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Student Council

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• Judicial Affairs Coordinator Samantha Hughes presented Student Council with letters of intent from students hoping to serve on the Judicial Board. Student Council then voted, choosing three new full-time members and three alternates.

• Vice President of Student Life Laura Snoddy ’11 spoke about student elections. She said that following possible election violations involving e-mails, Ahmad Hamad ’12 withdrew from the Independent Representative to Senate election. As a result, Snoddy said she would hold the election again. Snoddy is also holding First Year Council elections on Wednesday, Sep. 30.

• Several committees, including Student Life, the Budget and Finance Committee and Academic Affairs, approved new members.

• Sophomore Council continues to work on a proposal to improve lighting at Gund Commons.

• Student Council President Jonathan Meyers ’10 said the party policy meeting on Wednesday, Sep. 16, was under-attended.

The Housing and Dining Committee discussed problems with students taking plates, cups and bowls from Peirce Hall. AVI has ordered more dinnerware and cups, but the supplies are backordered. The Housing and Dining Committee has suggested providing students with take-out containers, as the e-mails they sent to students about the theft last year had little effect.

• Dean of Students Hank Toutain spoke to Student Council about amending the College’s Good Samaritan Policy to clarify its inclusion of drug-related situations.

• Student Council plans to better advertise that its meetings are open to all students.

—Marika Garland

Good Samaritan: Senate Reworks Wording

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drafting a reworded version of the policy, which will specifically cover its application to drugs. The goal, according to Toutain, is to clarify the scope of the Good Samaritan policy in order to save lives on campus.

“My friends and I knew the Good Samaritan policy was there, but we didn’t know a lot about it,” Katie Furett ’10 said. “You know it’s there but it’s not the first thing you think of. It’s a good idea to add the drug policy in there. If you need to get help, that option is there, you’re not denying someone help because you don’t want to get in trouble.”

“I hope that the student body won’t have too much use of the Good Samaritan policy,” Ezekiel said. “The goal of the Campus Senate is to make sure that no student in need ever fails to call for help because he or she fears judicial action.” Ezekiel stressed the need to prepare for such situations by taking preventative measures and eliminating the policy’s grey areas.

The Good Samaritan Policy was introduced in the wake of the death of Colin Boyarski, a first-year who died of alcohol poisoning in the spring of 2005, according to Ezekiel. It was finalized in November of 2006, and it was intended to be a way to help intoxicated students.

“It was a way to get students more engaged in looking after each other.”

—Arjav Ezekiel

“I think that the Good Samaritan policy is a good policy, but without including drugs it doesn’t go far enough,” Marcus Torcivia ’13 said. According to Torcivia, making the policy more explicit will help the College protect students. “I hope that it will never affect me personally, but it’s comforting to know that if I were ever in a situation where I needed it, I wouldn’t have to worry about affecting my friends or the people around me because of my actions.”

The clarification will be a welcome change, Furett said. “There needs to be a little bit more explanation about what it exactly entails, not just a definition from the Student Handbook,” she said.

Village Record

Sep. 14 – Sep. 19, 2009

Sep. 14, 7:30 a.m. — Vandalism inside Bushnell Residence.
Sep. 14, 9:30 p.m. — Non-student vehicle accident at the South parking lot: parked vehicle hit.
Sep. 16, 10:20 p.m. — Medical injury — squad not contacted.
Sep. 18, 12:00 a.m. — Vandalism in lower west Lewis Hall: graffiti written on wall.
Sep. 18, 10:03 p.m. — Vandalism in Caples Residence elevator wall.
Sep. 18, 11:04 p.m. — Vehicle accident — corner of Duff Street and College-Park Street: No injuries.
Sep. 19, 6:18 p.m. — Medical injury outside of McBride Residence. Student transported to Health Center by friend.
Sep. 19, 2:20 p.m. — Medical injury on the Rugby Fields. Squad called; student transported.
Sep. 19, 2:20 p.m. — Medical injury on the Rugby Fields. Squad called; student not transported.
Sep. 19, 9:52 p.m. — Drug/drug paraphernalia outside of Gund Commons. Deputy Sheriff was contacted.

—Katie Furett

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Three Acts of Vandalism Committed on South Campus
Vandal Sprays Fire Extinguisher, Causes Two Hour-Long Evacuation in Leonard

BY AUGUST STEIGMEYER
News Editor

Three acts of vandalism in Old Kenyon, Leonard and Bushnell Residence Halls between Sep. 12 and Sep. 14 have prompted Kenyon College officials to keep a "careful eye" on people in the buildings who do not belong there, according to Assistant Director for Housing and Residential Life Bryan Shelangoski.

In one incident, a vandal tampered with a fire extinguisher in Leonard, causing a building-wide evacuation that lasted for more than two hours after the vandal sprayed the chemical substance from the extinguisher throughout the first and second floors. When Campus Safety officers discovered the incident at 2:00 a.m. on Sep. 13, they pulled the fire alarm in Leonard and Safety Officers Todd Bell, Dan Turner and Beth Disel evacuated the building.

"Powder was all over the place, [it was] pretty extensive," Dean of Students Hank Toutain said. Removing a fire extinguisher is dangerous because there was a real fire to occur, the extinguisher would not be available, he said. "It's a health issue for people in the residence hall." [Campus Safety] said that the fumes were hazardous for residents' health, and that it was necessary for the on-call maintenance staff to do a thorough cleaning of Leonard before we could return to our rooms," Leonard Community Advisor Trudy Andrzejewski '12 said. "I had a meeting with one of the [Safety] personnel, Todd, the following evening, and because he was exposed to the fumes for so long, checking that every room had been evacuated, he had been coughing the entire day.

"It's frustrating and it's unacceptable," said Finn Borge '12. "If Community Advisors witness vandalism we are supposed to document the situation," Patterson said. "Believing that the student stole it the first time it was funny, and the second time because they [were] upset that I had approached them and taken the poster back. What I hope Kenyon students realize is that fellow students put up those decorations — that they are competing for their own community when they do things like this.

In another incident, a CA's poster was stolen from Old Kenyon. "The first time the poster was stolen, I was standing outside of my room with a friend," Old Kenyon CA Jill Patterson '12 said. "I watched as the student tore it down and proceeded to walk away with it, showing it off to their group of friends. I followed them up the Old Kenyon stairs and explained I was one of the CAs in the building and that I would like my poster back. The student apologized and gave it to me. A week later, the same poster went missing again.

The Star Wars poster was missing for several days. "A few residents approached me about the missing poster, wondering where it had gone," Patterson said. "My residents reacted the same way I did. They were shocked that someone would go out of their way to take the Star Wars poster. I told them to keep an eye out for the poster, and report any tearing down of decorations to me." Patterson said the incident really upset her. "The second time the poster was stolen I was prepared to write the student up. Residential Life now knows that it was the same student both times, which makes it a personal matter," she said. "I assume that the student stole it the first time to be funny, and the second time because they [were] upset that I had approached them and taken the poster back. What I hope Kenyon students realize is that fellow students put up those decorations — that they are attacking their own community when they do things like this.

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The Office of Residential Life contacted the student who stole the poster and it was returned and remains on display.

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Several CA decorations were also damaged in Bushnell Hall, in addition to several large bulletin boards, Shelangoski said.

Nicole Woodcock '12, a Bushnell CA, said shaving cream was sprayed on the mirrors and all over the sinks and on the floor in the first floor bathroom that same night. "Everything was ripped off my bulletin boards, like posters and flyers," she said. Two Bushnell residents found the damage to the bathroom on Monday, Sep. 14 around 2:00 a.m. and left a note for Woodcock.

"I saw the note at 7:15 Monday morning, but, unfortunately, the cleaning lady had already cleaned it up, so she didn't clean the rest of the bathrooms because it caused her to take the shower and get to class, I was angry because it was 7:30 in the morning I was trying to take a shower and get to class, and I have to deal with this. My residents were also very upset about it."

Woodcock is unsure whether alcohol played a role in the incident. "Being that it was Sunday night, I hope that people weren't too wasted," she said. "But it was one of a series of vandalisms that we had. We don't know if there's any connections between this incident and the others that occurred.

All of the vandalism on campus has been repaired at the expense of the College, according to Shelangoski. "At this time, we do not have any potential leads as to who is responsible," he said in an e-mail. "If we do find out any information, the student[s] will be treated the same as any other student going through the College's judicial system. Unfortunately, there were no witnesses to any of the acts of vandalism.

The amount of vandalism on campus depends on the year, according to Shelangoski. "Most often, the beginning and end of each semester is relatively busier in terms of vandalism," he said. "However, there has been an increase this year in the South residential area in terms of overall vandalism.

Shelangoski said that the Office of Housing and Residential Life and Campus Safety will continue to watch closely for suspicious actions and try to prevent future vandalism. "If we catch anyone in the act of vandalizing property, they will be sanctioned appropriately to hopefully prevent them from doing it again," Shelangoski said. "Students are absolutely being encouraged to help prevent the vandalism by also keeping an eye out for people who don't belong in their building, and if they see acts of vandalism, to proactively avert them, their's been encouraged to call the CA on Duty or Campus Safety.

"I don't know how to prevent future vandalism, really, but I did ask all my residents to keep their shower supplies in their rooms for now." Woodcock said. "Brian Shelangoski sent around an e-mail asking for information, but nobody saw any of this happen, unfortunately."
Changes to Party Policy

**By James Plunkett**

Staff Writer

Kenyon College’s party policy, which was dramatically revised by Former Dean of Students Tammy Gocial in fall 2008, is up for discussion. Associate Dean of Students Tacci Smith and Substance Abuse Educator and Counselor Mike Durham held a forum on Wednesday, Sep. 16, not to “drastically alter the current policy,” but to address confusion about Kenyon’s party policy and the rumors that major changes are being made, Smith said.

“Safety is the main concern of the party policy,” Durham said.

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The College has instituted a new procedure to allow students to report if they believe a party is going without going to the Health Center.

Students can now submit an online form to place their names on a list that alerts faculty to who is self-isolating.

The form allows students to report symptoms and request assistance, including flu bags and meals delivered to their rooms.

“The first part of the form asks only for your name,” Dean of Students Hank Toutain said in an e-mail sent to students. “Your name will be entered on a list that will be sent to all faculty each day at 7 a.m. The second part of the form asks for your symptoms and gives you the opportunity to request a flu kit, sick tray delivery, and other services. This information goes to Kim Callers, the Director of Health Services, immediately.”

About a dozen cases of H1N1 have been reported so far this semester, but there has only been one confirmed case because it was the only one tested, Toutain said. The other cases are suspected to be H1N1 or other flu-like illnesses.

“Currently a couple of students are self-isolating,” he said.

Toutain said students will have to make up work for classes based on individual professors’ decisions. “It will depend on each faculty member individually,” he said.

“The H1N1 flu is highly contagious, so it is better if you don’t come to the Health Center unless it is necessary,” he said. “If you have symptoms, you should not come to health center. The self-isolation form can be accessed at:

Student Gateway

http://www.kenyon.edu/s/0091.xml

Health Center main page

http://www.kenyon.edu/lsc/200818.html

Influenza information page

Webmail login page

https://webmail.kenyon.edu/hoste/login.php

Arrested Sugamwayer

The Ernst demolition project is nearly completed. The College plans to turn the open space into a natural field. At the Monday night board of trustees meeting, playing field that was once [where Ernst stood], called Benson Bowl, Sugamwayer said. “The plan there is to re-seed so that it will be a green space like the hill next to it.”

The ultimate goal was for students who use the KAC to look out the windows and instead of seeing an ugly brick building, would be looking out on a green hillside,” he said.

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Construction Proceeds on Art Buildings and Ernst Lot

“The construction is expected to last somewhere between 18 and 24 months, according to Nugent.

“Although the plan has been part of the Kenyon curriculum for about 60 years now, it has never really had a home,” Nugent said. “The art departments have been in about five or six different locations all over campus, none of them particularly conducive to teaching art.”

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Recently, the scope of the Good Samaritan Policy has come into question, and students have taken the initiative to clarify the Policy’s wording. "The Good Samaritan Policy," Sep. 24, designed to encourage students to seek help for their intoxicated or otherwise draped friends, the policies have not been updated from the College's alcohol and drug policy to both the caller and the friend in need. According to its current wording, the Policy covers incidents involving students who are "intoxicated or impaired" and assures students that "neither the individual calling nor the student in need of assistance does so in expectation of legal trouble." This will be charged with violations of the College’s policies on alcohol and other drugs. The Policy clearly — and correctly — gives students the right to help friends with their rights as intoxicated students and their friends, avoiding a distinction between alcohol and other drugs. The Policy recognizes that a typical college environment is fraught with drugs and alcohol and attempts to temper the health and safety programs that have already arisen in the course of hard partying. Clarifying the Policy is especially relevant in light of recent incidents of students alleging they have been drugged on campus, presumably at parties ("Students Report Drugging," Sep. 24). The College takes alcohol and drug abuse — accidents or intentional — very seriously (the Good Samaritan Policy is the first item in the Student Handbook) and students should, too. We need to acknowledge the facts of familiarizing ourselves with the Good Samaritan Policy and to use it. Be vigilant at parties, and take care of your friends, whether they are drunk or high, purposely or not. The administration and Campus Senate did their part in November 2006 by instituting the Good Samaritan Policy and now by clarifying it — do yours and use it correctly.

Let's Be Good Samaritans

BY JOHN CRAIN
Guest Columnist

After my fourth party of the fall semester in which an illegal party, I decided it was time to read the student handbook on Kenyon's party policy.

There is nothing surprising about the party policy — it's very straightforward. Most students are probably familiar with its major restrictions and its basic principles. To provide an environment in which safe parties may be hosted by individuals and campus groups, Kenyon loves its students and wants them to make merry. Only — be safe.

The problem is not partying per se. The handbook states that "to allow and encourage the informal gathering of students, College officers include campus Safety officers and student staff members will typically not become involved with a gathering in a student's room, suite, apartment, or College house, unless there is clear evidence (or a reasonable suspicion) that irresponsible, destructive, and/or illegal activity is taking place in and/or a complaint is received." Kenyon would love you for all to play Monopoly on the weekends instead of boozing hard. And that is the essential problem: "Because the consumption of alcohol in a campus setting raises many complex issues, including behavioral, safety, and legal problems, it is necessary for the College to define certain limitations on and restrictions regarding the possession, consumption, and purchase of alcoholic beverages," you can sense the frustration in these words. Underage drinking is illegal, but it's going to happen anyway. What can an administration do?

President Nagengast is pushing to reform national alcohol policy and to reduce the drinking age so that kids can grow into responsible, strong-leaved adults and not such a liability to college. The College isn't set to put the right thing in place, much as we would like to. But something about this is unsettling to me. When students get pushed out of a large party on the edge of campus, where do they go? They continue indulging somewhere less visible or they may get caught and the law enforcement there, the sheriff's department, will know what they are doing and, I would imagine, fun to do in smaller herds. The most logical conclusion would be to return the right of students to use their lounges as they please. One former Gambier and longtime student advocate to put it in plain English, to me that students didn't need off-campus apartments to throw parties where the lounges were free for student use. As an additional plus for the College, we could always be found in the same places, and of anything we were wrong. Safety would always know where the problem actually was, not just where the noise was being made. A more reasonable solution would be to adopt a student government like that of Haverford College, where student government dictates all discipline and rules without interference by the administration. (That's right — those Quakers actually do that.)

While this may be going too far, we do have recourse through the student government's party policy. Another kind of change is desperately needed, unless you think that the repeated discipline of party hosts based on visibility of illegal activity seems like the best approach. Or maybe you think that arbitarily pushing around hundreds of highly indulged students or scaring them into the dark corners of the campus makes sense. I do not. Yet, this is how we currently operate. Personally, these things are mere pretenses of justice and safety, and, holistically speaking, that they ruin the "goodness" of the weekend it could have been,forcing you to go to a seedy, craggy dive like The Cove. The most experienced students abandon the responsibility of throwing parties, sometimes at the last moment. But (and this is key) the party policy is coming before Student Council soon. We should think about what changes we want to see, what kind of college and parties we want to grow; and what kind of relationship we as students wish to have with security — that one makes more sense to our community. I personally think a party can be a beautiful thing, maybe even a way to keep upperclassmen connected to underclassmen, passing on traditions, experience and information so that we don't make the same mistakes and have the same arguments over and over again.

I urge all members of Student Council to think holistically and to use the powers that they have to make changes that will restore the harmonious geography of self-indulgence at Kenyon. Be creative and take liberties — safety officers don't have to enforce the rules that are forced to because we haven't figured out a good enough system. Drinking is illegal, but safety is the order of the day — I have said it so you don't have to repeat it. Student Council, Recharge! The College has found solutions, so can ours.

Respect Room Reservations

BY CLOE MCCLELLAN
Guest Columnist

When I came to Kenyon, I anticipated that I would be expected to act like an adult and that, in turn, I would be treated with respect. Lately, I have felt that offices and departments on campus are being extremely disrespectful to each other and to students. The system in place for reserving spaces on campus is being ignored; this is rude, and it causes difficulty for the people who have reserved rooms.

Reservations for spaces in the Kenyon College Ballroom Dance Club, I use KC Reserve faithfully. If we need a space, I make sure it's booked. In theory, every space on campus should be booked at least 1 week in advance. This way, last week, I attempted to go into Gund Ballroom for our usual Wednesday night practice, but the door was locked. After a home investigation, I found out that the room had been set up for an event the next day, and Campus Safety had been asked to lock the door. I understood that they needed to set up for the event early, but that is no excuse to ignore our reservation. Had we been allowed in the room, we would have been sure to move everything back to where it was at the start of the week. We are fairly well aware (usually from the crud on our shoes) that other people use the ballroom. At the very least, we would have been respectful in advance, so we could have planned to use another practice space.

The ballroom club isn't of major importance to most students, but we are not the only ones who encounter this problem. One of the senior orientation programs was forced to move by another program despite having reserved a room. I would guess that many people on this campus simply are not aware of the way the system works. So here it is: putting an event on the calendar doesn't automatically mean that other people have not reserved that space. That has to be done through Reserve. And please, if you need a room that is already reserved, talk to that person before usurping it. If we are going to claim that Kenyon is a community, we need to start acting like one, and that means treating everyone — faculty, staff and students — with respect.
I'm Not There

Melody for Melonae

John Macionis: I started when I was in high school, playing guitar, and when I got to college I started a band. The name was The Banned, which somehow to a freshman mind seemed deliciously kind of deviant. The year after that, it morphed into a group called The Dirty Old Band, and that was inspired by the old ‘Laugh-In’ show. There was a guy called Artie Johnson who would play the ‘dirty old man,’ so I was always sitting on park benches next to old women who would always beat him over the head with their purse for some foul comment. We played through the end of the 60s around New York state. I did a band in the 70s which was called Kid Gloves, which lasted a year, and I did a band in the 80s which was called Captain Ahab and the All Night Whalers, which lasted for a voyage on Semester at Sea. And I played in a band in the 90s called Four Fists and a Miss. These were just short-lived things; I sort of popped in and out of stuff. I just would play a lot of keyboard or guitar.

TKC: How did these albums come to be?

John Macionis: I wanted to have my son record a song for his boarding school application, so I went to a studio down in Newark with my son and he recorded a song quickly, just for his applications. I got thinking, ‘Wow, I’ve got to learn how all this stuff works.” I soon realized it is too complicated to learn how it works, but if you have somebody that really knows how to use a studio, then you can make music by yourself; because you can multi-track, and put it all together and you can be a band again. So I started doing the Boneyard CDs. The first one had some good songs on it, but it was sort of rough. The second one, I thought, was better. Most of the songs are pretty clean and sound pretty good, and a couple of them I really like. I think the best ones are “Victoria” — it’s an old Kinks song — and the other one is about the simplest song, it’s an old Walser Egan song called “Magnet and Sky.”

After that, I got interested in the band that I like the most, the Beatles, so I decided to try to do a CD. I didn’t try to record covers; I didn’t try to exactly learn George’s guitar riff. It took a year to do [the album] anyway, and it would have taken two or three years to do it and I didn’t really want to do that. I started doing some of the early Beatles stuff, and then as that project went along I got more into the instrumental stuff. [This led to the idea for] doing all the orchestrations with the Beatles songs, almost to carry it from the pop music to something more formal and sort of high brow, to contrast the two styles. So the studio owner recorded the [orchestral] parts. So, anyway, we had strong together 17 songs, and that was finished last spring.

TKC: How did you select the songs you wanted to record? How do you perform covers rather than original material?

John Macionis: If I could write really killer songs, I would do it. I can’t. Sorry. But I think one thing I can do, is take songs and envision them in a different way. So I can play with songs; I have the ability to do that. I do. So I try to do exact covers. I have tried to do some of them like that, but if you are going to do an exact cover it has to be a song that matches your ability, your vocal range and your playing style. I don’t have a lead singer voice, but I can do covers. So, for me, Beatles stuff, I won’t do Twist and Shout, because I can’t sing like that, but I can do a song like “Nowhere Man” with three part harmony. So I try to make music. For example, I look for songs that will play to my strengths and keep me away from what I have no business trying to do. One of the things I learned in the process of doing these CDs is how important it is to plan the project before you start doing it… You gain a respect for the craft of recording when you try to do it. There’s so much that is involved in it, which is why it takes so long.

TKC: Do you feel that being a sociology professor alters the way you approach these songs or music in general?

John Macionis: Maybe, somewhat. I think that I’ve always looked for patterns in songs. I think of sociology as a way for looking at patterns in everyday life. I discovered, for example, that in early Beatles songs, Lennon in particular really loved major seventh stuff. There’s a lot of major seventh chords used… I noticed that when Lennon does harmonies under McCartney, he loves to work a harmony by stepping it up. As McCartney would come down, he would move up. You notice that on songs like “Eight Days a Week” and “Because.” You think, “Oh, they were into that and they were using it in different songs.” So, I think for patterns, I try to socialize, and the lyrics. You can look at these songs and see… “Oh yeah, here’s what The Beatles were doing, this is where Lennon was trying to become a Dylan sort of person.” Or you can see on songs like “Yesterday” for example, it’s very much an effort to copy the Beach Boys. So, you look for those kind of things, and I think that everyone does that to some extent, sociologically, you are always looking for those patterns.
The Kenyon Collegian: How did you end up getting to Kenyon? Did you plan for it?

Francisco Battaler M.: I got my Ph.D. in economics at the State and I used to teach mathematics as a teaching assistant for someone who then later went to Kenyon. She liked the way I taught and she knew there was a need for someone to teach here, so she said, “Why don’t you apply?”

T KC: You said she liked the way you taught. How would you classify the style of your teaching strategy? What is a typical class with you like?

FB: Hard to tell. ... I like to engage with the students and I’m also very inquisitive. Most of the classes I taught here at Kenyon were seminars. ... Small seminars are the great things of Kenyon.

T KC: What’s the biggest thing that you took away from Kenyon when you ended up leaving here after those six or seven years?

FB: Everything. Kenyon is just the best place. ... It’s the architecture, it’s the people; the faculty members are wonderful, the students are great. ... It was a chance to teach in a liberal arts context, the chance to learn, to some extent, for the sake of learning. Economics [is] weird coming back to campus or have you been back a lot since you left?

FB: I have really come every year, and what happens is most of the times I have come in summer-time. So it’s a great, great feeling; it feels like home.

T KC: How did you get in your current line of work?

FB: This was one of my hardest professional choices. What happened was that during — my first sabbatical here, I took a position to work for the government in Spain. Spain was becoming a member of the European Union. The Spanish government sent me to Brussels to ... become more familiar with the French, you know, the European Union. When I was there, I got contacts with people, and they saw me, how I was working. So soon after I return to Kenyon I get an invitation to go interview. And I got the job.

T KC: That’s really cool. So have you been working with the European Union since then?

FB: Yes, twenty years.

T KC: Do you see yourself staying there a while longer?

FB: I think I would be very fortunate to have been here at Kenyon; and I would have loved for Kenyon to exist in Europe.

— Francisco Battaler

RICHARD WYDE

The Kenyon Collegian: What is your exact title? Give a brief summary of your day-to-day work.

FB: It’s a complicated title. I am the deputy head for the department of what is called coordination and analysis, what would be the Department of the State in European Union. And my key role now is the coordination for international cooperation on migration, asylum policy and the European Union. So migration is a big issue, big challenge to the EU; like them in almost any country, any industrial regionized. So what I try to do is coordinate the position of the European Union toward the flows of immigrants; they’re going to come or they won’t come. So the problem is this covers a lot and it’s a big challenge. It’s a big challenge to cooperate with other countries, so that they essentially send to the EU the types of workers of whom we are most in need. That is to say also to control what we call irregular migrants, those people who come who don’t have their permits and through many different ways show up inside the countries. They just cross the border. They come by boat, or sometimes they come with a regular passport and visa but once the visa expires they stay. It’s quite complicated. But it’s interesting.

T KC: You’re giving this talk today in a couple of minutes. What’s your overall thesis?

FB: Essentially I say ... Does the EU matter? And that’s a really interesting question anyway; but it’s an interesting question in particular in the US where there is ... maybe not at Kenyon, lots of ignorance about the EU is and what the EU does. The EU is the largest economy in the world. What I think people fail to realize is how strong and powerful the European Union is. So it’s not that the EU doesn’t exist; it’s that we see in international relations, there’s a distinction between soft power and hard power. And hard power is what the US tends to use, military might. ... The European Union seeks to use soft power, and it has been very successful. ... Through this soft power, the European Union has been able to encourage and achieve the formation of many countries in Eastern Europe that until now were part of the Soviet Union. And they were under the control of the Soviet Union so they were using systems of planned economy, totalitarianism, deprivation of human rights, no rule of law, democracy, no political parties, and many of these countries, 20 years later, are members of the European Union ... and they are aligned in terms of economic characteristics and political characteristics, they are aligned with the rest of the Western world. And there are other countries and new neighbors of ours who are again trying to ... give them hope for the medium term of numbers to the European Union. We are using the same, somewhat modern, tools towards Belarus, towards Moldova ... all of these countries. And we have promise of membership in the Balkan countries. The Balkan countries will be the next perhaps the last group of countries to become members of the European Union. And they are using this soft power ... to make the transformation for membership. That’s also in the sense that ... 50 years ago Europe was in war. And until then, for centuries, Europe was in war all the time. So the biggest achievement of the European Union has been to prevent war among its members. You have to know the history of it to realize what it means. Or in the workings of now, of some of the countries in the European Union and not only those in Eastern Europe. Countries like Greece, Spain, Portugal lived under dictatorships. And now it’s unthinkable, unimaginable ... that in the history of these countries would be a dictatorship now. That’s fantastic. When you look at it from the perspective of centuries, that’s hard to know. That’s why, that’s why the European Union seeks to use soft power. Even though sometimes people don’t realize ... people even inside the European Union, they like this idea of soft power.
Counseling Center Offers Students Support

By Susannah Green Staff Writer

Of the many services and resources Kenyon offers its students, few may be as deeply committed to supporting students’ success and well-being as the Counseling Center. Founded in 1967 by former Campus Physician Dr. Tracy Gilligan, the Center has its roots in just one counselor, Psychology Professor Emeritus Rowland H. Shepard. It was located near the Center for Intergenerational Relations, for many years before moving to its current location above the Health Center on North Aeland Street.

According to Director of Counseling Services Patrick Gilligan, more than 500 students came to the Counseling Center last year, and the Center has become increasingly involved in students’ lives in the ten years he has served as director. There are now six counselors at the Center, all of whom are licensed to work with a wide variety of issues, and a psychologist who comes in every two weeks to help students with medication management.

Whether or not they see a counselor, students may encounter the Counseling Center in some capacity during their four years at Kenyon. The Center provides facts and guidance to student-run organizations such as Beer and Sex, Kenyon Men and ADEPT (the Alcohol and Drug Education Program Team) and training to the Community Advisors. The Center also supervises the Sexual Misconduct Advisors, who operate as a direct extension of the Center.

“We’ve been able to create not just counseling roles but mentoring roles, so we’re helping students help other students,” Gilligan said. “Many of the students who use the Counseling Center, the majority — Gilligan estimated between 80 and 85 percent — do so either on their own or on the suggestion of a friend or faculty member.

“Most students come for issues of anxiety and stress management, depression, relationship problems, academic issues [or] because they’re feeling a little overwhelmed and they have some issue in their life that they want to figure out,” he said.

The other roughly 15 to 20 percent of students come as a result of a judicial sanction regarding drug or other substance use. Substance Abuse Educator and Counselor Mike Durham, run of all the issues with drugs and alcohol back home.”

“Sometimes people have the perception that we are going to browbeat them [about drugs and alcohol] … and it’s not like that. We are here to support people and help them succeed and be safe,” Durham said. “A lot of those folks are just on a one-time sort of thing. It’s more a matter of welcoming them to Kenyon and talking to them about what utility they were looking for with the alcohol, and [talking to them about] what the other options are.”

Counselors see more female than male students, likely because there are more women than men on campus, according to Gilligan. He said that although the breakdown among the grade levels is pretty even, he sees slightly more sophomores than any other group and slightly fewer juniors.

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For students looking for advice or someone to talk to outside the realm of the Counseling Center, however, there is also KenyonNFO (Kenyon National Food and Organization) that talks to students through the AIM (Anonymous Information Medium) screenname KenyonNFO6236. The volunteers are trained, but according to member Ayako Tokuyama ’11, they can easily refer students to other resources.

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Prof. Lloyd-Waller: A Modern Philosopher

By Charlie Schneider Staff Writer

Assistant Professor of Philosophy Rebecca Lloyd-Waller has lived and breathed philosophy, from enrolling in introductory classes at Siena Heights University in Michigan, to receiving a handful of fellowships, to earning her Ph.D. at Purdue University. She has pursued questions of, in her words, “what exists and how far we can understand it.” For many, this subject matter could be intimidating, but Lloyd-Waller maintains that she has always been the argumentative type. “I always liked metaphysics questions, particularly Good Questions, because they were so much fun,” Lloyd-Waller said. “If you’re going to worry about what things exist, you might as well go for broke, you might as well go into something that might be interesting.”

When you learn to think in this way, you can get funneled into a very narrow area of interest after spending years on your dissertation, she said. “It was funny the first day of class [here] when I came in and all the first rows were full and all the back ones were empty, where the opposite would have been true at Purdue,” she said.

“I’d say the question to asking a physicist, "Why do you care about what the beginning of time looked like? It doesn’t matter now, she said, but it is wildly interesting. "When you learn to think in it, you can’t help but ask about the very fundamentals, the most interesting questions, “she said. “You can get funneled into a very narrow area of interest after spending years on your dissertation, she said. “It was funny the first day of class [here] when I came in and all the first rows were full and all the back ones were empty, where the opposite would have been true at Purdue.”

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Lloyd-Waller said it is difficult to describe the importance of studying philosophy, not because the cause of the study of philosophy lacks validity but rather because, to her, the validity and the pure beauty of the question are right before her eyes. The question is almost too fundamental, she said. She compared the question to asking a physicist, "Why do you care about what the beginning of time looked like? It doesn’t matter now, she said, but it is wildly interesting. "When you learn to think in it, you can’t help but ask about the very fundamentals, the most interesting questions, “she said. “You can get funneled into a very narrow area of interest after spending years on your dissertation, she said. “It was funny the first day of class [here] when I came in and all the first rows were full and all the back ones were empty, where the opposite would have been true at Purdue.”

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Archery Club Targets Beginners

BY KATE VON CULIN
Staff Writer

Perhaps one of Kenyon’s more curious sights can be seen every Friday and Sunday afternoon, when the Archery Club leaves the Kenyon Athletic Center with armloads of bows and arrows and heads for the athletic fields. The club, which is open to all Kenyon students, holds informal practice sessions during which students can try their hand at target shooting.

Many of the Archery Club’s members are beginners, but often even those with experience have only shot in gym class or as Boy Scouts. “We get a lot of ex-camp archers,” Co-Captain Geoff Toy ’10 said. “Anyone can join,” Co-Captain Michael Underwood ’10 said. “You don’t have to have any experience, have any equipment or pay any fees. There is no commitment,” he said.

The club members meet in the KAC atrium and collect their equipment before heading for the athletic fields near the tennis courts. If there are new archers that day, one of the co-captains gives a short safety tutorial and a lesson on constructing the bow. Then the club members begin shooting. “At the end of practice we have a Sherwood shoot-off, which is an elimination-style competition,” Toy said.

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An Archery Club member takes aim.

In addition to target shooting, one of the Archery Club’s main goals is to introduce members to kinds of archery other than the western style. Club member Nate Gabriel ’10 learned the Japanese style of archery when he was studying abroad in Tokyo last year. “It’s a different style,” Gabriel said. “It’s a ver y different style; you don’t have to have any experience, have any equipment or pay any fees. There is no commitment,” he said.

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In what decade was the United States Constitution created?
1860s 1780s

How many symphonies did Beethoven compose?
Nine 14 11
Ten
Nine

How many acts are in a Shakespeare play?
Four Five Two Four Five

Who discovered Penicillin?
Pasteur Flemming
Flemming Alexander Fleming

Total Correct
One Two Two Two

This is the second photo in a series depicting changes on campus.

To current sophomores, Ernst Center was a ghostly, hollow shell. To juniors and seniors, it was an unlikely marriage of food and abandoned athletic courts. To the current first-year and future classes it will not be a chapter, or even a page, paragraph or sentence in their Kenyon memory. Since 1981, Ernst housed the campus’ athletic facilities until it was brushed aside by the prodigal KAC, only to be resurrected as the unholy interim dining hall during the renovation of Prince. Today we remember the building that replaced the swimming pool in the Bolton Dance Studio, the building that the KAC replaced, the building that replaced Prince, the building that is now the KAC’s renowned, earthly neighbor.

WHERE YOU CAN GO INSTEAD: The deserted Gund Servery.
-Richard Wylde
The Kenyon College Ladies soccer team faced another tough pair of games last week, losing to Capital University 1-0 on Thursday, Sep. 17, and winning against Heidelberg University 2-0 on Saturday, Sep. 19. Both games were at home, a respite from the Ladies’ trip to Michigan the week before. Prior to these games, the Ladies were nursing a 1-4 record, having seen two double overtime losses to start the season, then defeating Medaille College at home, but falling to Hope and Calvin Colleges in Michigan a week later.

The Ladies were determined to see their season into better times, and with two home games in front of a friendly crowd, the Ladies did just that. After playing Capital in a hard-fought loss, they found a way to please the home crowd of 200 against Heidelberg.

Capital University, sitting on a 4-2 record, dealt Kenyon a disappointing loss. Despite the Ladies’ robust offense, Capital held onto a one-goal victory. Kenyon posted 13 shots in each half of the game, but Capital goalie Linley Vermillion tallied 13 saves in an impressive performance between the goal posts. Caddie Durrett ’12 led the Ladies with five of Kenyon’s total 26 shots. Katie Robinson led Capital with eight shots. It’s not a stretch to suggest that the team with a significantly greater number of shots over its opponent usually finds a way to win. Sheer volume of shots should have favored the probability of the Kenyon side scoring. Capital, however, weathered the storm. Though the Ladies over-powered their opponent, they had poor luck scoring and left the game empty-handed. However, they recovered from their loss against Capital to defeat Heidelberg.

Kenyon’s play against Heidelberg was similar to the team’s approach to the Capital University game, but with a more positive end result. Heidelberg entered the match with a record of 3-4-1 to Kenyon’s 1-5, but the Ladies nabbed the important win. Kenyonsubstituted Heidelberg to the same offensivetorrent the team had unleashed in its previous game. The Ladies had as many shots in the first half of their game against Heidelberg as they did against Capital with thirteen. In all, the Ladies sent 29 balls toward the goal, forcing Heidelberg goalies Lauren Sweaney and Molly Schreiber to work hard in their respective halves to make 13 saves in an attempt to deter the shots. The Ladies’ two goals were scored by Katie Fee ’11, assisted by Virginia Rushton ’12, and by Lisa Vaughan ’11, unassisted. After their goal in the twelfth minute, the Ladies did not let up and Heidelberg never reclaimed control.

With the victory, Kenyon climbed to 2-5. The Ladies, however, have not played any conference games yet; their first is against Ohio Wesleyan on Oct. 6. Following that date, all of the Ladies’ subsequent games are conference games, and thus are of the utmost importance. These non-conference games do not have a great impact upon Kenyon’s chance at the NCAC playoffs.

The Ladies have the same record after seven games as they did in last year’s non-conference play. But with the Kenyon Ladies putting on exciting shows with their aggressive offensive play, they are headed in the right direction to improve upon last year’s record.

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The Kenyon College Ladies soccer team faced another tough pair of games last week, losing to Capital University 1-0 on Thursday, Sep. 17, and winning against Heidelberg University 2-0 on Saturday, Sep. 19. Both games were at home, a respite from the Ladies’ trip to Michigan the week before. Prior to these games, the Ladies were nursing a 1-4 record, having seen two double overtime losses to start the season, then defeating Medaille College at home, but falling to Hope and Calvin Colleges in Michigan a week later.

The Ladies were determined to see their season into better times, and with two home games in front of a friendly crowd, the Ladies did just that. After playing Capital in a hard-fought loss, they found a way to please the home crowd of 200 against Heidelberg.

Capital University, sitting on a 4-2 record, dealt Kenyon a disappointing loss. Despite the Ladies’ robust offense, Capital held onto a one-goal victory. Kenyon posted 13 shots in each half of the game, but Capital goalie Linley Vermillion tallied 13 saves in an impressive performance between the goal posts. Caddie Durrett ’12 led the Ladies with five of Kenyon’s total 26 shots. Katie Robinson led Capital with eight shots. It’s not a stretch to suggest that the team with a significantly greater number of shots over its opponent usually finds a way to win. Sheer volume of shots should have favored the probability of the Kenyon side scoring. Capital, however, weathered the storm. Though the Ladies over-powered their opponent, they had poor luck scoring and left the game empty-handed. However, they recovered from their loss against Capital to defeat Heidelberg.

Kenyon’s play against Heidelberg was similar to the team’s approach to the Capital University game, but with a more positive end result. Heidelberg entered the match with a record of 3-4-1 to Kenyon’s 1-5, but the Ladies nabbed the important win. Kenyon substituted Heidelberg to the same offensivetorrent the team had unleashed in its previous game. The Ladies had as many shots in the first half of their game against Heidelberg as they did against Capital with thirteen. In all, the Ladies sent 29 balls toward the goal, forcing Heidelberg goalies Lauren Sweaney and Molly Schreiber to work hard in their respective halves to make 13 saves in an attempt to deter the shots. The Ladies’ two goals were scored by Katie Fee ’11, assisted by Virginia Rushton ’12, and by Lisa Vaughan ’11, unassisted. After their goal in the twelfth minute, the Ladies did not let up and Heidelberg never reclaimed control.

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Ladies celebrate their victory, as the third set was the proverbial fork in the road for the Terriers in the second half. Stanley also thanked the Kenyon coaching staff for their efforts. "[The Terriers] had some major difficulties and they were shorthanded," he said. "But you have to expect them to have success."