College officials implemented a campus-wide lockdown at approximately 10:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 after the Knox County Sheriff’s Department reported a potentially dangerous person in the vicinity. The College was responding to finding a vehicle that belonged to Tina Herrmann, one of four people from Howard, OH who had been reported missing Wednesday, Nov. 10. Police found evidence of violence in Herrmann’s home.

Missing Person’s Truck Found at BFEC

Thursday evening, a Gambier resident called the Office of Campus Safety to “ask why there was a helicopter flying over,” according to Campus Safety Officer Gregory vonFreymann, who took the call.

“Shortly after, a second Gambier resident called to say there were police down at the [Brown Family Environmental Center (BFEC)],” Officers had found Herrmann’s Ford F-150 truck in the BFEC parking lot. Herrmann, 32, along with her daughter Sarah Maynard, 13, son Kody Maynard, 11, and friend Stephanie Sprang, 41, were reported missing Wednesday by Herrmann’s boyfriend, Gregg Borders, after Herrmann did not show up for work at Dairy Queen in Mount Vernon.

At the BFEC, vonFreymann talked to a deputy who “said the vehicle was related to a crime.” When he asked about the nature of the crime, the officer said it was possibly a homicide.

“I know the deputy,” vonFreymann said. “I called him, and when I got back, there was a 30-year-old Mount Vernon resident Matthew Hoffman, who was sitting in his Toyota Yaris near the entrance to the Kokosing Gap Trail, described him to vonFreymann. “The suspect was in the vicinity,” he said. “We know that now. So I do believe that there was a real threat.”

At the scene, police questioned 30-year-old Mount Vernon resident Matthew Hoffman, who was sitting in his Toyota Yaris near the entrance to the Kokosing Gap Trail, close to where Herrmann’s truck had been found. Hoffman was released after being questioned.

Hoffman, who previously served eight years in prison for arson in Colorado before returning to Ohio in 2007, was arrested Saturday, Nov. 13, charged with kidnapping Sarah Maynard, 13, and re- mains the prime suspect in the case.

The local law enforcement advised Safety officers that a suspect, described as a white male in his early thirties, five feet eight, 130 lbs, with brown hair and eyes, was possibly still in the area. It is not clear whether this description applied to Hoffman, who police had already released.

Mark Kohlman, chief business officer for the College, said he received a call from Campus Safety at 8:50 p.m. after officers met with the sheriff at the BFEC.

Officers from the sheriff’s department did not return the College’s many requests for comment on this story.

Implementing the Lockdown

Kohlman immediately authorized Campus Safety to turn on the automated residence hall locks and begin the procedures for manually locking buildings without card-readers, which include academic buildings and student apartments. Kohlman then went to the Office of Campus Safety to call members of senior staff, including the local law enforcement.

Kenyon Locked Down During Police Investigation

Dangerous Suspect Reported Near Campus, Vehicle Found at BFEC Linked to Crime

College Editor Tests Four Loko

LINDSAY MEANS

Four Loko is an alcoholic energy drink introduced in 2005 by Phusion Projects LLC. The drink contains malt liquor and caffeine and has become popular on Kenyon’s campus and others in the last year. The drink comes in 12, 20 and 24 percent alcohol by volume (ABV) varieties. The name “Four” is a reference to its four main ingredients: alcohol, caffeine, taurine and guarana.

The product has recently become controversial because of questions from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about the safety of drinks that combine alcohol and caffeine. Additionally, instances of illness among college students have been widespread this year, notably at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Wash., where about 13 undergraduate students became sick from consuming the drink. This occurrence has prompted some schools to ban the drink outright.

These schools include the University of Rhode Island, Temple University, Niagara University and Wittenberg Institute of Technology. Under the threat of legal action from the FDA, Phusion Projects has recently announced it is removing caffeine from its beverages, but this will not take effect until Dec. 10.

When I was approached to write this article, I initially declined. As a responsible and underage student who generally drinks sweet alcohol, drinking Four Loko is not, and has never been, on my list of things to do in life — but in the interest of pursuing college-relevant journalism, I finally agreed. From here on out, no editing: anything I type is what ends up printed in the Collegian tomorrow.

8:47 p.m. First sip: I gagged. This tastes like drinking a bottle of perfume. I’m not sure how anyone drinks an entire can of this, let alone multiple cans. And as someone who, as a child, asked the doctor for injections rather than liquid medicine, drinking this might not be a feasible task.

8:54 p.m. I’m only on my second sip. This might take a while.

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Lords Football Completes First Winless Season Since 1964

Lords Soccer Seizes First NCAA National Appearance Since 1997

NINA ZIMMERMANN

Despite losing to Denison University in the North Coast Athletic Conference semifinals, the Kenyon Lords soccer team nevertheless earned a wildcard bid into the NCAA Division III Tournament, their ninth appearance in history and first since 1997. Head Coach Chris Brown said he is pleased with their hard work finally coming to fruition.

“I think we’ve been good enough to go for probably the last two or three years,” Brown said. “For one reason or another, we kind of stumbled at the last fence. And this time we got the job done, so it was satisfying.”

The Lords faced off with the York College Spartans on the Spartans’ home turf in the first round on Saturday, Nov. 13, dominating the 18th-ranked Spartans for most of the 90 minutes. The lone Lords goal came in the 70th minute, when Tom Nolan ’11 got a hold of the ball in the middle of the field and passed it over to Miguel Barrera ’11, who chipped it over the aggressively onrushing York goalie. In addition to outshooting the Spartans 11-4, the Lords were also supported in the net by
Lockdown: Three Knox County Residents Feared Dead

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President S. Georgia Nugent, Provost Navef Samhat and Dean of Students Hank Touraint. They decided on a plan of action and formulated a message to send to students using all available information. Email, phone and text messages were sent to students and faculty around 10:15 p.m., about an hour after the College officials met, informing them of the lockdown instituted in response to "a potentially dangerous person in the vicinity."

"That was how long it took us to get everybody together," Kohlman said. "We were calling more security officers in and formulating a plan for locking the campus down." Kohlman said the response time was good. "Considering everything that we had to do, we were pretty happy with the response time," he said.

Safety’s Immediate Response

Fifteen Campus Safety Officers were on campus by 10:15 p.m. Thursday to lock buildings and transport students to their residence halls or apartments. The first students officers transported were those living at the BFEC farmhouse, which is adjacent to the site where police found Herrmann’s truck. By 9:15 p.m., these students had been collected and transported to the Office of Campus Safety. The lockdown for all students ended at 7:00 a.m. Friday, but these students remained on campus until Sunday night.

Locked Down

Junior Paul medioli was working alone on an anthropology lab while College officials were responding to the situation. "Surrounded by hominid skulls," medioli said that around 9:00 p.m. a security officer locked Palme House and told him "there was a watch for suspicious persons so I shouldn't open the door for anyone." After medioli received the official security system message, he "tried not to make a lot of noise, and to make it look like there wasn't anyone active in the building. It was kind of an intense experience," said medioli, who "eventually...got a ride back to [his] dorm from a maintenance guy, because security was all tied up shuttling people from elsewhere on campus.”

Not all students were alone, however. Daia Frank ’11 was in her library carrel when "they made an announcement that the library was being locked," Frank said. When she returned to her carrel until students were told "that we were being evacuated and that we had to line up at the back door to get shuttled home." Frank said she waited in line for a few minutes before she was driven to Leonard Hall, where she remained for the duration of the lockdown.

Communicating with Law Enforcement

The Sheriff’s office was in contact with the College, but did not provide details of its operation, according to Kohlman, who said police did not tell College officials if they were searching campus for the suspect.

Campus Safety officers conducted independent searches of College buildings as part of the lockdown procedure, however. The sheriff never talked to us," Campus Safety Officer Deborah Shelhorn said. "The Sheriff’s department continued to provide information and law enforcement guidance throughout the progress of the investigation, prompting College officials to continue a partial lockdown through the weekend. "We looked at the little information they gave us and we made the decisions from there," Kohlman said. "They don’t really return our calls. Channel 10 seems to have been the main source [of information]." Senior staff, along with Campus Safety, decided to keep all buildings on campus secure through the weekend because they “didn’t have concrete information, one way or the other, from the sheriff’s department."

Sheriff David Barber

The reality that these folks may not be alive is becoming more and more prevalent," — Sheriff David Barber

Kohlman said students can safely visit the BFEC and the Grass Road Trail. Knox County Sheriff Officer dispatched. 

Nov. 13, 7:24 p.m. — Medical: student in Ralston House. No transport.

Nov. 13, 10:11 p.m. — Suspicious person in Olin Library. Person advised

Nov. 13, 10:11 p.m. — Suspicious person in the vicinity.

Nov. 13, 11:18 p.m. — Disorderly conduct on Acland Street. Student arrested by Knox County Sheriff Officer for disorderly conduct.

Nov. 14, 7:29 a.m. — Medical: student in different vicinity.

Nov. 15, 4:01 a.m. — Assault: alteration between several students and one faculty member in the vicinity.

Nov. 15, 7:24 p.m. — Medical: student in Horn Gallery area. Student treated and transported back to dorm.

Nov. 16, 9:30 p.m. — Suspicious vehicle in parking lot south of KAC. Vehicle left area.

On Sunday morning, a S.W.A.T. team raided Hoffmann’s Mount Vernon home and found 13-year-old Sarah Maynard bound and gagged in the basement. Hoffmann was arrested and charged with kidnapping.

As of the Collegian’s deadline, Sprang, Herrmann and Kody Maynard remain missing. "Unfortunately, the reality that these folks may not be alive is becoming more and more prevalent," Sheriff David Barber said at a press conference held Wednesday, Nov. 17.

Kohlman said students are urged to call Mount Vernon’s tip line at 1-888-363-8477.
Johnny Flynn and the Beasts of Prometheus

Johnny Flynn played a low-key set at the Horn Gallery on Nov. 10.

The cautious approach carried over to hishorn performance, which followed the set. Flynn played a mix of songs from his album, "Theequals of Us," which was released in 2009. His voice was soft and his delivery was measured, giving the performance a sense of intimacy.

Flynn's musical style is characterized by his use of a twelve-string guitar, which adds a unique texture to his songs. He also incorporates elements of folk, jazz, and blues into his music, creating a sound that is both familiar and unique.

Flynn's performance was well-received by the audience, who were captivated by his才华和音乐的深度。His set was a celebration of his talent and his passion for music, and it left a lasting impression on those who were fortunate enough to witness it.

The Horn Gallery was packed for the event, and the audience was treated to a mesmerizing performance that was both captivating and introspective. Flynn's music is a testament to the power of art and the ability of artists to inspire and move us, and his performance at the Horn Gallery was a reminder of why music is an essential part of our lives.

Lauren Toole

Aloe Blacc Plays Horn for a Night of Soul and R&B

Aloe Blacc was born in East Los Angeles, but his roots lie in the West Indies. His music transcends genres, and his soulful voice has captured the hearts of listeners around the world. He is known for his powerful performances and his ability to connect with audiences on a deep level.

Blacc's music is a blend of R&B, soul, and hip-hop, and his message is one of hope and positivity. His songs often tackle themes of love, life, and personal growth, and they encourage listeners to think about their own experiences and the world around them.

Blacc's performance at the Horn Gallery was a testament to his talent and his dedication to his craft. He brought his unique style and passion to the stage, and he left the audience in awe of his incredible talent.

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Fasting for Immigration Reform

This past Monday, Nov. 16, several students responded to senior Marco Savedra’s call for immigration reform action. For the past several months, Savedra has been on the front lines of immigrant advocacy, pushing for the passage of the DREAM (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) Act, which, if enacted, would provide avenues toward protected permanent residency status for thousands of young people whose success and advancement are hindered only by their status as illegal aliens. The threat of deportation hangs over thousands of students, many of whom immigrated to the U.S. at an early age that they have little to no connection with their country of birth, and in many cases do not even speak the language. Take “Steve” Li, who is ethnically Chinese, but who was born in Peru after his family fled political persecution in China. Steve immigrated to the U.S. when he was 12, successfully completed high school with honors and enrolled as a nursing student in San Francisco. On Sept. 15, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrested Steve, who now faces deportation to Peru. If deported, Steve will be separated from his schooling, his family and everything familiar, living in a country that is essentially alien to him. With the passage of the DREAM Act, however, students like Steve who have demonstrated their desire to become contributing members of society will have the opportunity to permanently reside in the U.S.

Last Monday night, Saavedra and a corps of students began their fast together in Peirce Hall. I had received emails from Saavedra about the DREAM Act and Monday’s fast, and I decided to join him and others in self-denial and meditation for 48 hours. I wanted to support Saavedra, whose efforts both to raise awareness on immigration issues and advocate for social justice domestically and abroad have continually inspired me these past three years. The fast was intended not only as a demonstration of support for the DREAM Act, but also as an opportunity for deep personal reflection on deportation and hardship. We all are cognizant of the fact that many people, due to circumstances outside their control, are subject to destitution and poverty. To personally experience a level of physical deprivation, however, actualizes the fact. Hunger diminishes your ability to focus. Obstacles appear more daunting. You are physically fatigued, but you sleep restlessly. As a student, you play physiological, social, and even pleasurable roles. I learned to acknowledge its centrality in my daily life.

To put this in the framework of immigration, it is worth reflecting on the precariousness of daily existence. For some, it is a struggle just to meet physiological needs. For others, their livelihood depends on flying just under the radar. Both are subject to the vicissitudes of forces outside their control. Both are deserving of security and justice as citizens of the world, we owe them that.

Rethinking Sustainability, Energy at Kenyon

From the very first page you got your in the mail as a high school junior, you were shown the number-one Kenyon buzzword: community. Kenyon prides itself on being a community-centered college; it’s why we all live on campus; it’s why we’re all on the same meal plan in the same tiny, terytery; it’s why we have Community Advisors.

We’ll look at (or should have looked at by now) that responsibility of being a community member—specifically meaning making informed decisions and holding ourselves and each other accountable to their consequences. In general, Kenyon students have varying degrees of success with this endeavor, but when it comes to being accountable for our resource consumption, it becomes difficult for anyone to claim that we are actively participating in making our community healthier. For one thing, in order to make sensible choices about our energy use, we must have accurate information about the impact of our energy choices and what the consequences of our decisions will be. Without this information, Kenyon’s energy use isn’t only irrational, but irresponsible.

This isn’t entirely the students’ fault; it runs the numbers. The buildings are dirty and hard to get a hold of. We’re not sure if Kenyon generates 99.9 percent (according to the Sierra Club survey filled out by our sustainability director this summer) or 70 percent (the number our sustainability director is now getting from someone at AEP) for energy of its energy for electric utility. We know that — along with their health — have a rich history and culture. Of the 15 most toxic chemicals, coal is one of them. You can’t find it in Appalachia — many dating back seven generations or more have made them uninhabitable. Fasting for Immigration Reform is an act of resistance, but when it comes to being accountable for our resource consumption, it becomes difficult for anyone to claim that we are actively participating in making our community healthier. For one thing, in order to make sensible choices about our energy use, we must have accurate information about the impact of our energy choices and what the consequences of our decisions will be. Without this information, Kenyon’s energy use isn’t only irrational, but irresponsible.

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Four Loko: A Record of Its Effects

Until the Last Sip

As we entered the Glen Hill store, we were greeted by rows upon rows of apples of all different varieties. The "pick-your-own" season had passed by this point, so we just bought our fruit off the shelf. Marta, Devon, and I selected an attractive little half-peck bag of Honeycrisp apples, and a half-gallon of cold apple cider, briefly viewed the rows of trees and hit the road again.

As we began the drive to the next orchard, Marta and I sampled a couple of Glen Hill’s Honeycrisps. With a wholly satisfying crunch, we bit in. "It’s nice and crisp, kind of like a Fuji apple, but it’s got a little bit of the tartness of a Granny Smith," Marta said. In my opinion, it was very juicy; basically all you can ask for in an apple. I may have had ones that are a little more flavorful, maybe a little less crisp, but it was pretty good. Both of us rated the apples as eight on a scale of one to ten. We continued our drive, all the while passing the cider around like hillbillies drinking moonshine.

Our next stop was Buckinghams in Sunbury, about 30 miles southwest of Gambier. We parked in front of a picturesque old barn and entered it. Inside, my companions and I selected several Honeycrisp to compare them to the ones from Glen Hill, some Fujis and a jar of apple butter. Unlike Glen Hill, Buckinghams does not sell apples to Kenyon, according to the proprietor, Farmer Buck. After strolling through Farmer Buck’s orchard at his invitation, we said goodbye and made our way toward the final stop of the day.

Once again, we used the drive back country roads as an opportunity to sample our purchases. First, while Glen Hill’s Honeycrisps were still in our memories, we tried Buckingham’s version of the same variety. I thought it might be a little more flavorful than the one at Glen Hill, and Marta agreed. I also judged that the crunch factor was about the same. Marta and I both settled on a score of nine, heaping Glen Hill right. Buckingham takes the lead! A bit further on, we tasted Buckingham’s Fujis as well. “Definitely sweeter,” Marta said. But “not quite as crisp,” or as juicy. We judged them to be satisfactory, but slightly inferior to the Honeycrisps from both orchards.

We started to get worried as Marta piloted her Jeep toward Heartland Orchard, about 40 miles south of Kenyon in Thornville. The other two orchards were rural, but this place was, as Devon put it, the kind of area “there’s going to be some weapons are available. Similar crimes will use whatever weapons are available. Those who are prone to drink irresponsibly will also continue to do so. The same argument has been made for gun control. Those who commit crimes will use whatever weapons are available. Similarly, while Four Loko might make it easier for people to get irresponsibly drunk, they will manage a way to do so anyway. Those who drink irresponsibly will also continue to do so. The same argument has been made for gun control. Those who commit crimes will use whatever weapons are available. Similarly, while Four Loko might make it easier for people to get irresponsibly drunk, they will manage a way to do so anyway.

Additional reporting by Sam Coli.

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I don’t know if that means I’m allergic to Four Loko or my Claritin is wearing off. It had to be combined. Four Loko D should I have looked this up earlier.

9:18 Watching YouTube videos: pretty typical for a Wednesday night so far. 9:43 Feeling a little buzzed, but nothing unusual. 9:51 Am I supposed to be yawning on Four Loko? I think I might be too desensitized to caffeine.

10:02 After an arduous hour and a half, I think I’ve had about two-thirds of the can. Apart from mixing up the words “music” and “movie,” I’m doing okay so far. I’m not hallucinating, the room isn’t spinning and I don’t think I’ve spilled anything wrong so far. My editors-in-chief are going to “put on rave music and see if it sends me into a trance,” so we’ll see how this goes.

10:18 I’m going to vomit. This is starting to smell up, and it’s even nastier now. I’ve never liked Jolly Ranchers, and this tastes exactly like a melted Jolly Rancher topped with several squarts of Parell. 10:22 As I said earlier, my theory about Four Loko is that nobody ever just drinks one. I’m sure there have been studies about environmental factors surrounding drunkenness, but I’d assume there’s a certain mindset that is involved with being completely hammered. The stories about Four Loko in the news mention the other substances that are involved; the nineteen-year-old woman who died in Washington had combined it with diet pills, which already contain exorbitant amounts of caffeine. 10:50 It took me two hours and three minutes to finish the Four Loko. I’m definitely feeling it, but I’m in no way ready to burn posters or break into anyone’s house. I don’t think Four Loko can be blamed for aberrant behavior; who’s are prone to drink irresponsibly will continue to do so. Those who drink irresponsibly will also continue to do so. The same argument has been made for gun control. Those who commit crimes will use whatever weapons are available. Similarly, while Four Loko might make it easier for people to get irresponsibly drunk, they will manage a way to do so anyway.

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MORGAN AZINGER

If you had asked me when I arrived four months ago, I would have said that living in Buenos Aires was crazy, stressful and akin to living on the moon. It’s as different from sleepy little Gambier as night is from day. For one, the city never sleeps. I know they say that about New York City, but believe me — New York’s nightlife is child’s play compared to that of Buenos Aires. Woe betide you if you venture out for the evening at 10:00 or 11:00 p.m. thinking to arrive fashionably late. Dinner here is eaten at about ten, and most clubs don’t even open until one or two; there’s even one legendary club that opens at ten in the morning for people who want to down a few energy drinks and continue their bleary-eyed revelry into the afternoon hours. Every morning, I pass students wearing dark sunglasses to hide the fact that they haven’t slept a wink. And every night, as if I have only two choices, my host mom asks me if I have to madrugue (get up early) or if I am going out to a boliche (club) para mover el culo (something that you’d never expect to hear coming out of a 78-year-old’s mouth). I started to get used to the lack of sleep, however, as soon as I learned to accept something: this city functions in a state of constant, cheerful chaos.

For example, traffic lanes and stoplights are more like guidelines than actual rules. If I’m not almost hit by a bus on my way to class or honked at by angry drivers as I try to cross Avenida nueve de julio (the widest street in the world), it’s a boring day.

This chaos is compounded by the fact that the Argentines wear their political hearts on their sleeves. They will stage protests and demonstrations at the drop of a hat. One day, I arrived at the University of Buenos Aires and found every inch papered over with red and yellow posters of Che Guevara and Karl Marx, students having temporarily seized the building temporarily seized the building for an epic hour-long tour of the student center exploded into bands, flags and marching drumbeats as every political movement in existence used the tragedy to make itself heard — and yet the locals just shrugged and try to carry on with their daily routines. Life goes on.

Amidst all the hustle and bustle, I keep stumbling upon corners of peace and coziness. There’s a teeny-tiny hole-in-the-wall restaurant three blocks from my house that serves some of the best empanadas (little meat pies) in the city. I’ll miss them terribly when I go back to the U.S., along with alfajores (chocolate-dipped cookies sandwiching a layer of dulce de leche) and incredibly cheap, high-quality steak. There’s the Chacarita Cemetery, which is almost spookily quiet despite being in the middle of the city. There are dozens upon dozens of parks where one can bike, feed the birds or just enjoy the November sunshine (the southern hemisphere is a wonderful thing). The people here are amazingly friendly for being city dwellers. You barely have to say three words to them before they are complementing you on your Spanish, asking you where you’re from, quizzing you on your life and generally trying to be your new best friend. It is, quite simply, wonderful.

But if there’s a trite little moral about my experience here, it’s not “people are the same the world over” or “don’t judge a book by its cover.” And if there’s a single, iconic image, it’s not the banners in the Plaza de Mayo or my host mom bringing me cafe con leche at teatime because I’m falling asleep at my keyboard. It’s tango.

No, not the cheesy rose-between-your-teeth tango seen on Dancing with the Stars. That’s no more Argentine than Taco Bell nachos are Mexican. Snap out of it.

On Wednesdays I walk over to the UBA Facultad de Derecho to take a tango class. Forget stiff, sexually-charged stomping around the dance floor; true Argentine tango is incredibly intimate. The embrace is close, almost a hug. It is impossible to practice without a partner. I slip on high, teetering heels and lean on my partner so I don’t lose my balance, and we spin each other around and slowly try to figure out how to not step on each other’s toes, figuratively or literally. It’s awkward and stressful — I’m in a tizzy by the time the instructor finally cuts in.

“Don’t look at your feet,” he tells me. “You’re thinking too much.”

“What?”

He repeats, slower, because of my shaky Spanish, “You’re thinking too much.”

And then he switches the music to a double-time milonga, which is frenetic and crazy as the city itself, and off we go. Paso básico, ocho atrás, ocho adelante, cruzar, cortar, paso básico girando, adornito. It’s too fast to think. I stop trying and go with the flow.

I do not miss a single step.

Morgan Azinger ’12 greets one of the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires.
The fans were tense and excitible throughout the game. "It looked like it could have gone ei- ther way for a while," said Aubrey Powers '14. "The Lords put up a really good defensive play to push it into overtime." In overtime, the lords put ten out of 14 free throws in the net, clinching their first win of the season. Anthony Chan '12 tied his career best of nine assists, and Vasiljevik picked up six rebounds, a team high.

Pretz, a first-year Lords basketball coach, hopes that this win will be the first of many, and the confidence that the team will have a strong season. The coach clearly feels a commitment to his sport and a confidence in his team. "We have very good leadership-ship not only from our captains but all of our uppersummers," Pretz said. "Our team has the ability to shoot the basketball, which will be important as we are smaller (in stature) than most of our opponents." The coach's successful debut words will form the basis for the Lords basketball program overall. "We are excited to get started," Pretz said. "Our players have shown fantastic work ethic and enthusiasm." With these strong, admirable leaders and a win in their pockets, it looks like the Lords are in for a slim-dunk of a season. This Fri- day, Nov. 19, the Lords will travel to Albion College to battle the Britons on their home court in Albion, Mich.

Looking Ahead to Kenyon Basketball Seasons

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A new season comes the hope and opportunity of great improvement and bet- ter competition in college sports. Sports, however, are an adaptation and mature and develop athletically and a new batch of first-year contributors, ideally gaining into a cohesive, successful team on the court.

This year, the Lords and La- dies basketball programs hope to improve upon respective eight and five-year losses from last year. Though the losses from last year's senior class were signifi- cant, both Dan Pretz, the first- year head coach for the Lords, and Suzanne Helfant, the Ladies head coach entering into her first year at the helm, are optimistic about the coming season.

Pretz has a young team on his hands this season. With only three seniors and one junior — with a combined six seasons of conference experience between them — the Lords will rely heavily on sophomores and freshmen. Pretz, however, doesn't see this as a weakness for the team; he says, "I saw considerable playtime last season." He also mentions that the younger players will be involved in more prominent roles, praising the intelligence of these players as well. Among the newcomers to this year's squad is former "diaper dandy" Kody Haddick '11, who returns to Tuscarora Arena after a two-year absence, one year of which he spent teeing it up on the links for the Lords golf team.

Due to the loss of last year's players, the Lords must look to replace more than 40 percent of their scoring and rebounding production. "The first portion of the season will be a learning experience in terms of finding out where not only our scoring will come from, but what other roles other players will be filling," Pretz said. Pretz is excited about the first-year class and thinks they can blossom into successful players. In his first year, Pretz is more focused on the Lords rather than the entire conference. "Effort, preparation and unselfishness" are the three fac- tors that Pretz will look to identify the Lords this year, and hopefully lead them to improve upon last year's record.

On the other hand, the Ladies have come into this season with the expectation of being success- ful in the North Coast Athletic Conference. Helfant described the team as "possessive of our defense ... and to be a very strong defensive team." She also expects the four years' experience from last year's team, and the experience that all come from very successful high school programs and understand what it takes to win." Though the Ladies have a reputation for being disciplined and strong on defense, they hope to improve, especially within the conference.

The Ladies are faced with replacing a very successful and vocal senior class from a season ago, and, Helfant said, "We are learning quickly what kind of ef- fort and expectation for success. I think we have made huge strides over the past few weeks."

While the North Coast Athletic Conference will be as competitive and physical as usual, the Ladies also highlight their schedule with a game against Amherst College — the number one ranked program to begin the season, on Dec. 28th in Las Vegas. "If we can see this game as a great challenge for the Ladies," Helfant said, "then we can see this as a great opportunity for us to see how our program measures up on the national level."
Lords Complete Winless Season with Loss to Denison

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This past Saturday, Nov. 13, the Kenyon Lords football team took on Denison University in a game that held special meaning to the team: it presented the right to avoid a winless season. With the crowd packed into the stadium and the loyal Kenyon support there was barely a vacant seat anywhere. Unfortunately for the loyal Kenyon supporters, a 20-0 halftime deficit was too much to overcome, and the Lords fell 27-7 to complete their first winless season since 1964.

"This first half was much like the season," Head Football Coach Ted Stanley said. "The tackling was poor on defense and we gave up big plays. On offense, we had a lot of bad drives and made a lot of mistakes. As a result, we were playing our worst. In the second half, we played with a lot more passion, but it was too little, too late. I'm sorry to the fans that came out; they were great on Saturday and they were great all season. It really means a lot to us to have that kind of support and how to fix it. Stanley at The Lords' best performance came from running back Brett Williams '13, who, on 22 rushes, totaled 126 yards.

When a season like this comes to an end, it is only natural to look back and question what went wrong and how to fix it. Stanley at The Lords' performance this season was disappointing, to say the least, some now look to the recent past. The Lords have failed to break the .500 mark since 2005. Some wonder what it will take to return the program to its former glory as a legitimate contender in the North Coast Athletic Conference and all of Division III football. "In 2002, we had a football advisory committee in place to see what could be done," said Athletic Director Pete Smith. "We first concluded that we needed more individuals on the team, as at the time there were only 38 players, 28 of whom were healthy at the end of the season. We have achieved that, as now we have 70 players on the roster so we can now compete as a whole. Smith went on to explain the recent struggles by examining other schools within the NCAC. "If you look at some of the programs we compete against you will see that they have a [Junior Var- sity] program," he said. "We do not have the resources for such a program. We need to look at creating a schedule that has much more parity in competition. We need to increase the effectiveness of the coaching staff, Smith declined to comment, citing it as an internal human resource issue. Though some may feel that this is what the team needs to improve, however, several individuals have come to the defense of Stanley and his staff. "The coaching staff is made up of very good people who, for the most part, are respect- ed by the team," a starting football player who wished to remain anonymous said. "Collectively they could have done a better job, but the players could have done better, too." Additionally, according to Smith, the re- action from the alumni net- work has not been one of an- ger or resentment, but rather one of concern. "Of the older football alumni from the 1980s would like to see some downtime and get right to a close, Gomez and both coaches are quite a lot of runners sustaining injuries, a couple [got sick], but it was ex- citing to see a lot of new players on the team. Some new kids put out solid per- formances. As this season comes to a close, Gomez and both men's and women's teams look toward the be- ginning of a long track sea- son, as many of the mem- bers of the cross country teams are also members of the track team, as well as the next cross country sea- son. Gomez said he looks at next season as a real op- portunity for both teams. "It was a really good sea- son for the Lords. Our teams did well. [The women] are losing eight seniors and we are going to miss them ... both the men and women," said Gomez. "For our class and both teams should be at the conference. Right now, they are going to take some downtime and get ready for the track season in January."