Kenyon sophomore Joshua Stiles, 19, of Chelsea, Mich., was struck by a car on Ohio 229 at approximately 7:40 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 6. Stiles was taken by ambulance to Knox County Hospital and then airlifted to The Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus, according to Trooper Todd Carpenter. Stiles is currently in the Intensive Care Unit, according to Dean of Students Henry Toutain, who said Emergency Medical Services from Gambier and Mount Vernon, along with student firefighters, “responded immediately.”

Stiles was hit by David Randall of Mount Vernon. According to the Mount Vernon News, Randall was traveling westbound when he hit Stiles, who broke his windshield (“Kenyon Student Seriously Injured,” Sep. 8, 2009).

“We believe [Stiles] jumped onto another car before this over on Porter Road,” Carpenter said, adding that the incident is currently under investigation.

Mount Vernon News reported that Ohio 229 was closed “for nearly two hours while troopers investigated the crash.”

Responding to the accident

Carpenter said he was the first officer on the scene, but that the emergency squad had arrived before he had. The car that hit Stiles was on the north side of the road facing west, according to Carpenter. “Mr. Stiles was lying in front of the car with his face to the south,” he said.

“The EMTs were there before me,” Carpenter said. “They were working on him. … He was injured pretty severely.”

“In looking back at the events from Sunday, [the Office of Campus Safety was] an instrumental tool in getting Josh the help he needed,” members of Stiles’ family, Greg Rebuldea ‘12 and Christian Martinez-Canchola ‘12 said in a statement. “People left their homes that night trying to make sense of what was going on and for that, Josh is still alive.”

Jack Robling ‘10, the student in charge at the College Township Fire Department, said the department abides by doctors’ medical regulations and thus could not comment on the accident. “I can’t tell you anything about the run,” he said.

Drug involvement

“Drugs were involved,” said Carpenter, who added that the investigation has included interviews with Stiles’ friends, who allegedly were doing drugs with him. “Mr. Stiles got away from them and wandered off and this was the result,” he said.

Director of Campus Safety Bob Hooper confirmed that drugs were involved in the accident.

Library Improves Student Space

Library staff planning changes to Olin Library aim to make the building “more amenable to student work,” according to Vice President for Library and Information Services Ron Griggs.

“Kenyon doesn’t have a student union, and in many ways, the library serves many of those functions,” Griggs said. “Students do a lot of work in the library, so we are making changes to improve the environment. We worked really hard on getting the right kind of furniture. Some students prefer comfortable chairs to study, some prefer tables, others prefer carrels where they can really focus, and we’re trying to get the right mix.”

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“We’re trying to rearrange the components of the library so that there’s more student study space,” Griggs said.

“It’s not confusing to students now that there aren’t two periodical sections to look through, now students can just go to one location,” said Librarian and Technology Consultant Julia Glynn-Wiaga ’96. “Over the summer, the scientific periodical section was moved from the third floor to the basement and placed on compact shelving with the rest of the periodicals. This move creates space on the third floor that will be used for student seating.

Last year the library tried out some new furniture, including eight-person tables with a revolving whiteboard in the center for group study work. “Some students really liked [the table] so we’re looking at other types of furniture that students might like,” Griggs said.

During finals week last semester, the library became very crowded and noisy, and staff was working to alleviate this problem, according to Griggs. “One thing we heard from students last year is that we need better designation of what areas of the library need to be quiet and which parts need to be noisy.”

Griggs said: “We’re working on making the third floor a much more quiet area and looking at what other areas can be a little bit noisier.”

Library staff is drafting a noise policy to be presented to Student Council. The library wants the policy to be “pliable for students. If you make a policy that everybody hates, then nobody will obey it,” Griggs said.

Before last year the library did not have a clear policy regarding all over central Ohio … [that thieves would] probably be able to sell somewhere else,” Kohlman said. “We’ve done several counts of the books, but we’re still finalizing the exact figure,” Kohlman said. Bookstore employees were waiting until students had finished buying their textbooks before making a final estimate of the goods stolen.

According to President S. Georgina Nugent, “there were not signs of a break-in,” and authorities are unsure of how the crime was accomplished.

“We don’t really know how it happened,” Kohlman said. “We suspect that it’s a group of professionals who know what they’re looking for and go in and out as quickly as they can.”

Nugent added that the College does not know whether the theft occurred at one time or over several incidents. “[The investigation] is ongoing, but as far as I know we don’t have any information yet,” she said.

The thefts provoked radical changes in the Bookstore’s security measures, according to Kohlman.

Spammers Hijack KFS Account

Spammers used the Kenyon Film Society (KFS) Webmail account to send out about 100,000 spam messages on Monday, Aug. 30. “We identified it and we deactivated the account and changed the password,” Vice President for Library and Information Services Ron Griggs said. “Then we had to delete 60,000 messages in queue and that [took] some time.”

“Someone on our staff must have replied to a spam e-mail,” said Miles Purinton ‘12, president of KFS.

“It was the way it was explained to me was that someone hacked into the account and created a bunch of fake profiles, so when people got the e-mail it looked like someone the recipients knew when it was really the hacker.”

The spam messages had two effects on Webmail accounts. The spam filled the e-mail queue, delaying other outgoing Kenyon e-mails. The large outflow of spam from Kenyon also led other e-mail providers to blacklist Kenyon, Griggs said. “so, even legitimate mail would get blocked.”

“We started contacting the e-mail service providers saying that we had this situation, [but] it’s now resolved,” Griggs said. “The first ones were the big ones. Gmail and Yahoo, because a lot of mail goes to those two and so we were able to get that resolved pretty quickly. Sometimes it can take 24 to 48 hours for e-mail providers to take Kenyon off that blacklist. It is not until Wednesday that we saw no messages being rejected from Kenyon.”

“I guess helpline could tell there were thousands and thousands of e-mails going out from what looked like our e-mail. I didn’t know there was a problem until it wouldn’t let me access the account, at which point I found out I was hacked,” Purinton said. “Helpline tried to figure out how it happened. They’re still not sure. I didn’t respond to any messages that looked like spam, so they think it was just a leaky password.”

“We don’t know by what process they got the password,” Griggs said.

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**Student Council**

**Sep. 13, 2009**

- At their first meeting of the year, Campus Senate members discussed ways to communicate effectively with the student body regarding the party policy, student judicial facilities, on-campus housing and the role of athletics at the College.
- Student Council expressed its wish for students to understand that the College’s Good Samaritan Policy applies to situations involving drugs as well as alcohol.
- Student Council discussed the new staff in the entryway to Peirce Hall. This staff was hired from an alumnus of the College and will move to the new art building once it is complete.
- All standing Student Council committees have been accepting letters of intent to join the Council. Council approved many new members, but some committees, including Student Life and Academic Affairs, will continue accepting letters of intent for an additional week.
- In an attempt to create a stronger connection with the student body, Student Council is considering holding a monthly lunch in Peirce, providing a comment box and creating a poster with pictures of Student Council members.
- Student Council members discussed the nearly $40,000 worth of textbooks stolen from the Campus Bookstore since the academic year began. They recommended installing a security device to discourage theft.
- Greek Council passed a constitution last year but is still working on writing its bylaws.
- The Housing and Dining Committee discussed future plans for the Morgan Apartments. It will decide which students will be able to live there in future years.
- Sophomore Council will soon submit a proposal to improve Gund lighting.
- Nominations for Judicial Board will close on Friday, Sep. 18.

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**AVI Updates Management, Menu**

**BY ROWANA ABENNETS**

**Staff Writer**

AVI Food Systems, Kenyon’s dining service provider, has instituted a variety of changes to improve efficiency and food quality just in time for the new term, according to AVI staff.

One thing the student body has requested is that we’ve only done this for a couple of weeks,” said Resident Director of AVI Foodsystems Damon Remillard, who comes from a restaurant background in Chicago. The AVI staff has been learning new ways to cook and Remillard said he has seen great progress in only a short time. “If this is where we’re at after two weeks, imagine what it’s going to be like in two months,” he said.

The kitchen staff has undertaken many changes. “We have a whole new chef team,” Remillard said. Bryan Robinson, the new senior executive head chef, has experience working with the food facilities owned by Limited Brands. Executive Chef Megan Cappell has private catering experience and has worked with the PF Chang’s restaurant chain. Jacob Owen, head of AVI’s local food movement, also has experience with Limited Brands.

The new chefs are “all very nice and they’re getting a bit more creative with the food choices,” said Joshua Samuels ’12. “I think the most important thing is efficiency. I think that they are really making strides with the different lines and new plates they’re lighter. But college food will be college food. You can’t expect it to be your mother’s cooking.”

Alyssa Riggins ’13 said that when she visited colleges last year, “I did not think that Kenyon’s food was that outstanding or memorable, but it definitely wasn’t the worst. So far I have enjoyed it, and I can find things that I want to eat in there, but I feel like the options are kind of limited sometimes,” she said.

Remillard said the AVI staff is working towards providing more food options for the student body. “We want to get more creative,” he said. “Pizza every day can get a little mundane.” The Old Mongolian station has been renamed the International Station, and the Vegetarian and Vegan sections has been expanded. The pasta section has become the “Fusion Section.” Pasta is still usually served there, but occasionally there are new dishes.

AVI’s changes do not end in the servery. “We have made big changes in the dish-return area,” Remillard said. Last year, the dish-return system was perpetually clogged with as many as fourteen carts full of dishes, he said. This year the sorting of silverware and cups has made the system much more efficient. “I truly believe that we’ve achieved [greater efficiency] except for maybe one period in the night,” Remillard said. Last year’s smaller and less efficient coffee machines have also been replaced. The condiments and water have been placed inside the dining halls to prevent the long lines that plagued the servery in past years, according to Remillard.

Remillard said he encourages students who are still dissatisfied with AVI to let him know through the comment cards available at the AVI Web site. “When a significant number of students feel the same way, we make the changes,” he said.

“It all depends on how picky or not picky [you are],” Samuels said. “I embrace change, so bring on the spicier meat. Bring on the softer noodles and the sweeter desserts. One thing that I want AVI to keep in the back of their minds is not to be afraid of flavor.”

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Greek Constitution, including its judiciary process, according to Burton. “We have virtually no disciplinary control over our own members, forcing us to turn to the administration in most, if not all, cases,” Burton said. “This, in my opinion, severely weakens us as an effective governing body. If Greek Council could gain the means to more adequately administer to our own members, I believe it would not only improve the image of Greek Council to its members, but to the administration as well.”

According to Toutain, Gocial’s investigations into pledge violations are not continuing, but some issues from last year remain. “Dean Gocial took some action [in punishing a fraternity] prior to leaving, and the fraternity appealed her decision to me,” Toutain said. “I’ve been having extensive conversations since July with members of [the] fraternity and their alums … to work out some understandings that would allow that group to be more successful in the future.”

Toutain said he hopes to focus on communication with both the Greek community and the greater Kenyon student body. “If the existing means of communication aren’t effective, then how do we find other ones? he said. “Hope to talk to Student Council about whether their intention is to be representatives, [and] how does that happen if they are hearing from a very small number of constituents?” He said there may be a need for a forum, but rather than simply announcing a forum and having a conversation among the people who respond to that invitation, he wants to pre-assemble a group. “That might allow for a critical mass of voices,” he said, “and, again, maybe representative and diverse voices to begin the conversation, and to that group might be added [other students].”

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MiddleGround Resumes Regular Serving Schedule

BY EMILY GRENEN
Staff Writer

MiddleGround has returned to serving food on its regular school-year schedule, after being temporarily forced to remain on its summer schedule into the first two weeks of the academic year. Until last Friday, Sep. 11, the café closed its kitchen at 4:00 p.m. and served only drinks, baked goods and soups.

The reduction of regular food-serving hours resulted from an understaffing problem that left the café unable to follow the usual schedule. “MiddleGround Cafes Dinner Hours”, Sep. 9, 2009.

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Some students expressed concerns over the initial schedule change. Gunderson said that he was surprised by the response. “It’s a small town and change is not taken that well,” he said.

Gunderson said the change was entirely out of necessity. “We were in a shortage and playing the hand that was intended. We were in a shortage,” he said.

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scheduling conflicts.

Arts history major Sara Nash ’11 works for the art history department in the slide library, which is currently located on the lower level of the library. "Art history is based around slide presentations, and there are a lot of technical issues with Bailey House," where art history classes are currently held, she said. Having the slide library and the classrooms in separate buildings can create complications for professors as they compile their presentations, according to Nash.

Both the studio art and art history departments have been housed for decades in buildings that were not originally designed to serve their particular purposes. With the new buildings underway, students and faculty alike said they are looking forward to fully furnished buildings.

“The new building will offer a lot of opportunities in terms of updating the technology,” Nash said. The slide library is currently working to digitize its system so that professors will be able to access all of the slides electronically. Nash said that if the slide library is relocated to the new building, professors who still prefer the old-fashioned method of manual slide shows will be able to conveniently compile and deliver their presentations under the same roof.

“I hope the new buildings will give the Kenyon art and art history departments more attention in the eyes of new students.”

- Emma Rotilie

### Arts: Relocation to Unify Department

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Schermer Wins Citizen of the Year

BY RICHARD WYLDE Features Editor

Seven months after retiring from his position as College physi-
cian, Dr. Tracy Schermer received the Gambier Citizen of the Year
award on July 4. According to Professor of Political Science and
Mayor of Gambier Kirk Emmert, Schermer is ‘notoriously humble
and was “surprised and thrilled” to receive the award.

Schermer said he was, “so humbled by the recognition,” but
declined to comment further.

“The most important crite-
ria [for Citizen of the Year] is service to the Village be-
yond their regular job,” Emmert said. “It’s usually
some kind of volunteer work or work that is
texted beyond what would be required. The award
is not just for people doing their job.”

The award, in the form of a plaque, is presented annually at
Gambier’s Fourth of July Parade as a surprise to the recipient. Only
a few members of the community and Village administration know
the winner beforehand.

Several months before the parade, the Village Council asks
for nominations from Council members and anyone in the Village
of Gambier. The Village Admin-
istration then discusses nominees before Emmert makes the final
decision.

“It’s not a formal committee,” Emmert said. “It’s an informal
process.”

The Village administration consists of Emmert, the Clerk
Treasurer, the Village Administra-
tor and the Tax Administrator.

Schermer retired last win-
ter after serving the College for
28 years. While most students
knew him only as the doctor
at the Health Center, many employees of the College
and community members know
him as going above and be-
yond the call of duty.

“I [Schermer] was well deserv-
ing,” Head Cross Country and Track and Field Coach Duane
Gomez said in an e-mail. Gomez said Schermer has been a great asset
to the community as well as to the
Kenyon Cross Country and Track teams.

“I have never known anyone
that would pour his heart and
soul into the community. . . .” as Doc
has,” Gomez said. “Dr. Schermer
had a great devotion to his family, community and Kenyon sports
teams.”

In the Fourth of July parade, local children and farm workers
are required to make a small loop from the Campus Fuel gas station to
Farr Hall and continue to the post office. A mime camp located at
Kenyon over the summer also us-
ually marches, and the Poet Laureate
for the Village of Gambier is announced. This year the Citizen
of the Year award was announced by Charles Rice, a retired Kenyon
professor and retired member of the College Township Fire Fire-
department who has known Schermer since he began at Kenyon.

“I was, for many years, the leader of the College Township Fire Depart-
ment emergency squad,” Rice said. “[Schermer] approached me to volunteer his assistance
almost as soon as he [was hired at the Health Center]. He has not ceased to provide his professional
service to the department and the people of the community. . . . I can
vouch for the fact that he saved the lives of students and local citizens
by responding day and night with the emergency squad.

“He has also been a tenacious
force in modernizing the emer-
gency medical and fire depart-
ments throughout the county.”
- Charles Rice

There were both positive and negative reactions from students when Schermer’s retirement was
announced.

When Schermer retired last winter Tessa Hardcastle ’10 said: “I felt that there were times when he
pushed the limits of what was normal and it made me uncomfortable. I kind of felt that he was on his
way out of the College.” (“Dr. Tracy Schermer Retires,” Jan. 22, 2009).

There are, of course, many testimonials to the contrary, especially from those who have
known Schermer for many years.

“[His impact on the community is] priceless. There will never be another Dr.
Schermer. We were all so for-
tunate and lucky to have him in our
lives, and we didn’t even know it,”
Gomez said.

“[That he might move or work
somewhere else definitely fac-
tored into the decision [to honor Schermer as Citizen of the Year],”
Emmert said. “We wanted to catch
him while he was still here, at the
end of his many years of accom-
plishments.”

In an address originally pub-
lished in the Mount Vernon News,
Rice spoke of Schermer’s contribu-
tions to Gambier: “He continues
to apply his special skills to treat
seriously ill and injured villagers and students, often before the
ambulance arrives. . . . He is that
carest of physicians who will make a house call to save your life and
pray water to save your house. He
is Tracy W. Schermer, M.D.”
Chinese Stars Ensure Punk Remains Dead

BY JAMES DENNIN
Staff Writer

The track listing for the second song of The Chinese Stars’ new album reads “No Car No Job” on iTunes—a sharp change from its listing on the band’s press Web site, which reads “No Car No Blowjob.” Such is the juvenile spirit that pervades the band’s debut album, which tries (and fails) to mimic both the sound and the playful dirtiness of better punk bands like Louis XIV.

Dr. Strangelove remains dead

BY CHARLIE SCHNEIDER
Staff Writer

We all know that our professors are people, but that’s easy to forget inside of the classroom. No matter how funny, smart or boring they are, we still slip into the illusion that they exist solely for our education. They are people, however, and they have their own peculiar interests outside of teaching (we hope). Wouldn’t it be fun to know a little of their tastes and get an insight into their own personal histories?

Visit Assistant Professor of Drama Ben Vincello’s ’98 is a perfect candidate for my investigation. He seems like a nice enough guy, and early reports about his forthcoming class range from “great” to “really great.” Currently, he is working on both a comedy screenplay and a play for the stage called Dead Letter Office, which will premiere in downtown Chicago next summer. But what else? He’s a top-five list, despite its arbitrariness, is a great shorthand way to get to know someone.

Vincello said: “You’ll see from my list that I’m something of a sentimental person.” A lot of the songs I associate with very specific moments in my life. I’m a big lyric guy. I’ve noticed I tend to choose lyrics over music.” He said that it is very likely that writing has informed his tastes as a listener. He said about hip-hop, for example: “Since I’m a playwright, I do think a lot about the rhythm of the words, and how they come out of the actor’s mouth. So in that way, it informs my writing. And in the screenplays I work on, I put a lot of tap music in there.” With that in mind, here, in no specific order, are the five hip-hop songs he’s picked from his iPod.

“Not Dark Yet” by Bob Dylan, from Time Out of Mind (1997)

“I was always a huge Dylan fan. During the ’80s he kinda started to drop off and then that was his comeback album. A lot of it seemed to pick up right where he left off, you know? And that song, to me, is just so beautiful and haunting. There’s this one particular lyric in it that I have outright stolen so many times for my own writing (laughs). ‘Be-hind every beautiful thing / There’s been some kind of pain.’ That song, I can just listen to that song over and over and over. His writing is just so incredible.”

“Reunited” by Wu-Tang Clan, from Wu-Tang Forever (1997)

“The first song [‘Reunited’] just launches you right in and I think it’s one of the best ever made. The thing that’s incredible about their songs is that a lot of them are over five minutes long, which for that point hip-hop songs were like, two-and-a-half, three minutes. The RZA was the producer, and the way he orchestrates that album is just incredible, especially the way he started using string samples. And actually, there are probably better songs on the album, like the song ‘Triumph’ where there’s no hook and they go and go for like six minutes, but that song [‘Reunited’] just launches the album perfectly. It was like a breath of fresh air for those of us who didn’t like the whole Puffy scene.”

“Panchos and Leftys” by Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard, from the eponymous album (1983)

“That is a sentimental favorite of mine because I grew up in the Air Force and we used to move around a lot. My dad was a big country music fan—we would listen to Tanya Tucker and Juice Newton and Kenny Rogers, and I learned to love them all, but this song was a song that always stuck with me. I always wanted to hear it over and over and again while we were driving to the next base, and you know, ‘It’d be a three-day drive. This song just hit me and I thought, ‘Man, this is beautiful. It has kind of the same effect on me that ‘Not Dark Yet’ has. Haunting. Maybe I’m just a depressed guy—they don’t think.”

“Chelsea Hotel No. 2” by Leonard Cohen, from New Skin for the Old Ceremony (1974) and Various Positions (1984), respectively

“For my money, [Leonard Co- hen] is the best lyricist out there. Seeing him in Concert was the best live experience I’ve ever seen—play, concert, whatever. It was like a religious experience. Those two songs— I just think the lyrics are perfect. It’s true poetry, set to music. Leonard Cohen obsesses over every word, which is something I identify with. And those songs are just so perfectly crafted. Radiohead’s Ok computer does a great version of both of these songs, but I have a soft spot for the originals.”

Although I’ve enjoyed many films in the last few years, my list that I’m something of a music snob. For me, there are only two movies in which I’ve felt as if I could find anything to listen to anymore. Back in my early days—’91 or ’92, a great time for hip-hop—there was a group called 3rd Bass, and they had a sound like De La Soul or A Tribe Called Quest, and they were as good as not better than those two. It wasn’t just about ridiculous hooks like Puffy made it all about. They are so good lyrically, especially MC Serch. This song, to me, represents everything that is wonderful about this group: it’s funny, it’s raunchy, it’s got an amazing sample. It was kind of an anthem for the summer of ’92 for me and my friends.”

—Miles Purinton

KFS Preview

CLASSIC COMEDY WEEK

Friday, Sep. 11 — Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb

Dr. Strangelove is widely considered one of the best films ever made and certainly one of the best comedies ever made. This brilliant satirization of the Cold War, directed by Stanley Kubrick, has been inducted into the Library of Congress for its historical and cultural significance, and the American Film Institute lists it as one of the top cinema comedies of all time. It tells a story of the US government’s reaction to the Soviet Union’s development of a super-weapon, and the New York Times’s Variety claims it as “one of the great films ever made.”

Sat., Sep. 12 — Airplane!

No classic comedy week would be complete without Airplane!, which arguably is the first film ever to parody other films. The story of an ex-fighter pilot winning back his girlfriend and trying to land a plane in the middle of a bout of food poisoning is solid, but what really makes this movie the ultimate of the ultimate is its endless number of great lines. That are definitely worth the price of admission.

So come join us at the Kenyon Athletic Center Theater at 7:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday to view these wonderful films. Screenings are open to anyone and — as always — are completely free.
As H1N1 Hits Home, A Debate on the Ethics of Vaccination

Late this summer, as we were all eagerly preparing our returns to campus, the Health Center sent an e-mailed titled “Student with Influenza” to the entire student body. The meaning was clear from the title alone: the H1N1 influenza virus, colloquially known as swine flu, had arrived on campus during the early stages of the semester. What was to do? We got the usual advice: "wash your hands" and "cover your face when you sneeze," etc. But real help is on the way. According to information in an e-mail and on the College Web site, the H1N1 vaccine should be available to the campus this fall.

This sounds all well and good, right? Maybe not. It would be wise to stand back and look at the whole picture before succumbing to hysteria.

In 1976, there was an outbreak of swine flu in America. As Congressman Ron Paul, a former medical doctor, recalled this past spring: “In 1976, we had a vote on the swine flu. The government was going to inoculate everybody and save the world from this disaster.” Government involvement in a swine flu vaccination program was supported by the entire Congress, save two Ron Paul and one other medical doctor who cast the only dissenting votes. It turns out they both had reason to be wary of such a mass and fast-tracked release of a vaccine. As Penina Haber and colleagues noted in a scientific review article, there were more than 500 cases of Guillain-Barre syndrome and 25 deaths associated with the 1976 vaccine. That is more deaths than were caused by the swine flu itself. Needless to say, the vaccination program was quickly halted.

More than 30 years have passed since that event. We have since learned that scientists and policymakers have realized their mistakes and that every vaccination will go smoothly this time around. It is not clear that this is the case, however. Medical professionals are still worried about possible side effects of the new vaccine. Britain’s Daily Mail has said that up to 90 percent of family doctors in the United Kingdom may not use the vaccine on themselves. The doctors cited inadequate testing of the vaccine and a lack of concern over the flu itself. One third of nurses in the United Kingdom have similar fears over the side effects and efficacy of the vaccine. A survey reported in the British Medical Journal found that only half of healthcare workers in Hong Kong were willing to get the vaccine. Even in the U.S., some parents are concerned about their children receiving the inoculation.

What will happen if vaccination is not generally accepted? Many of the healthcare professionals cited above said they might not get the vaccine because this strain seems to be relatively mild. Paul has noted this and added that the government could be helping the situation in more tangible ways. President Obama has declared that vaccination is voluntary but "highly recommended." Some believe mandatory vaccination is not too far off. This may be unlikely, but if the government portrayed it as swine flu as a national emergency could have the same effect. It is not too far fetched to imagine government officials using the swine flu vaccine as a scare to use more powers from the citizenry. As H.L. Mencken famously remarked, “The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of bogeymen, all of them imaginary.” This becomes particularly clear during wartime. Governments use an enemy from without to force oppressive measures upon the populace. One need look no further than the Cold War, the lead up to the Iraq War and the current demonization of Iran and North Korea.

Mandatory vaccination is not an unheard-of practice, either. Historically, many governments have adopted compulsory vaccination programs, most notably for children entering school. Given the near-moynopoly of the public school system, there are many who are compulsorily vaccinated. This practice is absurd and absurdly despotic. It denies the right of every human facing the threat of the ownership of his or her body. In the name of some fictitious public good or social benefit, vaccines are made mandatory. If we can be forced to recycle, then why can’t we be coerced into doing for the sake of our own safety?”

I say all of this in the hope that you will be more skeptical of the orthodox view passed down from on high. Certain vaccines have been a boon to mankind: look to the eradication of smallpox. But it is important to remember to look not only at the benefits of a certain decision, but at the costs as well. What is lost may be more than what is gained.

Morgan on Milks

Letter to the Editor

As the eponymous designer and developer of the Morgan Apartments, I am pleased that the College has purchased the building and is renovating it (Collegian, Sep. 3, 2009). Completed in 1964, it was intended to serve as a family-faculty residence — among others — thus its earliest name, “The Ivory Towers.” My family and I lived in “Milks” II, as you captioned the photo on page 4, for almost five years. In 2007, while attending my fifth reunion, I was appalled, upon looking in the window of our old living room, to see the destruction left by former student residents. The following year I returned as a guest lecturer in Tom Stamp’s class where students convinced me that the Milk Cartons offered a form of independent living unique in the Ivory Towers. “My family and I lived in Milks II,” as you captioned the photo on page 4, for almost five years.”

Two weeks of classes have passed. For those of you taking theater, physics, computer science, or economics class, how often have you cracked open your big, heavy, expensive textbook? How many hours have you spent reading through it, answering questions in it, highlighting the book, following links to suggested web sites? If you’re like most Kenyon students — in fact, probably like most college students — you probably don’t. If you’re like most college students, the book is just sitting on your shelf, often not opened and not often and not many.

In light of the recent devastating thefts at our bookstore (“Thiefs Cost Bookstore $39,000,” page 1), it’s time to revitalize the way we buy and use textbooks.

First, let’s take off thecuff our traditional use of the old textbook book cover as our most effective security measures. The textbook section should only be open at the beginning of each semester, and everyone entitled should check any costs or bags. The Bookstore should also require students to show their Kenyon IDDs before entering the section.

Second, let’s address the problem of cronyism of expensive textbooks and undervalued textbooks.

For majors in disciplines where we purchased textbooks, the case may be different. A natural sciences major could conceivably spend $500 on textbooks per semester and ten hours per week hunched over those same books, according to biology and neuroscience-studying Collegian editors. For the rest of us, however, introductory textbooks are a financial and intellectual waste. The amount you receive for an expensive textbook at the end-of-the-year book buy-back is almost negligible compared to the original cost — which can reach $150 even for a used textbook — so why not start at the root cause and not pay the full price in the first place? Don’t buy the textbook before class starts, and once it does, find a good buy two and split the cost. The average non-major in an introductory class spends two hours per week reading the textbook (according to Collegian estimates), so even if you’re not a fan of group study, set up a book-sharing system.

We commend the College Bookstore for the new security measures it has taken since the August thefts, and in no way does the Collegian mean to suggest practices that will diminish the Bookstore’s profits.

The Bookstore is an institution at Kenyon and in Gambier, and without it the College would lack what has been a part of the Kenyon experience for years. As a former student resident, I feel the better afterward but must confess I’m much happier now knowing it will be students working for fellowers who enjoy that privileged “independence” in the future.

[Architect Jim Morgan ’77]
FACE OFF Long Lines Aren’t Worth the Wait

BY TINAETEL Guest Columnist

One of the most beautiful buildings on campus, Peirce, is now bursting with all sorts of gimmicks, from the fancy light controllers to the impossible to understand-three-tiered carousel for trays. And while that’s all well and good, who cares about all the extra technology and gorgeous architecture if there are serious problems with the organization of the servery itself? There are lines that are almost wrapped around themselves because they’re so long and cramped. The mess in front of the carousel causes at least a few chips each day. Even on the best of days, nearly every student can expect a ridiculously long line or a stumble. Here’s my story.

Early in the morning I wander into the dining hall, already ten minutes ahead of everyone — here, it’s all about beating the crowd. I enter the servery, and just as I expected, it’s fairly empty. I’m proud of myself. I outsmarted everyone! I grab my food quickly in short lines and so far, everything is great. I head toward the Great Hall and scan the room for a seat, until I remember that I need water. Where’s the water? Oh, right. It’s not in the cafeteria anymore. I head toward the cooler and try to set down my tray, almost stumbling in the process, since there’s no room to balance anything on the table. As I try to make my way, I feel my mood dimming. I make it to my table and enjoy a comfortable meal with friends. Finally, of course, I look out towards the atrium. The line to return.dishes stretches from the carousel through the atrium and into the Great Hall. I shake my head in disgust. I’ve clearly waited my time very often, I would be forced to ponder if perhaps it was my own tastes that needed broadening, a possibility that some of the artistic students might consider. You are all adults; there is no reason for the dining hall to need to provide you with burgers and fries every single day. The only thing you will eat. If, however, I occasionally find myself wishing for something else to eat, that represents no fault on Peirce’s part. There are more than 1,600 students at our school, each with different tastes. If you have cooked for a group even a fraction of that size (say, 30 people), you know that it is almost impossible to satisfy everyone.

As for those who I have heard abstractly complain that “the food is bad.” Honestly don’t know what you are talking about, partly because of your variabilty and partly because I have never enjoyed food at Kenyon more than I have in the last two weeks. While my parents did convince me out of my pickiness, alas, they never succeeded, and I have ended up eating just about anything — from an orange to a cartful of bread behind her, the worker kindly asks what kind of sandwich I would like? I dislike even more those who are willing to be rude in the pursuit of their specific tastes, especially before even attempting to go through the appropriate channels.

Talk to the Peirce workers. Fill out comment cards. Join the Housing and Dining Committee. When every other option is exhausted, call or e-mail the relevant person directly, rather than trying to raise ire through the all-student e-mails. It’s unlikely that the administration will make up for Grab-n-Go’s absence. It’s unlikely that the College can cook up a replacement that will satisfy the Grab-n-Go faithful among us.

Picky Eaters Shouldn’t Pick on Peirce

BY ANNE KRUK Guest Columnist

Being picky about food was not tolerated in my house when I was growing up. Pickiness was far worse than, say, maddeningly on the carpet, and it was slightly better than an actual sin. I knew this in theory from a young age; at 11 I came to understand it practi- cally, during a Sunday morning stand off over a pile of baby carrots on my dinner plate. My mother washed the dishes, my sister watched television and I watched the baby carrots, hoping they would disappear or, if not, that my parents would give up the fight. Neither happened, and with bedtime on the horizon, I gave in. From then on I knew that what was on my plate was dinner, and as time passed I learned subsequent surprising lessons: carrots really are good, and good for you; good manners sometimes mean eating something you would rather not; and food is meant to serve our bodies, not (necessarily) our tastes.

It is almost impossible to please everyone, really, not to love what you have. About por- tablle mushrooms with fresh chopped tomatoes and goat cheese? I would eat that under any circumstances, at school or in a restaurant. My greatest irritation with the most current set of com- plaints is the fact that the dining hall has (finally) managed to pro- vide us with what we have wanted all along — a variety of flavorful, freshly made, local foods, with plenty of fruits and vegetables. I am more than satisfied with the meal they have given us, and for that, thank you to all the workers in Peirce.

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by Mara Pottermish managing editor

it was a familiar routine: on the way back to my dorm from my morning class, i would duck into grund commons to pick up a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a cup of hot chocolate and a bag of chips. i would see a few people i knew and maybe take a few minutes to talk with them before retreating to my room to eat and finish my work for the afternoon class. grund commons’ location and convenience made it the perfect way to juggle academic and nutri- tional priorities so that i neither failed my classes nor inadvertently starved myself.

as a first-year campus resident for the second year, i was incred- ibly disappointed to learn over the summer that grund commons wouldn’t be open. there’s always peirce, but it’s considerably farther out of the way and it takes much more time. in addition, place on campus without forking over money is short-sighted on the part of the college, especially when you consider how busy peirce has been lately. it also made me question being a lack of response or popularity; grund commons was over- crowded every time i was there last year — and i was there a lot. now the

by AnnE krüK Guest Columnist

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The Searsport field hockey team opened its season on the road against the Case Western Reserve University. The team won 2-0.

By JAMES ASIMES

Staff Writer

Field Hockey Falls to Blue Jays

The Searsport field hockey team traveled down to Owings Mills, Md., on Friday, Sept. 12, to play the No. 1-ranked South- ern University in their second game of the season. The team was looking to bounce back after their season opener in which they were defeated 2-1 against FBS teams last week, with the FBS tallying a 34-3 record, while the FCS only had a 2-1 record. The team was looking to get back to their winning ways against a familiar foe.

The team came out strong in the first half, scoring a field goal early in the first quarter. The team continued to play aggressively and dominated the game throughout.

The team's defense was solid, holding Case Western to just a field goal. In the fourth quarter, the team extended their lead even further, scoring two more goals to make the final score 4-1.

The team's offense was led by senior captain Harry von Kann '10, who scored two goals. The team's goalkeeper, Klein '11, made several impressive saves to keep the score low.

After the game, head coach Mark Mills said, "It was pretty cool, it was a good day of punting, averaging 43.2 yards per punt after punting eight times."

When asked if he had done anything to improve his punting over the off-season, Mills said, "It's more natural ability than hard work."