Obamacare effects vary at Kenyon

LAUREN ELLER | STAFF WRITER

This time a year ago, people all over the country were poised to purchase health insurance in a radically new way.

On March 23, 2010, the Affordable Care Act (colloquially known as Obamacare) was signed into law by President Barack Obama, and on Oct. 1, 2013, it opened its website to the public for enrollment in a plan. The legislation was designed to extend affordable access to healthcare coverage to all Americans, but whether it has succeeded in doing so has become a point of national contention.

At Kenyon, it appears that Obamacare has not had a significant effect. Kim Cullers, nurse practitioner and director of health services at the Health and Counseling Center, feels that the majority of students have not been directly affected by the bill’s enactment. “In general, our population of students here is very well-insured,” she said. “Most of them are covered under good plans that their parents have purchased, that their parents pay for. One of the changes in the Affordable Care Act was prolonging coverage to age 26, so I think that’s enabled a lot of students to remain on their parents’ plans well beyond college.”

As for students here who may have been more acutely affected, Cullers said that international students would be the most likely. This was true for Sadiq Jiwa ’18, who is most likely. The effects were “very well-insured,” she said. “Most of them are covered under good plans that their parents have purchased, that their parents pay for. One of the changes in the Affordable Care Act was prolonging coverage to age 26, so I think that’s enabled a lot of students to remain on their parents’ plans well beyond college.”

BSU hosts reunion

MADELEINE THOMPSON | EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Forty-five years ago, in 1969, Ruben Edward Pope III ’70 hand-delivered a statement of policy directly to the president of the College at Cromwell Cottage to indicate the intention of several of the few black students on campus to found the Black Student Union (BSU) and to express their wish that Kenyon begin to focus on issues of diversity. The College officially recognized the BSU in 1970 and by 1972, it had seven members. Since then, it has only grown. Last weekend, roughly 30 BSU alumni and 35 current members, along with faculty members and other guests, reunited to celebrate the organization’s history.

Events included a 5k run, a reception at the home of President Sean Decatur, several career-related seminars for current students and a panel called “The Kenyon Experience Through the Generations.”

Associate Dean of Students Chris Kennerly said one of his favorite parts of the weekend was the rededication of the BSU’s lounge on the second floor of Peirce Hall. Previously, page 4

TBTN rallies after theft

MAYA KAUFMAN | NEWS ASSISTANT

Last Sunday morning, the co-managers of the Crozier Center for Women, Anna Cohen ’16 and Madi Thompson ’16, woke up to find supplies for Take Back the Night (TBTN) missing. “They took everything in the living room that was about Take Back the Night and nothing else,” Thompson said. Whoever “they” are has yet to be determined.

TBTN is an international movement and foundation dedicated to combating sexual and domestic violence. TBTN began in the 1970s, and now thousands of colleges across the United States hold events. This week, TBTN week, which is sponsored partially by Crozier, was slated across the United States hold events.

But the arrival of TBTN week was tarnished both by the theft and by the hostile environment created by anonymous comments targeted towards Crozier on the social media platform Yik Yak. One Yik Yak submission read: “Crozier women are barely women so what’s even the discussion here.” Another said “F— Crozier.” Another commented: “I support TBTN because No hate in a society that tells me to stay silent instead of saying NO.”

Crozier Center for Women still unsolved.

Clockwise from top: Molly Wyrich ’17, Timmy Broderick ’16, Rim Yoseph ’16, Meaghan Brennan ’15, Emma Brown ’17 and James Wojtal ’18 hold up signs explaining why they support Take Back the Night.

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**President Sean Decatur on why Kenyon students should vote in Knox Co. elections:**

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**In the early hours of Sunday morning, Cove patrons faced a stranger armed with a taser**

This past Sunday around 1 a.m., an unknown man with a taser appeared at the Gambier Grill, commonly known as the Cove. “I was more in shock than anything,” Alex Kruse ’15, who was there at the time, said. Kruse had been standing outside the Cove with friends when she saw a dark car pull up. “This woman gets out of the car in her pajamas and starts yelling at everybody to get out of the way and to leave and then you see these lights coming from inside the car,” Kruse said. Kruse quickly left what seemed like a potentially dangerous situation.

Franny Alston ’15, another bystander, witnessed what happened next. “We saw this policed car coming up and down... this large man gets out of the car... and he has a taser, and he is saying, ‘Everyone clear out,’” Alston said. Both Kruse and Alston were unclear as to who the armed man was targeting and why. The incident appears to have been the result of an argument between a firefighter and security official hired by the Gambier Grill. According to Campus Safety Supervisor Todd Bell, “They had been having problems with damage to vehicles... so they brought in a couple people to watch the vehicles overnight,” Bell said. “One of the members of the fire department came over and told them that they couldn’t be parking at the fire department lot... and then they showed the... stun gun,” Bell said. The Knox County Sheriff’s Office was called, but after talking to both parties, the officer did not make an official report.

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**Trending now: respect**

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NEWS EDITORS

In the wake of events including an apparent threat at the Crozer Center for Women and a dem of offensive anonymous comments on the social media app Yik Yak, a new movement promoting respect and acceptance has rapidly spread around campus in response. The #RespectfulDifference campaign was created as a means by which the Kenyon community could unite to address the increasingly harmful and anonymous comments, and to promote positive dialogue on campus.

“The idea behind this movement is to help everyone move away from that cycle — hearing disrespectful things and saying them back,” Tim Jurney ’15

Katie Moss ’15 expressed optimism that the campaign would create change in the Kenyon community: “I believe aggression and hate come from fear, and if we can see that we’re not all that different because we all respect each other... hopefully some of that fear, and thus that hate, will go away,” Moss said.

Despite anonymous comments being a hot campus topic, some argue that anonymity and Yik Yak itself are not the root of the issue.

“The are issues that have been happening for the entire four years we’ve been here,” Brett Miller ’15 said. “And now just that it’s anonymous and on Yik Yak, it’s tangible evidence. But that’s not the issue at hand. The issue at hand is anonymity, it’s offensiveness.”

Though Syeda Showkat ’15 appreciates the sentiment of the #RespectfulDifference campaign, she shares Miller’s concerns that the movement doesn’t fully encompass the campus’s need for an outlet to react to events that affect the student body in a negative way. “What I think that the hashtag campaign does do is think critically or question critically as to what Kenyon culture is and how the campus is like and what people seem to be saying,” Showkat said.

Although #RespectfulDifference has both supporters and critics, no one can deny that it’s gaining traction through the power of social media.

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**REPORT**

Village Record

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**STUDENT COUNCIL**

Sunday, Sept. 28

- The Sophomore Class Committee is planning a fundraiser for Family Weekend. Sophomore Day will be Wednesday, Oct. 8.
- The Junior Class Committee met to discuss upcoming projects and the possibility of making bumper stickers.
- The Senior Class Committee continues to plan for Senior Soiree on Saturday, Nov. 8.
- The Housing and Dining Committee will poll the student body via- via extending Extendo hours on Saturday afternoon. The deadline for Caples Residence Hall elevator designs has been extended to Thursday, Oct. 2.
- The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that Bexley Hall parking is not yet open for student parking but should be ready. Parking will be available to those already authorized to park in a North lot. More bike racks have been placed in the North Campus Apartments.
- The Academic Affairs Committee reported that the hearing system for academic infractions has been changed to a three-tier system with stricter punishments. Future topics to be discussed include the reasons that arrive at the hearing for the student involved. The Academic Affairs Committee is working on a new hearing system for residence as students. I’m actually really quite serious about the notion of breaking down the barrier between Kenyon and Knox County... Kenyon as a community, an institution, shouldn’t see itself as separate from Knox County and the local region. And part of exercising good citizenship is engaging in the political process.”

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Proposed changes make it easier to mulligan a course

**Jack Stubbs  
Staff Writer**

The Office of Academic Advising, in collaboration with the Office of the Registrar, is working to shift the timeline of the withdraw late (WL) or “mulligan,” process in an attempt to minimize the hoops students must jump through to drop a class during the semester. Currently, the mulligan allows students to withdraw from a course at any time during the semester, and is allotted to each student only once in their four years at Kenyon. This year, the deadline to pick up the final form to be eligible for a Mulligan is Monday, Dec. 8 and the completed form must be dropped off to the office no later than Friday, Dec. 12 — the last day of classes — at 4:30 p.m. In the future, the Academic Advising and Registrar offices say they aim to minimize the amount of paperwork required to meet with their professors and speak with their advisors about the possibility of using their mulligan, and reduce the time it takes collect the various signatures necessary to complete the WL form.

In the 2010-2011 academic year, 149 students used mulligans across the four class years; in 2011-2012, 147 students used them; in 2012-2013, 161 were used; and last year, 165 students took advantage of the option. According to the registrar, the change was driven by students who have recently been on the rise. Furthermore, the registrar said that 60 percent of the students use the WL option during their first two years at Kenyon, while only 15 percent use the WL option during their senior year.

For students, the decision about whether or not to mulligan a class is often a difficult one that requires considering the larger context of one’s transcript, future academic record and career path. This self-evaluation is especially important because students will sometimes remain in a class for the entire semester and will not use their WL until the last possible moment. It is an issue, especially when the emotional and academic energy spent taking the class could have been directed elsewhere,” Dean for Academic Advising and Support Hoii Ning Ngai said.

When making the choice about whether or not to use their WL, Ngai advised that students “consider their overall academic well-being,” thought she acknowledged that “sometimes it’s difficult to think long term, but it’s also important to be proactive about making this decision.”

Unlike in past academic years, such academic choices rest with the student. “Professors won’t make the decision for you,” Ngai said. “Instead, they’ll try and present the pros and cons of using the WL for their class.”

The Academic Advising and Registrar’s offices are also available to open and encourage the lines of communication between the students, their professors and their advisors when making the decision about whether or not to use the WL. Students are under no pressure to stay in — or drop — a class, according to Ngai. The Office of Academic Advising says its aim is to make sure that students are making the best-informed decisions possible.

“Withdrawing late from a class wasn’t something that I had wanted to do, but the process was pretty easy and straightforward,” Todd Chambers ’15 said. Students have expressed that the difficult part of the process isn’t the actual withdrawal from the class, but the active decision to “of all my teachers and everyone in the [Academic] Advising office was very understanding about my decision to WL from my class,” Chambers said. If students have thoroughly considered the decision to use their mulligan, the rest process of withdrawing late is straightforward.

It’s really important to consider critically evaluate yourself as well as your academic record when you’re trying to decide whether or not to use your WL,” Ngai said.

**Graham Reid  
Staff Writer**

Students and faculty filled the seats and spilled over into the aisles of the Community Foundation Theater in the Grant Gallery on Monday night to listen to Abdolkarim Soroush, a leading Iranian intellectual, democracy advocate and recipient of numerous accolades.

Soroush’s talk focused on democracy and freedom in the context of Islam. He claimed that democracy can’t be derived from Islam because, according to Soroush, religion focuses on obligations rather than rights. He argued, however, that modern thinkers and reformers, unlike traditional Islamist jurists, can use reason to improve the impropriety Islamic law and thus make democracy and Islam compatible.

The talk explained the role of reformers in Islam, stressing the variety of interpretations of scripture. Though media depictions of the Middle East often focus on religious regimens and fundamentalists, Soroush pointed out that despite the challenges of oppressive governments, reformers like him from many countries are actively applying reason to Islamic tradition.

Soroush argued against the fundamentalist idea of going back to a “pure” form of Islam, calling the idea “neither possible nor desirable.” He compared the concept of religion as it was practiced in the time of the prophet Muhammad to a seed that grows either in prison or in a grave. “If I go back, I would be either in prison or in a grave yard.”

Muhammad Hamid R ‘17, secretary for the Middle East Student Association (MESA), played a large role in bringing Soroush to campus. Hamid thought the combination of Soroush being a devout Muslim and devoted scholar put Soroush in an interesting position to pose a potent challenge to the Iranian regime. “His reasoning was very Islamic context,” Hamid said. “He’s considered to be a deep threat because he’s coming from a deeply reasoned and also Islamic perspective rejecting the Iranian government’s repression of democracy.”

Hamid said that Soroush’s ideas about politics and Islam are “relevant throughout the Middle East and wider Muslim world.”

President Sean Decatur, who was unable to attend Soroush’s talk but had dinner with him beforehand, emphasized the value of Soroush’s vantage point. “Bringing a scholar like Professor Soroush to campus is an important reminder of the significance of hearing voices and perspectives that talk about contemporary Middle Eastern issues from a Middle Eastern perspective, which can be different from the perspective that a U.S.-centric analysis can bring,” Decatur said.

The wide range of sponsors — including the departments of religious studies, Asian studies, philosophy, history, international studies and Islamic civilizations and cultures, along with MESA and the Office of the Provost — underscores the broad interdisciplinary scope of Soroush’s talk.

Soroush’s event also drew students beyond MESA members. Andrew Stewart ’15, a philosophy and political science double major, described the talk as “incredibly relevant” to his studies. “We tend to assume that religion is something we don’t need to think about,” Stewart said. “It was very interesting to hear an account from somebody who is really concerned with issues of religion and democracy and the modern world.”

Soroush also gave a Common Hour talk on Tuesday about the Persian poet Rumi, who is often referred to as “the prophet of love.” Soroush contrasted Rumi’s love-focused, mystical poetry to earlier Islamic mysticism where God was viewed primarily with awe rather than love.

While Soroush argued that morality is independent from religion, he did assert the importance of religion and spirituality. He hoped that viewers would take this away from his talk. “The spiritual way of life,” he said, “is a way of life which gives meaning to their lives.”

**Kristen Huffman  
Collegian**

**Oubadah Alwan  
Collegian**

**If you adopt any particular religion out of force, that has no value. Freedom means a lot for a true faith.**

Abdolkarim Soroush

Soroush spoke at the Community Foundation Theater on Monday.

**WL at a Glance**

Of those who use the mulligan

60% are first-years

15% are seniors

WL use over the past four years

2010-2011 149

2011-2012 147

2012-2013 161

2013-2014 165

**Information courtesy of Office of Registrar**
A year later, Obamacare hasn’t burst the Kenyon bubble

October marks the first anniversary of when Obamacare opened for online registration, but its effects are only beginning to take hold.

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from Canada and needed to purchase a plan upon coming into the country. “It’s affected me in the fact that I’ve had to buy two other medical plans to get the basic coverage that I would have in Canada,” he said, adding that he was not pleased about his situation.

But while he was not impressed by the route to adequate coverage, he does not think the system overall is completely unsatisfactory. “I don’t agree that the healthcare system is necessarily bad, I just think that it didn’t turn out the way that Americans wanted it to,” Jwa said. Thais Henriques ’17 feels more strongly about the structure of coverage provided under Obamacare, and vastly prefers the system in her home country, Brazil. “The American healthcare system is mostly badly structured as well as too expensive,” she said. “We pay anything to stay alive, because hospitals realize that people will eat poorer care, and vastly prefers the system in my home country. “It’s a mess.”

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“Under Obamacare, Alex Stoss ’17 pays zero out-of-pocket costs for her prescription. Whitney Simon ’15 also praised the effect of the legislation on her procurement of an intrauterine device, saying, “Under Obamacare, my cost was zero. The entire thing was covered.” She reported that the device can run up to around $2,500. Aside from the insertion fee, which was $20, she paid very little. Simon did not have to sign a procedure document done on campus.

For students like Sam Troper ’18 and Ellie Mise ’18, both of whom came down with cases of the hand, foot and mouth disease that has been plaguing campus, Obamacare has had little effect. Both have been in and out of the Health Center a great deal recently due to their illness, but report that as far as their insurance coverage goes, it remains unchanged from what it was prior to the Affordable Care Act. “I don’t pay for my health insurance,” Troper said. Mise responded similarly, saying, “Out of the people in my family … I don’t really control my family’s health-care plan.”

It appears, however, that the coverage landscape in the future will be quite different at Kenyon. “We’re very likely going to be changing, because up until now, we’ve just provided a very basic policy.” Cullers said. She explained that “part one” of Kenyon’s plan applies to every student and is covered in students’ Health and Counseling Center fee, but

Harassment jars Crozier

During the Sexual Misconduct Assessment week, a head Sexual Misconduct Co-Chair, Natasha Skeete ’16, referenced that there have been many reports of harassment. “I was just really confused and shocked,” Tatanarti said. “Because you don’t expect things like this to happen at Kenyon, especially in a safe space like Crozier.”

Cohen, Thompson, Tatanarti and Sheridan all acknowledged that the week has its critics, and they believe the theft was perpetrated by someone(s) who fall under that category. “There are some people who are not happy with Take Back the Night, or who see it as oppressive in some way,” Sheridan said. “I want to know how we can improve to make the event seem more welcoming. We don’t want them to just commit a crime.”

Many student organizations have rallied behind both organizations after hearing of the theft. Kenyon’s student-run radio station WKCO offered $100 of the money they raised during last week’s WKCO Day to fund the replacement of Crozier’s TBTN supplies. Because Housing and Residential Life has already replaced the supplies, the money will instead go to New Directions, the Knox County domestic abuse shelter, which for Kenyon’s TBTN also raises money.

WKCO is also planning on hosting a fundraiser at the Light Up the Night Carnival on Saturday. “The appropriate response isn’t necessarily to yell and scream but to show that other people will support you when these types of things happen, and that’s definitely what we’re trying to do as an organization,” Teddy Farkas ’16, music director of WKCO, said.

Both Farkas and Charlie Collison ’15, who is the general manager of WKCO and a head Sexual Misconduct Advisor, encouraged other organizations on campus to help Crozier and TBTN in any way they can.

“I think we’re all responsible for upholding certain values on campus,” Collison said. “If other student organizations can offer up something to show their support, that would be great to see.”

Decatur, who has received several emails from administrators on the subject, said he finds the incident “troubling in the sense of anything that is bullying behavior is problematic within the Kenyon community, and that’s really what this comes down to. “I think it’s an attempt to find humor in things that are by no means humorous under any circumstances,” he said. “I think the culture of anonymizing and the use of anonymity as a way to be able to say awful things from relative safety is problematic.”

Crozier meetings are on Sundays at 7 p.m. at the Crozier Center for Women.
Alumni return to celebrate BSU’s history and progress

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name for Ujima Imani, which means unity and faith. In Swahili, the BSU decided to rededicate the lounge to honor Pope, who passed away in April. "Having Ed Pope’s family and church family there — that was to me one of the most moving things about the weekend," Kennerly said.

DeCatur, who hosted a reception at Crowell Cottage and gave the keynote address at last Saturday’s dinner, said he was especially moved by the stories alumni told of being at the BSU in the 1970s and ’80s. "One image that sort of stands out is the notion that all of the black students on campus could fit in one car," DeCatur said. "In a sense, though, the BSU was so small that it came a couple of years later when six new students came to campus and all the sudden, it wasn’t a one-car unit."

BSU President Tomas Grant ‘16 echoed the sentiment, adding that a lot of effort had gone into planning the reunion. "We actually started planning in October of 2013," Grant said. Ultimately, he felt the hard work paid off, saying he had received positive feedback from nearly every attendee.

The weekend also saw the announcement of the newly endowed Pope Scholarship, which will provide funds for students of color at Ohio high schools to come to Kenyon. The scholarship’s fundraising goal is $250,000. Eugene Peterson ’70 was in charge of getting the word out about the scholarship and raising initial funds.

"A bunch of us guys from [the Class of 1979] started sending emails around," Peterson said. "That fund will be combined with other monies, so we could as soon as next year see a Pope scholar on campus. ... One of the things that [Pope] was concerned about was the need for Kenyon to be a place that could do a better job of recruiting African-American students from the greater Ohio community. ... Hopefully, many of the first student will come from Granville High School, which is Ruben’s alma mater.”

BSU Vice President Kyen Durin ’16 agreed that the anniversary celebration was a success, but said there was more work to be done at Kenyon to increase diversity. "I would like to see Kenyon be a place that is a great educational background for multicultural students in general where they can also feel supported," Durin said. "I’d also like ... Kenyon to be a place where we can all share our stories openly and understand each other." Kennerly, too, thinks there is still room for progress to be made. In the next 45 years of the BSU, he hopes that there will be "a critical mass of black students" that lessens the need for the organization. "Just because we have admitted more students [of color] that doesn’t mean that the community is 100 percent," Kennerly said. "We need to be more welcoming. ... We’ve done lots of work, obviously, but there’s still more to be done, I think more so on the level of socioeconomic diversity."

One recent step that was taken towards increasing diversity was the formation of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ODEI), of which Kennerly is the director. Peterson hailed the creation of the ODEI as “courageous and important.”

"Thank goodness for President Decatur, who came and recognized the need to expand the inclusiveness of the College," Peterson said.

Peterson added that the reunion weekend “exceeded everybody’s wildest expectations,” and expressed his thanks for the hard work put in by Kennerly and the other organizers. “We had some doggone good partying going on, too,” he said. “That’s part of the Kenyon tradition... and we didn’t shrink from any of that.”

As students register, Supreme Court delays Ohio early voting

Kenyon Democrats register students to vote, despite a change to Ohio’s early voting period.

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This past Monday, the United States Supreme Court ruled five to four along party lines in favor of delaying the start of early voting in Ohio. “Golden Week,” a week where early voting and registration can occur simultaneously, was originally set to begin in Ohio on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Citizens still have until October 6 to register, but now early voting will not start until next week, meaning that Kenyon students will no longer be able to vote before October Break. Certain groups, such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, claim that the Court’s decision disproportionately harms minorities and low-income citizens who have less leisure time to vote, while others defend the decision as a way to limit voter fraud and cut down on the costs of running elections.

[The Supreme Court decision] ultimately means the reduction of early voting in Ohio,” Sam Whipple ’16, president of Kenyon Democrats, said. “[Ohio Gov. John Kasich] says he wants to make the process more fair and ‘level the playing field.’ How does this level the playing field?”

Of late, Whipple can often be spotted behind a table in Prince Hall’s atrium where he calls out to passing students and asks them if they’re registered to vote. Though the voter registration table is run by volunteers from Kenyon Democrats, students of all political views are encouraged to register, according to Whipple.

For those who have yet to register, the process is fairly simple: voters are required to fill out basic information including the last four digits of their Social Security numbers and their Gambier P.O. boxes. Since students’ residences change each year, they are required to re-register every September.

So far, Whipple estimates that 150 to 200 Kenyon students have registered through Kenyon to vote this coming fall, which is about 10 percent of the student body. Comparatively, 40 percent of Kenyon students were registered during the 2012 presidential election. These numbers are not higher, according to Whipple, in part because Kenyon has “a bit of an apathy problem.”

Kenyon College Republicans President Andrew Gabel ’15 said that voter registration is “not a huge priority” in the current election season, since according to Gabel, the Kenyon Republicans are already confident in the voting power of Kenyon College’s Republican majority, and do not feel the need to rinse up more votes.

Whipple acknowledged that Kenyon’s largely liberal student body is often referred to as an “island of blue in a sea of red.”

“We’re not trying to change minds; we’re not going out and having arguments with steadfast Republicans,” Whipple said. “At this point, it’s really just about finding the Democrats out here who feel like their vote won’t matter or they shouldn’t be voting in a community that would consider them different because they vote Democrat.”

Kenyon students have asserted in the past, in the Collegian and in all-student emails, that students from outside Ohio should register to vote in their home states. These individuals have argued that out-of-state students do not have enough stake in the local Knox County community to justify voting on its issues. Whipple disagrees.

“The truth is, when you’re here for nine months of the year, when you have professors who live in this county, who take up residency here and send their kids to school, they want to have lives here,” he said. “The argument I make is that registering to vote and voting in itself is a way of paying it forward. You might not be here for more than four years, but you will [be].”

“These elections are going to make a big difference,” Whipple said. “A lot of the policies that Kasich has put in place, such as cuts to education and local government, have made it really hard for people in Knox County to get by.”

Tess Dugan-Knight ’18, who has dual citizenship in Canada and the U.S., decided to register to vote in Ohio. Dugan-Knight said she feels it is important to make your vote count “especially as a young person.” She believes young people should care about the issues that are pertinent to them such as developments in education and social services.

Positions up for election in early November include Ohio’s governor and secretary of state, as well as state auditor and state representative for Knox County.

On Election Day (Nov. 4), voting begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 7:30 p.m. Transportation to voting sites will be provided for students if necessary. Additionally, the Office of Housing & Residential Life will email each registered student a copy of his or her utility bill, which is required to prove residency in Ohio.
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Knowledge STEMs from liberal arts

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Stepping onto Middle Path is a reminder of everything I want in my college academic experience. When standing in front of Rossie Hall, I can look one way and see the Science Quad — another turn of the head and I glimpse several humanities buildings. Every sphere of knowledge is within a 360-degree view. This isn’t the case at some large universities like University of North Carolina Chapel Hill or American University, who seem to strategically make various areas of study far away, subtly encouraging students to take more classes in one area in order to avoid crossing over miles of campus. My friends at state universities often express the pain of traveling across campus between their classes in different departments. But there is another change afoot.

The authority of a liberal arts education has expanded with the rise of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) disciplines, whose ancestral subject of astronomy, geometry and arithmetic coincidentally originated in the classical idea of arts liberalis. Specialization in those subjects is now encouraged as the U.S. strives to compete with countries like China in industry and technology. Consequently, a broader education, especially those with emphases on humanities, are pushed aside.

Large universities seem to encourage, even compel, students to major in subjects like computer science, physics or engineering. In Joel Stein’s Time magazine article “Humans, All Too Humanities,” he mentions that universities often opt to accept students with plans on majoring in STEM disciplines over applicants planning to major in humanities.

Excuse me, but their futures hold no more promise of success than mine do. If STEM disciplines take over colleges and universities, will these future doctors be able to properly explain what is happening to their patient in non-medical language? Or will future engineers be able to conduct the appropriate historical research that could change the way we design systems like infrastructure?

Don’t get me wrong, scientists and researchers perform amazing feats. But the humanities are crucial for applying science and mathematics to life.

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This is why a liberal arts education is fundamental: it forces students to broaden their interests by taking several disciplines, shaping them into well-rounded individuals. And if a student wants to be an astrophysicist and anthropologist double-major, no one will stop her.

Having knowledge in multiple disciplines also gives graduates the advantage of being more versatile in competitive job fields, not to mention that people taking all sorts of different studies in college can contribute a unique perspective to a class they otherwise would not consider a certain point.

The liberal arts education makes Kenyon remarkable. It enables me to walk down Middle Path with my friends, listening to pre-meal talks about their English classes or others tying in points from women’s and gender studies to psychology. Rich intellect and illuminating discussions fill the atmosphere, making it so students are learning even outside of the classroom.

An exclusively STEM education makes interactions like that harder. Hands-down: liberal arts wins.

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Abusive Yik Yak outbreak clashes with core Kenyon values

The debate surrounding Yik Yak and the utility of anonymous outlets as a tool for communication and representation has been raging for a couple of weeks now. In the beginning, most of the discussion was blamelessly harmless and amusing app may have the potential to be a source of cyberbullying in other communities — but to worry, it couldn’t happen here! No, Kenyon students are enlightened enough to possess a certain level of respect and compassion for their peers, to innocently post nothing more than clever jokes and half-hearted grumblings. Yet lately, to the shock and disgust of many, it has become excruciatingly evident that our community is not above displays of venomous hatred.

I’ll admit: I am human too, and being so, I am also curious to hear others’ opinions, see the community to engage and discussions on such forums as Kenyon Confessions and Yik Yak. Unfortunately, I also believe we are forced to acknowledge the hefty price we pay for such amusement. Ideally, these forums would be a positive nexus, a place where it would allow us, a place which would allow growth closer through shared experiences. However, our world is all-too-perceptibly far from perfect. It disheartens me so to read posts and comments that bluntly illuminate the empathetic inadequacy of our society: Even in such an intelligent, accepting and supportive community is in struggle to maintain even the most basic levels of human decency.

It seems there are members of our community who are operating under the outrageous assumption that personal attacks, theft, threats of violence and acts of dehumanization are to be tolerated here at Kenyon.

Along with word of mouth, an email sent out Sunday night by Crozier via Hippen’s (someone who has never downed Yik Yak) the gravity of the statements which have pervaded the site, such as “Crozier’s community is a yellow cake” and “women are barely women.” Let’s clear some things up here.

First of all, it is completely legitimate for Crozier to be criticized, for any campus organization to be subjected to intense scrutiny and for these organizations to be held responsible for the ways in which they fall short, as no group or individual is without flaws. It is vitally necessary these concerns of individuals be voiced, rather than squelched in derision of but it is unquestionably inadmissible when these statements are presented in a respectfully — and, hopefully, constructive manner.

No matter how hard anyone tries to deny it, every organization lies breathing human beings. Shocking, I know. Crozier is run by people, who like you and I, meaner than jarring words dripping with insouciance and hatred.

But the beauty of Kenyon is that we can spend our time here not really sure what exactly is happening around us, yet still feel like we can belong and succeed just by being who we are.
Professor emeritus teaches Sanskrit, remembers Kenyon

For the greater part of 40 years, Professor Emeritus of Classics William "Bill" McCulloh taught the Greek language and translations of its literature to generations of Kenyon students. A Rhodes scholar at the University of Oxford, published author and former advisor to the Collegian, he is a long-standing pillar of the community. Even after his retirement in 1999, he has continued to be involved in the Classics department, tutoring students in Sanskrit every week.

Currently, James Karlin '15, Benjamin Marakowitz-Svig '17 and Daniel Schlafter '17 make their way to the McCullohs' Gambier home on Wednesday evenings for these lessons. "Because it's such a small class, he's able to really bounce off the languages we all know," Schlafter said. "He's able to play off our prior knowledge since we are in such a small environment."

In an email to the Collegian, Karlin explained his interest in Sanskrit: "I wanted to learn Sanskrit because I had read some great translations of ancient Indian poetry and philosophy, and knew that the best way to appreciate and understand these texts would be to read them in their original language," Karlin wrote. "Professor McCulloh is quite knowledgeable about the language, and actually made studying grammar seem fun and exciting by, in one instance, comparing reviewing case endings to gazing through a kaleidoscope."

McCulloh and his wife Pat McCulloh, a retired professor of art, first came to the Hill in 1963 — the year he started teaching. Before coming to Kenyon, McCulloh earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, followed by a Doctorate of Philosophy from Yale University. When he first began teaching, only six students enrolled in his introductory Greek course. This made for a relatively easy adjustment into academia, but the next semester brought with it a challenge: the enrollment of the beloved, now retired, English professor Perry Lentz '64 in McCulloh's Greek literature lecture course. "He sat right in the middle of that class, and he paid such close attention to me that I knew that I had to avoid saying nonsense ... because he was a challenge to me there," McCulloh said. "He was always very polite, but ... I always say he helped to whip me into shape as a lecturer, [with] just his presence."

The next year, the Collegian's own adviser and Lentz's friend, Writer in Residence P.F. Kluge '64, enrolled in a lecture course on Greek literature. "[Kluge] was always ready to ask a question and challenge something that I had said," McCulloh said. In fact, McCulloh was so nervous about his first forays into teaching that he developed a habit of chain smoking during his lectures, ensuring that he would have time to pause and take a pull on his cigarette while gathering his next thought. But young as he was, Kluge was not one to back down from a challenge, and as McCulloh remembered, "Here [Kluge] and I were, dueling back and forth, he with his cigar and me with a whole pack of cigarettes. And at the end of that year, I quit cold turkey, because I knew I would die."

In 1971, the McCullohs moved off campus to their current home. When telling stories about life on the Hill, Mr. and Mrs. McCulloh intertwined their two narratives into one. They both spoke fondly of past students with whom they are still in touch. Lentz remembered a particular encounter with his former professor. "We went to [McCulloh] and complained about the amount of reading," he said. "He looked at us in that sweet sort of surprised way he had and said, 'Well, I assigned this at Amherst [College], and they didn't have any trouble.' And, of course, for Kenyon students, that's exactly what you need to say." Kluge also expressed his respect for his former professor. "I think of [McCulloh] as indispensable, and I know cemeteries are filled with indispensable people," he said. "That's the way things go. But I can't imagine anyone quite like him coming in today and staying the way he has. It's been a great gift to Kenyon."
First NCAC win signals a promising start

**SPORTS EDITOR**

**REBECCA DANN**

The women’s soccer team (4-1 overall) began North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) play with a win against DePauw University this past Saturday. The Ladies defeated the DePauw Tigers in a 1-0 victory on Saturday at DePauw University.

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The team didn’t arrive at their hotel in Indiana until 3:30 a.m. and rose early the next day to prepare for their game. “It just shows our character,” Bryan said. “We’ve got really tough young ladies who work really hard for each other. So it was more than just a win. It did a lot for us in a lot of different ways.”

Kenyon’s goalkeeper Alissa Poopol ’16 helped keep the team in the lead, blocking DePauw’s only two shots on goal. “This was the first game that it really felt like we were playing together as one whole unit from the defense to the forwards,” Katie Hoen er ’15 said.

Even with their early lead, the Ladies continued to play offensively. Kenyon managed an impressive eight shots on goal, six of which were taken by Smith, one of which was her winning goal. The Ladies’ other two shots on goal were made by Campbell Fee ’18 and Hoener.

The team knows that this is just the first of many NCAC games to come and they are preparing themselves for the challenges ahead and hope to see similar outcomes. “Our conference is really strong this year, and even teams that have finished towards the bottom the last couple of years have started off really strong,” Bryan said. “So there are going to be no easy games and we just have to know to bring that same effort and execute to keep ourselves in a good position.”

The Ladies’ next NCAC game this coming Saturday against Allegheny College on Magee Field at 12 p.m.

**Ladies fall to Denison, overcome Oberlin**

**SPORTS EDITOR**

Denison University ended the Ladies field hockey team’s five-game winning streak this past Saturday on McElrath Field, beating Kenyon 3-1. The game also marked Kenyon’s first North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) loss this season. The Ladies began the game strong and scored after 20 minutes of play, as Shannon Hart ’18 managed to slip a goal past Denison’s goalkeeper, but Denison soon retaliated. Near the start of the second half, Denison scored three consecutive goals, all within a 10-minute span.

“We held our own against Denison in the first half, being up 1-0,” Sam Johnston ’15 said. “I think we just thought we could cruise through the second half. Denison just came out on fire and capitalized on the few opportunities we gave them.”

Hart was unable to catch up to their opponents, although they managed a total of 17 shots. Maddie Breschi ’16 led the team with seven.

“Denison played really well and we didn’t necessarily execute the same way that we had been,” Head Coach Jacques DeMarco said. “I attribute it to just a little bit of youth with it, but I think we’re go-
Lords are kept out of end zone in NCAC road match-up

DePauw University (2-1, 1-1 NCAC) shut out Lords football (0-4, 0-3 NCAC) 24-0 this past Saturday, extending Kenyon's losing streak, which dates back to Oct. 19 of last year, to eight games.

The Kenyon squad, boasting only six returning starters among 22 starters on both sides of the ball, was prone to mental errors throughout the game. Kenyon continually faltered when it came to finishing off drives as well, both in terms of the offense failing to put points on the board and the defense struggling to force DePauw's offense off the field on third down.

While Kenyon was able to move the ball into Tiger territory on their first drive of the game, DePauw took over on downs on their own 42-yard line when a Kenyon pass fell incomplete on fourth down. DePauw made the Lords pay on the following drive, taking a 7-0 lead over the Lords after four-down touchdown run. The lids looked poised to get on the scoreboard on their next drive with the ball on the DePauw 30-yard line, but a miscommunication between Co-Captain Jake Ilates '16 and his offensive line led to a fumbled snap, which DePauw recovered for possession.

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With less than 90 seconds remaining in the first half, DePauw's passing game came alive and the Tigers drove all the way down into the red zone. When it looked like Kenyon's defense was going to be able to hold for a field goal on third down and nine, DePauw came through with a 13-yard catch to move the chains. DePauw capped off the 10-play, 55-yard drive with a six-yard touchdown pass one play later to make the score 14-0 with four seconds remaining in the half.

Down 21-0 with a chance to get on the board after another DePauw touchdown, Kenyon fumbled away the ball on the DePauw 11-yard line, one of the Lords' three turnovers on the game.

"Realistically, the offense produced, yardage-wise," Max Baughman '17 said. "They just had some trouble getting points. The defense was also the field the whole game, just because we weren't stopping them. I think it was those two factors combined."

After Kenyon's defense forced DePauw to punt on the next series, the Lords gave up the ball twice, when Bates threw an interception. DePauw kicked a field goal on the following drive to make the score 24-0, which would hold for the rest of the game.

Lords football has this weekend off and hopes to earn its first win of the season next weekend at Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio.

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"It was another exceptional weekend for Lords golf, who stormed into Danville, Ind. this past weekend for the DePauw Small College Classic."

"The dynamic duo of Jake Fast '16 and Jordan Harlacher '16 also had a great weekend. Coming out with NCAC Golfer of the Week honors, Fast shot 151 on the weekend, placing him in a tie for third-place. Harlacher rounded out the Lords' top-10 finishers with a score of 154, good enough for an eighth-place tie.

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