Hillel to Open New Facility

By LAUREN TOOLE
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The College plans to tear down and erect a new Hillel House, the center for Jewish life, to make room for the new Health and Counseling Center on Scott Lane. Construction is slated to begin this summer. The house will be located in roughly the same location as the current Hillel, but with one major difference — students will no longer live in the building.

This decision reflects the changing atmosphere of Jewish culture on campus, according to Hillel Director Marc Bragin.

“The model for Jewish life used to be having Jewishness, which meant being Jewish outside of Hillel and inside Hillel,” Bragin said. “The newer model is to really empower Judaism, so that Judaism really isn’t centered in this house, it’s all around campus — living Judaism is really outside this building now — it’s just a newer model for Hillel and Jewish life on campus.”

The lack of living space could potentially pose problems for Hillel House managers, however.

“I’ll be challenging for them as student managers to step up and do different types of programming,” Bragin said. “How do you reach out to folks and the community in a programming center that’s not a residential component? So I think for the students it’ll be a little more challenging, but in a good way.”

Current Hillel House leaders Zoe Lyon ’15 and Andrew Pochter ’15 were not part of the conversation about eliminating the student living option in the current Hillel, but they said the idea of living in the Hillel House was a natural part of college for them.

“This summer, the College will tear down the current Hillel House. I’ve always felt like I wanted to join a fraternity, but I never found a fit with any other fraternity on campus. Tristan Neviska ’13

School Levy Defeated in Close Vote

By GABRIEL BRISON-TREZISE
STAFF WRITER

The proposed operating levy is the third to fail since 2010.

The Mount Vernon School District’s proposed new operating levy failed on Tuesday by a margin of just 295 votes, or 2.2 percent.

“I was disappointed that it didn’t pass. I was appreciative of the efforts of a lot of people to try to get it to pass,” said District Superintendent Steve Short. “We used all the campaign strategies we could to communicate why we needed to pass this levy,” said Mo Helser, levy chair of the Committee to Support Our Local Schools, in an email.

The proposed levy failed by a vote of 6,566 for to 6,861 against.

Helser had previously expressed confidence the levy would pass. “I’m very optimistic,” she said before the levy went to vote. While more than twice as many individuals voted on this levy as on the last proposed new operating levy, the increase in voters ultimately did not push “For the Tax Levy” past the post.

Hillel for Eligible for NCAA Concussion Screening

By CALEB BISSINGER AND MADELINE THOMPSON
COLLEGEAN STAFF

Beverly Williams ’13 doesn’t remember colliding with the defender from Washington University. The football team’s starting running back doesn’t even remember being on the field in St. Louis on Sept. 22 when he suffered the second concussion of his Kenyon career.

“Immediately the trainers stuck with you, and they make sure that you’re not going to harm yourself or anyone else,” Williams said. “They took my helmet away so I wouldn’t try to put it on and go back in the game, because I was really confused and I was trying to do that.”

In the days that followed, trainers closely monitored Williams’ recovery and subjected him to a bevy of tests as part of the College’s concussion protocol. Even after he was given permission to play again, the team’s coaches kept a cautious eye on him.

“Even when I was totally 100 percent cleared, I was not allowed to play as much as I usually would,” Williams said.

Liz Flynn ’13, captain of the women’s rugby team and former Kenyon field hockey player, said things work a little differently when a rugby player suffers a head injury.

“If there’s any risk for a concussion, if you’ve hit your head, we pull you out,” she said. But after that, it’s up to the student to self-monitor.

“You can go to the trainer and they can suggest [monitoring] to you, but they can’t make you come back, and you don’t have a coach.”

By ROSALYN AGUILA
NEWS EDITOR

Greek Council approved Kenyon’s first new fraternity in more than 50 years on Monday, Nov. 5, in a narrow 5-4 vote, with two groups abstaining. The newly recognized brothers of Sigma Phi Tau plan to request colonization by the national fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau.

President of Sigma Phi Tau Tristan Williams ’15 got the chance to bring the fraternity to campus after working at Flying Horse Farms, a Mount Gilead, Ohio camp for sick children. The camp also has connections to the College — it is a member of the SeriousFun Children’s Network, an international family of camps founded by Paul Newman. Phi Kappa Tau arrived at his home when he briefly attended Ohio University.

Because of the camp’s connections with Phi Kappa Tau, Neviska worked with several members of the fraternity. “Hearing the guys’ stories about their chapters and everything, I was like, ‘Man, why did I never go Greek?’” Neviska said. “That’s what started the thought process. I found that I really liked the mission of Phi Tau and all the brothers I met were great.”

From there, Neviska began reaching out to see if any friends were also interested in starting the fraternity. “I’ve always felt like I wanted to join a fraternity, but I never found a fit with any other fraternity on campus,” he said. “The newer model is to re-
Director of Football Life Christina Mastrangelo and Greek Council President Andrew Tint ’13 to discuss starting a Greek organization.

The prototype fraternity’s 15 members began meeting regularly, and on Monday, Oct. 29 the fraternity presented their petition for official recognition to Greek Council. The following Monday, Nov. 5, Greek Council approved the fraternity.

“Our members have all felt excitement about the idea of fraternal brotherhood,” the petition read. “However, we do not find ourselves identifying with any of the images that the other Kenyon fraternities convey and feel that there are many students who are similarly pulled towards the Greek system, only to find that they do not blend well with any of the fraternities presently on campus. We are the students who we who would seek to recruit for our organization.”

Neviska described the fraternity as an alternative to other Greek organizations at Kenyon.

“We don’t really have one type in the fraternity,” he said. “It’s very varied. We’re not really focused on social events. It’s really more purist in a way. We’re trying to just really focus on brotherhood and holding each other to a higher standard, and philanthropy, too.”

Tint echoed Neviska’s description, adding he was excited for what this addition to Greek life will offer students. “I think this organization is going to be great because it reaches a group [of students] who I think otherwise wouldn’t go Greek,” he said.

Next, in the hopes ofPhi Kappa Tau colonization, the fraternity will need to follow a 12-point format of requirements to become a chapter, according to Neviska. The perks of being nationally recognized are well worth it, he said, for insurance and networking purposes as well as general support.

Neviska said he hopes the fraternity will eventually become a fully-recognized chapter, a process he anticipates will take several years. At Kenyon, specifically, the brothers are also on a five-year probation period, after which they can apply for divisional housing, according to Tint.

Now, for the brothers of Sigma Phi Tau who are looking forward to their future, mainly spring rush. “We’re talking about things to really go back to the roots of pledging,” Neviska said. “[Things like] bonding with your fellow pledges and learning about the group.”

OhioHealth Covers Cost of ImPACT

Neviska said he hopes the fraternity will make things “real easy” from a concussion standpoint. “We still use the same protocol, but now we have one physician seeing them from the beginning to the end as opposed to potentially having multiple physicians see them throughout the process,” Wheeler said.

The new relationship with OhioHealth is another piece in the College’s comprehensive approach to head injuries. In addition to medical treatment, student-athletes dealing with concussions also receive academic dispensations.

These accommodation options for the recovery period include extending time for tests to include time for breaks, using text-to-speech technology for class readings and pushing assignment deadlines. According to Erin Salva, coordinator of disability services, 48 hours of recovery is normal for mild to moderate first-concussions. “It’s based on self-reporting of symptoms. The recommendation is rest,” she said.

“If you’re back too early either to academics or to play, you’re putting yourself in pretty grave for further damage.” Still, the communication system isn’t perfect. “I think the one piece we’re still missing, the final piece: we don’t always know when the player is released to play again,” Callers said. “And sometimes there’s questions from professors like, ‘if they’re released to play their sport, does that mean I can stop giving them accommodations in the classroom?”

Student-athletes are typically eager to get back on the playing field, but they must be cleared to resume regular class work before doing so.

“[Concussions] can lead to longer-term problems if you hit your head again,” Callers said. “It may put you out for a full semester. And those are really hard conversations to have, because students don’t want to quit their sport, but they want to be successful academically, so it’s a fine line.”

All things considered, Flynn is grateful that Kenyon and OhioHealth will be more attentive to football players. “I’m not asking to have my laundry done by the KAC,” she said, “but I would ask that health — which seems like something that is important for everyone, was something that they took care of.”
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new building. They had mixed reactions about having no students living in the house. “I think it really could swing either way. I think it could be really positive. I think it could be really negative,” Lyon said. “I feel like if it’s just a programming space with a kitchen and [Bragin’s] office, it’s kind of like you’re just walking into [Bragin’s] office.”

Pochter agreed, adding, “I think one way it could be successful is if they have a total revamp of the Hillel program. I think if they’re going to change the program, they should change the program as well. “There is a correlation between the program and the type of space that Hillel inhabits,” he said. “It would make sense for there to be a restructuring of the program in addition to the restructuring of the space.”

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College Seeks to Attract Students With New Scholarships

By LILI MARTINEZ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Continuing a trend at Kenyon and nationally, the College will offer five full-tuition and five half-tuition merit scholarships.

That’s a residual we get from this — a sense of, ‘Oh my God, I wasn’t going to apply to Kenyon, I was just going to go to Ohio State.’ So it brings more students into the system and gives us better choices for shaping a class.”

Jennifer Delahunty, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid

said she hopes a donor will step forward to endow the scholarship and ensure its continuation.

“We would love to have someone endorse this,” she said, “because there are a lot of people who are interested in having Kenyon win some of these really top kids who are going to go on to lead our country in amazing ways.”

After admitting the class of 2016, Delahunty said the Office of Admissions was concerned that top students from the applicant pool were not accepting Kenyon’s offer of admission and were choosing other schools with more competitive merit aid.

“There’s a prestige factor associated with merit scholarships,” she said. “In the merit scholarship wars, if you will, Ohio tends to be ground zero for those because of the many colleges and universities in Ohio. It makes for a challenging recruiting environment.”

Delahunty decided to shift more funds to merit scholarships, hoping to increase the college’s yield — the percentage of admitted students who actually enroll.

“This is kind of different for us to be able to offer these merit scholarships, to really attract students who will not only choose Kenyon’s offer of admission but will go to Kenyon and be real catalysts in the classroom for excellence, but then also go on to win national awards and really reflect positively back on Kenyon,’’ she said.

Top high school students have more and more attractive options for merit scholarships, according to Delahunty. The University of Virginia’s Jefferson Scholars program awarded 31 full-tuition scholarships to top incoming first years in the class of 2016 — including tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, board and personal expenses.

The Ohio State University’s ‘Eminence’ scholarship covers four years of Ohio State costs and offers a $3,000 enrichment stipend available after the first year of study. It is awarded to 25 incoming students. “We’re losing some very top kids to Ohio State with their full scholarships,” Delahunty said.

The larger strategy to attract more students to Kenyon hinges on these scholarships, according to Delahunty. “This sends a huge message to students looking at Kenyon that Kenyon is accessible financially,” she said. “That’s a residual we get from this — a sense of, ‘Oh my God, I wasn’t going to apply to Kenyon, I was just going to go to Ohio State.’ So it brings more students into the system and gives us better choices for shaping a class.”

Levy: Mount Vernon Schools May Face Deep Cuts

Assistant Professor of Political Science Michelle Mood said she and her husband, Associate Professor of Political Science Stephen Van Holde, are exploring the possibility of moving away from Knox County.

“We are looking into the services provided in Knox County, so we are prepared and can make our decisions once we know what will be cut from our local schools,” she said.

Mood fears the “no” vote on the levy may force cuts in the services for special-needs children, like Mood’s son, who currently attends Wiggins Street Elementary.

Mount Vernon resident Scott C. Mood and Helser, a group of people” working on the levy, Short said. He also noted the district’s permanent improvement levy, which provides funding for repairs and other building fixtures, is up for renewal soon.

“The Mount Vernon City Schools’ performance index, a standardized measure of student achievement, is just slightly higher than it was last year and is, according to Short, the highest it has ever been. Short credits the “great group of people” working at the schools for the district’s continued excellence through recent rounds of cuts. Mood and Helser, however, expect the levy’s failure will result in a decline in student opportunities and school quality.

With Short not ruling out cuts to any non-state required programs, their concern might be well-founded.
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Staying in the Closet: Campus Republicans Choose Anonymity

By EMILY SAKAMOTO  
STAFF WRITER

With President Obama back in the White House, Kenyon's conservative students will have to keep their politics to themselves for another four years. When asked if she feels like a minority at Kenyon, President of the Kenyon College Republicans Myra Eckenhoff '13 said, "Yes. Do I ever neglect to mention [my political views] in class or generally? Definitely." Eckenhoff said she knows many others who are also concerned about speaking up.

Kenyon is well known for its idyllic campus, striking beauty in the autumn and friendly student body. But much of that student body is devoutly liberal. Gambier is a tiny blue dot in a sea of red. Despite this liberal leaning, Kenyon has a conservative club — Kenyon Republicans — home to a few conservatives. And whether they support Romney or not, they're the "different" ones.

"I haven't been attacked lately that much," Eckenhoff said. "I've heard accounts from my new conservatives in the club... They'll say, 'I'm conservative, and... people will just walk out of the room and never talk to them again,'" Eckenhoff said. "That's a little troubling to me: if you do speak up about your views, you're attacked immediately." John Nahra '16 said he's experienced his fair share of "silent times" at Kenyon.

"You don't really want to speak out because you know you'll get double teamed. I mean, once you find a Republican, if you get more than one, you can talk," Nahra said. "But if it's just like one against the world, you don't say anything."

A running theme seemed to come from those interviewed: a sense that being a conservative on campus is something to hide. However, several were upfront with their opinions.

Michael Jeffers '15 chooses to defy the unspoken rules. He said he never refuses to speak up about his opinions for fear of judgment. "Absolutely not," Jeffers said. "I'm very outspoken." In an email, Jeffers discussed his experience as a Kenyon Republican using a metaphor.

"Let's say there are five of us sitting at a table, discussing politics; there are four liberals and me, the lone conservative. I may be outnumbered, but just because there are four of them and one of me, does not mean that they are right and I am wrong. I don't need 'head-nodders' to validate myself," Jeffers said.

Andrew Gabal '15, the campus chair of Mitt Romney's campaign at Kenyon and the secretary of the Kenyon Republicans, felt similarly to Jeffers.

"I don't feel uncomfortable mentioning my views aloud simply because I'm used to people disagreeing with me. If I was less grounded in what I believe... then I think I'd actually feel a fair amount of peer pressure to avoid talking about it," Gabel said.

Sterling Nelson '16 identifies as a moderate, but said he has felt the need to tailor his political speech to Kenyon's population. "I definitely feel pressure to identify solely Democratic," Nelson said. "Some of the very reactionaries, vocal liberals here do make me feel like I'm doing something wrong because I'm not as upset about things as they are." This silent pressure, Eckenhoff said, is one that extends beyond discussion around the Peirce table and into the classroom. "A lot of people choose not to speak up in class because they think their professors won't respect [their views]," Eckenhoff said.

In what is considered an accepting environment, it can be strange to hear that conservatives consider themselves stigmatized. "I don't openly go around saying things. If I'm asked, I'll tell you. But it's something I'm not really advertising," Thomas Hire '16 said.

Students with more liberal views are more apt to speak out, Eckenhoff said. "I know a lot of the Democrats set up tables in Peirce and they tend to yell about Obama. I'm totally for politics being around because we should all be educated, but... they just assume everyone agrees with them," Eckenhoff said. "It gets kind of annoying."

Here at Kenyon, politics are as prevalent as on any other campus: heated debates and opinions are guaranteed. But Eckenhoff says there's a double standard. "If you're a conservative on campus, you have to be really well educated about everything you stand for because if you're not, you look kind of like a fool, like you're not politically knowledgeable. But if you're liberal on campus your views are automatically accepted. So it's just a little difficult," she said.

Maybe 2016 will change all that. Maybe not.

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**Students**

Camelia Milnes '15  Emilia Looy '15

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Argentina recently lowered its voting age to what?

What movie series is getting a seventh installment following Disney's purchase of Lucasfilm?

What city had to cancel its annual marathon because of Hurricane Sandy?

What is the most popular mobile operating system?

What U.S. president went to Kenyon?

Total Correct

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**Fac/Staff**

Deborah Laycock, Associate Professor of English

Christopher P. Bickford, Assistant Professor of Biology

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**Totals so far:**

Students: 50  Faculty/Staff: 44

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**What city had to cancel its annual marathon because of Hurricane Sandy?**

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**What is the most popular mobile operating system?**

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**What U.S. president went to Kenyon?**

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By DASY VAN DENBURGH
Arbor Vitae? As Trees Die, College READIES Landscaping Plan

With several trees north of the Gates of Hell dying, trustees motioned to replace them.

By JULIE FRANCE
STAFF WRITER

One-hundred-fifty-sev-

trees line Middle Path. About 75 percent of them are Sugar, Norway, Red and Black. While the trees in the historic section of South Campus are thriving, many North Campus trees are dy-
ing.

"I think [the magic of Middle Path is the Path it-
selves," Klein said, "the way the road goes as you walk on," said Chief Business Officer Mark Kohl-

man. "It's the whole experi-
ence of the avenue of trees, this boulevard, walking through this kind of tunnel and seeing Old Kenyon at one end and seeing the Gates at the other, and the trees are a big part of that. If we took the trees down, it wouldn't be that.

To combat the arboreal die-off, the College has been collaborating with Davey Tree Service and Michael Van Valkenburg Associates Inc. "The plan is to i-

tify the sickest trees and re-

place them with trees that can grow and be healthy on whatever they are on," Kohlman said.

The trunk diameter of the replacement trees will range from two to four inches.

"Even though they look like-

kinds of scrawny, they take be-

t," Kohlman said.

There are also six trees that need to be replaced along Middle Path, with the cost averaging about $500 for the removal and replace-

ment of one tree. Several new trees have already been placed.

The issue that we face [with the trees of Middle-

Path] is that because of the way that the road is de-

signed, and because ... the rest of the trees along Middle Path.

The College would like to change the curb height to minimize the amount of runoff, but to do that would require the involvement of the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Matthew Girard, an as-

sociate at Michael Van Valkenburg Associates Inc., started working as project man-
ager on the landscaping plan in the win-
ter of 2011. "I was assigned to [the project]," I should say, "because the bench needed a little bit of work. It wasn't as com-
fortable as we would want it to be. So, they're going to go back and tweak the bench. I mean, people like it, but it was too upright.

'The [lampposts] we have now are at eight feet, so that glaring light is right in your face," said Kohlman. The new lampposts are taller. In addition to installing lamp-

posts and trees, other pos-

sible changes include bring-

ing the Gates of Hell back to their original height before sediment buried them par-
tially over time. The land-

scapers also looked at Col-

lege Park Street, where the sidewalk is not wide enough for the amount of pedestr-

ians traffic it receives. Thus, College Park Street may be changed to a one-way street to leave room for sidewalk expansion.

"We're really still in de-

sign phase," Kohlman said.

Last month, the Board of Trustees voted to con-

inue with the landscaping plan, but neither the cost of such an expansive project, which includes six smaller landscaping projects, nor the funding source has yet been determined.

However, the landscaping plan does not just apply to the enhancement of Middle Path.

"Some challenges were-

ning the Kenyon landscape as we can," Girard said.

Such projects include necess-

y changes like the Ictinus- tion of a "bike garden" in which shrubs are placed in between and around bike racks.

"This is an issue that we need to address, and it's something we should ad-

ress relatively soon," Kohl-

man said.

The Science Quadr is an-

other focal point of the mas-
ter plan, which proposes the

planting of around 10 to 12

rees in the Quad.

"We want to reconfigure it to really make it a place that pulls people in," Kohl-

man said. "Because right now, nobody really hangs out in there." On Friday, Oct. 19, a pro-
totype bench and temporary lampposts were ins-

ked.

"These were just put out so that people would have a chance to see them on the Path and the trustees would have a chance to see them," Kohlman said. "Students came by and we asked them about it. Generally, the bench needed a little bit more work. It wasn't as com-
fortable as we would want it to be. So, they're going to go back and tweak the bench. I mean, people like it, but it was too upright.

'The [lampposts] we have now are at eight feet, so that glaring light is right in your face," said Kohlman. The new lampposts are taller. In addition to installing lamp-

posts and trees, other pos-

sible changes include bring-

ing the Gates of Hell back to their original height before sediment buried them par-
tially over time. The land-

scapers also looked at Col-

lege Park Street, where the sidewalk is not wide enough for the amount of pedestr-

ians traffic it receives. Thus, College Park Street may be changed to a one-way street to leave room for sidewalk expansion.

"The hill [on West Wig-

gin Street] has become a real pedestrian area. So, we're looking to see if there's a way to make it more pedestrian-

friendly, at the same time kind of creating more of an alley of trees," Kohlman said.

Those who frequent the post office will be happy with the changes to be made on Scott Lane: there will be a pedestrian walkway as well as designated plantings along the road.

With the original char-
acter of the Kenyon land-

scape maintained in the new landscape plan, it is safe to say that a visitor to Kenyon 20 years from now will have a similar account as this one from a visitor in 1856: "Through the centre of the grassy plat passes a footpath. ... The whole scene, the grace-

ful, cheerful architecture of the chapel, on the right, the valley on the left, the pleasant, grassy green in front, the forest beyond, with the som-

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By LAUREN KATZ
STAFF WRITER

This coming weekend, the Kenyon Review will host its annual Literary Festival. As in past years, there will be workshops, book sales and lectures on the specific literary theme “Art and Identity,” all culminating with the keynote event: the Denham Scrutcliffe Memorial Lecture given by novelist Nicole Krauss.

The idea for the Literary Festival was the result of the Kenyon Review’s yearly gala dinner, which has been held in New York for the last 12 years.

This dinner served as a fundraiser for scholarships to the Kenyon summer writing program, but also acted as a way to present a well-respected writer with the Kenyon Review Award for Literary Achievement.

This year, the Review awarded the title to Wiesel.

“We like to honor people who have made a difference, who have made meaningful work, and I think Elie Wiesel certainly fits both of those qualities,” said Abigail Serfas, the coordinator of the festival and associate managing editor of the Review.

Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor, has written over 50 fiction and nonfiction books, including Night, a memoir about the Holocaust.

He received a Nobel Peace Prize in 1986 for his efforts to speak out against genocide, iniquity and the indifference of bystanders.

He struck us as the kind of figure that brings together great writing with great acts of conscience,” Professor of English Lobanov-Rostovsky said.

“With the unique position that he has occupied in the human drama over the last 40 years, it is in some sense one of those figures like Nelson Mandela, that takes up the position and has the burden of the conscience of the world.”

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Jazz Ensemble Infuses Standards With Contemporary Tunes

Artists from Mingus to Monk were featured in the set, which included two student-led combos.

By WILL QUAM

Staff Writer

The KSU Jazz Ensemble played their first concert of the year to a moderately full Roselle Hall last Sunday, Nov. 4, bringing together a program of both classics and contemporary hits. The ensemble is headed by Professor of Music Ted Buehrer, but the concert was decidedly led by the myriad of student soloists who took charge throughout the band. The band hit the ground running with a contemporary tune, “East Coast Envy,” by Grammy-winning composer Gordon Goodwin. The chart featured a driving bass feel and found immediate propulsion in senior Yoni Wilkenfeld’s driving and adventurous drumming. The ensemble is headed by Professor of Music Ted Buehrer, but the concert was distinctly led by the myriad of student soloists who took charge throughout the band.

Bernard Silver ’15 and his French fiancée Jacqueline (Kelsey Hamilton ’15) share a passionate kiss. Jacqueline is one of Bernard’s three fiancées in the play Boeing Boeing, written by Marc Camoletti and directed by Emma Miller ’15.

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Screwball Farce Boeing Boeing Mixes Love and Deception

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By PAIGE SHERMIS

A&E Editor

Last weekend’s production of the classic French farce Boeing Boeing, written by Marc Camoletti and dexterously directed by Emma Miller ’15, was both a delightful exercise in character acting and a feather-light, peppery endorsement of monogamy. The show was not put on by a major theatre group at Kenyon, but was produced by Julia Greer ’15 and Dylan Jones-Tuba ’15. The—lots ofLeo— 68-year-old, self-satisfied American architect Bernard (Sam Allison ’15), who resides in a Parisian flat with sexy maid Bertha (Katie Moss ’15) and, at separate times, three flight attendant fiancées: Janet (Emma Smith ’16), an American; Jacqueline (Kelsey Hamilton ’15), a Frenchwoman; and Judith (Greer), a German.

Bernard worships the women in and out of his apartment using a pristinely managed book of airline timetables, but his rotation is skewed by the arrival of his old college friend Robert (Jones-Tuba) and several storms over the Atlantic— an apt metaphor for the frenzy to come.

The zany plot, with the three women being shuffled from bedroom to bathroom in their flat, was announced in the nearby countryside by Bernard, Robert and Bertha set the stage for the actors to display a full spectrum of emotions. Allison never made Bernard seem loathsome, despite the character’s unabashed polyamory, and he displayed skill acting throughout the play. He believably flipped back and forth from smarmy to sweet.

As Bernard’s housekeeper whose accent changes to match the nationality of each fiancée, Moss sparkled. Moss’ Southern, French and German accents were game, and her sarcasm and winking jabs at various characters were a treat for the audience.

A boisterous and perpetually exasperated (yet thoroughly intriguing) Jones-Tuba, a businessman without a room, rounded out the trio of those in the know of the three-lover scheme; Jones-Tuba was impressive in his train of sentiments— incredulous, fascinated, overwhelmed, love-struck— albeit with nearly too much energy.

The three fiancées, however, stole the spotlight with their disparate but enjoyable personalities, all of whom are initially smitten with Bernard. Smith brought a dainty, stony charm to the prim Janet, who may or may not have secrets up her sleeve.

Hamilton’s sweet Jacqueline, who was much too tolerant of Bernard’s shenanigans, was a highlight; Hamilton’s flawless Gallic affect was as authentic as her keen performance.

By far the most colorful character in the screwball comedy was Greer’s Judith, who oozed intensity and passion with each word.

Overall, the cast displayed pleasing comedic timing and enough energy to produce several laugh-out-loud moments.

The physical comedy, produced by Jones-Tuba and Moss, was never over-the-top; this also is a testament to Miller’s deft direction.

The show’s Weaver setting, while unexpected, served well as the cozy interior of Bernard’s apartment living room.

Jazzy Frank Sinatra standards wafted through the air as the audience filed in, helping to place the scene in the golden age of air travel.

At times hilarious and surprisingly saccharine, Boeing Boeing’s cast made the screwball a lovely diversion. This will perhaps set the scene for further great independently-produced theatrical productions at Kenyon in the future.

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The ensemble ended the night with Mary Lou Williams “Roll ‘Em,” a classic swing chart, written, according to Bucher (the nation’s top Williams scholar), for the beloved ballerina band. The chart put a boogie woogie line in the saxophones, and plungers in the trumpets, bringing to the stage a groove and power worthy of ending the concert. This band shows leadership and skill across the board, a lot of promise in new-comers, and a sound that truly deserves a wide and enthusiastic audience.

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New Merit Aid
Scholarships are a Short-Term Solution

This week, the College announced 10 new merit-based scholarships — half of which cover a full year’s tuition. These awards are generous, to be sure. They’re also suspect. They’re not endowed by some large-hearted donor, and they don’t reward particular skills. Instead, they “recognize extraordinary leadership, scholarship and community membership.”

Kenyon is losing students to competitors with sizable merit scholarships of their own, and these new prizes are meant to beat that. Does Kenyon need to do everything it can to enroll the best and brightest? Absolutely. And right now merit aid is a good way to entice those students into coming here. But increasing merit aid is not a stable long-term solution. Existing merit awards have not kept pace with rising tuition. Kenyon Honor, Science, and Trustee Opportunity Scholarships were designed as half-tuition scholarships, but in 20 years they won’t even cover 15 percent of Kenyon’s projected sticker price. For now, the new scholarships are safe from tuition inflation, but without outside support, it seems impossible for the College to offer such awards without diverting funds from need-based aid.

Need-based aid acknowledges that diversity enhances the educational experience. Merit-based aid is often used to bring in students who are able to help a college’s bottom line by paying more tuition than someone who receives need-based aid. To her credit, President Nugent has fought against the spread of merit-based aid in higher education, but it is an uphill battle, and Kenyon sometimes has to yield to trends that remain competitive.

Offering 10 merit scholarships won’t change the fact that only one-third of first-year receive need-based aid. It won’t do much to alleviate the debt carried by students on financial aid when they graduate — $20,000 on average. We’re not trying to dement merit aid. Fifteen percent of the student body receives it, and for good reason. High achieving students, no matter their parents’ income, should be recognized and courted. But the College cannot build real diversity with flattery alone.

Sheriff Undermines Good Samaritan Policy

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Admittedly, cases where students were actually punished in the past have been relatively few and far between. But it’s the very real fact that serious, real-world repercussions could be attached to someone’s call for help that makes this a damaging policy. Derek Dashiell ’16 is a proponent of the Good Samaritan Policy, which states, “The purpose of this policy is to emphasize that the College’s policy to Good Samaritan Law is not black and white. There is no good reason for the sheriff to follow ambulances.” There’s no good reason to follow this law to the letter. The law is not black and white.

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Cold Cereal

Wall, the term paper for my class is Due November thirtieth. What do you think?

I can’t assign a test that day, for sure.

I can’t assign a paper.

There’s no other explanation!

By HOLLY ANDERSON

Kenyon Collegian
Equestrians Secure Regionals Bids in First Two Shows

BY GABRIEL BRISON-TREZISE
STAFF WRITER

When Kenyon's equestrian team competed at Lake Erie College last weekend, they did so without a coach. Erica Parnisari, the team's coach, was hospitalized last week after one of her horses kicked her, fracturing several of her ribs. Despite Parnisari's absence, Dianne Thoensen '14 qualified for the Regional Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Championship and the Ladies placed fourth out of more than 10 teams at Saturday's show. They fell to second-to-last place the next day.

An equestrian team, because they rely on the horses' backs, are more affected by illnesses and injuries to the horses than other sports are by injuries to their athletes. They must be flexible and be able to adapt to their circumstances. The travel team receives an assigned number of points. Riders can compete in classes over fences, jumping, and on the flat, where no jumps are included. Judges evaluate riders on technique, position and several other performance factors.

Ten teams competed in each of the Findlay shows, the Kenyon team's first competitions of the year. The two teams that beat Kenyon on both days were Lake Erie and Findlay. Both colleges offer academic programs in equine studies. "It's just, very, very hard for anybody to compete with them," Greer said.

At Findlay, Celine Aenlle-Rocha '15 accumulated enough points to qualify for Regionals. She added 12 points at the shows to the 25 she accrued last year, exceeding the needed 36 points out of her division. Walk-Trot, the lowest IHSA class, "I had never competed before college and so I was in Walk-Trot," said Aenlle-Rocha, who will now compete in the Beginner Walk-Trot-Canter division.

After three years of amassing points, Thoensen reached the 36-point threshold this past weekend at Lake Erie, pointing out Intermediate Fences and into Open Fences, the highest jumping class. By doing so, she qualified for Regionals, where individuals compete in the classes outside of which they pointed. Greer said, "[Aenlle-Rocha and Thoensen] are the only people in the history of the club, walk-trot, as far as I know, that have ever [qualified for Regionals]." Rachel Cooper '13, with 29 points, and Greer, with 23 flat points and 24 fences points, looked poised to join them. "It's a really good, well-rounded team," Aenlle-Rocha said.

Penalty Kick Ends Lords’ Postseason

BY KEVIN PAN STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday, the Lords traveled to Ohio Wesleyan University to play the first game of the North Coast Athletic Conference tournament. The game proved to be a defensive masterpiece by both teams, who played before a crowd of 3,000.

Almost every Kenyon player attempted a shot, but the two teams were still tied after 110 minutes — two 90-minute periods and two 10-minute overtime periods. If this had been a regular season game, the tie score would have remained tied, but because it determined who would go to the championship match, both teams were sent into penalty kicks. The Lords ended up losing in this round, 4-2.

The Lords proved they would not go down easily after suffering a recent regular season loss to OWU. The Battling Bishops entered the game with a 6-2-2 record and the Lords had 18 shots taken over the course of the game, but the Bishops had more target shots — eight, to the Battling Bishops five.

"We are not satisfied with sitting at home come mid-November," said Guju. "We think the team is going to be that much more motivated moving forward."

Luke Guji '15 also said the end of the season was tough. "Penalty kicks are always a bad way to end a season, but we really fought," he said. "I can personally say I’m very proud of everyone and how we played this season," Guji said. "We had a very unique situation with our coach and we were able to persevere through it."

Lords Head Coach Chris Brown left the team mid-season for personal reasons, so Assistant Coach Brinkman led the Lords through the end of the season and to the playoff game.

The team finished the season with a 9-6-3 record and a 5-2-2 record in conference play. Smith recorded 11 shutouts, putting him second on the Kenyon all-time list. J.T. Jammies '13 finished the season with seven goals and 20 for his career, which ranks him 12th on Kenyon’s all-time scoring list.

"We’re a real special team and have a good group of hard-working guys," Guji said. "We’re all focused on the next season and are looking to really put ourselves as a dominant soccer program in the country."

Lords Take a Chance and Earn a Win

BY RICHARD PERA
STAFF WRITER

With 15 seconds to play, Head Football Coach Chris Monfiletto had a decision to make. The Lords were trailing the College of Wooster by three points, and after a run to the Fighting Scots’ 13-yard line, they had just spent their final timeout. A field goal could send the game into overtime, while an attempt at a touchdown could end the game and result in a defeat.

"I was surprised that we had a chance to go for the tie," Greer said. "But then, we were in the position we had to be, that’s just what you’d expect."

"I thought the defense was great," Monfiletto said. "We held them to [just over] 200 yards rushing, a really good number. We didn’t have an interception, but we were able to keep them going horizontally instead of vertically."

Kenyon is in a three-way tie for first place with Wittenberg University and Ohio Wesleyan University. The Lords will host archrival Denison University on Saturday, and a win would result in at least a share of the conference championship — something that has not been done at Kenyon since 1989.

"We’re going to do it," Monfiletto said. "We’ve got to improve this week, and if we don’t then we’re going to have a hard game on Saturday. This is the last game of the season, and we have to continue to get better."

Several student groups on campus have sponsored a "Black-out," encouraging Kenyon supporters to wear black, for the season finale. There will be pre-game barbecues and free t-shirts for the first 200 students in attendance. Monfiletto is counting on crowd support to defeat the Big Red.

"We’re going to need [the crowd] to win," he said. "They’ve got to be the 12th guy on the field. I hope they can create as much of a sea of red and purple in this. It’s a really special thing, and it’s not going to happen every year. It might not happen for another year. But that’s my message to the team [this week] — it’s not about results, but it’s about the process that goes into it. If we continue the process like we’ve done for the past 10 weeks, then we’ll get a shot."
Men’s and Women’s Rugby Both End Season in Second

By ANNA DUNLAVY

After most sports games teams tend to go their separate ways, sometimes with animosity toward each other. Kenyon’s men’s and women’s rugby teams, on the other hand, have a different approach — they invite the opposition to join them for food, drinks and traditional rugby songs, “The spirit of the game is that we all get together and hang out and get to know each other,” said Ladies’ president Molly McKeary ’14.

At Kenyon, rugby is a sport of camaraderie, and this year, more students than usual joined in. The team had 20 look- ies and the women’s team had 12. Although the teams are eager to be inclusive, the sport itself is extremely difficult for newcomers to master. Thefall season could have gone in any direction for both teams, and fortunately, they were both successful. In their conference, the Ohio Rugby Union, the men finished 2-2, and the women finished 3-2.

The women’s rugby team beat Ohio Northern University at home on Oct. 20, 63-15. The Lords were missing four swimmers in total for a range of reasons, but Book said it had little effect on the meet. “It’s one of those things we don’t think about at this point in the season. It’s about competing at the highest level with the people that you have,” he said, noting that the team’s times are improving.

“Our engagement in meets, the intangibles are also getting better,” he said. “And that’s what any meet should be — it should be a stepping stone toward the end.”

The Lords were not without standout performances. Nick Chartier ‘13 was assigned one of the outside lanes for the 100-yard butterfly, but that didn’t stop him from getting to the wall before the rest of the field in 50.90 seconds. Andrew Chevalier ‘14 took first in the 200-yard butterfly and 100- yard individual medley, and placed second in the 200-yard backstroke behind Denison’s powerhouse Quinn Bartlett.

“Without hyping up the meet like we did last year, the caliber of swimmers we had was just as good, if not better,” Chartier said. Last year’s dual meet with Denison was tinged with drama created when the Big Red snapped the Lords’ 36-year streak at the national championships meet in 2011.

This year’s meet took place in Denison’s brand new Trumbull Aquatic Center, a gleaming natatorium that is part of a larger expansion of the school’s athletic facilities. Many of the Big Red fans in attendance wore shirts honoring the building with the message, “This is OUR HOUSE.”

At times, though, it looked like they had moved in a little prematurely. One wall appeared to be awaiting signage with the University’s name, given that someone had taken the care to digitally add the text onto the wall in the photo that adorned the meet’s programs.

Atmospheric hitches aside, Book said the pool itself was fine. “I think it’s a very nice pool, and I look forward to swimming fast there for many meets to come,” he said.

Lords and Ladies Swimming Suffer Close Losses to Denison

By DAVID McCabe

The men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams both suffered losses at last Saturday’s dual meet with Denison University. The Big Red took the Lords falling to the Big Red 187-141 and the Ladies 149-147.5. The loss comes as the Lords continue to adjust to life under their new head coach, Jessen Book ’01, and cope with the loss of several key swimmers from the Class of 2012. For the Ladies, the razor-thin margin is just another sign of the team’s forward momentum since Book took over their program three years ago. Last year, the Ladies lost to Denison at the dual meet by 13 points.

The Ladies started strong, notch- ing a first-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay. The Kenyon quartet, composed of Rachel Flinn ’14, Katie Keremere ’16, Joanna Cline ’15, and Haley Townsend ’16, finished with a time of 1:46.97 — falling into the “B-cut” range for spring’s Division III championships meet.

Mariah Williamson ’16 came first with a dominant performance in the 1,000-yard freestyle, with Lady Syd Lindblom ’14 also scoring in fourth place, Hillary Yanoz ’14 (5:49.5) and Townsend ’15 (5:56.8) scored in the 200-yard freestyle. Three Ladies placed in scoring range in the 100-yard back- stroke, led by Celia Obberhoffer ’15 (58.83). With her first-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly, Hannah Saiz ’13 earned a “B” cut with her time of 56.59.

Aiding the Ladies’ total score was first-year diver Maria Zarka, who has been shown herself to be a major asset to a program that has struggled with the diving portion of “Swimming and Diving” in the past. She took first in the 1-meter springboard dive and sec- ond in the 3-meter contest. All of Ken- yon’s four divers scored, including the Lords’ Brandon Roman ’16 and the Ladies’ Megan Remillard ’16 and Em- bly Bulik-Sullivan ’16.

But as the meet wore on, Denison kept pace with the Ladies on points, turning the final event of the after- noon, the 200-yard freestyle relay, into a make-it-or-break-it moment for both teams. Denison’s swimmers managed to eke out a lead and keep it, giving them the victory by only two points.

“I think we fought for it really well,” Williamson said. “And even though we didn’t win, I thought it was a good meet.”

As they work toward the end of the season, the Ladies will likely remember their close loss to Denison at the North Coast Athletic Conference Championships last year. Book says he believes the team has a chance of winning the crucial meet this year.

“It ought to come down to the last relay again,” he said, “and when it does I look forward to watching the women win it.”

In contrast to the Ladies and the Denison men, the latter managed to overpower Kenyon’s swimmers and earn a definitive victory.

The Lords were missing four swimmers in total for a range of reasons, but Book said it had little effect on the meet. “It’s one of those things we don’t think about at this point in the season. It’s about competing at the highest level with the people that you have,” he said, noting that the team’s times are improving.

“Our engagement in meets, the intangibles are also getting better,” he said. “And that’s what any meet should be — it should be a stepping stone toward the end.”

The Lords were not without stand- out performances. Nick Chartier ’13 was assigned one of the outside lanes —