed outcome for us. More importantly, we played with the 'child-like' enthusiasm and enjoyed it!"

Kenyon will look to build off of this important win as they face their next opponent, Case Western Reserve University, at Mavid Field this Saturday, Oct. 20.

QB Rafael Sanchez '08 attempts to evade an Allegheny defender as the Lords were defeated 24-0 by the Allegheny Gators.

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Photo by Bob Dorff