“Cow Tipping”

MONICA KRIEFE

Above: One of the cow sculptures outside the library is too fragile to be named upright after the group was tipped over late on Saturday night, Oct. 25. Later on Saturday night, Oct. 25, several of the cow sculptures produced by Professor of Art Barry Gunderson’s Art With Four Legs class, which recently migrated outside the library, tipped in an act of vandalism. Art With Four Legs student Nat Carruthers found the majority of the “herd” tipped and damaged early on Sunday morning, according to fellow student Fraser Reach ’11. Reach “was conscious that [the sculptures were] going to be outside,” but didn’t think “damage would occur, especially not from Kenyon students,” Reach said. According to Reach, the original plan to display the cows for three weeks will not be changed after the vandalism, although the most severely damaged cows may be taken in for repairs.

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—Dan Groberg, News Editor

Kenyon community invited to meet Bookstore manager candidates

BY DAN GROBERG

News Editor

“I think the Bookstore is not what it was a few years ago,” Japhet Balaban ’09 said. “It just lost a lot of personality. It doesn’t have the heart and soul that it used to.”

“The Bookstore has so much more potential,” Lily Barrett ’12 said. “Right now, I just come in here to buy some snack mix or textbooks. I look forward to a time when the Bookstore is so much more than that.”

After receiving 149 applications for the position of general manager of the Bookstore, the College-appointed search committee brought three finalists to campus between Monday, Oct. 27 and Wednesday, Oct. 29 to meet with administrators, faculty and interested students. A new manager would oversee changes to the Bookstore’s layout, lighting, inventory, and more.

“The three candidates that we chose, they’re all excellent candidates,” Jack Horneck ’09, a member of the search committee, said. “They [each] have an extensive background in running bookstores, but they also really have a love for books, which is very important for Kenyon.”

The College has already approved plans to move trade books to the front of the store, expand the children’s selection and overhaul the lighting with accent and perimeter lights. Work could start as early as Winter Break, according to Mark Kaufman, partner in Paz and Associates, an independent bookstore consulting firm that has been brought on to oversee the redesign and manager search.

“The change is not going to make everyone happy, but in the long run, I think it will be a big improvement,” Kaufman said.

At Monday, Oct. 27, Ted Smith, general manager of Joseph-Beth Bookstore in Cincinnati, Ohio, came to campus to meet with the search committee, bookstore staff, faculty and students.

Joseph-Beth is an independent bookselling company with stores in six cities.

Smith would make a number of changes to the Bookstore if given the opportunity, including changes to lighting, flow and configuration of the store. Smith also hopes to reemphasize the art of bookselling, a job he continues to do while balancing his managerial duties. During his meeting with students, Smith spoke extensively about one book he is currently reading, “The Story of Edgar Sawtelle” by David Wroblewski.

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Trustees discuss effects of economy

BY SARA QUILLER

News Editor

The College Board of Trustees met this weekend for its annual fall meeting, which centered around “the serious questions about the economy and about Kenyon’s budget.” President S. Georgia Nugent said.

Nugent said the Trustees “urg[ed] us to look at every cost-saving measure that we can.”

“We think that all decisions that trustees make are relevant to students,” Student Council President Shrochis Karki ’09 said.

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BY DESIREE VODOOUNOU

Staff Writer

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Remillard’s goals for Kenyon’s dining service include “[bringing] restaurant-quality” food to Peirce, improving the vegetarian and vegan selections and placing a greater emphasis on locally grown food.

Rochelle Ack, an AVI employee, said Remillard is “very communicative” and “down to earth.”

“I am very approachable,” Remillard said. “I want to get to know people. I want people to come and ask me questions.”

“Hope he will continue to improve the food for the students,” Ack said.

“Everything is new to me,” Remillard said. “Kenyon, Ohio and the people. The only way I can help the change is if people feel free to come talk to me.”

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The Trustees asked to pause the construction of the art building and new dorm because "our first commitment is to our students and their education, and facilities in some ways are secondary to that," Nugent said.

For example, the Kenyon alumnus, he also has a vested interest in the bookstore's future.

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The community has a great opportunity to remake the Bookstore in its own image," he said. "For example, the Kenyon authors section is almost indistinguishable from the books around it. "If we value writing the way we say we do at Kenyon — not just English majors, but all majors — that needs to be brought out."

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The dish on local food at Kenyon

AVI director discusses efforts to increase sustainability

A tractor sits ready to plow the fields at a local farm. WESLEY KEYSER

BY DESIREE VOUDOUNOU Staff Writer

Many of the foods in the Peirce serverie are labeled with cards indicating that they are either organic or locally-grown, but what exactly are locally-grown foods? Dennis Bean, the director of culinary operations education for AVI, defines locally-grown foods as being produced not only nearby, but also in a manner that is economically responsible for the community.

The chicken served in Peirce, for instance, comes from Park Farms in Canton, Ohio, a 90-minute drive from Gambier. In 2003, Park Farms processed 350,000 chickens per week, according to The Canton Repository ("New generation at Park Farms," April 21, 2003).

“They are the best suppliers of chickens closest to us that we felt were not processed as if they were processed on a national basis,” Bean said.

“The way they process their chickens matched up with the philosophy we use as far as local sustainability, as opposed to having a national company like Tyson open up in Mount Vernon,” he said. “We would rather work with a local company where the profits and the money stay within the community.”

The College attempted to reconstruct Peirce Hall’s facilities to match its mission of increasing sustainability, according to President S. Georgia Nugent.

“Over the last couple of years, we’ve really raised the percentage of total foods that are local,” Nugent said. According to a pamphlet drafted by the student organization People Endorsing Agrarian Sustainability (PEAS), the College currently “sources approximately 35 percent of its food locally.”

The mission of PEAS is to promote educating students about using locally-grown products. PEAS member Allison Bucket ’09 said the organization functions as a “watchdog for AVI.”

According to Bean, 35 percent of all foods currently on the menu are locally grown, a number the company hopes to increase. Bean recognizes, however, that there is a limit to local food use.

“It is going to be very hard to ever get about 75 percent, because you can’t buy things like Coca-Cola or pizza dough locally, because it is not available,” he said.

“The only thing that stops Knox County farmers from producing everything we need and AVI from buying everything that is currently available is money,” PeAS member Jim Kutz ’10 said. “Local food costs more.”

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Bean works with local vendors to increase the quantity of local foods that are utilized by AVI. In purchasing food, AVI first looks to produce from Knox County, Lan-

ning Foods in Mount Vernon supplies non-locally produced menu staples.

“[AVI] has been really good to work with,” said Colleen Parshall, a local farmer and AVI supplier. “This is our third year of bringing apples [and it has] just worked out really [well] for us.”

It is not the location of the company but its effects on the community that are most important, according to Bean.

When purchasing local foods, Bean said he takes into account if “they are giving back to the area.”

“It is great that [these companies] are employing locally, but are the profits staying in the area?” he said.

“In the last couple of years AVI has been very active at the county fair in buying food for Kenyon,” President S. Georgia Nugent said. “Ultimately they are the ones who buy the food.”

“Our hope is that over time, what we might be able to do is to create a partnership where the major local buyers of food … would basically guarantee a market to local farmers, which would mean that local farmers could diversify their crops,” Nugent said. “If we were to do that it would really be a real kind of boost for our local economy.”

“This school is in the middle of an agricultural community,” Burket said. “It is so crucial for a school to support the community in which it lives.”

“I think that is the most important part, because truly it is about helping the community and making sure it is better off than before we came in,” Bean said.

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Local Candidates
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Ohio 18th Congressional District

Zack Space (D)  Fred Dailey (R)

Zack Space is the incumbent candidate for Congress and a Kenyon College alumnus. He is a member of the Tuscarawas County and State of Ohio Bar Associations and served as an attorney at Space & Space Company, LPA, for nearly twenty years. Space has also served on the Tuscarawas County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, coached local youth baseball, softball and football leagues and appeared as a guest on "The Colbert Report."

During his one term in Congress, Space has voted for bills to increase regulations on members of Congress regarding lobbyists and donations, reinforce prohibitions against sex discrimination in the payment of wages, provide funding for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and expand offshore drilling leases and extend renewable energy tax credits. Recently, he voted for the economic package designed to bail out Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Space said his greatest accomplishment in his term has been working to provide more jobs to Americans.

"I've been devoting most of my time and most of my energy toward helping to create an environment where jobs can prosper in a very difficult climate," Space said. "We've seen an erosion in our manufacturing community, and we're suffering from a much lower-than-average education attainment rate. Our infrastructure is crumbling.

Space said that it is not the government's duty to create jobs, but it is the duty of elected officials to create an environment in which jobs can prosper. The best way to do this is by "investing in infrastructure ... That means investing in technology; that means investing in education," Space said. "If you look at what we've done, it's centered around creating an environment that gives these people a fighting chance."

Although it depends on what committee he is a part of, Space said that in his next term he would like to focus on improving technology.

"I would like to be able to be more active in developing technological access in America so that it doesn't matter if you're from rural America or urban or suburban areas, you have the same access," he said. However, in light of the recent economic crisis, Space said that "combating the difficult economic climate" will be his first priority.

"It's not just about helping to raise people out of poverty," Space said. "It's about mitigating the consequences of poverty, the ramifications of poverty, which include homelessness and hunger, drug and alcohol addiction, crime and the breakdown of the traditional family unit and the breakdown of a culture. These are big issues."

As Space faces re-election, his campaign is focusing on drawing votes from a young demographic.

"Obama's energizing young people: we're trying to do the same thing and [college campuses] are a great place to do that." Space said that he remembers how college campuses energized America in opposition to the Vietnam War and how he believes that young people can change the world.

"We want to do everything we can to empower this generation of Americans to stand up and participate in the decision-making process," he said. "They can either sit back and be victimized by change or they can stand up, and be a part of it and we are trying to encourage them to do that.

Space said that there is much at stake in the 2008 election. "These decisions that we are making now will affect us for generations," he said. "God help us if we make the wrong choices. The wrong leaders will make the wrong choices."

Fred Dailey, the Republican candidate for Congress, was appointed by Governor Voinovich to the office of Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, a position he held for 16 years.

Dailey received a Bachelor of Arts in political science and history from Anderson University and a Master's Degree in public administration from Ball State University, graduating summa cum laude. He is a combat veteran who served with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. After Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. Treasury Department hired Dailey as a sky marshal. He has also served as assistant secretary of the national Association of State Departments of Agriculture, the Midwest Association of State Departments of Agriculture and the Mid-America International Agri-Trade Council.

Dealing with the financial crisis in America will be Dailey's first objective, if elected. "Because the country is in such a mess from a fiscal standpoint and because Congress has such a big impact on fiscal policy, that will be a high priority for me to try to balance the budget," Dailey said.

"We can't continue to fund every program that we're funding now, because we are already having our grandkids and great-grandkids pay back the bill because this has such massive debt," he said. "So trying to trim some fat out of the budget is going to be a priority for me and trying to come to grips with the unfunded mandates and the entitlement programs, which we just keep pushing down the road."

"As far as legislation goes," Dailey said, "one of my first bills will be to prohibit GSAs [government sponsored enterprises] like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from having the government subsidize them. I think the news has shown that the government is too involved in the mortgage market and it is time to get that under control."

Dailey opposed the Congressional bailout plan supported by his opponent. "I would have proposed a workout instead of a bailout," he said. Dailey said that Congress should have, instead, changed the mark-to-market accounting rule, which mandates that accounts have to mark their assets to whatever the market is for those assets at that time. According to Dailey, those assets still have value even after they've been dropped.

"96 percent of these mortgage-backed securities are performing assets," Dailey said, "but industries have completely lost confidence in them because of Fannie and Freddie's antics." Dailey said. He said that he would have provided tax incentives to bring in private equity, which would mean a drop in the tax rate of the capital gains tax.

On the issue of the Iraq, Dailey said that he cannot "unscramble the egg" that was the war. But he has proposed plans to help the war effort, which he says his opponent has failed to carry out. "What I would have done, and what my opponent didn't do, which is frankly embarrassing, is visit the troops," Dailey said.

Zack Space didn't care enough about the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan to visit there—even though he did go on a two-week trip to the Greek Isles and he said he didn't want to waste the taxpayers' money on a trip to a war zone. Dailey said visiting the troops is one of the most important things a congressman can do.

"I know what it's like to look down the barrel of an M16 at an enemy combatant," he said, "feeling your heart pounding so fast in your chest you think it's going to explode."

Zack Space said he is best suited for this job because of his close ties to Gambier. "My grandfather worked here. He built the tables that students eat on in Peirce Hall. My grandfather worked here. He built the tables that students eat on in Peirce Hall."

It is his patriotism that Dailey said will make him a great congressman. "I think I understand the values of this area and I am a patriot," he said. "I believe in the greatness of this country."
Duane Grassbaugh (D)

Duane Grassbaugh, the Democratic nominee for State Representative from Ohio’s 90th District, graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a bachelor’s degree in dairy science. He now works on his family’s 120-cow dairy farm, Grassydell Farms, and is president of the Knox/Licking Farmers Union, for which he acts as an advocate for Ohio dairy farmers and rural residents. In the past, Grassbaugh had travelled to Washington, D.C. to lobby on behalf of Ohio farmers and has brought attention to the needs of family farms in regards to the new farm bill.

Economic development is the most important issue to Grassbaugh in this campaign.

“I’m trying to bring in different ideas,” he said.

Grassbaugh said that he is more suited for this position than his opponent because he is “the younger, energetic candidate who’s got a college education, who understands the issues facing college students.”

Grassbaugh also said that he has close ties to the local community as a lifetime resident of Howard. “I’m the local guy,” he said. “I’m just over the hill.”

“The big thing is to get out and vote,” he said. “Study up on your issues—we have our information up on the Internet—or just vote for me. That will be the key solution. That is the advice for first-time voters: vote Grassbaugh.”

Serita Harris (D)

Serita Harris, the Democratic nominee for Knox County Commissioner (term commencing Jan. 3, 2009), graduated from Mount Vernon High School and immediately acquired a job with the United States Navy Department in Washington, D.C. Harris was then employed by the Newark Air Force Station in Licking County, Ohio. She managed a gas station in Ohio with her husband for several years and has worked as a staff photographer and manager of the Olan Mills Studio in Ontario, Ohio.

According to her official website, Harris is “determined to have change in Knox County.” Once elected, Harris plans on “increasing jobs through economic growth and development, promoting and supporting local business, strengthening senior citizen service programs and improving roadways and creating efficient infrastructures.” She is also interested in preserving farmland and expanding social activities and environment to attract new businesses to the community.

John Booth (D)

John Booth, the Democratic Party candidate for Knox County Commissioner (full term commencing Jan. 3, 2009), has been a member of the Mount Vernon City Council since 1972 and is currently serving as its president. During his 36 years on the council, 11 of which he has spent as president, Booth has worked with the administration to build a new water plant and water/waste water lab building, built a debt-free fire station, created a public pool and water park and hired new police officers, firefighters and paramedics, among other accomplishments. Booth worked for Kelsey Hayes/TRW, where he served as vice president and then president of United Auto Workers Local 1939, negotiating various union contracts.

“I’ve lived in Knox County all my life, so I want [Knoxenon students] to take this into perspective,” Booth said. “I grew up in a little village called Millwood not far from [Kenyon], so I know this area well.”

Booth said that his years of experience working in factories and as a union boss have put him in touch with the common working man. “My whole life I’ve dealt with issues to help people, to help the common man, the little man, the guy in the shop who can’t speak for himself,” Booth said. “I think I’ll be a good commissioner because I still have that same outlook.”

Increasing the number of jobs in Knox County is one of the first issues Booth said he would deal with if elected.

“I would definitely support ... whatever we can do to bring jobs and industry into Mount Vernon,” Booth said.

Margaret Ann Ruhl (R)

Margaret Ann Ruhl, the Republican candidate for state representative from Ohio’s 90th District, is currently serving as the elected Knox County Auditor. She is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and recipient of the Distinguished Auditor Award in 1998, 2002 and 2006 as well as the “Making Your Tax Dollars Count” award. She has had experience as the elected Mount Vernon City Auditor.

“The reason I ran is because I started from the lowest level,” Ruhl said. “I have learned on the local level [while] working my way up.”

“Think the most important issue is jobs,” Ruhl said. “We need to create jobs.”

Ruhl’s first act, if elected, would be to deal immediately with the budget, one of the major concerns of a County Commissioner. “We need to figure out what programs we are going to fund and get that all straightened out. The budget is going to be a big issue.”

Her opponent, however, would have much more work to adequately serve the people of the 90th District, Ruhl said. “I will be focused on this job. Once elected, I will not have another job; this will be my full-time job.” she said. “My opponent—and there’s nothing wrong with being a farmer—at [is] going to have responsibilities he’s going to have ... and, along with being a state rep, I think that would be very difficult.”

Allen Stockberger (R)

Allen Stockberger, the Republican candidate for Knox County Commissioner (full term commencing Jan. 3, 2009), is the incumbent candidate for this position.

During his tenure as commissioner, Stockberger has been successful in establishing the Knox County Park district. He was also involved in designating both rivers in Knox County as scenic rivers and worked on creating three recreation trails, including the Kokosing Gap Trail and three new parks.

“I already have the experience,” he said, “whereas my opponent does not have any experience in government at all.”

Knoxenon students should consider him as their candidate, Stockberger said, because he has been “very pro-environment.”

“I plan to stay the course and continue preserving Knox County’s green spaces,” he said.

Teresa Bemiller (R)

Teresa Bemiller, the Republican Party candidate for Knox County Commissioner (term commencing Jan. 3, 2009) is the former president of the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association, a current member of the Knox County Chamber of Commerce and standing president of the Knox County Board of the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. During her time working in the Knox County Clerk of Courts, Bemiller established one of the first “one-stop shop” auto title offices in the state of Ohio.

She also managed the legal office processing for approximately 1,000 cases per year for 12 years. During her work for the Knox Metropolitan Housing Authority, Bemiller managed the yearly budgets, which totaled more than $3 million.

“I’ve been involved in public service for 26 years, so it’s important to me to make sure that county government runs efficiently,” Bemiller said.

Bemiller said she wants to make financial concerns a top priority. “I’ve always been fiscally responsible while wanting to give the public the best service they can get,” she said.

If elected, Bemiller said she would begin working on the financial state of Knox County immediately by examining and approving budgets that other elected officials have proposed.

“With me, you’re going to get somebody [who] believes in public service, has a good strong background in the responsibilities of being a commissioner [and] cares about what the residents and the public think,” Bemiller said. “I truly feel like I’m
**Looking Back at Kenyon in the News**

**Historical Overview**

The voters of Gambier, Ohio were the last people in the United States to cast their ballots on November 2, 2004. Though the polls officially close at 7:30 p.m., Ohio state law mandates that if individuals are standing in line when the polls closed they are allowed to vote. The last voter cast her ballot at 3:56 a.m.

“Most of the networks had already called the presidency for George Bush,” Matt Segal ’08, founder of Student Association for Voter Empowerment (SAVE), said. “This is a very disheartening feeling - to discover that the president has already been declared and you haven’t even voted yet.”

Kenyon students were only provided two polling machines and one of them broke down early in the day, according to Nugent.

“It was confusing why there would only be two for 1,300 registered voters, while conversely other Ohio counties had six machines for 600 registered voters,” Segal said. “I was shocked at how badly the voting machines were allocated.”

Students were not initially given the option of using paper ballots, President S. Georgia Nugent said. Later in the day, when they were offered, students were concerned that their paper ballots would not be counted, so they opted to wait in line instead.

**Ground zero for long waits** was Gambier, Ohio, where two electronic voting machines served 1,170 voters.

The polling place had to stay open until 4 a.m. to accommodate everyone. Rita Yarman, deputy elections director in Knox County, which includes Gambier, says early voting would have helped. “I think it would be wonderful,” she says. “We’re certainly hopeful that that comes about.”

“Turnout was strong everywhere. In spite of widespread rain and long lines, the secretary of state said turnout would be...the highest since 1992. It was so heavy in parts of Columbus, Akron, Cleveland and even rural Knox County - where hundreds of Kenyon College students waited six hours to vote - that Democrats ordered volunteers to abandon phone banks and rush food, hot chocolate, chairs, umbrellas and radios to voters who had been waiting in the drenching rain.”

**Joan Slonczewski, professor of biology, worked the polls in 2004 and plans to work them again for this election.** On Nov. 2, 2004, Slonczewski got to the polls at 5:30 a.m. and did not leave until 4:30 a.m. She said the experience was filled with not only with “frustration” but also “community spirit.”

She encourages students to realize that when filling out paper ballots, there are issues as well as candidates to vote for.

“Two years ago, Ohio passed a law stating that minimum wage would be linked to inflation — so now, every year, the wage of students who work at Kenyon increases,” she said. “It goes to show why it is important to vote on issues.”

Slonczewski is also confident that this year voting will be a success partly due to Ohio’s new Secretary of State, Jennifer Brunner. According to Slonczewski, Brunner has “tremendously improved the process by improving instructions for poll workers, providing more machines, and everyone has an option of a paper ballot from the beginning.”

Lewis Hyde, professor of creative writing, led his 2004 creative writing class to produce a pamphlet describing, in detail, the events of Election Day 2004. Hyde explained in the beginning of this pamphlet, called “The Longest Line,” that his original syllabus seemed no longer desirable after the events surrounding the election. “It seemed one of those moments in which the course of study might rightly be allowed to leave its pre-scribed path,” he said. “And so we gave ourselves an assignment: to produce a clear and evenhanded account of what forces had come together to produce the longest line.”

And this is exactly what “The Longest Line” does. Hyde and his students interviewed 13 individuals including students, a teacher, members of the Board of Elections and the mayor of Knox County.

Through this process Hyde discovered that one voting machine did not actually break down and that this fact is actually just a rumor. “That’s a mistake,” he said. “One machine had problems mid-day, but after a couple hours, it was fixed and caused no more problems.”

**Associate Dean of Students**

Tacci Smith

8:02 a.m.
Arrive at polling station.

8:05 a.m.
Get word that one of the voting machines has broken.

8:06 a.m.
Commence slight freak-out.

8:11 a.m.
Realize it is not that big of a deal.

8:30 a.m.
Get comfortable waiting in line.

9:45 a.m.
Get really uncomfortable waiting in line.

10:12 a.m.
Realize Karl Stevens, Kenyon’s Episcopal chaplain, has brought along his baby, Emma.

10:13 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Play with baby.

12:15 p.m.
Finally Vote!

1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Back to work.

7:45 p.m.
Drive back down to polling station.

8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Revel in party atmosphere, ask people how they are doing, eat pizza and feel "proud to see this [outpouring of democracy and civility and civil rights]."

**Poll Worker’s Perspective**

Joan Slonczewski, professor of biology, worked the polls in 2004 and plans to work them again for this election. On Nov. 2, 2004, Slonczewski got to the polls at 5:30 a.m. and did not leave until 4:30 a.m. She said the experience was filled with not only with “frustration” but also “community spirit.”

She encourages students to realize that when filling out paper ballots, there are issues as well as candidates to vote for.

“Two years ago, Ohio passed a law stating that minimum wage would be linked to inflation — so now, every year, the wage of students who work at Kenyon increases,” she said. “It goes to show why it is important to vote on issues.”

Slonczewski is also confident that this year voting will be a success partly due to Ohio’s new Secretary of State, Jennifer Brunner. According to Slonczewski, Brunner has “tremendously improved the process by improving instructions for poll workers, providing more machines, and everyone has an option of a paper ballot from the beginning.”

Lewis Hyde, professor of creative writing, led his 2004 creative writing class to produce a pamphlet describing, in detail, the events of Election Day 2004. Hyde explained in the beginning of this pamphlet, called “The Longest Line,” that his original syllabus seemed no longer desirable after the events surrounding the election. “It seemed one of those moments in which the course of study might rightly be allowed to leave its prescribed path,” he said. “And so we gave ourselves an assignment: to produce a clear and evenhanded account of what forces had come together to produce the longest line.”

And this is exactly what “The Longest Line” does. Hyde and his students interviewed 13 individuals including students, a teacher, members of the Board of Elections and the mayor of Knox County.

Through this process Hyde discovered that one voting machine did not actually break down and that this fact is actually just a rumor. “That’s a mistake,” he said. “One machine had problems mid-day, but after a couple hours, it was fixed and caused no more problems.”
ELECTION 2004

John Kerry at Kenyon

IN JOHN KERRY’S 2006 COMMENCEMENT SPEECH AT KENYON COLLEGE he mentioned Robin Cash, a former field hockey coach who now works in the Office of Admission. Cash made waves when she cancelled practice right before a semi-final game so her players could vote.

“I know what it’s like to be on a team before an important game,” Kerry said. “I know how crucial that last practice can be. For the field hockey team, that Nov. 2 was the last day before the Oberlin game. Winning meant getting into the league championship, and from there to the NCAAAs, so I can understand why players were upset after hours waiting in line at the polling place that afternoon. When Maggie Hill called her coach to ask if she should come back to practice, you’d expect the coach to say, ‘you better believe it.’

This coach had a different reaction. ‘I’ll cancel practice,’ she said, ‘and I’m sending the whole team to vote.’ In that one moment she became a hero to me and an example to many. It takes a special coach to know there are more important things than a big game. We should all express our gratitude to Robin Cash. Her values are the values of Kenyon.”

Cash got to meet Kerry at President S. Georgia Nugent’s house before he delivered his speech.

“They were all trying to keep it a surprise for me,” she said. “But I knew. Kerry] has a really incredible presence about him. He was just very gracious and has the most incredible blue eyes. I mean we talk about Paul Newman having blue eyes, but sheesh. His were penetrating.”

Kerry also mentioned in his speech that “Through that long night, we in Massachusetts watched you in Gambier. We were honored. We were inspired. We were determined not to concede until our team had checked every possibility. If you could stay up all night to vote, we could certainly stay up that next day to make sure your vote would count. In the end, we couldn’t close the gap. We would have given anything to know there are more important things than a big game. We should all express our gratitude to Robin Cash. Her values are the values of Kenyon.”

Preparing for 2008
WITH ELECTION DAY 2008 STEADILY APPROACHING, STUDENTS received utility bill-style mailboxes as a form of voter identification. Jesse Matt, advisor to the President, organized this effort along with President S. Georgia Nugent. “The law in Ohio states that students may choose to vote using their Ohio state residence address,” Matt said. “We felt it was necessary that students had the documentation necessary to do so. Students will probably need the letter to verify identity on Election Day, and the Knox County Board of Elections will need to confirm with the Knox County Board of Elections that they will accept a letter from Kenyon students which proves they paid for residency here, Nugent said. “We have been given every assurance that these will be viable to use.”
In defense of the “armpit”

At one recent opinion piece written in this paper (“Kenyon: the armpit of liberal thought,” Oct. 23) described the state of the political discussion on campus, namely that there is no room for conservative students to make their opinions known and that the atmosphere of “tolerance” and “diversity” at Kenyon has effectively destroyed the values it claims to cherish. The author wrote that he is “done studding the pretentious fluffulence of the contemporary liberal attitude” and actually liberal attitudes of students, faculty and administrators here have killed true diversity is not without merit, but the au-
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In “Woods to bring laughs” (Oct 23, 2008), comic Roy Wood, Jr. was to perform at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24. He performed at 9:00 p.m. The title of the article implies that his last name is Woods, though his last name is Wool.

The Collegian apologizes for any inconveniences these errors might have caused.
I was recently talking to Bryan Anderson ’08 about the deteriorating party scene at Kenyon, and he was able to offer some fresh insight into how disturbing and direct statement: “RIP Kenyon College: 1969 to May 2008.” Fun came to Kenyon once—when women were admitted in 1969—and has since died. Parties at Kenyon are insufficient for producing the optimal level of intoxication, the correct amount of Tanqueray gin or that end-of-the-night general sense that you had a good time. And why has the Kenyon party scene retreated to six feet under? Well, obviously, because of the administration. Parties now are being shut down before they even begin. Weeks in advance, a party-planning scheme is rendered dead on arrival because of a lack of party monitors, lack of venue or the school’s unwillingness to register the party. But perhaps permuting it makes it this phase, then what? Those who have lived in the past say that it’s a mediocre party at best. You will see a bar man who has crowded outside, talking to friends on the phone who are looking for something else to do. The conversation goes like this:

Partygoer 1: Hi. Where are you?

Partygoer 2: We’re in my room. How is it?

Partygoer 1: Uh, it’s okay. It’s crowded and they’re gonna be out of beer soon.

Partygoer 2: Should we come by?

Partygoer 1: Um, I guess. Oh, wait. No, Safety just came; it’s broken up. So what happened? I seem to express my surprise in the first year, going for some of the biggest and best parties I’ve ever been to at Kenyon. Since then, the frequency and quality of parties have steadily declined to the point where they are virtually non-existent. Not only does Safety shut down most parties, but how many times have you heard, “If you undermine, throw your party earlier?” One as well. As multiple members of different fraternities I have spoken to have expressed that the effort and risk involved in throwing a party far outweighs actually having the party, resulting in fewer and smaller parties. As one member of Delta Kappa Epsilon says, “We don’t want to push the administration’s buttons when making decisions. It’s a delicate situation to be in.” This is the kind of relationship the administration wants to have with students—one of fear and loathing. Forcing one party to walk on eggshells has never resulted in a positive relationship, only one of resentment and deep-seated hatred. And that is what the Kenyon students-Kenyon administration relationship is turning into. In addition, what about the damage that this does to the rest of the Kenyon student body? One of the hallmarks of a first-year class at Kenyon includes dressing up and attending the Golf Pros and Tennis Hoosie party, unable to occur this year because the Delta Lodge is on lockdown for open parties. The first years are not getting everything that they deserve from the Kenyon party scene. The first year at Kenyon should include exploring the lures, regardless of a person’s intent to rush or not, and finding out where you feel the most comfortable. And the fraternities are hurting as well. Not only is the revocation of lodge privileges embarrassing and detrimental to the fraternity’s image, but it also eliminates a public space for that fraternity, without which the fraternity is unable to function to the best of its ability. Haven’t they suffered enough?

Furthermore, if the administration takes the lodges or lodges away from the fraternities, the frats should be punished as well. Or in order to throw parties. One of the many problems with taking away these privileges is that many fraternities feel defined by their space. A lodge acts as an extension of the Brotherhood, and without it, the fraternity is unable to introduce and interact with first years, and the members no longer have a venue to display their charm. If a fraternity is turning into. In addition, the informal asymmetry between the administration, the fraternities, the Trustees, Safety and the general College community is nothing short of frightening. Who really knows what happened that fateful night last spring? Everyone has their own version. But more importantly, if you can’t prove anything, who cares? Why not support the claims that Kenyon students are responsible and intelligent and give everyone a chance? If something goes wrong, actually wrong, then that is what happens. The administration wants to have with students is one of resentment and distrust. The administration thinks that “boys will be boys,” but also believes that if they were given the opportunity to throw other parties, they would indeed be able to do it, noting that Safety in the past has helped “champion the success of safe and enjoyable fraternity parties. Why not give them a chance? To see what other outside information I could gather I did a Google search for Kenyon party scene reviews. I skimmed ratings on RateMyProfessors.com, which evaluates all aspects of a university, including nightlife, physical attractiveness and academics. Kenyon received only one A, in Safety and Security. One night I received a D+ in “taste. Life is a B- girls a C+ and guys a B+. Surprisingly, on-campus dining got a B. The credibility and overall value of such a system are questions about the accuracy of ratings are questions about the accuracy of the information I had little else to go with, and I must say I agree. If I had to grade our nightlife as of yet this year, I would give it a D+. Now who knows what Hal-loween or the weeks to come will bring, especially as the weather gets worse and the snow begins to fall. But I’d like to extend a challenge to the students and the Kenyon administration. I’d like to challenge Kenyon students to start staging again. Become a party monitor and let’s start throwing some parties. No way did Kenyon used to be” kind of parties. And not just parties where only some people have “borrow” bikes? Perhaps it is because Kenyon is a walking campus, and when you’re feeling lazy, you think, why not just grab an open bike? I had my bike “borrowed” just last week, even though I typically lock it. Some people don’t actually mind this “borrowing.” A recent all-student e-mail written by Tyler Furste ’12 stated, “… if you took it, I don’t care. Just put it back.” This is probably how the majority of the campus feels. As long as it’s back in a timely manner and in the condition it was taken in, everything is hunky-dory. But what happens when it doesn’t get put back? You could personally look for it, or you could call Campus Safety. You fill out a little form and they assist you, and if they find it they call us and voila—you have your bike back and everything is okay, but perhaps you’ll lock it from now on. This situation probably occurs the most, especially since Kenyon is a small, close-knit college. Someone “borrows” your bike and leaves it wherever he decided to go and you see it as you’re walking down Middle Path. Then it happened a couple of times to Lauren Duran ’11, who says, “To me it’s honestly not that big of a deal… as long as a return it to the general vicinity of Maker and don’t touch the accessories thereon, I’m fine with it, … but if I’m not sure.” I’ve often found near Old Kenyon with everything still attached. To me that says “… that I can trust people to respect my possessions.” So far people who have had their bikes “borrowed” appear to be unscathed in the long run but there are those few who never got their bikes back. The few who sent the all-stus looked around campus and got Safety involved, but still no bike. This unfortunate situation happened to Michael Clayton ’11, who said, “I had merely locked my bike through the frame and rear wheel and was in a meeting in Pence when it was stolen. I think bike theft has become a real problem to the point that my parents very kindly replaced my bike, but I re- fuse to bring it to campus for fear that it will be stolen, even if locked to something else. I no longer trust the community when it comes to bikes.” “Borrowers” could potentially ruin the Kenyon trust that we all value. I’ve had my bike “borrowed” a total of three times now, and somehow, miraculously, I’ve always gotten back it. I haven’t stopped trusting the Kenyon community yet, but I’ve definitely become wary … and will always lock my bike.
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Kenyon’s sweet spots: where to study

BY LAURA GOFERKE Staff Writer

Ever get sick of studying in your room? Need a place to get away and get that work done? Want to find a place where you can be productive and socialize at the same time? Well lucky for you, because here is a compilation of the ultimate study spots around campus. Now, before you run off and get working, there are a couple of things to consider when picking the spot that works best for you. Location is key and you might want to choose a place that is in the same vicinity as your dorm, especially when you stay up late and have to walk back in the freezing cold. Also, your choice should be based on whether you are looking for complete isolation or a spot where you can let yourself become easily distracted. So absorb this information as you would a textbook, and get studying!

1. Library: The library is considered the main “homework hub” on campus. It is good during the day, but the artificial lighting is pretty overwhelming at night. It can also be a bit of a social scene, especially as the hours drag on and the late night caffeine kicks in. If you can find and declare your own area at the “libes” and stake it out for hours on end, go for it. Unfortunately, during busy hours, it can take up to 30 minutes to find this special spot. Also, there are countless unspoken rules of the library that you should probably study up on or else you might get stared down by other serious students—such faux pas as watching YouTube videos with no headphones or ordering Dominos’ cinna-stix directly to your carrel and not offering them to students around you.

2. Bookstore: The book store is wonderful because you are surrounded by endless amounts of resources: there is food on hand, textbooks that you can borrow rather than buy, and if it gets chilly, you can grab a Kenyon sweater/scarf combo from the clothes racks—just don’t forget to put them back before you walk out. Also, in case you forget your iPod, there is continuous music, playing anything from Beethoven to Fergie. The music combined with Cedric’s melodic “Thank ya much!” creates a comforting rhythm to help you in your studies. One major downside is that it closes at 11:00 p.m. every night.

3. Science Quad: The “quad” is the perfect spot to go out with a small group of friends because it can get lonely when by yourself. Non-science majors, try the squad out; you might feel better about your own workload, since the science majors are always doing some projects, and you probably have three times the work that you do! Since the quadrangle is newer, it has much more natural lighting and is a fun place to explore when you get bored with work. Lastly, there are multiple whiteboards around the buildings for you to either write out equations or prepare the next hangman game.

4. Middle Ground: This is the perfect place to meet up for a group project. Discussing the theories of infinity or designing a “studio?” for an Italian renaissance court ruler with random classmates can get somewhat awkward, so ordering and munching on a plate of sweet potato fries for the table will take the attention away from the discomforting moments of silence. “MG” has a wonderful cozy atmosphere and can be a nice getaway from the stressors experienced while studying in other more sterile or quiet places. It can get a little too loud, and overall, it serves more as a distracting spot than an area of intense study. Most importantly, if you decide to grab a seat and do some reading, please do not take a full four-person booth to yourself, because it’s extremely irritating for the larger groups who need a place to eat. If you want, get a streamer and cookie to go, sit for a bit and then head out to another place to complete your work.

5. Gund Commons: Gund is one of two spots that has a 24-hour computer lab, which is a huge perk. If you haven’t already noticed, it’s kind of grumpy and grungy, but you can always find some quirky, interesting people there to spice up your studying experience. Also, since the Gund server shut down, it doesn’t smell like food anymore. Sofas are also available for power napping throughout the wee hours of the night.

6. Prince: Prince could be the up and coming “cool place to study.” Students got a preview of its popularity during the Kenyon Blackout of ’08. Like Gund, it is open 24 hours and also has a computer lab in the basement, though the lab closes at midnight. There are numerous spots to set up shop, including the Pub, the Great Hall, Upper Dempsey—renamed Thomas Hall—and the classy space behind the coat rack room. Just make sure you don’t turn in a paper covered in specks of food after you’ve worked here.

7. Third Floor Ascension: This spot is hands down the quietest place on campus. I’ve never heard anyone talk there, and one time I swear I saw someone sneeze without making a sound. The lack of noise can be disturbing for some, but for others it is the perfect atmosphere to crank out a ten-page paper. It’s also extremely cozy, but it can be too cozy, so try not to fall asleep on couches when reading. Lastly, the gorgeous Gothic aesthetic of Ascension has the special ability to provide much inspiration to students while working.

8. KAC: The athletic center is a great alternative space in which to do work, especially if you are a fan of sushi prepared with guacamole and delicious energizing smoothies. A good amount of study rooms are located around the perimeter of the building, and you can challenge a study buddy to racquetball for a 15-minute work break. You could even hit two birds with one stone by reading for class while you’re breaking a sweat on the elliptical. Athletes, why not come down a half hour before practice and get some last-minute Freud in before you hit the field? This place is an overall great place to be productive, but one must be aware of such distractions as Mount Vernonites and the bouncing of balls in the multi-activity (MAC) courts.

9. Outside: Working outside is extremely nice and refreshing, but let’s face it, unless highlight- ing one page of notes is considered to be productive, you never actually get any work done. Going out on the quad can be great if you want to work on your tan while reading, but many distractions pop up, such as ants, bees, friends walking by on Middle Path and the sun itself. Either way, if you want a break from real work, bring a blanket, some Wheat Thins and your books to your local quad and “study” for a little. And obviously you probably shouldn’t consider outside as an option during the middle of the year, because the snow or 30-degree weather might be a bit disturbing—and potentially cause hypothermia, which is bad.

This past Monday, a disturbing sight greeted students entering Manning Hall: draped over bushes and shrubs outside were blood-stained white Victorian-era dresses. The horrific image was not ameliorated by the gleeful South Quad CAs who, like sadistic Jackson Pollacks, continued to splatter the clothing with vivid red paint. Luckily for Manning residents, this is not a typical occurrence; instead, Res-Life is sponsoring a Haunted House event in the fourth floor lounges of Leonard Hall this Friday, Oct. 31. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the event will last until 9:30 p.m. “It should be pretty freaky,” said Manning CA Nathan Allen (pictured above, “bloodying” prop knives). “We’re going for all kinds of scares, from silly gags to more disturbing images.”

—Lindsay Means

Haunted Leonard
International students lack a vote, not a voice

BY SUSANNAH GRUDER
Staff Writer

It is clear what is at stake for American voters in the presidential election taking place this Tuesday: affordable health care, new economic policies and a plan for Iraq, to name a few key issues. For Barack Obama supporter Alice Adebiyi ’11, the key issue is change.

“America needs a leader who can encourage the younger generation that change is in our hands and it begins through education,” she said. Adebiyi, however, will not be voting in the election. At least not this country’s.

Adebiyi is not a citizen of the United States, but the United Kingdom, and is one of Kenyon’s many international students who have a strong interest in this nation’s upcoming election.

While she said she is very invested in the actual election, she believes that the candidates “can help us as we feed off of their ideas, leadership qualities, tactics and take it home to bring something to our own communities.”

For Laurin Schoenemann ’12, a citizen of Germany, his investment in the election is almost involuntary. “I would hardly be able to avoid the current election... even if I tried.”

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Chamber Singers to perform with Eastman Chorale

BY MATT COLBURN Staff Writer

Professor of Music Benjamin Locke, who will be conducting the Kenyon College Chamber Singers in their concert this Thursday, met the future conductor of the Eastman chorale in 1980. “We both went to Oberlin, but not at the same time,” said Locke. “We were also both conducting students of Robert Fountain, so we had the same mentor.” Now, 28 years later, the two are making music together again as the Eastman Chorale joins the Chamber Singers in their fall concert.

The Eastman School of Music is one of the top music schools in the United States. The Eastman Chorale is a select ensemble of singers conducted by William Weinert. The group performs music ranging from Renaissance masterpieces to first performances of compositions from the 21st century. The members of the chorale are primarily students of vocal performance, music education and conducting. The choir has performed together at both the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) conference and Music Educators National Conference (MENC). Their repertoire in recent years has ranged from music of Bach, Palestrina and Brahms to works of Dominick Argento, Steven Stucky, Arvo Part and George Rochberg.

The concert will take place at the National Collegiate Choral Organization conference in Cincinnati, so they’re warming up by performing here,” said Locke. The Eastman Chorale will be performing five pieces alone and one with the Chamber Singers. The Chamber Singers will be performing four pieces alone.

“I have seen [Weinert’s] group perform before. He’s a fine musician,” said Locke. “He’ll be conducting the combined piece because we are host- ing them.” The joint piece is “Faith is the Heaven” by William H. Harris. “It’s my favorite piece,” said chamber singer Vibha Mishra. “It’s a double choir piece so we’re splitting the choir up into two different choirs, there will be two different alto, soprano, tenor and bass sections.”

Locke said, “There are eight parts instead of four, so it took twice the usual amount of time to teach it. It has continual modulation. It’s very tonal and pretty.”

“I like the hectic quality of it,” Golann said. “The multiplicity of different styles and materials so closely and also chaotically juxtaposed gives the show a flavor that I haven’t seen in MiddleGround before.”

The show’s pieces are strewn across the walls in a style very similar to several of the pictures themselves, and although the show seems to be a success overall, Golann added that “the new hanging procedure, combined with the in- substantiability of many of the pieces, makes this show pretty unusual.”

The new display technique was both a conscious choice by the Art Club and one also made out of necessity. MiddleGround asked the Art Club to come up with an alternative to the constant nailing, drilling and repainting that often comes with an exhibition. The new display method did not bother Golann at all.

“I think this method, which is often used in real galleries, will be more successful on larger pieces that have more weight to them.”

Unlike Olin Gallery or other venues for the display of art on cam- pus, the dedication of the Art at Hildel House and for the trustees’ dinner. They will be performing in honor of Founders’ Day on the same day as the concert with the Eastman chorale and will be doing almost entirely new pieces for each concert. The group will also give their first major concert of the year in December. According to Locke, the group has been very busy, but the Chamber Singers “have risen to the challenge.”

The Chamber Singers will perform with the Eastman Chorale on Thursday, Oct. 30 at 8:00 p.m. in Rose Hall Auditorium.

Halloween (1978)
7:30 p.m., KAC Theater

The town of Haddonfield was once known as a safe place. Rows of families lined the streets. Children could walk to and from school by themselves. No one needed to lock the doors. Then something terrible happened one Halloween. A teenage girl was stabbed to death in her own bedroom by her little brother. Her name was Judith. His name was Michael—Michael Myers. On the 15th anniversary of the murder, Michael escapes Smith’s Grove Sanitarium and returns to Haddonfield to relive fateful night. As Michael stalks three teenage girls, his childhood psychologist, Dr. Loomis (Donald Pleasance), frantically searches the streets, trying to convince the local sheriff of the impending doom. “I spent eight years trying to reach him, and then another seven trying to keep him locked up because I realized that what was living behind that boy’s eyes was purely and simply... evil.” He’s got his make. He’s got his knife. It’s time to trick-or-treat. On a measly budget of $135,000, writer-director/actor John Carpenter turned the simple premise of escaped mental patient turned killer into one of the scariest, most unbearably suspenseful horror films of all time. Jamie Lee Curtis makes an incredible big-screen debut as the shy yet resourceful babysitter Laurie Strode.

Beardad (1992)
Saturday, November 1
7:30 p.m., KAC Theater

Lionel is hounded by his mother all his life. When he falls in love with a local woman, only his mother stands in the way of perfect happiness. Luckily, Lionel’s mother is bitten by a rabid monkey and dies, seemingly leaving her son at peace once and for all. But then she comes back from the dead and raises hell. Soon, half the townspeople have become zombies. What on earth will Lionel do? Peter Jackson is best known for the hugely successful “Lord of the Rings” trilogy—but he didn’t start out doing fantasy movies. Instead, in terms of the amount of fake blood used in production, Jackson’s horror-comedy is said to be the goreiest movie of all time. Bring a brown paper bag just in case that Halloween candy decides to come back up.

—Clay von Carbütz

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Chasers Fall Concert

BY MATT CROWLEY
Staff Writer

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Knox County Symphony kicks off 43rd season

BY NOAH HENRICH
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The Knox County Symphony will be holding their annual Fall Concert this weekend. The concert, preceded by a screening of the upcoming documentary “Where’s My Money,” was performed with energetic force and character. On this front, Flash Mob did reasonably well—each character delivered at least a few laughs, and some moments were unseasonably hilarious.

From its start, the show was performed with energetic force and character, though this energy was not necessarily directed into the most productive channels. The show opened with Julie Smith ’11 as Celeste, a limping, out-of-work actress with a big mouth and few moral scruples. Smith was a force on stage—her whole body was in character, from her eyebrows to her fingertips—but her performance was so continuously overblown that it was impossible to take seriously. Celeste met an old friend, Natalie, by chance at a coffee shop. Heather Crowley ’12, who played Natalie, successfully wrapped her frantic character in a guise of self-assurance. Natalie’s meeting with Celeste was delightfully twisted—full of backhanded compliments and passive-aggressive barbs—but their encounter lacked the precise timing and cutting subtlety that would have made it really cringeworthy.

The most uproarious character in the show is that of Sidney, a morally bankrupt divorce attorney. Played by Miles Purinton ’12 with a vaguely Russian accent and a crazy look in his eye, Sidney got the biggest laughs of the night. Though this accent—absent in the pages of the play—was comical, it was also something of a crutch, preventing Purinton from deriving any depth from his character. Hence, his weird and off-putting one-liners came off beautifully—“You really didn’t hear that noise?” he bellowed without warning—but if there was any emotional underpinning to the character, it was lost on the audience.

This accent was indicative of the problems the production possessed in general. Jonathan Meyers ’10, who directed, had a tendency to rely too much on cartoonish character traits, not allowing the actors to find the substance behind the silliness. The roles in this play are ridiculous, to be sure, but they are meant to represent actual people with actual thoughts and feelings. The comedy in “Where’s My Money?” is derived largely from the highly eccentric people getting involved in crazier and crazier circumstances. If we begin with unretained zaniness on all fronts, it undercuts much of the humor of the play.

The action throughout Flash Mob’s production was loose and fragmented—the actors bounded around the stage and filled the space with sound and fury, but there was little sense that they were listening to each other, that their relationships signified anything. Without any emotional connection, it was difficult for the characters to serve any function beyond caricatures, mere vehicles for Shales’ zingers. The most engaging performances in the play were those that allowed their character some humanity—Christa Minardi ’11 portrayed Marcia Marie rie as sardonic and lonely, despising while still depending on her husband, Sidney. Kenny Poljak ’12 as Henry was fidgety and insecure in his marriage to Natalie. These performances were imbued with energetic character, but they avoided the trap of firing on all cylinders all the time, a tactic that makes the action onstage unyielding and exhausting.

The cast was rounded out by Charles Lasky ’12 as Tommy, the ghost of Natalie’s ex-lover. Lasky was suitably understated in this largely taciturn role, a mysterious and menacing. Lasky’s appearances in the play were bizarre and unexpected, giving the show a sense of danger it would not otherwise have had.

However, the show seemed out of sync; due to scheduling, the production was drastically shortened. As a result, the show’s momentum was often interrupted, making it difficult to settle into the characters and their motivations. Still, the show managed to generate a night of laughter and excitement, despite the occasional misstep.

Broad comedy rules in “Money”

BY RYAN HUNTER
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The term “flash mob,” in the theatrical context, typically refers to a group of people that converges in a public place and suddenly performs without notice. Kenyon College’s Flash Mob Theater group was formed last year with a similar idea: to stage productions at unexpected times, sending only a last-minute phone call or text message to alert the potential audience.

Flash Mob’s production of “Where’s My Money?” was performed at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in the hall auditorium. The concert will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 8:00 p.m. in the R.R. Hodges Chapel Auditorium at Mount Vernon Nazarene University.
Volleyball presses forward to last game

By James Asimis

Kenyon Ladies volleyball had a very busy week at home. After opening the week against Wittenberg University on Tuesday, Oct. 21, the Ladies faced conference rival Denison University on Friday night, Oct. 24, and hosted Otterbein University and the College of Wooster in a tri-match Saturday afternoon, Oct. 25.

The nationally ranked Wittenberg Tigers paid a visit to Tomsich Arena last Tuesday night, and the more talented Wittenberg squad promptly dismantled the Ladies. Wittenberg went on large runs in each of the three sets to separate from Kenyon early, including ten straight points in the third set to put the final set away. This was not one of the Ladies' best matches, as they suffered from poor communication and were clearly outmatched, especially at the net, by the talented Wittenberg side, losing three sets to none.

Friday night arrived, and the Ladies looked like a very different squad against Denison. Kenyon came out on their Purple Pride night with their best opening set of any home match this year, showing much more aggression than Denison at the net. There seemed to be a different attitude on the Kenyon side, and this combined with a relatively sluggish Big Red team, helped the Ladies keep the first set very competitive. Denison gained momentum late in the match and was aided by Kenyon's serving issues and a few controversial calls to take the first set 27-25. In the second set, Denison built on their strong finish to set one and went on a run in the middle of the set to build up a cushion. Led by Mary Myers ‘12 and Crystal Pirus ‘12, the Ladies staged a late comeback, but Denison took the second set 25-20. After beginning the third set aggressive, the Ladies began to fade and fall prone to mistakes, but a timely timeout by Head Coach Katie Charles helped bring Kenyon back into the set. Both teams were down as the set progressed, but Denison took advantage of this more effectively, taking the third set 25-19, and the match three sets to none.

The Ladies had to rebound quickly from the loss Friday night and turn around to face two tough opponents in Wooster and Otterbein on Saturday afternoon. Kenyon opened the afternoon in a conference match against the Wooster Fighting Scots. Both Kenyon and Wooster came out flat in the opening set, and Kenyon took advantage of early Wooster mistakes, building momentum early. Late in the set, however, Wooster returned the favor, taking advantage of breakdowns in the Kenyon side to take a tight first set, 25-23. The tough first set seemed to take its toll on Kenyon. Kelly Heilman ‘12 and Hannah Ross ‘10 helped where they could, showing signs of life, but it wasn’t enough, as Wooster took the second set 25-13. In the final set, Wooster finally started clicking on all cylinders, dominating net play and taking the third set with the same score as the second, winning the match three sets to none.

Following the first match of the day, Wooster defeated the Otterbein Cardinals three sets to none in a well-contested match, as the Wooster Fighting Scots pulled out all three sets by slight margins. In the final match of the day, the Ladies seemed very relaxed and played well; however, Otterbein continued to attack the smaller Kenyon front line. The Cardinals constantly kept the Ladies on their toes, taking the first set 25-16 and the second set in very much the same fashion, 25-13. Otterbein cruised to victory in the third set as well, notching a three sets to none victory with a final set score of 25-17. The Ladies front line played very well in the match, though, with Laura Harris ‘12 and Maggie Taylor ‘11 providing tough defense up front.

The Ladies wrap up their 2008 campaign at home this Saturday, Nov. 1, against Earlham College at 1:00 p.m. in Tomsich Arena.

Away from Home Picks

Saturday, Nov. 1

- Lords and Ladies Cross Country - NCAC
  Championships at Oberlin College, 11:00 a.m.
- Ladies Soccer - Kenyon at Allegheny College, 1:00 p.m.
- Lords and Ladies Swimming - Kenyon at Ohio State University, 1:00 p.m.
- Lords Soccer - Kenyon at Earlham College, 1:00 p.m.

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Swimming

The Lords and Ladies swim teams wasted no time diving back into their usual ways, jump-starting the new season with two second-place finishes overall at the North Coast Atlantic Conference Relays this past Saturday, Oct. 25. Both teams crushed Denison University in the swimming relays, but the Big Red managed to seize first place after the results of the diving competition were tallied.

The squad split up this Saturday, Nov. 1. Half of the Lords and Ladies will stay to face off against Ohio Northern University at home, while the other half will swim at Ohio State University.

—Kali Grifff

Gators edge out Lords football

The Alleighy College Gators defeated the Kenyon College Lords football team a tragic loss Saturday, Oct. 25, in Pennsylvania. This game was the fourth, and second consecutive, that the Lords lost by six or fewer points. This contest in particular saw a different trend from Kenyon’s past close games; rather than easing up in the fourth quarter and allowing their opponent to win, the Lords increased their intensity in the fourth and came very close to securing a win over the Gators.

The first quarter saw the Alleighy Gators capitalize on Kenyon turnovers. They scored first on a 27-yard fumble recovery and second on a 79-yard interception return. Interceptions have plagued Kenyon all year—not that they give up an exceptionally large number, but that they do not get many themselves. The Lords are 8-0 on turnovers versus opponents on the year; they have taken the ball away 14 times and given it away 22.

Kenyon place kicker Thomas Pekel ’12 was able to get the Lords on the board with a field goal and make the halftime score 14-5 in favor of the Gators.

In the third quarter, the Lords came out with a reinvigorated offense and drove 72 to score on a 12-yard run by Charles Small ’12. This made the score 14-9 Alleighy, but the Gators were not quite ready to let the Lords ecsroch on their lead. They answered with a 60-yard touchdown pass to one of their wide receivers to inch further ahead again, 28-9.

In the fourth quarter, Alleighy scored again, this time on a 13-yard run after a 75-yard drive down the field. With the score against them 27-9 in the fourth, the Lords really needed to perform to win the game, and they nearly did. Harry von Kann ’10 caught two touchdown passes in the final three minutes to bring the Lords within five points. The Lords tried an onside kick but failed and had to watch the final seconds tick away the possibility of their valiant fourth quarter effort bringing in a win.

Mike Hermanson ’10 had a solid day, completing 33 for 52 for 313 yards and three touchdowns, but also made a few mistakes and was intercepted three times. Von Kann saw a lot of action with 13 catches for 141 yards and two touchdowns. Beau Caldicott ’10 led the Gators’ defensive with 10 tackles and one sack.

Turnovers were the killer for the Lords, who gave up the ball five times. If it were not for this unfortunate statistic, it would seem the Lords dominated the game, and in fact they out-gained Alleighy 467 yards to 259 on offense. It seems in each game something goes wrong for the Lords that outweighs their triumphs and drag the team to defeat.

Kenyon will try to overcome their slump when they host Earlham College in their final home game this Saturday, Nov. 1. The Earlham Quakers are coming off two wins, including a resounding defeat of Oberlin College 56-23, to whom Kenyon lost 31-28 on Oct. 18.

Ladies soccer drops to Wooster, shoots to make post-season

The Ladies soccer team lost to the College of Wooster Fighting Scots on Saturday, Oct. 25 in double overtime, 3-2. Kenyon is currently ranked sixth in the North Coast Athletic Conference, and only the top four teams advance into the conference finals. Both Denison University and Wittenberg College are surefire teams for getting into the tournament, the former having gone undefeated in the league so far and the latter having only lost one league game. Ohio Wesleyan University is currently ranked third, followed by the Alleighy College Gators and the Scots.

The Ladies were down after the first half, when the Fighting Scots put one away with six minutes to go. Kenyon, however, came back strong in the second half, when midfielder Lisa Vaughn ’11 scored the Ladies’ first goal ten minutes into the second half. Wooster countered in minute 84, putting their second goal of the game in the net. The Ladies struck back as forward Katie Fe C’11 put the ball between the pipes a mere two minutes after the Fighting Scots’ goal.

The game was then forced into overtime and remained scoreless for the first overtime period. In minute 105, however, the Fighting Scots managed to slip one by in the Ladies, effectively ending the overtime and the game. This allowed Wooster to claim victory and pull ahead of Kenyon in the NCAC rankings. Had the Ladies tied on Saturday, they would have faced Wooster because they would have been tied for fifth place right now.

The Ladies also lost to Denison on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 3-1. Kenyon’s only goal was scored by forward Cad- diee Durrant ’12 off of a corner kick in minute 43.

The Kenyon women’s soccer team plays their final regular season game against the Alleighy College Gators, which has the potential to be the deciding factor as to whether the Ladies’ team will advance to the post-season. They must bear the Gators in order to be in the running to play in the post-season NCAC tournament on Saturday, Nov. 1. This is only if both the Gators and Fighting Scots lose. The kickoff is at 1 p.m. at Alleighy.

Lords soccer is in double overtime

It was more than the average conference game for the Kenyon Lords soccer team when they faced off against the Alleighy College Gators this past Saturday. The Gators ended the Lords’ season short of their Conference Atlantic Athletic Division III tournament last year.

If there was not enough on the line, the Lords found themselves trying to prevent a two-game losing streak after losing the previous Wednesday, Oct. 22 to rival Denison University in a game they were heavily favored to come out on top. The Lords were looking for a win or tie in order to stay in the top four of the conference, as only the top four teams qualify for the conference tournament.

Irwatn the Lord’s day, Alleigh-.cy bested the Lords 2-1 in the closing moments of a game that was heavily dominated by Kenyon.

The Lords came out sharp in the first half, controlling the majority of the play in the opponent’s half. Strong mid-field play came from midfielders Andy Staf 10 and Keith Dangerescu 12 as they paced the game and controlled the tempo of the playing, the ball around the Alleighy defenders with quick passes. The Lords were eventually rewarded for their efforts just before halftime, when Jon Myers 11 went in a dangerous cross from the left flank. Alleighy struggled to clear the ball, and Felix Hoffmann 11 capitalized on this rare opportunity, burrying home his ninth goal of the season with a right-footed strike to give the Lords the one-up advantage in minute 45.

Riding a promising 1-0 lead, the Lords failed to regain their first-half dominance, letting Alleighy seize on several opportunities in the early moments of the second half. The Gators attacked in minute 52 on a similar play to the Lords’ first goal. The Gators’ wide player sent in a cross that resulted in a shot attempt that full straight to the feet of Alleighy’s striker. He made no hesitation and easily buried the equalizer into the back of the net.

The Gators’ equalizing goal trig- gered a wave of urgency in the Lords, as they dominated the next 15 minutes of play, dominating possession and creating scoring opportunities inside Alleighy territory. The Lords, however, caught off-guard in minute 69, when an offensive throw in inside the Gators’ 18 was cleared out. Thanks to several Kenyon mini-tackles, Alleighy found themselves up to 3-1. Lords keeper Jamie White 10. White did all he could, making a strong play for the ball, but the Gators were too quick, as he was unable to stop a shoot in minute 72 by striker Tuan Tran to put the match to rest.

That’s just soccer, you can domi- nate a team for 80 minutes, make two mistakes and lose the game,” Miguel Barra 11 said. “We just need to keep our heads up and stay focused if we’re going to make the tournament.”

The final whistle of the game saw the Lords desperately trying to break through the Gator defense in search of an equalizing goal. Alleighy, however, packed in all 11 of their players behind the ball, successfully defending the Lords and sneaking away with a 2-1 victory. The Lords were left to watch a winnable game slip through their fingers for the second match in a row. The Lords now find themselves in a must-win situation for the remaining two games of the conference season.

“We need to face our Head Coach Chris Brown said regarding his team’s strategy for the upcoming games.

Along with a bit of bad luck, the Lords are struggling despite being one of the most talented and well-trained team in the North Coast Atlantic Conference. They have found themselves unable to break down opposing defenses and have been outscored on the season by 37 goals.

At this point, opposing teams are content to sit in their defensive half and allow Kenyon to control the tempo of play. Teams are challenging Kenyon, a relatively small offensive team, to keep them in the air off long balls and crosses into the box. As a result, Kenyon has struggled to find the back of the net in recent games.

The Lords attempted to stop their skid and cement a spot in the NCAC tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 28 in their final home game of the season against Oberlin College, but were forced to walk away without a determined win.

Despite extending the game with two chilly overtime and out-shooting Oberlin 22-11, Kenyon did not host a particularly action-packed game. This brought Kenyon’s overall record to 10-6-2 going into their final regular season face-off at Earlham College on Saturday, Nov. 1.