**Student Council Approves Castaway**

**LILI MARTINEZ**

After Student Council conditionally approved the event known as “Castaway” last week in an emergency meeting, members of the planning subcommittee had four days to meet Student Council’s many requirements. Fortunately for the planners and those students bemoaning the fate of a traditional Student Sandoff, the subcommittee’s efforts succeeded last Sunday, April 22, when Student Council formally approved Castaway.

The subcommittee, comprised of Tommy Brown ’13, Owen Bittis ’12, Donald Deir ’12, Charlie Fine ’12 and Ryan Liegter ’13, has been planning Castaway since Social Board announced Sandoff’s date change in early February. “The work that Ryan in particular has put into this is impressive,” Student Council Communications Director Jon Green ’14 said. “A lot of people didn’t think he could do it, and he was just determined to get it done... as soon as he found out the date was being changed. He was pretty committed to make sure something was happening on Saturday.”

The Castaway event, an all-day cookout on South Quad, will occur on Saturday, April 28 and last approximately six hours, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It will feature an AVI-cafeted brunch from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., free food cooked by volunteers between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and a separate, very specialized Board over the Gallery that would answer in a kind of liaison-ship to the Board of Trustees for the College.”

Those serving on the Gal- lery’s Board will be more familiar with the legal, ethical and financial issues related to developing an art collection, she said. President S. Georgia Nugent said, “…as we go into a collecting mode, we will have a separate, very specialized Board over the Gallery that would answer in a kind of liaison-ship to the Board of Trustees for the College.”

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**Separate Board to Oversee Gund Gallery**

**ERIN MERSHON AND AUGUST STEIGMEYER**

The Board of Trustees voted last weekend to separate the Graham Gund Gallery from the College in a move that will give the Gallery its own Board of Trustees, much like The Kenyon Review and the Philander Chase Corporation.

The move has been in the works for a while, but studio art and art history faculty members who helped plan the Gal- lery were not notified. The lack of communication speaks to other tensions the Gallery has had to work through with the college over the course of its first year at Kenyon.

Once paperwork is filed allowed approved by the Internal Reven-ue Service, the Gallery will gain 501(c)(3) status as a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation, making donations to the Gal- lery tax-deductible. The Gallery staff will still be employees of the College, and many of the operating costs of the Gallery will come from Kenyon’s gen- eral budget.

The new legal status sets us up to be more responsible in a number of ways,” Gund Gal- lery Director Natalie Marsh said. “…as we go into a collecting mode, we will have a separate, very specialized Board over the Gallery that would answer in a kind of liaison-ship to the Board of Trustees for the College.”

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**Birth Control Policy Raises Debate**

**LILI MARTINEZ**

Though Kenyon’s current insur- ance plan does not cover students’ birth control, the new healthcare law may encourage a change.

President Barack Obama’s Pa- tient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), if passed, will soon require all colleges to include birth control as a covered expense in their health plans. PPACA, how- ever, includes an exemption for self-funded insurance providers like Ken- yon.

Because the College’s existing policy does not cover birth control or any other prescription medica- tions, Kenyon’s coverage may seem inadequate. But it is based on the assumption that most Kenyon stu- dents arrive at the College already covered by a parent’s policy. The policy covers unlimited visits to the Health Center and all fees, lab work and X-rays.

Self-funded institutions are only required to comply with some of PPACA’s rulings, but the College is in discussions with its insurance provider to decide what, if any, poli- cies to implement, according to Di- rector of Health Services Kim Cull- ers.

The fact that the Health Center does not cover birth control could be a problem for a small portion of the Kenyon population, according to Cullers. Though many students already have birth control cover- age through their parents’ policies, some students are not covered or wish to remain separate from their parents. “How about the female student that doesn’t want her par- ents to know she’s starting birth control?” Cullers said. “What are her options, because she probably would have full coverage under her parents’ policy; but if they want to see CASTAWAY, page 2

**Kenyon College to qualify for championships**

Baseball beats Allegheny College to qualify for championships.

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Before its opening, the Collegian tours the new studio art building.

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Kenyon pets help students de-stress before finals.

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Baseball beats Allegheny College to qualify for championships.
**Student Council**

**Sunday, April 22**

- Student Life Committee completed its student organization approvals. The committee approved one new group: men’s club soccer.
- Senior Class Committee announced its plans for Senior Week.
- Junior Class Committee will reschedule a rain date for its barbeque.
- Housing and Residential Life did not place any students in summer housing.
- The College Council gave Campus Senate suggestions for the Sexual Misconduct Policy. Its main suggestion was improved construction.
- Sophomore Class Committee is still selling T-shirts. Its interactive map of abroad students should be available online at the beginning of next year.
- Academic Affairs plans to make the plagiarism policy more forgiving to first years that unintentionally commit plagiarism. Under the proposed policy, first years who unintentionally commit plagiarism would meet with Associate Provost Russ Sheffield. By their senior year, their records could be expunged.
- First-Year Council will host a Hunger Games-themed trivia night on Wednesday in Gund Commons.
- Student Council appointed Jen Vihon ’13 as Senior Class Representative to Student Council.
- The Business and Finance Committee (BFC) proposed its budget for next semester.
- Model United Nations and Environmental Campus Organization (ECO) missed the meeting and thus did not receive funding.
- ADELANTE (Asociacion de Estudiantes Latinos Americanos y de Naciones Tropicales Exoticas) did not receive most of what members requested because they asked for two semesters’ worth of funding and had unclear event plans.
- The BFC approved the budget request for Brave Potato on stipulations that it clarify its class status.
- Student Council approved three students for positions on the Student Conduct Review Board. There were six positions open and Director of the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities Sam Hughes will try to fill the openings in the fall.
- Student Council voted to approve the budget for Castaway.
- Currently no alcohol limit has been set, but Dean of Students Hank Tousain encouraged Student Council to keep track of the alcohol admitted into the enclosed area per person, per hour to avoid liability issues.
- Per Student Council request, the subcommittee presented a clear address of legal liability and responsibilities. Part of this outline included the statements: “If Student Council is found responsible for running alfof College rules and regulations in conducting the Saturday event, the conduct administrator or board would likely issue one or more sanctions (such as warnings, fines, restrictions, probationary status or loss of privilege) from the College” and “If it becomes clear that the event is not conforming to College rules and regulations or is becoming unsafe in any way, we will slow down and end the event with the help of Campus Safety.”
- In the event that the alcoholic event on South Quad is shut down, Student Council’s food event will continue.
- Campus Safety also addressed the possibility of underground drinking in residents’ rooms in the event that Castaway is shut down. In that situation, Safety will rely on students taking responsibility for their friends and calling Safety if necessary.
- The subcommittee has not and will not create a contract with its volunteers, which Student Council previously requested. The subcommittee argued that other events do not require volunteers to sign contracts, even if the contract just stipulates sobriety.
- The cold-cuts will be kept in coolers to avoid food poisoning, but the other items on the menu are not likely to cause food poisoning. Additionally, volunteers preparing food will wear gloves.
- In the event of inclement weather, Maintenance and Social Board will provide canopies. Food will be served as long as people attend the event.
- The BFC is making an exception to its bylaws because the subcommittee presented a compelling case that included the following components:
  - Castaway is a unique event in that it affects the entire student body and carries on the tradition of a Saturday afternoon event.
  - It decreases the incentive to skip class on Friday, promoting Kenyon’s academic, attitude, and provides an environment that monitors safe drinking.
- The combined Summer Sendoff and Castaway events will not be held in the same way next year because the BFC will only release funds for a Saturday event in the future.

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**Castaway: Administration, Students Optimistic**

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We had a general idea during the emergency meeting what [Castaway] would look like, [but] we weren’t that one hellfire," Liegner said. "They were really well informed with the level of detail that was provided," Green said.

Student Council President Ryan Motevalli-Oliner ’12 said everyone was satisfied with the subcommittee’s response to Student Council’s requests. "They did everything to our satisfaction. They got a lot more than we asked for," he said. "As long as everyone understands Student Council .. and those attending the event follow College policy and make sure that everything goes well... it will be successful."

Subcommittee members, other members of Student Council and members of the administration seemed optimistic after Sunday’s meeting. "It’s a big event; a lot of logistical planning has to go into it," Brown said. "A lot of the concerns [first-year] raised I think were important to get resolved before the event started. Where it stands right now, I’m really excited about it."

Dean of Students Hank Tousain said he, too, was optimistic about Castaway. "My hope is that the planning efforts will result in success and that students across campus will appreciate all the time and energy expended on their behalf," he said in an email.

In the past, students who wished to drink at Castaway will do so inside the fenced area monitored by both the security company and by Campus Safety officers. Initially, students on the Castaway subcommittee planned to set up the food preparation area inside the fence, but during last week’s emergency meeting, many Student Council members expressed concern about the College bylaw prohibiting the funding of alcoholic events. In response, the subcommittee moved the food area just outside the fence, south of Leonard Hall.

Green said keeping the food inside the fence posed too many trouble. "If it’s in the fenced-in area, doesn’t that make the food tables an alcoholic hazard?" he said. "We thought ... better safe than sorry. Put the [grills] outside the fence so there is a clear separation between the events, because [the event outside the fence] is not officially non-alcoholic." 

Student volunteers pulled from Greek organizations, People Endorsing Agrarian Sustainability (PEAS) and Kenyon Student Athletes (KSA) will join most members of Student Council to staff the event, acting as floaters to monitor safety, a cleanup crew and cooks and servers in the cooking area. "All sources indicate that we have an over-abundance of volunteers," Liegner said. "We’re pretty confident with our numbers."

Getting enough volunteers was only one of the conditions Student Council imposed on Liegner and the rest of the committee last Wednesday. Students and members of the administration were also concerned about the lack of a “shut-down plan” — what will happen to Castaway if Safety records too many underage drinking violations and forces the event to close down, for example?

Liegner, who has been working closely with Director of Campus Safety Bob Hooper and the rest of the Safety officers, met with Hooper after the meeting to work out a plan. "Like any event on campus where alcohol is present, [Safety] is going to have a presence," Liegner said. "They’re going to be making sure that policy is being enforced and that students are safe that we’re not having people who shouldn’t be there." Liegner explained that Safety is primarily worried about short-term poisoning and vandalism rather than individual cases of underage drinking. Hooper was worried "about a lot of hard alcohol being brought into the area, so I guess that’s one hellfire" Liegner said. "But the things he talked to me about was general control of the event. As long as it stays relaxed and safe, then it should continue to its completion."

Hooper said he was satisfied with the subcommittee’s commitment and cooperation with Campus Safety. "We expressed our concerns [to the subcommittee] that it couldn’t be just a free-for-all day, that it needed to stay within the boundaries of College policy; and they were absolutely in agreement with that," he said. "But people that are underage are probably going to drink. We’ll confront it as we see it, and they’re going to confront it as they see it.

Members of the subcommittee emphasized that having Castaway on Saturday gives the official Sendoff, which will happen on Friday, a different atmosphere from Castaway, which Student Council previously requested. The subcommittee argued that it needed to stay within the boundaries of College policy; and they were absolutely in agreement with that," he said. "But people that are underage are probably going to drink. We’ll confront it as we see it, and they’re going to confront it as they see it.

Having an event on Saturday also lessens the possibility that students will skip class on Friday, Brown said. "Because it’s going to be in a much more restricted period of time, people were worried about binge drinking, things like that," he said. "There’s a mentality on campus that Saturday is when Sendoff really is, so there was some worry that if there wasn’t some sort of coordinated event, that it would push into the dorms." 

Despite a long and arduous planning process, Castaway is set to happen on Saturday without a hitch — although weather forecasts for the day look bleak, with a high of 45 and rain expected. Liegner, Motevalli-Oliner and the rest of the subcommittee members believed that this is something the community can really benefit from, and making it happen." Brown said. "It speaks a lot to the active role the Student Council plays in the concerns that it has for the student body."

Liegner and fellow subcommittee member Fine acknowledged the efforts of the administration in planning Castaway. "We’d like to express our gratitude to all of the administrators and other students who really helped to pull this thing together and really committed themselves to the policy," Fine said. "We couldn’t have done it without them." 

Students planned Castaway to provide an activity on Saturday that resembles the “traditional” Sendoff, and they hope Castaway will fill the gap. "From the way the proposal looks, we can see a Sendoff that looks pretty normal by Kenyon standards," Green said. "And that says a lot about what people want." 

Brown agreed. "It’s just going to be another great opportunity for the campus to take a collective deep breath before diving into finals. It’s going to be a great opportunity to say a great big farewell."

Correction

The article “Building a Team: Division III Recruiting in Rural Ohio” (April 19, 2012) misstated Associate Director of Admissions B. Noble Jones’ last name.
Garnered “a decent amount of interest” already. “We don’t know how many students will decide to become a minor in chemistry,” he said. “Maybe five, maybe eight, maybe 12, but we’ll have to wait and see over the years how that picks up.”

Jacob Williams ’14, a pre-med math major who plans to declare the chemistry minor, sees the minor as an added incentive. “I’ll just be really happy to take the extra classes, and I don’t know if I would be necessarily as persuaded to just take a 400-level seminar if I didn’t have the minor,” he said.

Hunsen expects that many students who declare the minor will be pre-med, and Williams noted that pre-med’s chemistry requirements nearly fulfill the minor requirements anyway. Hunsen also hopes to draw students from many diverse majors. For psychology majors, “being able to show they minor in chemistry will open up doors later on.” Showing that they have strong experimental background in the sciences will make them more visible, he said.

“I haven’t done much research in math, I’ve done much research in chemistry,” Williams said. “I’m not sure much will change here as a result of the PPACA, according to Cullers. “What I see happening as a result of the PPACA is that most females will utilize the coverage options under their parents’ insurance and we may not need to carry any pills in the future, or a very limited supply,” Cullers said in an email.

“The discussion brought a political rhetoric,” she said. “It’s important to have smaller-scale discussions that are about interacting with and about the realities of the issue as well as the political context of the birth control debate,” Silverstein noted. “I think it was important to gear it towards how will these policies affect Kenyon students, because a lot of people don’t know the practical side of healthcare.”

The panel drew close to 20 student audience members who discussed the contradiction between patriotism and pragmatism, current reproductive health legislation in the U.S. and economic inequality between women and men.

“The College is moving forward with plans to design a new Health and Counseling Center. A committee of trustees, faculty, students, staff members, alumni and parents will conduct the study, which will include interviews of people across the Kenyon community.”

The College plans to have the committee membership established within the next couple of weeks, and the study may take up to two years to complete, Nugent said. “There is a lot of research to carry out.”
Huang Implements Online Changes, Modernizes Bookstore

MADELEINE THOMPSON

Philander Chase envisioned a bookstore integrated with college life and dedicated to serving students in their education. “Is every young man to be sent hither and thither for a book?” he asked. Perhaps he believed that after all to send to the East before he can be accommodated?” he said in a letter written in 1825. “Surely not... We must have a bookstore belonging to the Institution and the profits if any be applied to the education of poor young men for the ministry.”

Bookstore Manager Jim Huang, who was hired two years ago, is the newest addition to the nation’s third oldest and longest continually operating independent bookstore. He is making Chase’s dreams a reality.

In his first two years as manager, Huang has introduced rental textbooks and a price-comparison website, and he plans to offer more textbook options for students in the future. “What we’re hoping is that you’ll be able to walk in, you’ll be able to look at a shelf and you’ll see in front of you a new, used and rental option,” Huang said.

Huang also hopes to continue investigating the field of digital textbooks. “There’s so much going on there, so much that is exciting and appealing,” he said.

Huang prefers physical books, however. “Amazon is aggressively courting publishers, and they’re trying to get publishers onto the Kindle platform to sell only on the Kindle platform,” Huang said. “What bothers me is the idea that a book can only be purchased from one retailer. Similarly, many large retailers like Apple refuse to sell small quantities of certain products, like life, serviceware, in a small-scale bookstore. iPhone and iPad chargers, however, have recently been added to the Bookstore’s technological offerings, and the first shipment has already sold out. “It’s hard for us to do the technology itself; it’s easier for us to do the accessories,” Huang said.

Still, Huang hopes to continue providing students with the most help in buying textbooks for the lowest prices, as well as other products, which range from greeting cards to bags. “It wasn’t long ago that this store was on the verge of being sold to Barnes & Noble,” Huang said. “I would hate to have that happen... If the store is here in five years, I hope that it’s a lot like what we’re doing today, because I think what we offer is valuable to the community.”

New CDO Director Revamps Kenyon Career Network

ZOILAYA EREDBELEG

Scott Layson, the director of the Career Development Office (CDO), occupies a room deep in the underbelly of Gould Commons. The Gould basement has no windows, no natural light and no fresh breeze. Its only neighbors are a neglected study room with a candy dispenser and two spacious rest rooms across the hall. For most students, this environment might seem depressing enough to keep them from the CDO.

Within the last year, however, the CDO has engineered a dramatic spike in traffic to its offices. In fact, student demand for appointments at the CDO has jumped so much that the Center hired a new assistant director, Karen Sheffield. “There was one point during our peak period where we were all...[setting up appointments] with students a month in our calendar,” Layson said.

The upturn is due in part to a newly implemented online scheduling system, on which 95 percent of appointments are now scheduled, according to Layson. The CDO created the system to help students study abroad make appointments, but data shows that students on campus are the primary users. Prior to the change, students could make appointments only during normal business hours by visiting or calling the office. Now, students can make appointments at any time and from any location.

Every time someone schedules an appointment with him, Layson receives a notification via email. “It’s interesting how many of those are coming in at 11:30 p.m. [or] 12:00 a.m. I’ve had some scheduled around 3:00 a.m.,” Layson said.

Allison Sufliata, the associate director of the CDO, also said online scheduling has been useful. “[It] allows students to schedule an appointment with us when they are thinking about it, and not giving them a chance to forget about making the appointment the next day,” she said.

A continued push toward online functionality is part of Layson’s overall plan for the CDO. “He has a familiarity with the latest social-networking issues and is extremely with new technology, which has been a great asset,” Sheffield said.

Besides online scheduling and Skype interviews with overseas students, the majority of Layson’s work involves his office’s technology. “In the last few years we’ve really built up our services offered by the CDO. “At least until I’m thrown out, our office is going to serve alumni,” Layson said.

Scott Layson, the director of the Career Development Office (CDO), meets with a student for a career consult. Since he was hired last year, Layson has implemented new online appointment systems that have increased student appointments.

Layson has set in motion will lead to a greater chance of receiving a positive response. Moreover, the CDO staff also decreased the amount of steps necessary for an externship. Before Layson, students had to attend three half-hour appointments. The combination of a decrease in prerequisites and the “Express Yo’s List” has resulted in 60 students this year so far. Layson, however, said he would like to see that number climb to 100.

From 2006 to 2008, the CDO’s “Yo’s List” had 12 appointments, “which is about six to nine in one year.” The rack in the CDO that holds career and educational brochures is usually replenished about once a semester, but the rack in the Ottn Apparatus is replenished every two weeks.

Before coming to Kenyon as director of the CDO, Layson worked in a number of positions, all revolving around career development, but differing in focus. In Washington state, he worked in the Work Force Development program. The effects of welfare reforms passed under the Clinton administration tainted government work for him, and he switched tracks to work in career services at Seattle University. There, he found his niche. “A big reason why I liked it [then] was the direct interaction with students,” Layson said.

A family move to Ohio prompted Layson to successfully apply for the Associate Director of the CDO at Kenyon in 2000, but he did not stay long. He left and briefly worked at the Co-op and Internship Program at The Ohio State University (OSU) before returning to government work as a part of Ohio’s Work Force Development team. While he described his work there as enjoyable, Layson found he missed the interaction with individuals. “I got to a point where the work I was doing was completely distant from the people who were being served by it,” he said.

The purely administrative aspect of the work and the allure of interaction with students compelled him to apply for the director position at Kenyon. Layson humbly describes himself as “a fairly boring person” and the “King of No” to his two daughters. But he has become an essential part of the CDO.

“Scott brings that best out in the students as well as in our staff. There have been lots of changes here in the CDO, and they are a direct result of having Scott as our leader,” Sheffield said. “Change can be difficult, but Scott’s humorous, smooth style makes the whole team, students and staff, click.”
Celebrating Our Planet

MADELINE THOMPSON

Last Sunday’s sixth annual Earth Day Festival at the Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC) celebrated and encouraged living sustainably.

Co-hosted by the Brown Family Environmental Center (BFEC), the Knox County Park District, Knox Community Hospital and the Knox County Health Department, the festival attracted around 1,500 visitors with 70 booths, a petting zoo with farm animals, a kids’ zone with games, and live bluegrass music. “A lot of people are overwhelmed by thinking about the environment or health topics....so we wanted it to be fun, and we wanted to make good decisions easy,” Program Manager of the BFEC Heather Doherty said.

While the indoor track hosted the Earth Day Festival, the outdoor track served as both the start and finish line for the 2012 Earth Day Challenge Marathon and Half Marathon. Both races began at 8:00 a.m. and took runners on a scenic path through downtown Gambier before traversing the Kokosing Gap Trail. In total, around 500 runners participated in both races, with a majority opting to run the half marathon. The full marathon counts toward qualifying for the next Boston Marathon.

will Patrick Mensch ‘74, who finished 16th in the half marathon, described the experience as “a fun way to run 13 miles.” Mensch said it was difficult to run with everyone else to both the support of the Kenyon community and his running partner Graham Sweeney ‘12. “We ran the entire race together, and we didn’t even compare notes to see how far we were going, which is a good way to run with really good people,” Mazen added.

BFEC’s event the event using a $4,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon and Knox County and an additional $5,000 in donations for better advertisements. Much of the event’s success was also due to Kenyon involvement, according to Doherty. “It’s great to have so many Kenyon folks involved,” she said. “I think that speaks to how sustainable takes efforts on every level.”

Environmental Campus Organization (ECO), Land Lads, AVL the Gund Gallery, Pfander Flashe Corporation and the Rural Life Center also participated. “Compared to when I went there, there’s generally much more interest in the student population....Students of today are much more environmentally conscious,” Managing Director of Pfander Flashe Corporation Lisa Scharf ‘80 said.

“Because of things like Earth Day, Kenyon’s body particularly values its campus’ natural aesthetics, Schott said it is especially important to recognize Earth Day every year. “We’re lucky to be at a beautiful place. To celebrate that, and the educational piece of (Earth Day), is a good thing,” she said. “Your age group cares about [the environment] and is more mindful of it, and is more willing to take action.”

Doherty plans to continue hosting the festival and would like to see even more environmental awareness in daily life. “I really enjoy being able to tie the environment together in an event for people, and in a practical sense I don’t expect everyone to be into making environmental decisions because it’s good for fish,” Doherty said. “But I do think we can say, ‘This is good for you, and this is about reducing the pollution in the air that you breathe, so it’s good for a lot more people, and it’s a lot more relevant.’

A banner advertising Earth Day activities hangs outside the Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC) last weekend.

April 19 — April 25

April 19, 2:01 p.m. — Medical illness: student in Mather Residence Hall concerned about possible seizure. Put in touch with doctor for instructions.

April 21, 2:43 a.m. — Medical illness: ill student in Lewis Residence Hall. Assessed by Safety officers.

April 21, 2:57 a.m. — Alcohol: intoxicated student in Old Kenyon. Assessed by Safety officers.

April 21, 9:12 p.m. — Fire alarm: officers responded to fire alarm in Farr Hall, set off by student cleaning a grill. Alarm reset.

April 22, 12:33 a.m. — Alcohol: student cited for open container on public property by Safety officers.

April 22, 1:11 a.m. — Alcohol: report of intoxicated student on Middle Path. Safety officers responded and assisted student to residence.

April 22, 2:04 a.m. — Underage consumption: student cited for underage consumption on public property by Safety officer.

April 22, 6:30 a.m. — Vandalism: graffiti on glass doors of Samuel Mather Hall.

April 22, 8:40 p.m. — Prank calls: student in McBride Residence Hall reported prank calls received.

April 22, 9:15 p.m. — Theft/larceny: student in Gambier Grill reported stolen jacket containing personal belongings.

April 23, 6:10 p.m. — Drug/paraphernalia: camping tent in non-residential area found abandoned and containing illegal substance. Safety officers contacted. The situation is under investigation.

April 23, 8:02 p.m. — Vandalism: student in Samuel Mather Hall reported poster and graffiti on office door.

April 23, 11:29 a.m. — Conduct: student seen lighting bottle rocket firewoks in Bexley Apartments.

April 25, 4:58 a.m. — Vandalism: communication poster burned while hanging on wall in Guard Residence Hall.

April 25, 9:06 a.m. — Theft/larceny: investigation of non-residential K-Card theft solved.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT
Reduce Costs, or Provide Contraception

Reproductive health and freedom, as a whole, have generated heated political debate lately. Conservatives have responded with disgust to a portion of President Barack Obama’s healthcare overhaul that would compel insurers to pay for contraceptives, claiming that the requirement violates separation of church and state. Initiatives intended to restrict access to contraceptives and abortion have popped up all over the country, such as Ohio’s own “heartbeat bill,” House Bill 129, sponsored by pro-life groups like Faith2Action.

As Tip O’Neill famously noted, all politics are local. Kenyon’s administration may be asked to confront the contraception debate hand-on as the Supreme Court upholds the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). It happens that the College will have to adapt its insurance plan, which many students choose not to use, to fit the new government standards.

The College’s plan is self-funded, which means that Kenyon acts as the insurer rather than employing an outside company. It also means that we are exempt from a number of the mandates in the PPACA. At some point in the near future, in short, Kenyon will choose whether or not to cover contraception and other reproductive health services in its student health plan. Often, the same students who rely on financial aid and other scholarships to attend Kenyon are those who make the greatest use of the College’s health insurance and the Health Center.

If the College chooses to offer coverage, it will likely raise premiums for all students. Tuition is already at an all-time high and this increase may admittedly be too much to ask of students, many of whom are already struggling to make ends meet.

Nonetheless, the College should seriously consider offering coverage, at least for contraception. Most importantly, that decision would provide members of the community with an important health service. Contraceptive coverage would also make the statement that Kenyon cares about reproductive rights and health, regardless of the discourse in Washington, D.C. or here in Knox County. If Kenyon wants to maintain its claim in the much-coveted word “community,” it must make this commitment to taking care of all students’ needs no matter the political climate.

Charlotte Greene

I thank Willie Plaschke for raising a more moderate perspective on the recent Good Friday fliers in last week’s “Brb” Fliers: “Not Rude But Relatable” (April 19, 2012), but I would like to clarify elements of my argument in response.

Plaschke is correct that I did not explicitly identify what specifically offended me about the incident. Three things made the fliers particularly hurtful: the timing, the quantity and the apparent planning of the whole thing. Plaschke mentions in his response that he noticed the fliers “after returning from Easter mass.” A major reason why I was so initially offended is that the fliers coincided with Good Friday, not Easter.

It is important to consider the difference in each day’s meaning — Good Friday is a solemn holiday, while Easter is a more joyous occasion. While I do not think mockery is aware of the Christian holiday, I do not think mockery is aware of Kenyon’s “aware[ness] of Christianity’s most important holiday.” The Good Friday fliers were simultaneously well thought out (in their extensive planning) and heinously thoughtless (in their lack of respect).

I will admit that my passion got ahead of me in my original article and somewhat muddled my argument. That said, Plaschke remarkable how the fliers represent Kenyon’s “aware[ness] of Christianity’s most important holiday,” I do not think mockery is awareness. The three specific issues highlighted above make it fairly apparent that whoever made the fliers did not intend to reinvent Jesus in modern times.

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Respect is Nothing New: “Brb” Fliers Mocked Tradition

Quite simply, fliers mocking the Passion are tasteless on the day the Passion presumably occurred. Secondly, the number of fliers distributed was somewhat overwhelming. Imagine feeling offended by an image, only to look up and notice that the entire room is filled with it. At the time, I could not understand how a person could put so much effort into making fliers, printing dozens of copies and placing them behind all the Newsheets in Peirce with one eye popping up in all the different places.

“I was truly good as funny as I think it is?” I still do not understand what audience this person was trying to appeal to. I stress again that — if this were a Jewish holiday, would it be acceptable to make fliers that were anti-Semitic? The Good Friday fliers were simultaneously well thought out (in their extensive planning) and heinously thoughtless (in their lack of respect).

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Cold Cereal

In last week’s staff editorial, the Collegian implied that groups on campus could not convene emergency allocation hearings with the Business and Finance Committee (BFC). Our statement was based on interviews with Student Council members and our understanding of the supplemental hearing process. We have since been informed that the Council has convened such sessions for MESA, among other organizations, and we regret the implication. We believe that the BFC should make it more widely known that organizations can apply for emergency funds, thus making the funding system equitable and fair for all.

By Holly Anderson

And then I essayed so hand/ I got a papercut!

Yes, no. Your compes were not that brutal!
Natalie Thiele-Helper

The term “trans”, often used in LGBT activism and support groups, is an inclusive umbrella term that refers to individuals who identify as trans in any way, whether they are transgender, transsexual, transvestite, non-binary, gender-fluid, etc.

I recently attended an in-formative, inspiring and well-attended forum on transgender issues led by Charles Meins ’12 and Sam Hilling ’15, who are working to raise awareness of issues trans people face both

In the “real world” and on Kenyon’s campus. The forum was part of the Project for Open Voices, an exciting new social justice project dedicated to sharing the stories of marginalized people and developing solutions to problems of discrimination.

So, though Meins and Hilling began by explaining the difference between sex (biology) and gender (material and intellectual self-identification and how the two differ between a teacher and person (someone whose gender does not “match” their biological sex or the sex they were assigned at birth); and a cisgender person (someone whose gender does “match” their biological sex). They went on to discuss the many forms of discrimination trans people face, including misunderstanding, not knowing which bathroom to use, hate crimes, body dysphoria, hostile police and judges — and Kenyon’s own rather lacking discrimination policy.

Kenyon provides no anti-discrimination policy for trans people. We also have no official policy in terms of gender-neutral bathrooms, and gender-specific housing was only recently enacted and is utterly compliant. Discrimination Advisor, Student Conduct Advisor, professors, counselors, professors, health-care practitioners, and other staff receive no education or briefing on trans issues. Many are not even aware of the existence of trans students, and I have had to explain the definition of trans to a Kenyon counselor — let alone knowledgeable about how best to help them navigate struggles such as dealing with depression and discrimination, finding a safe summer job or even just finding a bathroom when they feel uncomfortable.

Castaway Efforts Too Easily Cast Aside

As evidenced in the minutes from last Sunday’s Student Council meeting, the subcommittee responsible for Castaway met all of the Council’s stipulations set in last Wednesday’s meeting and provided all necessary details to merit authorization for the event.

The authorization of the event is not why I’m writing — I’m writing in light of the staff editorial that appeared last Thursday, “Fundaying Castaway: An Irresponsible Decision” (April 19, 2012). The article not only contained inaccurate and misleading claims regarding the ethics behind holding an emergency supplemental meeting and the decision to authorize the emergency supplemental to begin with, but also cast serious doubts on the likelihood of the event being possible or worthwhile.

Given the amount of work the subcommittee had already invested in planning this event, I found it rather sad to see its members’ attempt to salvage what we knew to be Summer Sendoff disintegrated in the Collegian. I had my own doubts as the likelihood of the event’s feasibility, but seeing their efforts so readily dismissed seemed like a bit of a stretch. Now that their hard work will not be actuated, I would urge the Collegian to consider using its next staff editorial as an opportunity to correct the errors of the last one and to apologize to the Business and Finance Committee (BFC), Student Council and the subcommittee responsible for making Castaway a success.

I understand that the editorial was written quickly and on the last day of class and I understand that the Collegian doesn’t have the best relationship with the BFC. I hope the Collegian will take the time to carefully portray the situation as a petty, short-sighted attempt by the BFC to circumvent its own laws for the sake of getting drunk. Members of the Collegian who were present at Wednesday night’s meeting know this isn’t the case. Members of the Collegian who read and edited the notes Grace Hitzenmay ’15 took during the previous meeting of the student council meeting also know better — they indicated that the decision to hold an emergency supplemental meeting was one of that of Student Council, not the BFC, and was a decision that was made only after precedent for non-student government groups (such as MESA) had been established. Given all of the work put in by members of the BFC and student editorial council, both over the course of this week and this past month in general, I think they deserve commendation with the same publicity and vigilance with which they were so readily orchestrated in last week’s editorial.

On Rudeness: Students Should Not Rate Faculty

I have strong opinions about the Collegian’s coverage of student ratings of faculty.

I was a member of the psychology department that selected Professor of Psychology Sarah Murphey for apostanship from among all candidates for her position. I have observed her career-long dedication to her students and passion for her subject.

She is an extremely effective teacher who takes a strong personal interest in the success of her students. I am sure alumni who studied under her would agree.

2. The rudeness found in online ratings is rewarding to their authors, since box and most caring teachers experience the greatest emotional

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The Horvitz Center, named after David Horvitz and his wife, Francie Bishop Good, was the latest addition to Kenyon’s campus when it was completed in December 2010, after which the Horvitz Center served as the new home for the studio art department.

With the new building comes the latest in technological amenities, but also conservation features as well. The center for drawing, painting and printmaking, sculpting, welding and photography, with sound-proofed high ceilings and floors composed of non-combustible materials. The top floor will serve as the center for drawing, painting and printmaking classes.

All of the floors are polished concrete. There are actually a lot of areas that have no ceilings, where you can see the ductwork and the piping. It is [in] a nice feature as well as its function. All of the walls inside are adapted to be able to hang sculptures or pieces of art anywhere — there is backing behind all of the drywall,” Lepley said. “All of the floors are polished concrete. There are areas of art that have no ceilings, where you can see the ductwork and the piping. It is [in] a nice location, too — it meshes in the side of the hill.”

The Horvitz Center is not only a state-of-the-art art facility, but it also contains two digital art classrooms in addition to offices for faculty. Students will be able to work on their projects during the day and evening, and not have to share or try to find one particular medium,” said Marcella Hackbardt, chair of the studio art department.

The building will house areas dedicated to the arts, including the center for drawing, painting and printmaking classes. With the new building comes the latest in manufacturing advances.

There are many practical advantages, such as improvements in health and safety, sustainability, energy and HEPA [High-Efficiency Particle Air] systems, LEED [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design] rating from the U.S. Green Building Council, which denotes sustainable construction and design.

Excavation for the Horvitz Center began in December 2008, with actual building construction beginning in the summer of 2010. Art equipment will be moved into the new structure this July, with the opening meeting in late August. Lepley’s history at Kenyon is marked by a whole range of renovations of Peirce Hall, Lentz House, the renovations of Peirce Hall, Center Point Hall, and the North Campus Apartments, among several other projects, are also products of his management.

Lepley additionally administered the assembly of the Horvitz Center’s center building, the Graham Gund Gallery, which houses the art history department.

This building is one of the great joys of Lepley’s Kenyon career. “I have always had great respect for the students here. … When I was Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds (in the maintenance department), I used to meet with them on a regular basis with the Student Buildings and Grounds Committee, and they would come up with really good ideas,” Lepley said.

Lepley plans to retire after one last year overseeing the construction of the final 12 North Campus Apartments. “I’ve had a great run,” he said.

This construction officer that has served as his workspace for 30 years will be moved in June in order to place a walkway from Middle Path to the Horvitz Center. Until his retirement, Lepley will have an office in Bexley Hall.
Canine Counseling: Dogs Help Students Cope With Stress

JULIE FRANCE

A little puppy loves a long way — especially when students can't bring pets into their dorm rooms.

Kenyon employees, however, have found ways to serve this need for students.

Both the Counseling Center and Lisa Train, assistant director for Housing and Residential Life, have begun offering doggy playdates. Sunny, a two-year-old yellow lab trained by Head Women’s Lacrosse Coach Meredith Buzzi, works as a therapy dog for counselors at the Kenyon Counseling Center.

“(Sunny) will usually come in, sniff around, greet people and then she’ll lay down,” Col- lege counselor Nicole Keller said. “She’ll typically lay down [on the rug] with her head facing where the desk sits.”

Sunny provides students the opportunity to relax while attending counseling sessions, giving them a way to distract themselves.

“(Sunny) is a sweet and intuitive [dog],” Keller said. “She’s really awesome … great to have, and I’ve had some students actually get on the floor and just sit there the whole time and pet her. I have one guy in particular who absolutely adores the dog and will wrestle with her on the floor as we talk.”

Train brings out a side of students that might not surface if not for her presence, according to Keller.

“I can tell that when she’s here, sessions seem to be … deeper and a bit more genuine. She brings out the [humanity] in students,” Keller said.

After only a single year, many students have been touched by Sunny’s presence, according to Andy Pearlman ’15.

“Even if I make a counseling appointment, I’m not a very open person, so Sunny being there just calms me down. It makes it easier to talk about things,” Pearlman said. “It makes the silence defi- nitely less awkward.”

Sunny’s presence in the office has become so large that students feel like they make appointments with her rather than with the counselors, according to Keller.

“Students will actually call and say, ‘I would like an appointment with Sunny,’” she said.

Sensing that community need for more pet affection, Train also offers students time to cuddle with her nine-week-old Poodle/Chihuahua mix puppy, Sam. At Sam’s first veterinarian appointment, the veterinarian expressed a concern that Sam was partially blind.

“I really [wanted] him to get accustomed to people and socialize, especially if he does have vi- sion problems,” Train said. “I want him to get used to smells, to different people holding him and touching him because if he can’t see clearly, that can be an issue.”

Sam’s socialization has not only been beneficial for him, how- ever; Train lends him to students to help them relax.

“It’s a stressful time of the year, so it’s just one way that I can help out some students who maybe miss their pet at home and need some pet love. The response has been very good. As you can see from my calendar, it’s all Sam ap- pointments,” Train said.

After sending an all-student email on April 11, Sam scored a total of 25 play dates and is booked through April 30. There is no denying that Sam is pop- ular pup.

The good news is that this un- conditional love is free.

“I’ve had a couple people ask me how much I charge an hour. People say, ‘Can I rent your pup- py?’ I say, ‘No, I’m not charging. You can have him for an hour or two.’”

Puppies are not only fun play- mates but also useful tools for re- ducing stress levels in students. There’s something about stroking an animal which scientific- ally reduces your stress and actu- ally reduces your blood pressure and heart rate,” Keller said.

Students seem to have picked up on this research as well.

“I did have one request [from a girl who needed to study] for a test … and she just wanted Sam to sit in her lap for a calming effect so that she could focus,” Train said.

Keller hopes that Sunny and Sam will prompt more pet-to-stu- dent interactions.

“I would love to … have week- ends where people from the commu- nity would bring their pets and exchange them with students … for the day. That would be awe- some,” Keller said. “If there was a common ground where people could come and interact with ani- mals, I would be all for that.”

Above: Sunny, a yellow lab and the Counseling Center’s therapy dog. Right: Sam, Lisa Train’s nine-week-old Poodle/Chihuahua puppy.

David Hoyt

Dozens of events take place in Rossie Hall every year, but one of the biggest is something few students ever see. Every summer, Kenyon hosts an Ohio bar- bershop conference that concludes with a barbershop music performance.

“It’s one of the highlights of the whole summer,” Manager of Busi- ness Services Fred Linger said.

Linger is in charge of planning the events that students perhaps know least about, but that happen when school’s out. The Col- lege plays host to up to 40 different visiting groups, usually conferences or pro- grams each summer.

“Every college wants to make sure it uses its physical plant to the best of its po- tential during the summer,” Vice President for College Relations Sarah Kahrl said.

The College makes an average profit of $200,000 each summer, according to Chief Business Offi- cer Mark Kohlman. “This money goes directly into the College’s operating revenue to support all programs,” he said in an email.

“It’s got to be one of the best small businesses around, because we’re only open for business 10 weeks,” Linger said. “And I don’t know how many businesses can be open 10 weeks and six figures.”

Besides the revenue, summer program- ming raises Kenyon’s profile significantly. Many students had their very first experi- ence with Kenyon as a high school student and as a writ- er,” Kahrl said, referring to The Kenyon Review’s Young Writers Workshop. Kahrl said the Young Writers pro- gram “brings almost 5 per- cent of the entering class … so it’s a key admissions driv- er for us.”

The summer months also bring the Kenyon Aca- demic Partnership (KAP) to campus. Originated and co-directed by Professor of American Studies Pe- ter Rutkoff, KAP partners with select Ohio secondary schools to provide advanced courses to high school stu- dents, and teachers come to Kenyon each summer for training.

Head Men’s Swim Jim Steen also formed Total Performance Sports Camps, a company that holds summer camp ses- sions for young swimmers at Kenyon, Calvin College and Colgate University.

Many groups, however, have no connection to Ken- yon beyond their use of the College’s facilities. Groups on the schedule for this summer include the afore- mentioned barbershoppers, a band camp, a Red Cross training institute, a squash camp and a mime workshop called “Mime Youth.” One major event coming to Ken- yon this year is Peloton, the biking event that raises money for cancer research. For Peloton, “we’ll have probably 2,500 to 3,000 people on campus with about 700 of them spending the night,” said Linger, who compared the logistical dif- ficulties of this event to “a cross between Commence- ment and Summer Sendoff.”

All told, over 5,000 guests will visit campus this summer for periods ranging from a few days to several weeks.

Complex spreadsheets provide estimates of how many people AVI has to feed, broken down by week. On Thursday, June 28, for example, it is estimated that AVI will have to provide lunch for 886 people, which is more than half of Ken- yon’s student body.

Kenyon’s summer pro- gramming schedule has taken off recently — Lin- ger noted that revenues have quadrupled since he began organizing the Col- lege’s summer activities in 1999. Much of this increase is because of “infrastructure building that makes it pos- sible for Kenyon to have a summer presence” like never before, according to Kahrl.

The construction of new facilities such as the Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC) and the North Campus Apart- ments, plus the complete renovation of Price Hall, has greatly expanded the College’s potential for sum- mer use. Air-conditioned spaces are still “one of the bigger challenges,” Linger said. Mather, McBride and Caples Residence Halls are Kenyon’s only three air-conditioned dorms in ad- dition to some apartments. KAC-adjacent South cam- pus dorms are “attractive to sports camps, but some- times they’re pretty hot,” Linger said. Buildings like the North Campus Apart- ments also give Kenyon “something to advertise,” Linger said, because some adult groups may not want to stay in dormitories.

Even as Kenyon works to expand its summer presence and investigates “develop[ing] programming that really identifies Ken- yon [and] that could help us reach new audiences,” ac- cording to Kahrl, the Col- lege seems eager to preserve the quiet and relaxed nature of Gambier in the summer- time.

“Everyone’s here to have a good time,” Linger said. “Some of these people are using their family vacation time to be here, and so we hope to give them a positive and memorable and produc- tive experience.”
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**Kenyon in Review: Transfer Students Reminisce**

**JANE SIMONTON**

In the 2010-2011 academic year, 92 percent of Kenyon first-years returned for their sophomore year. That means approximately 33 students decided to leave Kenyon. Whit Morley, who would have graduated in 2014 from Kenyon, decided to leave after the first semester of his first year because he viewed Kenyon differently than his class mates did.

“I knew that Kenyon was a great school, and I had great professors,” Morley said in an email. “I never felt like I fit in, though. I did not share a lot of the same interests as many of my peers, and I (unfortunately) began distancing myself from them as the semester went on. I think the most significant thing that I realized was that everyone there loved it, while I did not. That made me feel differently about the College for sure, and made me realize that I probably didn’t belong there.”

Morley currently attends the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, which he said is less academically rigorous but hosts a larger variety of students. Though he is happy at Minnesota now, doubts sometimes still cross his mind.

“If I started over again, I would not choose to come to Kenyon, but I don’t regret choosing it the first time around,” Morley said. “I made some great friends with whom I still keep in touch, and I learned something about myself that I might not have otherwise.”

For Tamar Ghabin, who also would have graduated from Kenyon in 2014, the College was not sufficiently aware of international issues.

“My decision to transfer was a mixture of familial issues, hating the geographical location and feeling racially secluded. I’m Palestinian-American, and growing up, I ran into some of these issues a lot. For me it was a mixture of family and growing up, I ran into some of the issues a lot. For me it was a mixture of family and I needed to seek out that understanding to the greater world, somehow or another,” Ghabin said.

Ghabin said her decision to transfer was “certainly the right decision,” and that, in the end, a liberal arts education was “simply not right for her.”

Not all transfers find it so easy to leave without looking back. Emmie Finckel, who would have graduated Kenyon in 2014 and spent her first year here, said the decision was not literal.

“It took me until literally the second to decide to transfer, and it took me months into the school year to truly accept that I would not be going back to Kenyon,” Finckel said in an email. “But the best thing about having transferred is the ability to return to Kenyon and be treated as if I never left. Kenyon will always remain a part of who I am.”

Finckel currently attends Wesleyan University, which she chose for its slightly larger student body and more opportunities to challenge herself.

“It was [the] sense of safety [at Kenyon] that drove me to transfer. I tend to be motivated by a fear of failure, or not meeting standards set either by myself or others. During my time in Gambier, I found very little to fear, and as a result, very little to push me towards affecting change within myself and, hopefully, within the world,” Finckel said.

“It was this spark and motivation that I hoped to rekindle by transferring to another school. I will forever cherish the safety and security I found at Kenyon, however, in order to scare myself enough into being someone who will someday make a contribution to the greater world, I needed to seek out that fear for myself.”

On the whole, however, Finckel emphasized her intense love for Kenyon and her delight that she spent the time she did on the Hill.

“My friends at Wesleyan are still consistently frustrated with the amount that I talk about Kenyon. Although, in the end, Kenyon was not the right place for me, it took me the entire year to figure out exactly why it was not the right place for me—a process which taught me many things I did not know about myself. Having been at another school also allows me to view Wesleyan more objectively, and I am more easily able to see where both Wesleyan and Kenyon excel and fail as institutions,” Finckel said.

Not all transfers journey to a single new institution.

“For Edgar Arceo, who would have graduated in 2014 and stayed at Kenyon through the first semester of his sophomore year, the decision to transfer to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) has not lasted. I transferred to UNLV to chase my dream of becoming a professional soccer player, while all remaining in school,” Arceo said in an email. “However, I am (again) looking to transfer elsewhere, considering I was cut from the UNLV soccer team just last week (some may call it failure; I call it a work in progress).”

Because he is always on the move, Arceo may seem unsatisfied with his schools, but that was not the case with Kenyon.

“Although [my time at Kenyon] was short lived, the way Kenyon got me to examine and think about myself, my community and the world community at large was also something I am forever grateful for,” he said. “I will certainly be clitch and admit that I would not change a thing, especially where I began my undergraduate study.”

“His not the only one who wouldn’t change his decision to begin at Kenyon. “I love Kenyon, and am thrilled to have the opportunity to talk about how much I love it, and [am] ecstatic that the transfers have not been forgotten,” Finckel said.

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**SEWELL ROBINSON**

1. Drive down Middle Path — pretty generic, but my grandma derided it, and I’ve wanted to ever since he shared his story.
2. Skinny dip in the Kokosing River.
3. Sleep in the Post Office — I came very close one time, but some jerk called Safety on my friend and me and we were kicked out. The chairs we had lugged over from Middle-Ground at 2:00 a.m. remained for days.
4. Find “the room of requirement” in Peirce.
5. Complete the Coshocton Challenge — order a number 1 from every fast food restaurant on Coshocton Road. Repulsive, but necessary.

**ZACH GOLDBERG**

1. Be featured in a Collegian article and not just the Village Record.
2. Have the Motown Band play a not-so-secret show in my Acland (this Saturday... shh).
3. Pledge Theta.
4. Get rich and donate a Goldberg House to be built next to Horwitz House (this is a long-term goal).
5. Get my roommate to clean up his side of the room (this is virtually impossible).
6. Refuse to create a serious bucket list. Because there are four incredible years at Kenyon that have been fulfilling enough regardless of what I do with the last few weeks.

**SUSAN LIVERMORE AND NINA HAMILTON**

1. Militant poetry on a table in Peirce.
2. Go to the top of Peirce Tower.
3. Leave secret furniture notes.
4. Visit llama farms.
5. Win Trivia.
6. Be on Kenyon.edu’s photo wall.
7. Get grilled by the Collegian.
8. Roof of some building.
10. Ring the Chapel bells with the Pealers.

**ZACH GOLDMAN**

1. Have a KAC spa day (itinerary for those interested: sauna to steam room to jacuzzi; fake injuries for free massages from athletic trainers; sushi and smoothies. Ballin’?).
2. Motown concert in my living room (might or might not be this Saturday. Acland 105B).
3. Face off against Bryan Kurtzman in a one-on-one Gambier Grillin’ matchup (#TeamZack).
4. Sample mid-Ohio’s finest calzones at Peirce.
5. Sing with the Creeks (please have me! #fan).

**H.K. BIGGERS**

1. Ride bikes on the Gap Trail all the way into town and eat brunch at the Southside Diner.
2. Work out at the KAC/actually just go to the sauna for the first and last time of my senior year.
3. Watch Gone with the Wind all day the Sunday after Send-off with Jacob Bodager ’12.
4. Convince a underclassman to apply for puppy-themed housing (where you take in rescue puppies and find homes for them, but mostly get to snuggle with puppies!).
5. Sneak into the Old Kenyon steel tower.
6. Eat an omlette before noon.

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**SENIOR BUCKETLISTS**

Skinny dipping in the Kokosing River. Urinating off Caples’ roof. Watching the sunrise from Peirce Tower. For graduating seniors, these activities might be even more pressing than finals, as they attempt to complete a Kenyon Bucket List before the school year ends. Below, some members of the Class of 2012 list personal goals they wish to complete before the looming May 19 graduation ceremony.
MAX ELDER

I have spent the year studying at the ever-pretentious and always gloomy Oxford University. What Oxford lacks in terms of modesty and nice weather, it makes up in beautifully old and historic buildings, unparalleled academics and some really cool students.

There is definitely a reason Forbes named Oxford the second most beautiful school in the world: every dining hall looks like an older version of the Great Hall, each of the libraries (there are over 100) is as intricate as it is resourceful and the College grounds are manicured like palaces.

At my college, you cannot walk on the grass unless it is the third term of the year and you are playing croquet on it. There are many formal dinners that require attendees to wear either business casual or black tie with ridiculous black robes — no robe, no entry. The traditionalism found at Oxford is not exactly my style, but it certainly is an interesting experience.

The educational system at Oxford is radically different from that of colleges in the U.S. Instead of going to classes multiple times a week, you meet one-on-one with your tutor (professor, but dressed up in Oxford lingo) to discuss the paper you had to write for that week’s tutorial. You study only two subjects each trimester, with one meeting once a week for an hour and one meeting once every other week for an hour. This means, on average, you have only 1.5 hours of class time per week.

On the other hand, you are assigned an ungodly amount of reading and a 2,000-word paper due at every tutorial. In other words, the free time is taken up completely with reading and writing. The abundance of free time mixed with an overload of work is daunting at first. Many students have trouble dealing with the extreme independence that comes with an Oxford teaching style. If you are interested in the material and can handle independent learning, however, Oxford is an amazing place to study abroad.

Unfortunately, unlike most study-abroad programs, it is hard to travel during the term due to the amount of course work. The beauty about studying abroad at Oxford, however, is that the two breaks between trimesters are both six weeks long, leaving plenty of time to travel the continent. I have spent this spring break traveling to Dublin, Berlin, Copenhagen, Munich, Prague, Vienna and Budapest.

Although studying abroad has been an amazing experience — one I would repeat in a heartbeat — it has really shed light on all the things that I love about Kenyon.

Max Elder ’13

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Max Elder ’13 (center) is pictured here with fellow Kenyon student Hannah Kingsley-Ma ’13. Both are currently studying abroad at Oxford University.

As amazing as Oxford is, I couldn’t be more excited to get back to Kenyon in August.
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New Exhibitions Spotlight Death, Identity, Disarray

MOLLY BONDY

The newly-opened Gund Gallery is working to find its niche in the Kenyon community. A thoroughly modern structure, the Gallery’s exterior reflects the transience of life. Smith’s etchings reflect the transience of death, Smith’s etchings reflecting flowers as a symbol of death in a tradition of presentiment before. The work often provokes feelings of abandonment and disarray, also confronting death in sculptures entitled Rowing in Eden. Pieces of clothing cast in bronze are strewn across the Gallery floor as if removed just moments before. The work “memorializes poetic moments of discord, making art of what we leave behind,” according to Tallichet. It is difficult not to step on the work while walking through the space, but this intrusiveness adds to the viewer’s participation in the story.

The last new artist on display is Pushpamala N, a photo and video artist from Bangalore, India. Pushpamala N’s The Ethnographic is Series 2000-2008 deals with Indian identity. In the series, she places herself in the position of Indian people whose portraits were taken by early ethnographers. She ultimately takes on the role of many different Indian women. The photographs, reminiscent of documentary photography, are beautifully printed and look like they could be the work of early photographers.

As Pushpamala N captures the identities of many women, so should art reflect a variety of ideas and emotions in order to step toward universality. Artists often strive to connect with their audiences no matter how abstract the work is. All the pieces on view at the Gund Gallery’s new show fulfill this goal, whether through emotional or intellectual response. The artwork is striking by virtue of its form, style, coloration and subject matter.

One of the pieces on display at the Gund Gallery’s exhibition of her work is Pushpamala N’s Banshee Pearls (1999). In the work, Smith’s exact intent is elusive. The artwork is striking by virtue of its form, style, coloration and subject matter.
The Kenyon men's tennis team achieved a rare feat this Sunday when they played two teams at once and won twice. The Lords remain ranked No. 1 in the nation and No. 4 in the nation — their best ever and the highest ranking in the history of Kenyon tennis. The Ladies also played well in their conference match, beating Allegheny College.

On Sunday, April 22, the Lords split into two teams and played both Allegheny College away in Eric, Pa., and Ohio Wesleyan University at home. The Lords demolished both teams 9-0, giving them an outstanding 17-4 going into the conference championship this upcoming weekend.

While the Lords' dominance over Allegheny was clear, with almost all singles players winning 6-0 or 6-1, the doubles were not as successful, with the doubles winning by scores of 9-7, 8-5 and 9-7.

The Lords' lineup against the Gators consisted of C.J. Williams '13 at one, Wade Heerboth '15 at two, Jacob Huber '15 at three, Kevin Ye '13 at four, Josh Stiles '14 at five and Davis Thrailkill '15 at six.

"We went into the match a little confident and in doubles that showed because we all came out un-focused and could have lost all three doubles matches," Heerboth said. "Once we got focused, we pulled all three matches out and then dominated in singles."

Against Ohio Wesleyan, the Lords put Paul Burgin '13 at one, Tim Rosenstiel '15 at two, Jake Matthews '13 at three, Austin Griffin '13 at four, Josh Stiles '13 at five and Andrew Herring '15 at six.

"Normally in tennis, only eight players play in a match. Due to the division of the team, however, more Lords got the opportunity to showcase their talent," Burgin said.

The match against Ohio Wesleyan "We had some guys with little match experience step up and contribute, which was good to see. We have to do our best to hand every match and use it as an opportunity to get one step closer to our goal of making a deep run at the NCAA tournament."

This Saturday and Sunday, the Lords will host the North Coast Athletic Conference tournament at home at the Jasper Tennis Center. While the Lords won with their matches, the Ladies tennis team also competed against Allegheny last Sunday and April 22nd with a nail-biting 5-4 win.

The Ladies got off to a slow start, losing all three doubles matches. They came back strong in singles play, an area that has clearly been their strength this entire season.

"Allegeny came strong in doubles, and our morale was low after going down three," Amy Schlessman '14 said. "I think the first singles players started off strong to get us back on track after doubles."

Lacrosse Demolishes Oberlin

The Lords' lineup against Oberlin consisted of lacrosse in the Midwest, according to Misarti, and we're in a groove" during its five-week winning streak, losing by an average of 9.1 runs per contest. Of the last 13 losses in the Ladies' current season, that margin-of-defeat average has decreased to 5.2 runs by losing just one game by a single run. "We've been in almost every game," O'Neil said. "We've lost a lot of games by one or two runs, some in the sixth or seventh innings. [This season] has a different vibe to it. It feels completely different from last year. It's more of a team effort now, different people step up in different situations. Our progress isn't accurately reflected in our record." Although the Ladies have been mathematically eliminated from NCAA postseason contention, there is still plenty of pride on the line in a mid-week game against archrival Denison University on Wednesday. Kenyon could have stood in the way of a Big Red conference playoff berth. Fortunately, the Ladies could not pull out a victory, losing the game by a score of 5-0.
Baseball Qualifies for Playoffs with Wins Against Gators

KEVIN PAN

The Kenyon baseball team kept up its hot streak at home this weekend, clinching one of two North Coast Athletic Conference East Division postseason berths with its series win over Allegheny College.

The Lords won their next series at Hiram College this weekend, they will win the NCAC East Division for the first time in Kenyon’s history.

In the four-game series, the Lords picked up three wins with scores of 6-5, 9-4 and 8-0. In the 8-0 victory on Sunday, April 22, Josh Jacobitz ’15 threw a complete game, giving up only one hit. He had a perfect game going into the sixth inning but lost it by walking a batter. He then lost the no-hitter in the seventh. Nevertheless, his performance garnered him the NCAC Pitcher of the Week Award and a spot on the National D3baseball.com Team of the Week.

After a two-and-a-half-hour delay on Saturday, the Lords pulled off a come-from-behind 5-3 victory after losing the lead in the third inning. The Gators tried staging a comeback in the seventh, but the inning ended with a nice defensive play by Devin Enning ’12. In the second game of the doubleheader, the Gators pulled to within three runs, but their run was cut short by a nice play from outfielder Jake Dunn ’15. Alex Kendall ’13 pitched over six innings of solid relief in the two games combined, only allowing one unearned run.

In the Lords’ most recent game on April 24, they lost 7-0 to Denison University. But the game had no league or tournament implications, so Head Baseball Coach Matt Burdette said put many of his reserve players to allow them to gain experience.

With the Allegheny wins and the Denison loss, the Lords’ record is 25-10 overall and 11-3 in the NCAC. Burdette said postseason success comes down to the basics. “Quality starting pitching, solid defense and clutch hitting and some good luck never hurts,” he said. “The same formula that wins during the regular season.”

“The Lords’ goals for the remainder of the season are simple, according to Burdette. “The first goal is to win the East, and then the second goal is to take momentum into the postseason,” he said. “And goal number three is to make sure we are healthy when we get there.”

Burdette believes his team will fare well against the other teams in the NCAC tournament, depending of course, on its performance.

“We match up well with everyone, but we also have to play well,” he said. “DePauw and Ohio Wesleyan Universities are in, and either [the College of] Wooster or Allegheny will earn the last spot.”

Since the beginning of the season, the team has come a long way, Burdette said. “We rely on many [first year] in the lineup and pitching rotation, and their maturation has been quite significant from the beginning of the season to now,” he said. “It’s been a great season with contributions coming from each class. The team has been unselfish and extremely dedicated, and we look to continue our good play this weekend and into the playoffs.”

In addition to the series against Hiram, the Lords are also scheduled to play a makeup doubleheader at home against Wittenberg University this Sunday, April 29.

The Kenyon baseball team is currently on a three-game winning streak, beating Ohio Wesleyan University 10-6 on April 17, Thiel College 18-10 on April 25 and Oberlin College 9-8 on April 25. For their outstanding play in the Ladies’ games, Leah Sack ’13 (above) was named NCAC Player of the Week.

Outdoor Track Hosts Invitational

ANNA DUNLAVY

Lords and Ladies outdoor track and field braved the cold and rain to finish strong at their Kenyon College Invitational Meet this weekend.

Other teams participating in the meet were Denison University, the College at Wooster, Otterbein University, Ohio Northern University and John Carroll University. The day was less than favorable for a meet, but both the Lords and Ladies saw some great performances.

“Because the weather was so nasty, good performances were kind of difficult to have,” Head Track and Field Coach Duane Gomez said. “But we still had a number of personal records.”

The Lords showed resilience in their races, with a few standout performances. Patrick Meyers ’12 finished first in the 1,500-meter race with a time of 4:02.70. He also finished third in the 800-meter race with a time of 1:58.08. He was one of eight Lords to finish in the top five in his races. There were 11 top-five finishes for Kenyon overall.

Kenyon also did well in the sprints. Caro Gagliardi ’14 had a time of 11.29 in the 100-meter dash, placing fourth. Joey Cottle ’14 came in second in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 55.75. Cottle was also one of both the Lords’ third-place relay teams.

Kenyon’s distance runners had a strong showing on Saturday. Ben Linoff ’14 finished first in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10:47.14. Dai Shen ’13 came in fourth with a time of 11:42.55. Jackson Cabo ’13 rounded out the top five in the 5,000-meter race with a time of 15:16.45.

Kenyon’s men had success in field events as well. Ryan Talk ’12 came in fifth in discus with a throw of 37.94 meters, and Lucas Herweyer ’15 placed fifth in the hammer with a haul of 35.24 meters.

The Ladies also performed well, with seven top-six finishes. Kat Dougherty ’12 finished in close second with a time of 13:10.61. Kerry Strader ’14 finished first in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 12:29.92. “I was only two seconds off my personal record, and I thought that went really well considering the weather conditions,” Strader said.

In the 5,000-meter race, Elizabeth Halper ’15 finished third with a time of 19:19.68. and Clara Heiden ’15 finished in sixth place with a time of 20:03.84. Cary Warts ’12 finished fourth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:10.87. Tory Bruch ’15 also had a fourth-place finish in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 5:03.08. In the pole vault, which took place indoors because of the weather, Ramelle Brown ’13 cleared the bar at 2.74 meters, earning a fifth-place finish.

Both Gomez and Strader emphasized the relaxed nature of this meet, which was unscorced.

“This was just a tune-up,” Strader said. It was just getting a lot of teams together and getting everyone’s times down before conferences.

Gomez said this kind of meet is common in the weeks leading up to conference championships. “Nobody’s putting a lot of people in — they’re just trying to get everyone ready for conference,” Gomez said.

Gomez also stressed the importance of making sure all the runners are healthy for the conference championships. “If the meet is unscorced, not all runners have to be present for the sake of ensuring a win, and therefore runners who are sick or sore have time to rest.

Next week, the team will scatter. Some team members will be going to the “Last Chance” meet at Denison, which gives them a final opportunity to improve their times. Jenna Willett ’14 will be competing in a meet at the University of Michigan that will include a number of Division I Schools. Also, the North Coast Athletic Conference championships for multi-events such as the pentathlon and decathlon will take place this coming weekend. The rest of the championships will be Thursday, May 3 at Allegheny University.