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BY SARAH FRIEDMAN

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On Sunday, March 2, Gambier resident Brian D. Dennis shot and killed his parents and then himself in what Knox County Sheriff David Barber identified as the county's first homicide-suicide in his 30-year career.

“We’re fortunate in Knox County that we only have a homicide maybe every two or three years,” said Barber. “I’m not sure when the last one would have been in Gambier.”

Dennis’s motive remains undetermined. The victims, Gary W. Dennis, 75, and Christine “Nellie” Dennis, 73, moved from S. Dennis, 75, and Christine Dennis’s motive remains undetermined. The victims, Gary W. Dennis, 75, and Christine “Nellie” Dennis, 73, moved from W. Dennis, 75, and christine "nellie" dennis, 73, moved from Gambier, Ohio.

This year, three meals and water stations will be available on Ransom Lawn. Starting at 11:00 a.m., the festivities will include Make Your Own Music Video, Friday, Sat: Movie screenings on the lawn will allow for playing "big screen" video games, showcasing past events, posting the events schedule and showing live student interviews and video of the concert.

Organizations including Student Council, Class Councils and Kenyon Student Athletics have been approached to assist with Send-off. Social Board co-chair Zack Frank ’08 said, “We are hoping for more help to ensure the day is a success and that the community of Kenyon will support our hard work for this year’s Send-off.”

April 19 set as lottery date

BY LINDSAY MEANS

The annual housing lottery, which was originally set to take place on Sunday, April 13, has been moved to Saturday, April 19 at the Kenyon Athletic Center. According to Assistant Dean of Students for Housing and Residential Life Alicia Dugas, the original date was set in November, and thus the committee that selected the date did not prepare for all conflicts.

“Our original date of Sunday, April 13 conflicted with a large recruit weekend for Admissions and many of the hosts would not be able to participate in the lottery process due to programs that evening. … We changed the lottery to [April 20], trying again to find a date that conflicted with as few off-campus events as possible,” said Dugas.

“We did not know was that a large community program with student volunteers and participants would be taking place that day on campus,” Dugas said. The final date will be April 19, which she said “isn’t an ideal date for everyone.”

The date may not be ideal for Jewish students, who represent about ten percent of Kenyon’s student population. Passover, an important Jewish holiday, begins that evening. “It’s kind of like having it on Easter,” said Max Doshay ’11. “It’s kind of stupid on [the administration’s] part.”

Dugas said that Residential Life will meet with students whose schedules are not compatible with attending the housing lottery in order to help them plan for next year. “We are planning to make the process smoother, more time efficient and as helpful as possible,” Dugas said.

Any students who need assistance with the lottery process, proxy information or any additional information are encouraged to stop by Residential Life, call 5142 or email reslife@kenyon.edu.
Emergency: new system supplements old methods

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and the College hopes to test it in early April. Nugent expressed concerns about students’ willingness to give the Col-lege their cell phone numbers, and Gocial said the system will only be "as effective as the number of phone numbers we get." 

Samantha Sims '11 neglected to respond to the e-mail. "I just didn’t understand why I should be doing it," she said.

Gocial said students are not re-quired to subscribe to the system, but emphasized that the messages will be "carefully moderated," and will only be sent out during situations approved by either Gocial or Hooper. Students who do not own or carry cell phones may provide their PBX numbers.

According to Gocial, Virginia Tech was criticized for only sending informa-tion through e-mail, instead of through multiple modes of communication, so the new response system is an ad-ditional way to reach Kenyon students in emergencies. Ali Janes-Paulsen ’11 gave the College her phone number, but she thinks it’s "a pretty safe campus already."

Still, Hooper said the new program is "just one more tool that we have to get [word of] an emergency out," since the College will still use e-mail and CA’s to alert students.

Departing words

In addition to resuming his teaching position, Spaid has "lots of plans" for when he leaves the provost’s office, he said. He has a couple of [photogra-phy] books that are in prog-ress, he said, "... and other ideas for art-making that are very ambitious and I haven’t been able to get started on them." Spaid also plans to expand on his experience as an "amateur architect"—he designed his cur-rent studio—by designing and building a small house. His other favorite part of being provost was dealing with design issues such as facility plan-ning. "My background is in art, so it was something that I was natu-raly interested in," he said.

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Finding a replacement

The task remains to hire a new provost. Having a new provost will be "an important moment for the College," said Nugent. Nugent initiated the search by sending a message to all fac-ul-ty asking for their ideas about the search process—for example, whether it should be national or not—and nominees. Then, on Tuesday, March 25, Nugent and the Executive Committee of the faculty discussed "the process that would be best for the College in identifying a new provost," she said. "We had a very candid and wide-ranging discussion, and these elected faculty leaders of-fered extremely helpful views and advice, grounded both in their own experience of Kenyon and their hopes for the future." Now, said Nugent, she will determine how to proceed and share her thoughts at a faculty fo-rum, which Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Faculty Pam Jensen will schedule. Spaid will not be "a key player" in the search process but may be asked for input "about what it looks like to be a provost," he said. "I have preferences but I won’t say who they are." So what will the search com-mittee consider? "One of the most important characteristics is just a sense of fairness and equity and a per-son who’s a good listener," said Nugent. "There are just a lot of relationships you manage in that office and it has to be someone who really has the trust of the faculty and the administration." "Greg has done a wonderful job in the provost’s office; people really felt that he listened to them—" when the College told them ‘I’d be looking for the same’ in his replacement, she said.

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“I hope to be able to do it with my daughter,” who is an urban planner, he said. She and her husband live in the Bay area of California, where “housing is outrageous,” said Spaid. “We’ve always thought that if they could find the land, and he and his daugh-ter could complete the project, he said. “It’s been a real privilege for me to have this job,” he said. “I entered into it thinking that it would be sort of an adventure, and it was, but it was a privilege.”

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Spaid: resumes teaching art after ten years in administration

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things that are really important to me,” such as art and teaching, which time constraints preven-ted him from doing often during his time as provost. Teaching studio art requires studio time, and “there aren’t such a thing as one-night-a-week classes,” he said.

When the current photo-graphy instructor, Associate Professor of Art Marcella Hack-bar, takes a sabbatical next year, Spaid will replace her. “Many of the courses are already set up that I will teach, which were the courses that I taught” in the past, he said. First semester, he will teach Introduction to Photog-raphy and Documentary Photo-graphy; second semester, he will teach Introduction to Pho-tography, the Photography of Invention—a course he created during his professorship—and a course in creativity. "I haven’t designed it yet," said Spaid of the creativity course. “It’s a course I’ve always wanted to teach.”

A provost’s job

The responsibilities of a provost are “immense,” said Spaid. Faculty, curriculum and facilities are “the primary ones,” he said. “A major part of the job … is [being] support for the people so they can do the best job they can in teaching their courses,” said Spaid. The provost oversees faculty and their support staff—altogether, more than half of Kenyon’s employees, though not all, report directly to him. He is responsible for hiring faculty and for reviewing them, he said. He also has a tenure and promotion committee that reviews untenured professors, and he conducts independent reviews of tenured faculty.

“I’ve done evaluations on almost every Kenyon faculty over six years, and I walk away from the job thinking that this is an awesome faculty that we have," said Spaid. In the area of curriculum, the provost is “support[s] the cur-riculum if there are any changes,” he said.

As for facilities planning, the provost raises funds to sup-port Kenyon’s academic divi-sion. “Sometimes I literally go to foundations,” he said. “More of-ten it has to do with designing the proposals” to individuals or foundations, such as the Mellon Institution in New York.

Spaid as provost

Spaid cited two favorite parts of the provost position. The first, he said, was “meet[ing] fac-ul-ty individually, one-on-one and hav[ing] conversations with them about their careers, about what their needs were to be able to do a better job within the classroom.” Spaid said he enjoyed “seeing the incredible kind of things that our faculty do both in the class and in their scholarship.”

Some of his greatest accom-plishments as provost involve fac-ul-ty issues, he said. One example is the creation of endowed faculty de-velopment programs that pro-vide “resources faculty can use to do something innovative in their courses or have more time to be able to do their scholarship.” Re-sources include time, money, and “fairly substantial travel grants,” he said.

The travel grants are part of the provost’s success in “interna-tionalizing the faculty in a way they haven’t been before,” he said. He has also encouraged faculty to apply for Fulbright scholarships. “After having such success with the student Fulbrights, I decided we should try to focus the same kind of attention on faculty getting Fulbrights,” he said, and the effort has been successful.

“We’ve had tremendous suc-cess in hiring excellent faculty to Kenyon, and also in increasing the diversity in the faculty at Kenyon,” he said. Because visit-ing professors change every year, it is difficult to determine exact statistics for faculty diversity, he said, but they would include both international and American minority faculty.

When Kenyon’s curriculum changed to include language and quantita-tive reasoning in the dis-tribution requirements, “we had to hire a lot more faculty in lan-guages,” he said. That curriculum change was the most significant in his tenure as provost, he said.

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Homicide: three dead in a rare violent crime in Gambier

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a.m., and, receiving no answer at the door or on the telephone, entered the house to find Dennis and his parents dead.

Also present at the scene were Barber, County Coroner Dr. Jef-frey Bowen and crime scene agents from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

According to Barber, Dennis had spoken with a friend the morn- ing of the crime. He said “game over” and told the friend of his plan to kill his parents. The friend “did everything he could,” said Barber, including calling Dennis’s cell phone numerous times, and is therefore not in legal trouble.

Loose ends

“It’s obvious what happened,” said Barber. “It’s not so much a who done it, but more so a what happened?”

“I wouldn’t say it was well-planned,” he said. “I think that it was apparent that Brian made up his mind what he was going to do and he did it … As far as how calculating and how far in advance he planned, there’s really no way to tell.”

Law enforcement officials have found no evidence of a mo- ther either in the search of the Dennis’s house or in conversa-
tions with their family and friends. Brian Dennis had no history of psychological issues and a mini-
mal criminal record, according to Barber. “Several years ago he had some minor brushes with the law, maybe some disorderly conduct type things … nothing recent,” he said.

Because Dennis killed himself at the same time as his parents, “[it’s] not like he was trying to gain something,” said Barber.

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Remaining family in-

cludes Gary and Jack’s two brothers, Nelli’s brothers, Brian’s siblings and Brian’s adult son, said Barber.

Effect on campus

“The day of the crime, Barber talked to representa-
tives from Kenyon Public Affairs and College admin-
istration. Because the crime was off-campus and during spring break, the Office of Campus Safety had the same information as the general public did from local news sources, said Director of Campus Safety Bob Hooper.

Campus Safety did, however, help law enforcement offi-
cials block off streets around the crime scene, said Barber.

If the crime had directly in-

volved the College or had occurred on campus, “the first person we would’ve been in contact with is Bob Hooper,” said Barber. As it oc-
curred, however, “everything was confined to the house. It wasn’t like there was some crazed killer running around.”

A Fortnightly e-mail informed students and College employees of the incident the day it occurred.

“I felt so fortunate that we were out of session on that time,” said President S. Georgia Nugent, who was in Washington, D.C., the day of the crime. Even though there was no threat to students, “it was just such a disturbing event,” she said.

The crime occurred at 302 Duff St., where the Dennises lived.

Power outages plague campus

BY MARENKA THOMPSON-DILUM Staff Writer

It is apparent that Gambier is prone to power outages. Over the past year the Village has experienced three outages lasting one hour or lon-
ger. Normally the outages are caused by falling trees or triggered by a storm.

“No one wants to cut the trees, and they interfere with wire lines. We’re knocking on the power to the entire town,” said Head of Campus Safety Bob Hooper.

Head of Maintenance Ed Neal said, “The most recent power outage was caused by ice build up on the AEP’s (American Electric Power; the provider of electricity to Ohio) 138 KV transmission lines.”

The third power outage in parts of Mount Vernon, Apple Val-
ley, Danville and other areas. Usually Gambier can feed power from the Mount Vernon or Danville substations, but both stations were out of power during the last outage.

According to Residential Life Safety Codes, each public building is required to have emergency lights and illuminated exit signs so that people can safely exit the building, and all of Kenyon’s buildings comply with the codes. The power outages, however, are a problem for Campus Safety as the emergency lights are not supported and must remain on for extended periods of time and some-
times run out of batteries, tempting students to use candles, which are a fire hazard.

The fire alarms also create some fire walks to keep an eye out for fires.

“People find annoying,” said Hooper.

Campus Safety therefore has to go around the campus turning off the audible tones and once power is restored turn them on again. The back-up batteries for the fire alarms last eight to ten hours, and if the power outage lasts longer than that, then Campus Safety is required to do fire walks to keep an eye out for fires or potential fires.

The campus does have back-

up generators, but only for specific buildings such as Olin Library and the dorms so that there is a support structure in place. These buildings are required to have gen-

erators because Olin is the center of the campus’ computer and phone system, which is crucial in times of emergency. The Campus Safety office houses essential equipment needed to keep the campus safe. “It is the alarm switch to back-up bat-

tery they emit an audible tone that people find annoying,” said Hooper.

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Student Council

March 23, 2008

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• Student Lectureships allocated $500 to Environmental Campus Organization (ECO) to bring Earth Day speakers who will be Kenyon alumni or Kenyon-affiliated. Adelante was awarded the money needed for their speaker.

• Social Board is planning a more family- and community-oriented Send-off. All three meals will be served on Ransom Lawn. Social Board is planning to invite professors and their families. Activi-

ties such as limbo, balloon artists and volleyball tournaments are being planned. There will be two water stations. The Board is requesting help from Council and members of committees such as Student Life, Social Board and Housing and Grounds to help oversee the events.

• The council discussed a room-switching moratorium that will hopefully be in place by Oct. 1. Punishments for switching rooms before this time may be community service or point loss towards the next housing lottery. For seniors, the punishment being discussed is weekly or fortnightly fines. The Council hopes to vote formally on this issue next week and will then leave it to Residential Life to enact the punishment on a case-by-case basis.

• The Senate and Student Council are in the process of writing a formal proposal to be presented to the Board of Trustees that would suggest that positions are made available for student representa-
tives on the Board. The Council discussed the possibility that the Student Council president and senate co-chair act as the student representatives, along with a third student who would be elected. The third student would have to attend senate and Student Council meetings in order to keep abreast of the issues on campus.

• The Student Council approved exempting Wellness from the themed-housing point-loss policy.

—Marenka Thompson-Dilum

News Brief: threatening e-mail received

On Wednesday, March 19, a Kenyon staff member received a threatening e-mail that demanded money. The e-mail, determined to have come from Slovakia, is the first of its kind on Kenyon’s campus, said Director of Campus Safety Bob Hooper, despite recurring reports of this behavior in national news.

The Campus Safety office’s computer department is working closely with the Knox County Sheriff’s Department to investigate this incident further. As of now, the staff member involved has not received another e-mail of the sort. All members of the community, upon receiving such e-mail that they think threatening, should immediately contact Campus Safety so that future e-mail problems can be avoided.

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The College is engaged in a series of meetings with the sheriff’s office to ensure that type of communica-
tion, she said.

The crisis “was over as soon as [the administration] learned about it.” Still, she said, the event high-
lighted the importance of “good communication and cooperation between campus safety forces and other security forces in the area.”

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—Roxanne Smith
Snow causes local level-3 emergency

Students on spring break miss 16-inch snowfall in Knox County

The Kenyon Collegian
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News

By Lindsay Means
News Assistant

The winter storms that swept through the Midwest the weekend of March 7-9 left over 16 inches of snow in Knox County. While this is not an official record, according to Village Administrator Suzanne Hopkins, “it’s probably the most snow we’ve had since the blizzard of 1978.”

On Saturday, the level-2 snow emergency was upgraded to a level 3 snow emergency, which meant that only emergency vehicles would be allowed on the streets and all other drivers would be ticketed. Hopkins, who directed the snowplowing for the weekend, said that everything went smoothly. “There are people to plow 24/7,” she said. “A couple of guys were stuck here when it got really bad on Saturday, but they were able to plow all weekend.”

While people were not permitted to drive, businesses stayed open, so residents had the option of walking uptown, according to Hopkins.

Professor of Psychology Linda Smolak, who remained in Mt. Vernon during the storm, said that it was “the first level-3 snow emergency I can remember during all the time I’ve lived here [since 1980].”

According to Smolak, “The hardest part was that the snow started earlier and fell faster than was originally predicted....[It was] originally thought it would just be light snow until mid- or late-afternoon [on Saturday], but it was heavy and difficult to drive in by late morning.”

Knox County did not lose electricity, and the level-3 snow emergency was lifted by Sunday. Most flights in Columbus, which had a record 20-inch snowfall, were canceled or delayed, and several professors were forced to stay in Columbus until Monday.

Route 229, while under a level-3 snow emergency, was relatively clear.

You’re hearing everybody’s happy, and we’re hearing everybody’s not,” said Dean of Academic Affairs Jane Martindell to Chief Business Officer David McConnell during a “meet and greet” session on Monday. “How do we take care of that disconnect?”

Monday’s session, scheduled by the President’s Advisory and Communication Team (PACT), was meant to provide faculty and staff with an opportunity to meet McConnell, hear about his impressions of Kenyon and pose questions about his accomplishments and plans.

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Paid Advertisement

Battle of the Bands
Saturday, March 29, 2008
8:30pm - Horn

Encore After Midnight 8:30 - 8:45
The Secret Destroyers 8:50 - 9:05
Coopers Band 9:10 - 9:25
Cover Band 9:30 - 9:45
Blue Dunabes 9:50 - 10:05
Manhattan Project 10:10 - 10:25
Détroit Groove 10:30 - 10:45
Doolally 10:50 - 11:05
Barbuto Boys 11:10 - 11:25
Luke Brandfon 11:30 - 11:45
Jet Lu 11:50 - 12:05

*Free Pizza starting at 8:15pm! (Provided by ODADAS)

Sponsored by Social Board
Medical call regarding student at Leonard Hall with sprained ankle. Student
Non-injury vehicle accident at Ascension Hall. Report filed with Knox County
Vandalism to pole lights on Middle Path.

Altercation at Gambier Grill. Sheriff’s Office notified.

Unauthorized fraternity event w/bonfire off campus.
Fire alarm at Leonard Hall/pull station accidentally pulled.
Vandalism/EXIT lights torn down and ceiling tile broken at Old Kenyon.
Fireworks reported in area of Caples Residence. Suspects not found.
Vandalism/eggs thrown at Acland Apartment.
Fire alarm at Middle Ground caused by burned milk in the steamer. Alarm
Non-injury vehicle accident at Gund Commons. Report filed with the Knox
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The bus service runs from Gambier to Port Columbus Airport, charging an $18 fare
for each passenger. Shuttles typi-
cally run in the two days leading up to the breaks, usually Friday
and Saturday. Student managers
volunteer to assist with on-site
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ing with bus drivers and checking
in passengers as they arrive.

Kenyon Coach has been
a popular choice for students in need of transportation to
the airport. A one-way ticket
with Kenyon Coach is actually
slightly cheaper than the $20 fee
considered standard fare by
students for an airport ride.
Some students, however, have
experienced delays and other logistical problems with the
student-run venture.

Greek Council
March 24, 2008

• Results of audits and critiques of Work Week schedules will be
returned to organizations this week.
• Five organizations have outstanding balances with the College
and have known about it since October. Until the balances are
paid, organizations will not be permitted to use College services
or spend money.
• Council will not elect a new housing coordinator this late into
the year.
• Council unanimously elected Marcus Hough ‘10 as Greek Week
and special projects coordinator.
• It is acceptable to make pledges “more intense” during Work
Week as long as it remains within “human” boundaries. Work
Week rules must respect all regular College rules, including quiet
hours, and:
— pledges must be allowed at least four hours a day to study,
— pledges must be allowed at least six hours a day to sleep.
President Brendan Myśliwiec ’08 said pledges must be well-
rested enough to participate in class and sports.
— pledges must be allowed to maintain regular eating habits.
— pledges must be allowed to maintain personal hygiene (show-
ning, brushing teeth, etc.)
— all pledging events must end by midnight on weekdays and
2:00 a.m. on weekends.
— pledging ends officially on Sunday, April 6 by midnight, but
organizations may choose to initiate new members whenever
they want.
• Organizations should speak to Community Advisors and residents
around the area where pledges will sleep during Work Week.
• Council discussed organizations’ use of their lounges during Work
Week. Members raised two concerns: organizations should not
deprive students of common space, and the College is concerned
about the environment of lounges, which some believe will
prevent pledges from sleeping or lead to hazing.
• Greek Long Weekend is April 11-13. Friday includes Relay for
Life and a bonfire on South Quad, at which organizations will sing
their songs and then all organizations will sing Kokosing Farewell.
Saturday is the Day of Service, an awards ceremony and all-Greek
formal. No Greek organizations should hold other parties that
Saturday.
• Council instituted educational requirements for pledging: in the
future, pledges will be required to attend meetings on alcohol, sexual
misconduct, housing and party host training. Only the housing and
party host meetings will be held this year.

—Sarah Friedman

Village Record
March 13 – March 18, 2008
Mar. 13, 6:55 a.m.—Maintenance vehicles broken into/items stolen at East Maintenance Building. Report filed with sheriff’s office.
Mar. 15, 4:13 p.m.—Fire alarm at Middle Ground caused by burned milk in the steamer. Alarm was reset.
Mar. 17, 12:42 a.m.—Fireworks reported in area of Caples Residence. Suspects not found.
Mar. 17, 1:28 a.m.—Medical call regarding student at Leonard Hall with sprained ankle. Student

Kenyon Coach to hire new student director

BY TEDDY EISMEIER
Staff Writer

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Opinions

Laura Garland

Although President S. Georgia Nugent, in response to a question about the future of Arabic at Kenyon at a ques- tion and answer panel last month, said “she doesn’t want to go backword in this area,” the College does seem to be moving forward. As demand for Arabic programs rises across the country, Kenyon could be on the vanguard if it responded to the present demand rather than the past. Instead, the College is slow to react.

From the numbers alone, it is easy to see the great demand for Arabic. A recent survey conducted by the Modern Language Association reported that the demand for Arabic at U.S. colleges and universities has increased by 127 percent, and the U.S. Department of State has declared Arabic a critical language. Despite this, however, Arabic remains the most ne- glected language program on campus. Looking at introductory classes, Arabic currently has a higher demand and enrollment than German, Japanese, Chinese and Russian; it was not, however, listed as a priority on the Modern Language Department’s funding proposal last year.

Professor of Chinese Jianhua Bai said that in order to receive funding for language programs, the MLL department meets, prioritizes and presents the languages. The positions they feel are the most in need of funding and then submit this to the provost. The provost then meets with a committee to decide how the funding will be distributed. As Provost Gregory Spaid said, “ultimately, it is the senior administrator and the provost who make their decisions with advice from the provost and the executive committee of the faculty.” The opinions expressed on this page belong only to the writer. Columns and letters to the editors do not necessarily reflect the views of The Kenyon Collegian staff. All members of the community are welcome to express their views through a letter to the editor. The Kenyon Collegian reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length and clarity. The Collegian cannot accept anonymous or pseudonymous letters. Letters must be signed by individuals, not groups, and must be 200 words or less. Letters must also be received by the Collegian prior to publication.

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Spaid said he sees Arabic as impor- tant and that the process of meeting demand is an ongoing one. “I think it is important that we continue to increase the courses we offer in Arabic, although Arabic is not the only language that is currently in great demand. Additionally, there are other examples, and there are yet others. This means the increases will very likely be slow, and will have to be balanced against the demands on other languages,” he believe, “but I will continue to make steady gains.”

While Spaid may promise that “steady gains” are ahead, it is important to consider the facts. Many students and professors believe that no gains have been made since introducing Arabic in the first place. Seven years ago, a part-time instructor was hired to teach Arabic, and seven years later, there is still a single part-time teacher. Ramahi has been a part-time instructor at Kenyon for three years now, and because of the programs lack of funding, has been teaching multiple classes at Denison University and Kenyon who also split her salary. This forces Ramahi to commute daily to teach her two sections of introductory Arabic and her intermediate level class, as well as an independent studies. This part-time position is the source of many problems within the current Arabic program. Because Ramahi cannot always be on campus, many of the intermediate level classes are taught from Denison, using videoconferencing.

This method is incredibly frustrat- ing and needs much improvement.” Ramahi said, explaining that words are often muffled or cut off, and the screen constantly freezes, making it hard to fully engage students and keep them interested. “I have found that the main reason the number of students drops after the introductory level. Ramahi also believes that not having the time to spend on Kenyon’s campus as an independent stud- ents and meeting and interacting with students outside of the hour-long classes really hinders students’ learning.”

“I have had many students tell me that they learn so much more when they can come into my office or meet with me to practice the language,” said Ramahi.

Ramahi explained that if the Arabic program were receiving the funding it needs, “a full-time professor in necessity, as well as as- sistant teachers (ATs), a tutoring program and classes in conversational and classical Arabic. In determining funding, I think the College should take into consideration the number of students who would like to take the language,” she said. Ramahi’s “Arabic is one of the hardest languages to learn, so the fact that so many students still desire to enroll in such a demanding class is re- ally impressive and shows that they are serious—this is something that Kenyon should take seriously.”

Just this year, Ramahi has written 12 recommendations for Kenyon students desiring to study abroad in the Middle East, and knows of 12 more students who have studied abroad there within the last three years. While the level of interest is high and only getting higher, it seems Kenyon is missing a chance to move forward and diversify its language programs. This year, Ramahi was able to work with other students who have transferred or plan to transfer out of Kenyon because of the deficiency of this program and the College’s lack of commitment to funding for foreign languages.

As Vernon Schubel, chair of the religious studies department and professor of religious studies said, “if we are really seri- ous about global education, we need to offer Arabic or another Islamic language.”

He advocates not only developing the Arabic program, but also introducing Islamic Content into the College. “We need to react. Foreign language teaching be restricted to courses that qualify for QR, why should foreign language teaching be restricted to concentration. “I think it is important that we continue to increase the courses we offer in Arabic, although Arabic is not the only language that is currently in great demand. Additionally, there are other examples, and there are yet others. This means the increases will very likely be slow, and will have to be balanced against the demands on other languages. These increases will be made payable to the College, whether you choose to drink or not condone the dangerous amounts of binge drinking that happen every April on that glorious spring day, we recognize it and happen and it will continue to happen. Send- off is the one moment when students will glad to get up early because they have a purpose, and that purpose is to be together.

Not only is drunkenness inevita- ble, it is not without its reason. Send-off is a time for students to say good-bye. By late April, the impending departure of the senior class—one fourth of our community—looms large. Send- off is one last opportunity for the under- classmen to say good-bye in the special Kenyon way: with bacchic festivities.

Send-off also coincides with an- other stressful event. Not only are we preparing to lose some of our friends, we are hitting the home stretch of classes. Send-off, falling the weekend proceeding the last week of classes, comes at a time when the stress of a year, the Hill is a source of comfort. Students, on everyone’s back and the weight is start- ing to become too much for people to handle. It is a cathartic time for Ken- dean, whether you choose to drink or not. Students, even those who choose not to drink, would prefer not to have to deal with the screams and cries of their prosecution of their kids in years past not even professors steered clear of—what makes anyone think they want to bring their children?

While we at the Collegian en- couraged students to participate in Send-off, we acknowledge the fact that they often do not. We applaud Social Board’s attempt at community build- ing, but believe it is off the right track.
Discussion features the history of women at Kenyon

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**Community Advisor**

**Staff Writer**

Imagine yourself walking on Middle Path in 1968. Looking around, you see the buildings that are still here today, the Gates of Hell and, of course, your fellow classmates. You notice one difference: there are no women. That is because Kenyon was an all-male college until 1969, when 151 female students were enrolled to make it a co-educational college.

In honor of the 35th anniversary of the first graduating class with both Lords and Ladies and as part of Women’s History Month, a panel discussion that highlighted personal experiences and the general atmosphere of Kenyon when they attended was held last Thursday in Ascension Hall. Titled “Women and the Kenyon Experience: A Historical Perspective,” it featured a group of women who were “pioneers” at Kenyon, whose achievements were part of the “firsts” of the college’s history.

Included in the panel, which was open to questions from the audience, were Maralyn Sentel, the first female Security officer; Becky Lord-Simpson ‘73, a member of the first graduating co-ed class and officer; Susan Givens, former dean of residential colleges; Buffy Hallinan ‘76, who was the first Kenyon Alumna to join the Board of Trustees and President S. Georgia Nager, Kenyon’s first female president.

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By Phoebe Hillemann Staff Writer

Chris Eigeman '87 returned to Gambier on March 17 to screen Turn the River at the Horn. Eigeman was the director and screenwriting director of the film. Eigeman has been active since the early '90s in films including Kicking and Screaming and Maid in Manhattan, and has had noteworthy guest appearances on Gilmore Girls and Malcolmb in the Middle. The film, shown in Higley Auditorium, generated a positive response from the audience and was followed by a lively question-and-answer session with Eigeman. I met with him at MiddleGround the next morning, where we discussed his career and his time at Kenyon.

Eigeman double majored in drama and English at Kenyon. He spoke highly of both departments. "The drama department was really strong," he said. "I got to be onstage a lot, which is good for the English department taught me how to read, how to think, how to write. The school really tries to encourage intellectual curiosity."

This choice of double major worked out well for Eigeman. "If you're a drama and English major," he said, "best case scenario you become a writer and director of films."

After earning his degree from Kenyon, Eigeman moved to New York City, where he became a valet until he began getting acting jobs. "As an actor the agents were doing was," said Eigeman. "I spent two or three years living off of dirty $1 bills."

While at Kenyon he had spent many a day playing pool, a hobby he continued while in New York. "I lost much more money than a valet parker can afford to lose," said Eigeman. "The Color of Money had just come out, which was about all about back. Everyone was playing it."

His love of the game stayed with him later in life and provided inspiration for the screenplay for Turn the River, in which pool is central to the plot.

The plot of River revolves around Kailey Sullivan (Fannie Jansen), a pool shark and devoted mother who will go to any lengths to rescue her son. "That sort of money," said Eigeman, "is very much about, though, is electricity, and how damn great it makes everything. The water heater, the dishwasher, the stove, the vacuum and many other common household appliances all run on electricity, and isn't it just fantastic? I wish I had electricity in my house, in return, that everyone the road on by everyone the road on is all, said Eigeman. When asked about what role he prefers, Eigeman said he plans to continue writing and directing, but that he'll always be an actor.

Eigeman's advice to young writers and actors is to "just start getting involved with the best possible work."

"Don't worry about career success or the pressure to get involved in interesting stuff," he said. That aspiring writers just need to work hard and do a lot of writing. "There is absolutely nothing easier than not writing something," he said.
Seniors take the campus by storm

As their time at Kenyon draws to a close, artists and musicians of the class of 2008 are working hard on a wide variety of projects that represent the culmination of their studies at Kenyon.

Chamber Singers

The Kenyon College Chamber Singers have returned from their annual spring tour, which took them to destinations in Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maryland. This was the final such tour for the 16 members of the group who will be graduating from Kenyon in May. According to Professor of Music and Chamber Singers Director Benjamin Locke, the troupe’s concert repertoire ranged from a Bach motet to African folk music to a Finnish love song.

The group experienced an ordeal during their journey back to Gambier. In the midst of a level-3 snow emergency, the bus got a flat tire, leaving part of the group stranded in St. Clairsville.

“It was kind of a bummer, but it was also really funny and entertaining,” said Matt Crowley, a member of the Owl Creek Singers, who also performs with the handbells group.

Genghis rocks the Horn

Genghis Tien is an excellent way to spend an evening. While most bands ebb and flow from soft to loud, Genghis Tien keeps welding danceable keyboard riffs to visceral bursts of sound that physically push you back from the speakers. On their records they sound spastic, but at a Genghis Tien show it’s an experience. It is like a theme park ride: big, flashy and fun, even if it is a little sickening once you have ridden it too much. Each song shakes your body to its volume while the flashbulbs go off and on. Genghis Tien is really loud; take a firehose, multiply it by ten and you still are not even close. When they showed up at the Horn for a show Wednesday night, the sheer number of speakers they plugged in served as a warning to those in the crowd without ear protection. On tour in support of their new album Board Up the House with label mates CoSleeper, the band demonstrated why they have a reputation as one of the best live bands around.

Things got off to a late start due to the day’s snowstorm, but a steady crowd had gathered when CoSleeper opened the show with the sort of hardcore metal punk that most people stopped playing in the late eighties. Composed of men old enough to have learned better, the band looked dated and silly, like a rusty bike that you keep riding because there is not anything better. Genghis Tien is better.

Based out of Philadelphia, Genghis Tien has been putting out records since their first EP, Clock of Love (1995). The three members met as students at Vassar College. Imagine Daft Punk if they knew how to end overly long songs and had metallic guitars, plus the decor of Dillinger Escape Plan. That is the sonic space where Genghis Tien operates. You have never heard anything like it. Whist most bands ebb and flow from soft to loud, Genghis Tien keeps welding danceable keyboard riffs to visceral bursts of sound that physically push you back from the speakers. On their records they sound spastic, but at a Genghis Tien show it’s an experience. It is like a theme park ride: big, flashy and fun, even if it is a little sickening once you have ridden it too much. Each song shakes your body to its volume while the flashbulbs go off and on.

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Tennis round-up

Ladies tennis in sun blast, victories

BY KALI GREFF
Sports Assistant

Coming back from a spring break filled with out-of-conference matches, ladies tennis hopes for the upcoming matches including a victorious California, the Kenyon College Ladies tennis felt fortunate to gain experience and to train in such a pleasant climate. “It was nice to get the chance to play outside in warm weather and sunshine for a change,” said Molly Yor’ 09. They had to leave the bright California skies, however, to put their toes on the gridiron upon their return to campus to prepare for the upcoming matches versus Ohio Northern University and Wittenberg University. Last Wednesday, the Ladies hosted the ONU Polar Bears for their first match after spring break and coasted to a commanding 9-0 win. Paige MacDonald ’08 set the tone by winning her No. 1 singles match, 6-3, 6-2, then completing her singles match, MacDonald paired up with Alexis Marino ’09 at No. 2 doubles and continued the victorious streak of the day, taking the match 8-5. “Each team is very balanced,” said Coach Meredith Buzzi. “We are working together in training and in matches. We feel confident in our abilities to compete on any level, coached young players this season. The ladies held strong and continued the victorious streak of the day, taking the match 8-5. “Each team is very balanced,” said Coach Meredith Buzzi. “We are working together in training and in matches. We feel confident in our abilities to compete on any level.”

The Dickinson game was our entire starting lineup is incredible and everyone’s talents in a way that will help us reach our goals for the season.”

The Maroon-College

Ladies lacrosse wins three out of four

BY DAN GROBERG
Sports Editor

The Kenyon College Ladies lacrosse team began its season on a high note, winning three of four matches, including an impressive victory over 12th-ranked Roanoke College.

In their opening match of the season, the Ladies topped the University of South Florida, emerging as a 22-6 victory. The Ladies dominated both halves of the match, winning big behind the solid play of the offense and defense. The Maroons ruled the box, outshooting the Florida Gators 22-12.

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Ladies eliminated in squeaker

Dagan earned the title of Player of the Year, ranking in the conference’s top five in scoring (13.5 ppg, 3rd), steals (2.59 spg, 2nd), three-point shooting percentage (45.4 percent, 3rd), blocks (1.04 bpg, 4th) and defensive rebounds (5.19 drpg, 4th). Dagan was only the fifth Ladies basketball player to be selected for this honor and is one of seven players in Kenyon’s history to score more than 1,000 points over the course of her college basketball career. Dagan’s senior season three-point shooting percentage also set a new College record.

Alisha Moreno ’08 was also honored with a selection to the conference’s first team, posting the best assist/turnover ratio (2.64) in the NCAC, the second-highest average assists (4.89) and three-pointers made (22) in the NCAC. Moreno, with her 41 percent three-throw accuracy, set a College record for career shooting percentage beyond the arc.

Helfant was named Coach of the Year for the third time in her Kenyon career for guiding the ladies to a flawless 16-0 record in conference play to earn the team’s third NCAC championship. In her 13-year tenure with the ladies, Helfant has a 211-129 overall record.

Throughout the season, the seniors have shown tremendous amounts of leadership and dedication,” said Elena Carlson ’11. “I know all of us underclassmen have learned so much from them on and off the court, and they will be sorely missed. I only wish we could have sent them off on a better note.”

Little Giants stand tall over Lords

The Kenyon College Lords basketball team fell just short on Feb. 26, losing to the fifth-seeded Wabash College Little Giants, 86-73, and was eliminated from the North Coast Athletic Conference tournament in the first round of play.

The Lords, who finished the regular season with an 11-5 conference record, could not add enough to the 27 points from Kodye Haddox ’11 to overcome Wabash’s dominating interior play.

From the tip-off, Wabash (17-9) did not make things easy for the Lords. The Little Giants converted 7 of 11 three-pointers during the first half of play and ran out a 46-36 lead at the break.

The Lords began the second half with three-pointers from Haddox and Bryan Velten ’09, sparking a 9-4 run that pulled the Lords within three points, 50-47, with 15:23 left on the clock. Wabash, however, stymied Kenyon’s momentum with a 13-0 run over the next five minutes to put the game out of reach for the Lords. Haddox wound up scoring his 27 points on 9 of 15 shooting, including a red-hot 7 of 10 shooting from beyond the three-point arc. Velten did his part to counter the Wabash defense, as he scored 21 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

“We were very disappointed with the way our season ended,” said Velten. “We were expecting to go a lot farther than we did, and we really wish we could have sent our seniors out with a few more wins.”

Despite the bitter ending, the Lords still managed to post the program’s best record since the 1994-1995 campaign.

“If frustrating as it was to lose in the first round, we can’t overlook the best season Kenyon basketball has had since 1995,” said Velten. “We did accomplish a lot this year and made a lot of steps in the right direction. We have a lot of very key pieces coming back next year and we are all very hungry to get back onto the court for our next game. November can’t come soon enough.”

Baseball

The Lords baseball team started out their season in fine fashion during a spring break trip to Florida filled with sun, beach and lots of ball.

The Lords represented Kenyon well in their match-ups against out-of-conference schools including Lebanon Valley College, La Roche College, Susquehanna University, Neumann College, University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg and Ursinus College, winning nine of 14 games. Not all of the games were out-of-conference, however. Kenyon also emerged victorious in three of four games played against conference opponent Hiram College.

On March 19, soon after their return back to Gambier, the Lords traveled to face Lakeland College in two match-ups. Keeping the momentum rolling, the Lords came out on top over the Muskies, winning both games with scores of 8-5 and 9-3, respectively.

The Lords will next take on the College of Wooster at the Fighting Scots’ home diamond on Saturday and Sunday.

—— Kali Greff

Lords take collegiate-tennis world by storm, fifth in nation

The Kenyon College Lords tennis squad has stormed the collegiate tennis world, defeating two nationally ranked squads, including the fifth-ranked Claremont McKenna College and the 16th-ranked Whitman College. The Lords have risen to be ranked sixth in the nation in NCAA Division III play. Since Kenyon resumed play on March 12 after a nearly three-week break, the Lords have swept away their competition, winning by a combined score of 28-6.

On March 12, in Thousand Oaks, CA, the Lords, at the time ranked 12th in the nation, swept Cal Lutheran University 7-2, upsetting the Kingsmen and maintaining a season record of 10-0. Michael Greenberg ’10, ranked as the tenth-best singles player in the country, dominated the No.1 match with scores of 6-2 and 6-0. Greenberg won all matches he played over the weekend, and emerged with a record of 21-2 for the season thus far.

On March 15, the Lords then headed to Claremont for the Stag-Hen Invitational Tournament, where they upset Whitman College, ranked 16th in the nation, 7-2. On the following day, Kenyon upset the fifth-ranked Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 5-4. The victory was the Lords’ first ever against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

Although a match against seventh-ranked Trinity University was also planned, the match was cancelled due to poor weather, and the two teams split the title. The doubles pairings of Greenberg and Jeremy Polster ’11 and Daniel Becker ’09 and Charles Brody ’10 beat Whitman with matching 8-2 scores. In the No. 6 singles, Robert Afe ’09 pulled out impressive scores of 6-1 and 6-0.

The action of the Claremont match the following day was much closer, with the match undecided until the final singles match. In the No. 5 match, William Vandenberg ’10 overcame the odds with scores of 7-6, 4-6 and 6-3 to lead the Lords to victory.

The Lords then emerged victorious over the Wittenberg University Tigers at the Jasper Tennis Center on March 22, crushing Wittenberg 9-0. Vandenberg again put up an impressive showing, with two scores of 6-0 in the No. 4 singles match. In the first five singles matches, the Lords lost only six of 66 games played.

The victorious Lords will go on to face the Reserve University on March 31 and then have a chance to rest on their until their next action on April 11, when Kenyon hosts the Great Lakes Colleges Association Championships.
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In the Championship meet, any finish amongst the top 16 receives points, thus rendering every performance from a qualifier especially important. Kati Meirs ’11 captured Kenyon’s only individual first-place victory throughout the meet with her time of 16:52.90 in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Meirs also placed in three other events. Kate Coker ’08 racked up her 13th All-American award—given for a top 16 finish at Nationals—of her career. Her best individual finish of the day was her third place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke event with a time of 2:01.82. Tina Ertel ’10 earned six All American Awards of her own and finished second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 51.02.

“Even though Kenyon has won so many NCAA championships, the atmosphere changes every single year because a different group of Ladies comes together to compete for the win,” said Ertel.

Lauren Brady ’11, Danielle Arad ’10 and Tracy Menzel ’09 also posted strong performances for the Ladies. Arad placed fifth in the 200-yard butterfly, earning her eighth career All-American title and placing just one second behind Brady. Brady had six top 16 finishes in her first appearance at the national championships, three of which came in individual events. Menzel placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke and fifth in the 200-yard breaststroke, establishing herself as an 11-time All-American.

“Emily Lewandowski ['11] came on so strong this second semester,” said Brady, highlighting some individual improvements throughout the season. “She dropped nearly five seconds in her [200-yard] breaststroke to make the national team and [dropped another five seconds] in her race at Nationals.”

Lewandowski finished 13th and 14th in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke, respectively. The Ladies are returning with almost all of their National team qualifiers next year, so the bar for next season will be set even higher, as they look to rack up another national championship.

“At the end of the meet we got to count to 22 [the number of championships for the Ladies’ team thus far] and throw all of our coaches in the pool,” said Brady.

Ladies keep swimming championship in Gambier

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The 200-yard freestyle relay (1:20.7) team, composed of Blair Withington ’10, Joshua Mitchell ’08, Matthew Harris ’09 and Marc Christian ’08, won the meet’s opening event. Mitchell emerged from the national championship with six first-place titles. In addition to the 200-yard relay, Mitchell led Kenyon to relay victories in the 400-yard medley relay, 200-yard medley relay and the 400-yard freestyle relay (2:58.80). He also claimed individual titles in the 100-yard free-style (44.37) and 100-yard backstroke (48.68) and was named Division III Swimmer of the Year.

Other impressive performances came from Harris and Kegan Borland ’10. Harris matched Mitchell’s performance with six titles of his own. Harris won the 100-yard freestyle in addition to sweeping the butterfly events. Borland won victories in the 1,650-yard freestyle (15:31.96), finished third in the 400-yard IM (3:57.96) and was part of Kenyon’s second place 800-yard free-style relay (6:43.83).

“We make abanner every year and this year it said ‘don’t think there are no crocodiles because the water is calm,”’ said Borland. “All year we kind of laid low and then we rose up at the right time to produce one of the most dominant team performances in NCAA history. From top to bottom this team performed amazingly, and it was great to be a part.”

Swimming wins 50th, 51st championships

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Lords, Ladies at Wooster Classic

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Collegian Weekend Sports Picks

Lords Lacrosse
Friday March 29 at 1:00 p.m.
Washington and Jefferson
Lords track on presidential squad
College of Wooster
Lords, Ladies at Wooster Classic

Outdoor Track and Field
Friday March 29 at 11:00 a.m.
Wooster College
Lords take on presidential squad
Washington and Jefferson