Summer Sendoff Date Approved

By MADELEINE THOMPSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Summer Sendoff may be turning into a Friday tradition. Last Sunday, The Business and Finance Committee (BFC) approved $80,000 for Social Board to hold this year’s Sendoff on Friday, April 26. This will be the second year Sendoff has been a Friday event instead of a Saturday one.

This year’s Social Board co-chair Lianne Castile ’13 said last year that as co-chair she would again prioritize the performer, letting Sendoff’s date be determined by when the act was available. Castile and co-chair Eric Schulkin ’13 were unable to be reached for comment.

BFC co-chairs Sam Baker ’13 and Andie Asimes ’13 said Social Board’s proposal to hold another Friday Sendoff, which was informed by surveys conducted last year, was convincing. “When [Social Board] came to us to request the funding, they made a very compelling case for the campus wanting a Friday event, and various factors like safety, attendance, quality of performer and other factors are included in that,” Baker said. “On bigger events like this we have a lengthy conversation about that and Student Council agreed with it, so the funding was released.”

Last spring, the announcement that Sendoff would be moving to Friday took the campus by surprise. Baker attributed the initial, negative reaction partially to a “vocal minority.”

“When something gets taken out from under people, they’re pretty bummed out,” Baker said. “But I do think that there are large groups of people who feel both ways.”

Last year’s event was generally well received by students. “I thought it was very strange and I couldn’t believe that it was an accident,” Mullin said. “So I thought it was really strange that some drunkards just might have just been a prank.”

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The panel was expected to make its formal recommendation as early as last night, but as of press time the committee’s chair, Columbus lawyer and Kenyon Trustee Larry James, had not indicated that the group was ready to announce its decision.

On Wednesday morning, James said he expected President S. Georgia Nugent to generally follow whatever recommendation MMAP produces.

“I can’t speak for what the president is going to do with the recommendation. I would assume that she’s going to follow it, but that’s my best judgment,” James said.

Nugent, for her part, said she would wait until the panel had issued a formal report before taking any action, but that she trusted the advice of the panel’s members. “I’ll just say what I’ve said all along: obviously this is a group of very capable people. They are the representatives of the campus and I will obviously take their recommendation very seriously,” she said.

While James declined to provide details of what kind of guidance the panel might produce, he said it seemed highly unlikely that they would advise the College to partner with Sodexo, the French corporation with a checkered history that Kenyon originally planned to work with before public outcry forced the College to reconsider and form the MMAP.

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UNITY HOUSE RALLIES SUPPORT

By CLEO BISSINGER
ASSOCIATE REPORTER

Two pride flags were stolen from Unity House (North Campus Apartment 3A) on Saturday night, according to a report filed with Campus Safety. The flags, which are an ensign of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community, were later found in the woods behind the B-Block of the New Apartments. “They were all torn and muddy,” Unity House resident Linda Mullin ’13 said. “The top part of the pole for the one of them had been broken off.”

The motive behind the theft remains unclear. Unity House believes it may have been an act of vandalism, but Mullin acknowledged “it might have just been a prank.”

In any event, detaching the flagpole would have required some effort. “I’ve tried, and I can’t do it,” Mullin said. “So I thought it was very strange that some drunkards just passed by would do that, but I don’t know.”

According to Campus Safety Officer Deborah Shellhorn, the incident is still under investigation, but the initial report makes no mention of vandalism.

Residents of Unity House have been vocal in their support of the group and said they would do whatever it takes to keep their organization going.

Mount Vernon Voters to Decide on School Levy

By GABRIEL BRISON-TREZISE
STAFF WRITER

“Ask[ing] people for more money is not an easy thing to do,” Superintendent of the Mount Vernon City Schools Steve Short said. Speaking in front of a full house in a multi-purpose room at Dan Emmett Elementary School on Monday, Short urged those gathered to support a proposed new operating levy, which, if passed, would raise around $2.5 million more for the district over the next five years. “It’s right. Voters have not increased operating funding to Mount Vernon schools in 16 years. Consequent budget deficits, coupled with an eight-percent reduction in state funding since 2008, have forced the district to eliminate high school busing, increase participation fees for extracurricular activities and cut dozens of teaching and administrative positions.

“We need new operating money, and I need the community to support it in order to preserve quality schools, maintain a sound financial management in our schools and protect our community,” said the Levy Chair of the Committee to Support Our Local Schools, Mo Helser. In addition to Monday’s community forum, the Committee has distributed orange-and-black “We [Heart] Mount Vernon Schools” yard signs in an effort to garner support for the levy.

This is the third time in as many years that the district has sought a new operating levy. The current proposed levy is based on property value for each $100,000 worth of property, a landowner would receive for each $100,000 worth of property.
First Year Class President Jonah Allon ’16 will be the Student Council representative on the Campus Safety has made a change to lighting in Olin/Chalmers Library.

The Junior Class Committee will this week have a final list of volunteers for their auction, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

The First-Year Class Committee set up Founders’ Day, establishing subcommittees and plan

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area. "They’ve been checking those residences for his vehicle," von Freymann said.

Though Safety and the Sheriff’s Department are focusing on this individual, an image has not yet been circulated to the student body due to inconsistencies in the description. "It could be something sent out if we get closer to [confirming] that this is the person," von Freymann said. "If it happens within the next week, then something will be sent out. ... We’re trying to get a little more solid that that is the individual as far as description.”

Safety does not believe this is the same person who was reported for public indecency at the Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC) on Sept. 18 and 19. "The descriptions have been a little different," von Freymann said. "So we don’t think it’s the same individual.”

"In all the incidences this year, with people down at KAC and Olin, [the issue] has been time," von Freymann said. "We haven’t had enough time to get where we needed to go. I think had we just a couple of minutes we would have caught the person.”

Though Safety has increased patrols through residence halls, Olin, the KAC and other public areas on campus, there are only two to five officers on any given shift. Students, faculty and staff should be mindful of their surroundings since Safety does not have the manpower to see everything that happens on campus, according to von Freymann. "It really comes back to the student body being vigilant," he said.

Safety has had numerous meetings since the incident in Olin to determine how they can further their efforts to catch not only this individual but also others like the man reported at the KAC.

"We don’t know what we can do, from our standpoint," said von Freymann. "I think if the students step up a little bit and try to do it from their side, we can do a little bit more. I think we’ll be in good shape and hopefully catch the guy or multiple people.”

"Call our office right away, get a really good description of the person, follow the person if you can safely, with maybe another person," von Freymann said. "If for some reason they’re outside, if you can get a vehicle description or plate number, all of that’s helpful.”

At the KAC in particular, von Freymann said that while it may be the polite thing to do, to refrain from holding the side door of the facility open for people to come in the door of the person. "The door has restricted card access for authorized personnel. Safety believes that the intruder reported at the KAC may have been let in by a student.

"If it’s your roommate, it’s one thing," said von Freymann. "If it’s someone you don’t know, don’t just walk away from the door. Walk through the door and let it close.”

Von Freymann believes there is a good chance the individual from Olin will return to campus. "In my years of experience with people like this, they tend to keep doing it until they get caught," he said. "Hopefully with the student body, with the faculty, staff and everybody involved in keeping an eye on campus, we’re going to have a good chance of catching them.”

"We really, really want to catch this person," von Freymann said. "It really aggravates the staff here to have someone like that on campus.”
would have to pay about $150 extra annually. The last two attempts to pass a new operating levy failed, the first by 30 percent and the second by eight percent of votes. Helser, however, is optimistic that this levy will pass. "I think the school board and the superintendent have responded to the last two 'no's' ... and they've made the cuts people have asked them to make," Helser said. "We've been able to spread the word, educate better and focus on doing the best we can to keep the phone calls ... so I'm very optimistic." "Short warned that, if the levy does not pass, the district might not have the money to cut more programs and positions, including music and physical education at elementary schools such as Gambier's Wiggins Street Elementary. "Do I want to do that? No. Is that going to be one of our choices? Yes," Short said.

The Knox County Democratic Party supports passing the upcoming levy, while the Knox County Republican Party, according to Chairman Chip McCollivie, "does not take positions on local tax levies." The levy has traditionally voted strongly in favor of proposed Mount Vernon school levies. Last May, 94 percent of village voters cast their ballots in favor of a new operating levy. That widespread support may be due in part to work by the Kenyon Demo-

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**Levy: District Could Face Cuts, Officials Say**

By ROSALYN AQUILA

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**Chalmers Evacuates**

By LILY MARTINEZ

Part of the parking lot behind Chalmers Library and Storer Hall, and areas surrounding the buildings, were blocked off last Monday, Oct. 22, as the Maintenance Department replaced parts of the two buildings' heating and cooling systems and installed other components using a large industrial crane. Maintenance workers and library staff collaborated to plan the operation, which involved three separate installations. A new 1,000-pound air compressor was installed on the roof of Storer Hall and a smaller one was installed on the roof of Chalmers Library. Maintenance also installed three large motors on the Chalmers roof, which will improve airflow and energy efficiency in the building.

"Renting the crane for one day to do multiple jobs was a great way to save money," Vice President for Library and Information Services Ron Griggs said in an email. "The Maintenance Department's top priority during the operation. Due to the weight of the motors and air compressors, Maintenance made plans to clear students from the library and Stor-

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The Kenyon Institute Offers Summer Programming for Adults

The Institute will provide three workshops in writing on professional fields, a class for high school teachers and a seminar.

By Rosalyn Aguilera

The Governmental Critical Writing Workshop will concentrate on developing strong, interpretive critical writing in the arts. Peter Plagens, art critic for The Wall Street Journal, and Terry Barrett, professor emeritus of art education at the Ohio State University, will lead the workshop. Participants will prepare both short and long art reviews, and practice writing for digital media platforms like blogs.

Five years in the making, the Kenyon Playwrights Conference will consist of two tracks: one for improving techniques and fundamentals, the other for developing scripts-in-progress. "If you are a graduate student in playwriting, if you're an attorney with a play in a shoebox, if you're a devoted theater enthusiast, we'll be offering coursework for those individuals," Kahrl said.

The Conference will also commission new plays through partnerships with three theater companies — the Atlantic Theater Company, Chicago’s Steppenwolf and London’s Hampstead Theatre. Supported by the tuition collected from the program, the theater companies will select a playwright to develop his or her work by studying alongside other workshop participants through a two-week residency at Kenyon.

"There really is not another program like this in the nation," Kahrl said.

The theater companies that are partnering with the conference will also take on a Kenyon intern after the intern participates in the workshop.

The Kenyon Institute in Bio-medical and Scientific Writing, developed by Kenyon Trustees Dr. Donald Fischman ’57 and Dr. Pierce Scranton ’88, aims to assist doctoral students, M.D./Ph.D. candidates and postdoctoral biomedical researchers in the various stages of their projects. "Very often for scientific researchers, they may have a great idea, but they may not have a lot of experience in writing about it. How to make it persuasive, and interesting and well-written," Kahrl said.

"It is this reality in response to the many Kenyon alumni and parents who have knocked on our door many a time and said I’d love to be in the Kenyon classroom [so] I’d love to come back," Kahrl said.

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In the past, outside programs have rented Kenyon's facilities. Kahrl hopes the Institute will create a unique Kenyon summer community, "Our idea is really to bring adult learners to our campus and see as the essence of Kenyon, which is quiet study, interdisciplinary interaction between these different fields and creating an experience for writers," she said.

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"We've still got to go on knowing ahead of time where that stuff is buried," Vaden said. "This will allow us to try to find the bottom of that stuff." Surveys came to campus in October as part of the Middle Path restoration project.

"Our survey is part of an initiative by Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates Inc., a landscape architecture firm that presented a comprehensive master plan for the College to the Board of Trustees last spring. The plan addresses resurfacing Middle Path to make it more pedestrian-friendly, monitoring the health of the trees that grow along the path and tackling drainage problems.

"Knowing the location of the various lines that run underneath from Old Kenyon to Beelsey will make digging down and replacing the material that makes up Middle Path easier, Vaden said. "When they start that process of digging...they'll know ahead of time where the lines are located. And those areas, instead of using a piece of equipment that may have to hand dig it," he said.

Excavation last week around the College Gates and College faculty parking lot have exposed materials that suggests a two-story building once occupied that area. "It's an attempt to find the bottom of each stone column, call it the "foothot," in an attempt to get a footprint of how deep the gates are, and how wide they are," Kahrl said.

The survey will also give the College a useful map of the lines' locations to have on hand for future projects.

"When you go through campus, there's no overhead power lines, no telephone lines, all that stuff is buried," Vaden said. "We want to keep a better track of what we've done."

"This will allow us to fill that shortfall. The trustees had some ideas on that and they've kicked it up to us, the administration." The compensation consultant who was scheduled to come discuss the issue of faculty and staff salaries was unable to attend the meeting due to Hurricane Sandy.

Looking forward to next year, the Board also discussed the format of their February meeting, which usually occurs in New York City and focuses on budget approvals. This year, the meeting will be at Kenyon and will feature experts on Kenyon-related topics in the hopes of tackling issues from new perspectives. "The agenda, although it probably will include [the budget], will be a Board of Trustees meeting where we'll be bringing in some people to talk about some big issues in higher education in general, so we belong to a 30,000-foot approach to issues that are confronting the College."

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New Hardware May Solve Internet Slowdown

By ROSALYN AQUILA
NEWS EDITOR

Noticably slower Internet access has plagued Kenyon for over two weeks. But after correctly identifying the extreme Internet slowdown might finally be cured.

“We are cautiously optimistic,” Vice President for Library and Information Services (LBIS) Ron Griggs said Tuesday, Oct. 23, in a student email.

This past Monday, Oct. 22, an engineer from Time Warner Inc., the company that provides the link Kenyon uses to connect to its Internet provider, OARnet, replaced a small device called an SPF fiberoptic transceiver. This transceiver connects two fiber strands (one for sending and one for receiving) to a greater network switch. Since the upgrade, the College has not experienced an overall Internet slowdown as bad as those in the past two weeks, according to Griggs’s email, though LBIS will continue to monitor traffic in coming days.

The road to this potential fix, however, was a long one.

On Oct. 6, according to Griggs, the campus began to experience slow response for Internet access, ranging from slowdowns of only a few minutes to limited access for as long as 45 minutes. Although variations in traffic load are normal, in this case the shifts were unusual and, according to Griggs, they lasted and in the times at which they occurred.

“If it’s slow because we’re reaching the maximum amount of traffic that we can pass through, it’s normal. Everybody’s downloading a movie, so that’s what happens,” Griggs said. “What we’re seeing is the traffic is suddenly dropping down to some very low level, and [the Internet is] being very slow. And there are no errors. It’s just as though the Internet got slower somehow for no apparent reason. So, it’s not because too many people are using it. It’s because all the traffic isn’t actually going down through the wire.”

First, LBIS looked internally to solve the issue. “Our folks [worked] day and night to try and figure out if it was a problem with Kenyon,” Griggs said. “Is it a problem where Kenyon is not sending its information fast enough or properly? Is there something wrong at Kenyon?”

Ultimately, they saw no evidence of any hardware problems, according to Griggs. And after directly testing the connection between Kenyon and OARnet on Oct. 21, LBIS fully eliminated both Kenyon and OARnet as the source of the problem. “We know particularly when it’s going out of Kenyon, it’s going full speed, and when it comes in, we handle it at full speed,” Griggs said.

The test did yield some unusual results. When sending data from Gambier to Columbus, where OARnet’s equipment is located, there were no issues. When sending data from Columbus to Kenyon, however, the bandwidth was much smaller. “Since communication on the Internet is two-way, even if it goes out fast, if it comes back slow it doesn’t help,” Griggs said. “If you have a normal wire problem, a normal box problem, you would see slowdowns both ways. You would also see errors. We’re not seeing neither one.”

The next step was to convince Time Warner to help diagnose the problem. “I think they just simply were not listening to us before because they were looking to see if there were errors, and they saw no errors, so they said, ‘It’s not our problem,’” Griggs said. “Now I think we’ve finally gotten their attention. After this test we did on Sunday, I’ve been communicating with the Time Warner people to try to convince him to send a writer who could not only be a writer but also a more successful one than his wife’s, Djerassi penned his first manuscript, "Middletown." It was a story about a wildly attractive professor and scientist with a stiff right leg in the San Francisco area who was married to an equally stunning woman. She commits the tragic mistake of leaving her husband for another man.

Djerassi was born in 1923 to immigrant parents, according to Djerassi. He moved to America to escape Nazi persecution when he arrived,” Djerassi said. “I don’t know really how I ended up there," he said. "They probably wanted to demonstrate that they don’t discriminate and had sort of one priced outsider.”

Djerassi graduated early from Kenyon and went on to further his education at the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in chemistry in 1944. He then went on to earn a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1947. After completing his Ph.D., Djerassi began working at Syntex, a pharmaceutical company in Mexico. He later left Syntex to join the University of California, San Francisco, where he continued to work on the development of synthetic cortisone. On Oct. 15, 1951, he and his team successfully synthesized the first highly active progesterone analogue, known colloquially as the Pill.

In 1983, Diane Middlebrook, acclaimed author, university professor and Djerassi’s girlfriend, announced she was leaving him for another man. Djerassi later learned that the man was an author. “I decided to avenge myself,” Djerassi told listeners. Motivated by vengefulness and an attempt to prove to his estranged wife that he could not only be a writer but also a more successful one than his wife’s, Djerassi penned his first manuscript, "Middletown." It was a story about a wildly attractive professor and scientist with a stiff right leg in the San Francisco area who was married to an equally stunning woman. She commits the tragic mistake of leaving her husband for another man.

Djerassi began his innovation in the 1950s, and his work has spanned genre and style with effi- cient and fluid ease. He is the author of poetry collections, short stories, autobiographies, plays and novels. His first short story collection, "How I Beat Coca-Cola and Other Stories," was published in America, but will be published within the year. "I thought that at the very end of my life, my very first book should appear," he said.

The commemoration of Djerassi’s accomplishments ended on Thursday night with a student reading of his most recent play, "Insufficiency." And by the way, 130 million acts of sexual intercourse occur every day. "That’s about 1,500 every sec- ond.

Safe Sex and Risque Prose: Kenyon Honors Carl Djerassi

By LAUREN TOOLE
NEWS EDITOR

As the father of the modern-day birth control pill slowly made his way down the aisle, a hush hit the overflowing crowd in the Community Foundation Theater at the Gund Gallery. Students, professors and audience members watched as the 88-year-old legend carefully made his way around the podium, forcefully placed his walking aid on the floor, and cleared his throat into the microphone.

"Let’s start with sex. How many acts of sexual intercourse do you think happen in this world every 24 hour period?"

With that, Carl Djerassi ’43, a distinguished Kenyon alumnus, emeritus professor of chemistry at Stanford University and noted novelist and playwright, opened his lecture. "Sex Versus Reproduction: 1950-2050," an exploration into the evolution of sexual behavior and the impact of that scientific advancement across the globe. The talk was part of a series of events honoring the prolific writer and scientist on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 22-23.

Originally from Vienna, Djerassi fled Bulgaria in 1939 and immigrated to America to escape Nazi persecution. "I had absolutely no money when I arrived," Djerassi said. Lacking the funds to pay for full college tuition, Djerassi mailed a letter to the First Lady of the United States' Eleanor Roosevelt, request-
The Center for the Study of American Democracy hosts the

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The debate was organized with the cooperation of the Knox County Chamber of Commerce, Knox County Democratic Party, Knox County Republican Party, and Mount Vernon Nazarene University.
By Daisy Vandenburgh

Dumbledore Returns

I didn’t regret anything about my undergraduate career ... [though] there were still a lot of courses that I would have liked to have taken.

Carol Schumacher

I really thrived in an environment where I was a big fish in a small pond. ... I kind of have a pretty competitive bent, and the fact that I could sort of set the curve pushed me to do that in some ways, I think. So, psychologically, it was a good place.

Hendrix was a good fit for Schumacher in ways more than one.

“For no particular reason, I ended up in a place that had a really phenomenal math department. Not because I was smart, just because I was very lucky,” Schumacher said.

They had undergraduate research, which was also very unusual at the time, so I got to do some undergraduate research and I went to some conferences,” she said. “I had a faculty member who was nice enough to drive us all over Arkansas and Oklahoma [for the conferences].”

Schumacher had always planned to major in mathematics.

“I pretty much decided I wanted to be a mathematician when I took geometry in high school. When we started proving theorems, that’s when I thought, ‘this is for me.’ I’d always been good at it. I always had liked it,” Schumacher said.

During Schumacher’s first year at Hendrix, Benjamin Schumacher sat right next to her in their calculus class.

“We were actually really good friends ... before we started dating,” Carol Schumacher (née Smith) said.

The two finally got together at the end of their sophomore year.

At Hendrix, Writing Center Director Jeanne Griggs (née Hensley) was Schumacher’s roommate her junior year. Coincidentally, Griggs’ future husband, Vice President for Library and Information Services Ronald Griggs, was Benjamin Schumacher’s roommate.

As well as having a close-knit group of friends, Schumacher sang in the college choir, took voice and piano lessons, and was a part of the departmental math club.

“I loved the ability to think about a lot of different kinds of ideas and talk to intelligent and interesting people about them,” Schumacher said.

Schumacher’s only collegial regret stems from her eagerness to soak up opportunities.

“I didn’t regret anything about my undergraduate career, [apart] from the fact that I ended up graduating at a time when there were still a lot of courses that I would have liked to have taken,” Schumacher said.

Schumacher graduated from Hendrix in 1982 and went on to the University of Texas at Austin, where she and her husband married two years into graduate school.

The Schumachers moved to Ohio in 1988. Two years after, Ronald and Jeanne Griggs joined them.

“We brought our friends to live with us,” Schumacher said.

Having gone to a liberal arts college similar to Kenyon, Schumacher values the gift of a well-rounded education, and she encourages students to fully engage themselves.

“What I hope that students will do is they’ll take advantage of all the opportunities they have to make the inside of their heads a more interesting place to live, even if it doesn’t do them any progression service, though I think it will. The more articulate you can be about different kinds of things and the more practice you have to talk about different things, the better you will be at any profession,” Schumacher said.
Every Sunday, PostSecret.com publishes a smattering of the secrets mailed to the project's creator, Frank Warren.

The secrets range from funny to startlingly serious, but each lays bare a part of people's souls, something they cannot reveal to anyone close to them.

Inspired by Warren's secret-spilling adventure, the Collegian invited Kenyon students to submit their own secrets and confessions. Here, we present some of what we received, and more will be posted on The Thrill. As the playground taunt goes, “secrets, secrets are no fun, unless you share with everyone.”
Flag Vandalism an Embarrassment

On Saturday night, two pride flags were taken from outside Unity House — the College’s center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community members. They were later found torn and muddied in the woods behind the F-Block of the New Apartments. The four residents of Unity House, which is a designated Safe Space on campus, have since expressed their dis-comfort with the act and the implications and their concerns about their safety within the Kenyon community. Everybody has the right to feel safe on this campus, a close-knit space where students study, work and live. They also deserve to be able to express who they are — that, after all, is what that flag represents.

No matter if this act were conducted while drunk or sober, randomly or with hateful intent, acts of theft and vandalism are never acceptable. Last weekend, a number of incidents of vandalism occurred around the NCAs. Whether the damage occurs to a bike or a pride flag does not make the act any less reprehensible.

But we are troubled by the fact that someone desecrated a symbol of the LGBT community. We must make the act known to whatever did this — we have no way of knowing whether they did it out of anti-gay sentiment or general idiocy — but no matter what the motive, the effect is the same: LGBT students feel less comfortable with the incident and its implications and their concerns about their safety within the Kenyon community. Everybody has the right to feel safe on this campus, a close-knit space where students study, work and live. They also deserve to be able to express who they are — that, after all, is what that flag represents.

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Sex on the Sly: Is It Possible to Cheat on a Hookup?

By DEREK DASHELL
CONTRIBUTOR

Let’s agree for a moment that Kenyon is, by-and-large, a hookup culture school. This is by no means a bad thing, and it is by no means only for the college students to have one-night stands. But quite frankly, how many legitimate “couples” can you name?

I went to a stand-up show recently, and out of a crowd of at least 50 people, there was one couple. That means four percent of the Kenyon population is in a relationship. Even if that percentage were more than double, it’s still a pretty low figure. It’s not like college students aren’t getting together, it’s just that it’s casual. There are the occasional monogamous partners, but they don’t always label themselves.

Those half-souls and couples up in the dating market of international waters, and plenty of questions can arise. If you’ve been looking up with someone for a while, for a person, while for a while, you aren’t committed unless you say so your fun isn’t exclusive. This was, primarily, the male perspective.

If you’ve committed that much time to a person, there’s an unspoken bond. That doesn’t mean, however, that both sides recognize what that unspoken bond might signify. It boils down to this if one side thinks it’s cheating, it doesn’t matter if the other side does. If you don’t like their definition, then you probably shouldn’t be in a casual relationship with them. And while I un-derstand that no one wants to be left alone, when calling someone a cheater you should define what cheating is — it’s both side’s responsibility. A couple can’t decide on, and until that point, it doesn’t exist. I’m trying to understand the other (seemingly more feminine) perspec-tive. If you’ve committed that you’re yours to keep forever and will have no negative impact upon your friends or future Ke-nyon students.

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Peirce Mugs a Casualty of Students’ Environmental Apathy

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CONTRIBUTOR

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Themed Parties Reveal Nuances in Gender Expression

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My own personal revelation in the Goodwill mirror. I should dress like a girl, I thought, but I was still just a boy. I was a grumpy teenager, I wanted to look like a grandpa and express my true inner grandpa. Deb Ball is probably my favorite themed par-ty, and I love dressing up, but it made me realize I wasn't dressing up, and for whom I'm doing it.

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Symphonic Wind Ensemble Impresses With Eclectic Selection

By DAVID HOYT

The Kenyon College Symphonic Wind Ensemble, conducted by Professor of Music Dane Heuchemer, performed a selection of five vastly different pieces during their fall concert, which took place on Saturday in Rossie Hall.

Several sections of the piece are not in meter, but are simply marked as lasting for an approximate number of seconds, at the conductor’s discretion. “Sometimes you let it stretch,” Heuchemer said. “The whole idea of the Leonin style was in part to build a trance … and when you feel like it’s really at the end, you’re done.”

The piece sounded ethereal and mysterious, like a medieval choir chanting in an ancient cathedral. This effect was aided by the luscious tubular bell playing of percussionist Pamela Faust, executive assistant to the president and provost.

The final piece, several movements from Joseph Haydn’s L’incoronazione di Poppea, was rather plain compared to the avant-garde works that preceded it. While the band got through the piece serviceably, they may have been tired out by the end of the challenging concert, and sounded less polished. The first two movements suffered from wobbly pitch in the brass, and the last movement, a dance, could have sounded more playful, perhaps aided by a lighter conducting style.

Still, the wind ensemble’s fall concert was a strong start to what should be an exciting year for them. Heuchemer said he chose the Ives and Nelson pieces to “build up” the ensemble for the rest of the season, calling them “good, entry-level avant-garde works to get the group interested in that kind of technique.”

The ensemble will perform Homage to Leonin again at its spring concert, along with two other movements that complete a suite by Nelson. Music lovers should be excited to hear how the group improves upon its already strong performance of Nelson’s curious compositions by the time that concert arrives.

By TORY HOOVER

Knights, demons, swordfights and noble sacrifice — what sounds like the basis for a medieval fair tale is actually the most recent short story published by Nathaniel Katz ’15, an aspiring author whose work has been featured in various literary and online magazines.

Katz’s fiction is born from a simple desire to tell stories. “I naturally think in terms of stories,” he said. “I spend all my time with them — reading them, thinking about them. I turn my days into tales that swirl around in my head. I have this desire to interact with the stories I really like when I think I can take a little piece of something and combine it with something else to make it way more awesome.”

A prospective English and history double major, Katz began writing at an early age. “At the time, I didn’t even really know that short stories existed,” he said, noting that he wrote novels until he began high school, when he decided short stories were a better way to perfect his craft.

Despite his lifetime of experience in writing, Katz only started thinking about publishing in high school. When a friend and fellow writer told Katz he had decided to publish, Katz thought he’d give it a try, too. His first story appeared in Instrummet Free Press’s Historical Lovecraft Anthology, and in the years since, he has published eight short stories, as well as a few reviews. The story he’s most proud of, Katz said, is his medieval-themed story “Beyond the Shrinking World,” which was recently featured in an online fantasy magazine called Beneath Ceaseless Skies.

“‘Beyond the Shrinking World’ is basically the fulfillment of all the stuff I’m trying to do in my writing,” Katz said. The story features a superhuman knight who ventures beyond the boundaries of his medieval world on a massive warship. “It’s a strange hodgepodge of existential themes, symbolism and awesome swordfights,” he said.

While Katz’s work is largely fantasy and science fiction, it’s no Harry Potter or Chronicles of Narnia. His stories tend to run on the dark side, which is not surprising given his inspiration: authors like H.P. Lovecraft, Thomas Ligotti and George R.R. Martin.

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In the meantime, he said, he’ll keep writing and continue to live by the motto he’s created for himself. “Write often,” he said. “Finish everything you write, send everything you write and always read what publishers and most of all, don’t stop.”

Existental Themes and Swordfights: The Stories of Katz ’15

The Historical Lovecraft Anthology published Katz’s first story, “Fantasia – Festivo,” in 2011. The essay that accompanied the story included a personal view into Katz’s life and career, and how his experiences have shaped his writing.

Katz’s main interest as a writer has always been existentialism, a debate between himself and a friend and fellow writer told Katz he had decided to publish, Katz thought he’d give it a try, too. His first story appeared in Instrummet Free Press’s Historical Lovecraft Anthology, and in the years since, he has published eight short stories, as well as a few reviews. The story he’s most proud of, Katz said, is his medieval-themed story “Beyond the Shrinking World,” which was recently featured in an online fantasy magazine called Beneath Ceaseless Skies.

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Taking What She Likes: Bamber Reinvents Shakespeare

By LAUREN KATZ
STAFF WRITER

The Kenyon College Dance and Dramatic Club (KCDC) kicked off their main stage season with a hit last weekend. Balm in Gilead, written by Lanford Wilson and directed by Assistant Professor of Drama Ben Viccellio and written by Linda Bamber, featured risky writing by Lanford Wilson and written by Ben Viccellio and directed by Assistant Professor of Drama Ben Viccellio and written by Linda Bamber, produced a hit last weekend.

Baltic in Gilead, set in New York City during the late 1960s, tells the love story of innocent newcomer Darlene (Beth Hyland '13) and cynical drug dealer Joe (Harry Hanson '13).

But there's a twist: on top of the blooming romance, multiple storylines play out at any given moment.

With all of these different conversations overlapping and interrupting each one, the audience has to choose one to follow and extract from the chaos.

This mode of storytelling is daring, but ultimately rewarding. Wilson eschews scripted clarity for the messy din of reality. In the end, the dialogue is a kind of palimpsest — as layers of meaning build on top of each other, dramatic tracings remain.

Wilson's writing presents the story in an unconventional manner and invites the audience to become lost in the characters' confusion.

The set, by Visiting Artist Martha Penaranda, was stunning. Penaranda transformed the stage into a '60s-style cafe, complete with booths, a bar and a checkered floor. The set's best touch, however, was the incorporation of several works by Caravaggio. The Baroque Master's paintings of biblical scenes nod to the religious undertones of the play. These undertones became clearer at the end of the play with a rendition of the song "There is a Balm in Gilead," an African-American spiritual that gets its name from a passage in the Old Testament.

The various interpretations of Shakespeare, however, prove to be more than the sum of their parts, providing new insight and perspective into the oft-read and oft-preted plays.

The answer to that question, she said, is "There has to be the usual things, but you have to say something that you want to say, too." With her work, Bamber says quite a lot, never loudly or ostentatiously but always with a quiet force and a style undeniably her own.
Lords and Ladies Dominate the Kenyon College Relays

By REED DICKERSON and DAVID MCCABE

The Kenyon College Relays are a big deal for the Lords and Ladies as the name would indicate, it’s nothing but relays, some of which don’t exist within the program of a normal dual meet.

But the event does serve a purpose. The meet allows the Lords and Ladies to ease them selves into competition against a field of conference foes — most notably archrivals Denison University. Though, if Kenyon is taking it easy last weekend, it’s fair to say it didn’t show. In the overall score, the Ladies beat the Big Red, and the Lords tied with them.

It was a strong start for a year in which the Ladies will seek to capitalize on momentum they built last season and the men will look to define what it means to be a Lord under their new coach, Jessen Book ’01, who already took over the women’s squad two years ago.

The women’s team won with a top score of 120 points, followed closely by Denison and distantly by the College of Wooster in third. The Ladies swept all the 200 meter relays, in addition to the 400 Individual Medley and the 1,500 freestyle event. “I personally felt really well, and I think the whole team had a positive outlook on the meet after it, we did really well against Denison,” said Rachel Flint ’14.

While their excellent results last weekend are a building block, the Ladies still know they have a long way to go in the rest of the season. “We have one or two? Yeah. The experience of playing Oberlin. It was a strong start for a year in which the Ladies will seek to capitalize on momentum they built last season and the men will look to define what it means to be a Lord under their new coach, Jessen Book ’01, who already took over the women’s squad two years ago.

The men also put up a strong showing, by how fast some of his swimmers were, given that they hadn’t prepared to compete particularly hard — both the Lords and the Ladies only started practicing on a short course layout two days before the meet and were not rested, as they would be before a dual or championship meet. That said, they saw the snap the Lord’s national title streak in 2011, Kenyon tied with Denison, 116-116. Wooster was a far away third place, with 60 points. Out of the 10 relays in the meet, Kenyon had three wins.

Boek said he was surprised by how fast some of his swimmers were, that they hadn’t prepared to compete particularly hard — both the Lords and the Ladies only started practicing on a short course layout two days before the meet and were not rested, as they would be before a dual or championship meet. That said, he sees this meet mostly as building a foundation for the rest of the season.

Curtis Ramsey ’13 swam in four of the Lords’ 10 relays on Saturday. He was on the winning relay teams in both the 500-yard Freestyle Relay and the 200-yard Butterfly Relay. He also swam in the 200-yard Backstroke and the 200-yard Medley relays.

Lords Out of Playoff Contention

By BRIAN HESS and IAN ROUND

Women’s volleyball lost two games and the chance to reach the playoffs last weekend. The Ladies dropped a tough five-game set 2-3 at Oberlin College Oct. 19, all but eliminating their chances of an NCAC playoff berth. They lost again to Denison University 3-0 at home the next day, sealing their fate. Head Coach Katie Scott said the team is prepared for future success.

Oberlin had the home-court advantage. “Because of their energetic crowd, Charles said. Kenyon won the first game 25-18, lost the second and third 18-25 and 20-25 and won the fourth 25-10.

“We came out in game four and obliterated them,” she said.

Kenyon couldn’t come back from a 15-15 fifth-game deficit, including a 7-0 Oberlin run, and lost 12-15.

“If he had been to 25, I think we would have won,” Charles said. “That’s when we got their feet in the back seat by spotting them six or seven points, out side hitter and co-captain Mary Jo Scott ’14 said.

Outside hitter Sierra DeLeon ’14 paced the offense with 15 kills.

Scott and middle blocker Kailyn Power ’15 each recorded 10 kills and five service aces.

“We played really well, so did Oberlin,” Charles said. “It was just one of those matches where it was evenly matched.”

The Oberlin loss tied Kenyon and Oberlin for the final seed in the NCAC tournament. In order to make the postseason, the Ladies needed a win against Denison and an Oberlin loss, but they lost all three sets to Denison by scores of 25-17, 25-11 and 25-10.

With their backs against the wall two days consecutively, the offense struggled. Only DeLeon, with nine kills, and Power, with four, had positive hitting percentages against Denison.

“The players were fired up with a lot of emotional energy playing Oberlin. ... The girls were just emotionally drained,” Charles said. “I think they really struggled with that turnaround.”

“We’ve been struggling to play the style of game that works for us, which is very disciplined,” Scott said. “It was definitely tough to lose our shot at the playoffs.”

At the conference meet, Clarke managed to win his heats and secure a spot in the final, but his injury still nagged him.

“I reminded myself that I had to go out slowly to keep from stressing my hamstring as I accelerated through the first curve,” Clarke said. Not long after the gun went off, that strategy put him yards behind the leaders. “They were 20 yards in front of me going down the back stretch, so I picked up my pace and started my kick going into the last curve.”

“I laughed as I caught them on the way to the finish line.” Clarke said. By his own account, he won by 10 yards. He didn’t run again after that. “There was an All-Ohio Championship that I could have gone to,” he said, “but I still had fina lly to study for.”

“You know,” Clarke said, “I didn’t have to go away from me.”
Lords Start Strong, Trounce Tigers for First Road Win

By RICHARD PERA
STAFF WRITER

The night after the Lords lost to Ohio Wesleyan University (OBU), Captain Luke Bissinger ’13 sent a text message to his Head Coach, Chris Monfette, asking to meet the following day. Bissinger was frustrated. Kenyon had turned the ball over five times against the undefeated Battling Bishops, tumblers that led directly to the Bishops scoring 20 points. Defensive back Will Climent ’13 and wide receiver Tyler Smith ’14 both wore their anterior cruciate ligaments (ACLs) and would be out for the season. Head Coach Chris Monfette called it “the worst day of his life.”

Monfette did not know what his defensive back wanted to talk about when they met in the Kenyon Athletic Center recruiting lounge.

“Do we fix this? Because I don’t want to lose again.”

“At this point in the year, everyone feels that we can beat any team that we play,” Bissinger said. “In talking with Monfette, I just wanted to make sure that myself and the team were doing everything that we could to be in the best position to win. We have a chance to do something that I don’t think has ever been done before: win the league.”

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The validity of that goal was tested in Greencastle, Ind. on Saturday when the Lords faced DePauw University. Kenyon players and coaches recognized this game as an indicator of the season’s direction. A win would put the Lords back in the race to “some really unlucky moments, especially in the game against Oberlin,” Hall said. After winning six consecu- tive matches, the Ladies hit a slump. “We had been overheated and our bodies were just not in it. But we’ve had a bunch of bonding activities and team meetings talking about the slump and I think that got us out of it,” Hall said.

“We started off really strong with a really long winning streak and we had a little rough patch around mid-season, but I think we’ve been doing really well adjusting to a new coach and having a lot of new players,” Hall said.

The Ladies have one game left against conference powerhouse DePauw University. To put this game’s importance in perspective, Ohio Wes- leyan University, currently ranked third in the conference, has two games left, but against Oberlin and Wittenberg University, who have only six wins this season combined. This makes the daunting match against DePauw, in all likelihood, the Ladies’ last ray of hope for the postseason.

Late Season Losses Threaten Postseason Hopes for Ladies

By MICHAEL BUSE
STAFF WRITER

Entering the most critical stretch of their season, the Ladies field hockey team needed to win two of their final four games to safely secure a play- off spot. But the team dropped three heartbreaking games in a row last week. In fifth place in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC), where the top four teams compete in the postseason, they still have a shot at ad- vancing, but they do not have as much in their control. One of the current top four teams must falter this week, and the Ladies must defeat DePauw University; the team currently ranked first in the NCAC, this Saturday.

Of their losses this season, none was more devastating than the La- dies’ loss last Saturday to Oberlin Col- lege, which is only 4-9 in the NCAC. While dominating play and outshooting Oberlin 37 to 6, they lost 3-0.

“I think we just took it for granted. We thought we were going to auto- matically win, which usually happens against Oberlin, but we didn’t execute early enough and we let them score a re- ally unfortunate goal,” forward Rachael Hall ’15 said. “We should have scored early on so we were never put in that situation, but now we are really focused on never letting that happen again.”

After their loss to Oberlin, the La- dies dropped another game to Division rival the College of Wooster. Despite Maddie Breschi ’16 scoring for the La- dies before even 90 seconds had passed, the Ladies limped into halftime behind the Fighting Scots 4-1. They could not recover, losing the game 5-2.

The Ladies had started their season with a five-game conference winning streak, but since then they have gone 2-6 within the conference, largely due to “some really unlucky moments, es- pecially in the game against Oberlin,” Hall said. After winning six consecu- tive matches, the Ladies hit a slump. “We had been overheated and our bodies were just not in it. But we’ve had a bunch of bonding activities and team meetings talking about the slump and I think that got us out of it,” Hall said.

“We started off really strong with a really long winning streak and we had a little rough patch around mid-season, but I think we’ve been doing really well adjusting to a new coach and having a lot of new players,” Hall said. The Ladies have one game left against conference powerhouse De- Pauw University. To put this game’s importance in perspective, Ohio Wes- leyan University, currently ranked third in the conference, has two games left, but against Oberlin and Witten- berg University, who have only six wins this season combined. This makes the daunting match against DePauw, in all likelihood, the Ladies’ last ray of hope for the postseason.

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Old Glory is New Again: Alumnus Reclaims Track and Field Record

Fifty years ago, Dana Clarke '62 set the track and field record in the 400-meter run, but it was left out of the record book. Now, at 72, Clarke is the College's oldest record holder.

By CALEB BISSINGER

In mid-September of this year, Assistant Track and Field Coach Craig First was working in his office when he had an unannounced visitor.

“I need you to look something up for me,” the older gentleman said. “What’s your 400-meter record?”

First pointed to the sheets tacked above his desk, 51.05 seconds.

“Then I gotta write something down for you,” the man replied and grabbed a notebook from the coach’s desk.

“He writes down his name, Dana Clarke, writes down a time of 49.3, and then he writes next to it OBERLIN, and then he writes underneath 1962,” First said. “And he’s like, ‘I ran that at the conference championship in 1962, I should be the school record holder. … Email me when you can change it.’”

Anyone who knows anything about track and field, or any individual sport, knows the likelihood of a record standing for 50 years is slim to none. But Clarke seemed pretty determined, First said, so the coach looked into it.

It turned out Clarke was right, but proving it was no easy task. After Head Coach Duane Gomez and the College’s Sports Information Director Marty Fuller were unable to confirm Clarke’s claim, First sent out a request to the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC).

Everybody back in 1962 was on the OAC. First said. Sure enough, the OAC had a paper record of the 1962 conference meet results, Clarke was right, but there was a catch. Dana Clarke ran a 49.3 second 440-yard dash, which is roughly two meters longer than the 400-meter run. “In no way could we possibly not give it to him, because obviously if he covered a farther distance at a faster time than we currently had, he definitely had to have it,” First said.

But before he could amend the annals, First had to make some adjustments. Since Clarke’s time was recorded using a stopwatch, not an automatic timing system, First had to add 0.14 seconds based on a standard established by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He also had to use a U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association conversion factor to bring the time down from 440 yards to 400 meters.

The revised time came out to 49.45 seconds. “He was to be running for us right now,” First said. “He would be one of the top three runners in the conference.”

Clarke himself was a little more reserved about his new (old) record. “It’s kind of a footnote in your life,” he said. “The real pleasure of winning a race like that is actually in the winning it.”

In September, Clarke returned to Kenyon for the first time in 50 years, and he brought along his son. “I took him around campus and all of that,” Clarke said. “So we walked down to the field house, and I’d seen somewhere that somebody else held a record and it wasn’t as good a time as mine, so I said, ‘Hey, while we’re at it, I want to set the record straight.’”

Clarke, a native of California, arrived at Kenyon in 1958 without a clue about the College. “I had a relationship with a beautiful young lady in high school,” he said, “and her father was a graduate of Kenyon, and he figured that a great way to get rid of me was to send me to Kenyon.”

At the time, there was no track team. In fact, there wasn’t even much of a track. “It was in the shape of a trapezoid with the corners cut off,” Clarke said. “It hadn’t been groomed in years and was badly overgrown.”

But Clarke, who was also the Lords’ running back, recruited the football team’s line coach to help get a track squad going. “He had no experience with track and field,” Clarke said. Still, the motley crew of off-season football players and former high school runners did okay, and by the end of the 1962 season, “I was in excellent shape,” Clarke said.

Two weeks before the

Lords Shoot for Conference Tournament

With only one game left, the Lords soccer team is fighting to stay in contention for the conference championship, but the race is tight. Only a few points separate the top teams, four of which will move on to the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) tournament.

MEN’S SOCCER

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“IT was nice to get an overtime win. We haven’t gotten one in the past two years. It was a very exciting moment for the team,” Andrew Parmeeke ’14 said. “It’s a good win for the NCAC tournament, since it’s a road win. It’s especially nice that we went to Indiana to win, so it boosts morale.”

The Lords took on national champions Ohio Wesleyan University (OWU). Both teams played aggressively, and the refree handed out six yellow cards. The Lords attempted to put the ball in the back of the net multiple times, firing off 13 shots throughout the course of the game, but 10 of those were off target. The first half ended in a 0-0 draw. But OWU struck in the second half and never looked back. The Lords could not make up the difference, and had to settle for the 2-0 loss.

“We fought hard, but just could not match the depth of the other team,” Assistant Coach Andrew Brinkman said. “It’s easy to tell that we were the better team because we outshot them and outcornered them, but injuries are still plaguing us.”

The top four teams in the league are so close right now that it could go either way,” Brinkman said. “We need a win on Saturday against Wittenberg University and a couple of other things to go our way in order to move on to the NCAC tournament. If we make it that far, I wouldn’t be afraid to travel to play any team in our league, because I’m confident we can beat all of them.”

After Spartans Stalemate, Ladies Defeat Terriers

By MEREDITH BENTSLEN

Women’s soccer still has postseason hopes after defea
ing North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) opponent Hiram College on Tuesday, Oct. 23. Although their shot percentage was low, the Ladies scored one goal in 43 shot attempts to pull out the win.

Hiram came onto the field with a vengeance Tuesday after tying Case Western Reserve University 1-1 this past Saturday in Cleveland. Katie Houmer ’18 clinched the tie for the Ladies, scoring her first collegiate goal with only five minutes left in regulation. Neither team was able to score during overtime.

Head Coach Kelly Bryan said the result was possible due to the “team’s resolve and group effort.”

After their trip to Cleveland, the Ladies geared up to face Hiram. In the beginning of the second half, Kenyon’s powerhouse, forward Rebecca Romaine ’13, pounded a penalty shot in the back of the Hiram net after a feed on the Terriers’ goalkeeper. Romaine’s goal was her 13th of the year and her sixth game-winning goal. Hiram took only two shots, neither of which were near the goal, allowing goalie Lauren Wolfe ’14 to claim her sixth shutout of the season.

The Ladies will play their last in-season game at Wittenberg University on Saturday. If they win, the possibility of a trip to the NCAC championship will be within reach. While Wittenberg will be a tough team to beat — they are 6-0-1 in the NCAC — Denison University, a team the Ladies dominated earlier this month, managed a tie against Wittenberg.

Heather Amato ’13 reflected on the season, saying, “We’ve done a great job during the past few games of recognizing when we need to pick it up and doing so in the second half.” But she added, “our biggest challenge right now is starting the game with confidence and intensity.” The senior defender is looking forward to the last regulation game of her Kenyon career. “We have a lot of talent and great chemistry — hopefully that will translate into a solid win this weekend.”