Kerry makes historic visit to Mt. Vernon

BY WILLOW Belden and Mike Ludders
College Staff

Amidst a sea of political signs and a string of fervent chants, local residents and Kenyon students lined the streets of Mt. Vernon Friday afternoon to show their support or disbelief of Mass. Sen. John Kerry, as the Democratic candidate passed through on his way from Newark to Akron.

Democrats and Republicans alike poured onto North Gay Street to follow Kerry's bus after his brief stop, waving their signs and shouting their support for their separate candidates.

Holding homemade signs, as well as official "Kerry/Edwards" ones, Democrats chanted, "Hey ho! Bush and Cheney's got to go!" and "Kerry bled, Bush bled!" among other things. Loud choruses broke out frequently when vehicles hooked to show their support for Kerry. Boiling could be heard when cars with "Bush/Cheney" signs drove through.

Despite the predominantly Democratic turnout, Republicans also made their showing. Groups of Bush supporters responded to the Democrats' chant of "Two more months! Two more months!" with their own chant of "Four more years! Four more years!"

As Kerry's bus rolled into Mt. Vernon, however, the Bush supporters' voices were largely drowned out by enthusiastic cries of "Kerry! Kerry! Kerry!" People streamed into the middle of Gay Street, pushing their way through the crowd that surrounded Kerry's motor coach. Secret Service personnel had their hands full trying to keep the swarm of people away, as Kerry, accompanied by Ohio Senator John Glenn, disembarked from his bus to shake a few hands and sign a few autographs.

Even though Kerry did not deliver a speech, he was the first major-party presidential candidate to pass through Mt. Vernon in at least the last 100 years, and his visit aroused much excitement.

"I think it's the best thing that's ever happened to Mt. Vernon," said Knox County resident Gini McGregor, expressing the enthusiasm of most at the event last Friday.

Many of the pro-Kerry crowd were from Knox County, and visiting with Kenyon Professor of History John Stavilecki made it easier for the vote's entry to the county base.

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Village Administrator not rehired

BY WILLOW Belden
Senior News Editor

After asking Gambier's Village Administrator Len Lenthie to resign last month, Village Council welcomed Rob McDonald, Lenthie's replacement, to his new position on Wednesday. Lenthie resigned on August 2 after the Village Council informed him that his contract would not be renewed.

Lenthie said Village Council members gave him little or no indication as to why they had decided not to renew his contract, and Gambier mayor Kirk Emmert declined to comment on the reasoning behind the decision.

"When I was informed that my contract wasn't going to be renewed, Lenthie said, "I was completely taken back. I think I've made leaps and bounds in the Village of Gambier and its operation in a lot of things. I got a lot done. Everything was moving in the right direction."

According to former Gambier Mayor Michael Schlemmer, who appointed Lenthie in 2001, the job of the Village Administrator is to take care of running the village on a day-to-day basis. "He's the main executive officer working below the mayor, and he's under the mayor's direction," Schlemmer explained. "He's also ... the zoning inspector. He deals with the employees — directs them, and decides what people are going to do on any given day."

Schlemmer said he was un-aware of any problems with how Lenthie carried out these duties, although he did hint that Lenthie had a rough beginning when he took office.

According to Schlemmer, Lenthie's time in office was a transition period. "The former administrator, Dick Behr, had previously been mayor of Gambier, and he was the one who really ran the village for most of the previous 30 years."

The transition was difficult because "a lot of the information about how things had been done in the past were in Mr. Bear's head and not laid out in definite policies or records, that were clearly accessible."

"When I came here," Lenthie explained, "there was chaos. I didn't move into a well-oiled machine. ... The machine was scattered in parts all over the floor, and there was no manual to tell me how to reassemble it. ... I had to start over with a lot of things. I didn't have a problem with that, that's my job. But it took me a little longer to get started."

Lenthie said that, despite the challenges he faced, he thought he performed his duties as Village Administrator very well, in training efficiency in a number of areas and dealing effectively with problems and issues that arose.

Schlemmer agreed. "Lenthie and I always got along well together," Schlemmer added. "I thought he was getting along well with other council members. As time goes on, and he makes recommendations that people aren't thrilled with, stresses come up, but I wasn't aware of any major problem or dissatisfaction most of the time."

Philander's descendant named Harcourt priest

BY BRYAN STOKES II
Editor-in-chief

Five generations after the first of Kenyon's goodly race set foot on Gambier hill, one of his descendants has returned as rector of Harcourt Parish. Reverend Helen Svoboda-Barber, who left her native Kansas for Gambier this summer, was named rector at the conclusion of a nationwide search, following the departure of Reverend Steve Carlsen.

Svoboda-Barber, the great, great-granddaughter of the Right Reverend Philander Chase, Kenyon's founder, originally applied to the Harcourt position on a whim. "I actually found out about the rector position at Kenyon thanks because the National Episcopal Church has a big computer system so that if you're looking for a job you can look it online," said Svoboda-Barber. "So I was looking at that, because I wanted to get back to the church, and I saw that this was in Gambier and I knew that my heritage was in Gambier. So I just sent my stuff in for fun, so that they knew that I was a descendant of Philander Chase." 

Harcourt Parish's rector search committee identified her as meeting the requisite qualifications for the position. "We wanted someone who would support [Chaplaincy (currently held by Rev. Karl Ste-

so)] and continue to cultivate the

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Tonight: Showers. High: 71°F. Low: 52°F.
Friday: Sunny. High: 78°F. Low: 50°F.
Saturday: Mostly sunny. High: 79°F. Low: 57°F.
Sunday: Isolated thunderstorms. High: 75°F. Low: 45°F.

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August 26 - September 7, 2004

Village Record


Aug. 27, 11:30 a.m. - Smoke detector activated at Watson Hall. There was no smoke or fire and Maintenance was notified.

Aug. 27, 1:04 p.m. - Smoke detector at Old Kenton. No smoke or fire and Maintenance was notified.

Aug. 27, 11:27 p.m. - Smoke detector at Old Kenton. No smoke or fire and Maintenance was notified.

Aug. 28, 2:15 p.m. - Medical call regarding student with ankle injured in fall. College Physician was notified and student was transported by a friend to the hospital.

Aug. 30, 8:42 a.m. - Report of students missing. Student was located by the detector.

Aug. 31, 1:30 a.m. - Fire alarm at Olin Library. No smoke or fire and alarm was cleared.

Sept. 2, 12:31 a.m. - Vehicle driven through yard on Woodside Drive causing damage to yard and flowers.

Sept. 2, 11:33 a.m. - Report of intoxicated student shouting profanity at Caples Residence. Person was visiting a student and someone threw windows to campus in the morning.

Sept. 5, 1:10 a.m. - Suspicious persons at Guest Hall. Underage consumption of alcohol by non-students.

Sept. 5, 10:42 a.m. - Fire alarm at Waters Hall caused by smoke from cooking in the kitchen.

Sept. 5, 1:47 p.m. - ARA employees threatened by former ARA employees.

Sept. 6, 3:27 a.m. - Vandalism/ window broken at Mather Residence.

Sept. 6, 11:09 a.m. - Suspicious person in Lewis Hall. Knox County Sheriff's Office notified.

Sept. 7, 9:42 a.m. - Suspic- ious person parked wrong way outside Wagner Cottage. Person was identified as a visitor to a student.

Aug. 25, 9:56 a.m. - Suspici- ous person pulled wrong way outside Wagner Cottage. Person was identified as a visitor to a student.

Aug. 29, 6:36 a.m. - Medical call regarding student with asthma attack. College Physician was contacted and spoke with the student.

Aug. 29, 6:25 p.m. - Medical call regarding student injured while playing basketball at Ernst Center. Student was transported to the Health Center.

Sept. 3, 2:22 a.m. - Medical call regarding student with ankle injured in fall. College Physician was notified and student was transported by a friend to the hospital.

Sept. 4, 8:41 a.m. - Vandalism/ window broken at Horvititz Hall.

Kerry supporters wave signs and "boo," at a contest of President Bush proceeds Kerry through Mt. Vernon.

Our staff photo by the pool. Scene on campus trails since last October" Walf- leinstein explained. "We’re a contractual vendor to the Democratic National Commit- tee. . . We work the locals, the primaries, and now we follow Kerry.

Weinstein mused that, in an election year when Ohio is a crucial swing state, "before the campaign is over, [Kerry] will probably be back through here ... I think the campaign was sur- prised by how many people came out in Mount Vernon today ... You never know what will hap- pen ... It’s a long road, and we’ve got to make every stop count."

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Klesner resigns as Vice President of Development

BY LAUREN ZENNER
Staff Reporter

Kenyon is in search of a new Vice President of Development to replace Kimberly Klesner, who resigned this spring after holding that office for the past 19 years. Sarah Kahrl, Kenyon's Director of Development, is serving as acting Vice President of Development while the search for a successor proceeds.

Klesner says her resignation, effective since June 30, will afford her significantly more time with her family. It is an adjustment for Klesner, who began working at Kenyon in 1985, after earning her master's degree in business administration from the University of Dallas and working as a development officer at Harvard's Business School.

Klesner's strengths as an administrator in the finance efforts of the College, which has earned her a respected and beloved place among her colleagues. "I've spent years working with Kimberly, I saw how she cared deeply for Kenyon's alumni, students, and parents," said John Caldwell, Director of Donor Relations Ken Caldwell, who worked closely with Klesner on event planning and maintaining relations with donors.

"She was evident in relationships she built with them. She knew what our donors needed and had a good sense of what would make a donor feel appreciated— in a sincere way. She hoisted many dinners and receptions at her house and had a special way of making the guests feel welcome.

"To emphasize the impact of administrators like Klesner on College affairs, Caldwell said, "If we raise the funds, students will be able to obtain the financial aid packages they need, Kenyon will continue to attract and retain superior faculty, and we will continue to have one of the most beautiful campuses."

Klesner's work on a five-year fundraising campaign entitled "Claiming Our Place" helped to raise $716 million for Kenyon by 2002. The campaign was instrumental in funding various professorships and scholarships and in constructing the science quad and the Eaton Center.

Klesner also worked to raise money for the Kenyon Fund, which supplies funding for a variety of College functions, including faculty salaries, student scholarships and grants, maintenance. Because Kenyon's endowment is small compared to similar liberal arts colleges, the Kenyon Fund was created as a supplementary resource that draws from alumni and parent contributions.

Klesner's work bolstered fundraising and alumni relations and helped to produce its "most successful year ever," said Katie, who says Klesner's "clear skill in collecting funds for Kenyon. Her dedication and thorough knowledge of Kenyon and its supporters were apparent in everything she did. She was recognized by all of us as a great strategist." In additional to her business savvy, Katie notes that Klesner's "conviction and deep knowledge of the College" allowed her to effectively "communicate Kenyon's challenges and opportunities."

Klesner feels that she has "learned so much from [the bumper sticker's] list of things about all the interrelated parts that have to work together in order for Kenyon... to continue to improve in all areas. I have nothing but great respect for what they do and how they do it."

Her capacity not only as a proven team's sensitive leader and source of inspiration and friendship to the Kenyon donors but yielded impressive growth in Kenyon's alumni relations and development. "It is such a pleasure to work now I think we've got a way that several administrators can share the responsibility of moderating the stu-info list."

The changes to the list itself received mixed reviews from students. "The [ALLSTU] tag does make it easier to identify [alumni]," said Courtney Patross '07. "It makes it easier to identify the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors get around it. It's kind of hagglish."

Patross' comment is in congruence with Klesner's idea. The list is comprised of all alumni, students, and faculty at Kenyon College, and will probably be created soon enough, since determined Kenyon students are creative Kenyon students, said Patross. "On my end, as the student co-chair of Senate, we'll have to deal with them when they get here."

And will students choose to unsubscribe from alumni? Both Patricia Farmer '05 and Alex Keesee '04 predict that they would continue to receive them. "I think it's fun," said Farmer. "You get to feel like a snob."

"We get heavily involved in the dumbest stuff," said Keesee. "It's an interesting set of dialogues. I think people who are annoyed by alumni need to calm down."

"I wouldn't give up knowing what the wars are happening for nothing," added Keesee.

Whether these changes will alleviate the concerns of those who feel that the list is far too much e-mail is up for debate.

The reason that the Senate Alliance Committee decided to send the stu-info list to the Senate was to find some way to reduce the number of alumni being sent. "Just a few," said Smallwood. "Anyone who checks his or her e-mail on a regular basis can plainly see that alumni are still abundant. While I certainly do not oppose the alumni, I do think that some other changes need to be made. I pushed the idea of limiting the number of alumni each student could make during a month. I think if people are limited in the number of alumni they can send they'll learn to send higher quality alumni that are more likely to be worth the reader's time. It's quality versus quantity. Which one would you prefer?"

Klesner has made a sincere effort to make sure that the planner's tag is not left out. She has been working to make sure that the tag is not used for any event that is not a part of the College, and has been working to make sure that the tag is used only in the sense of the College, which is the definition of the tag.

The tag will be used in the first part of the two-part College Senate legislation, which states that "ALLSTU" will not tag any alumni messages and also allows students the option of unsubscribing from alumni lists. The first part of the tag will be used to identify the College, and the second part of the tag will be used to identify the College. Students will not be able to unsubscribe from the College for business only.

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John Crowe Ransom dies
September 12, 1974

John Crowe Ransom, Kenyon professor, poet, and Rhodes scholar, as well as the founder and editor of the illustrious Kenyon Review, was honored in the first issue of the Collected 1974. Ransom, the namesake for the building which houses the admissions office, died here at Kenyon on July 3, 1974 at the age of 86. In addition to teaching at Kenyon and founding the Review, Ransom published six books of poetry in his lifetime.

Kenyon Inn plans to undergo change
September 13, 1984

On this date, we were writing under the current on the Kenyon Inn, which stands on the spot where the Alumni House once stood. The designer's were particular in making sure the new Inn kept an appearance "consistent with the character of the old building," according to the architect and making the new one a "precise imitation of the one which existed on the Alumni House."
New security programs under way on campus

BY WILL OW Belden 

News Editor

As the class of 2008 is settling into campus life, and the KU Safety and Security officers are beginning to visit freshmen dorms, taking on the new role of "adopted officers," students are asked to not deal with security matters.

The officers' walks through the dorms is just one component of the new Adopt an Officer program, which is designed to decrease resentment and strengthen relationships between students and security officers.

Each freshmen residence hall has been assigned a group of security officers to "adopt." Safety and Security Officer Carol Brown, who spends 2004-2005 working on this program, said the adopted officers "will walk through dorms and chat with students as often as we can... We will, if possible, make contact with our dorms every night... We plan to set up several activities, both educational and fun, such as the KU card tournament between dorms to educating students on all kinds of safety issues."

Brown said students are also encouraged to contact their adopted officers at any point. Safety and Security Officer Gary Shopinski, who sits as an Advisor to all Resident Advisors with photos and information about all adopted officers, "will walk through dorms and chat with students, Brown assured. "We do not want to force ourselves or the program on anyone," she said. "Hopefully, students will see it as a chance to go to know them and give them a program that will help us..." When asked about the reasons for starting the Adopt an Officer program, Brown said, "a lot of us at the office felt there was more need to do that this year with the students than other just under enforcing the rules. We basically just wanted to get more involved. We felt this program would give us the ticket to not only start a better relationship with the students, but to also open the door to assist them in so many other different ways such as various safety learning programs and... other weekend activities."

In the beginning of the year, he hoped the Adopt an Officer program "will increase the goodwill feelings between Security and Safety and a new bunch of students (the freshman class). We ultimately hope to achieve a feeling with the students that Security and Safety is not so much about punishment and 'catching wrongdoers' as it is for the safety of Kenyon students."

According to Brown, the effectiveness of the program "will probably not be seen right away. It will take time to build trust and open the doors of communications... Having students say, "I have a friend in a safety officer, to give us a chance to go to know them and give them a program that will help us..."

The program is a great way to make contact with students, Brown assured. "We do not want to force ourselves or the program on anyone," she said. "Hopefully, students will see it as a chance to go to know them and give them a program that will help us..." When asked about the reasons for starting the Adopt an Officer program, Brown said, "a lot of us at the office felt there was more need to do that this year with the students than other just under enforcing the rules. We basically just wanted to get more involved. We felt this program would give us the ticket to not only start a better relationship with the students, but to also open the door to assist them in so many other different ways such as various safety learning programs and... other weekend activities."

Harcourt, the new president of the Academic Senate, kicked off the issue of advising students, and he wanted to make sure the new advisor programs were reviewed periodically throughout the year, so that the program can be adapted to "fit everyone's needs." He hopes to get feedback for Advisors, Community Advisors and staff members.

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New bookstore space opens
The Kenyon College bookstore uses a new sell

BY MICHAEL VANDENBURG Features Editor

The Kenyon College bookstore now has a little bit more space to work with the opening of the Denham Suitcliffe bookseller this week in a former house behind the Village Market.

The store, a part of the College's bookstore, sells paperback books for 25 cents and hardcover books for 50 cents. Customers pay through a slot in an intercom door, and data can be sent to the bookstore department and used to account for the books sold.

The hours of the store are noon to 4:00 Monday through Friday while Kenyon classes are in session.

Of course, the books retail elsewhere for more than that. Jack Finefrock, the manager of the bookstore, said, "It will never make money. My job is to make it so it doesn't lose too much money."

The store is named in memory of Denham Suitcliffe. Suitcliffe was a Rhodes Scholar and a member of the English department at Kenyon. He taught from 1946 to 1964.

The books in the new space are the least valuable books owned by the College bookstore, which used to sell all extra stock on its website. This is sort of the end of the line for the books that aren't in good condition or just aren't worth very much," said Finefrock.

Much of the stock has been donated to the college, but many books come in from other college places in the CONSORT library system. People can donate books by leaving them in the basket on the porch.

The goal of the new store is to keep old books in use as long as possible. It is sponsored by the Kenyon Recycling Center.

"The idea is to reuse books for recycling. We're trying to know away fewer books each year."

Before the store opened, there were doubts about what success it would have. Although its goal is not profit but recycling, there are operating costs. For example, the house was not in good enough condition to be used, but "Maintenance did a very good job getting this place fixed up," according to Finefrock. He pointed out several new things which he said came at surprisingly low prices, such as the windows, bookshelves and air conditioning.

The store has been surprising successful so far. Its opening was not celebrated nor was it advertised, but customers have come. "It's hard to keep it stocked with books. Books are selling faster than I can stock. It's so successful, we don't need to tell anyone," said Finefrock.

Although payment is on the honor system, there have been no problems so far. In fact, customers seem to be overpaying, as the store has brought in more than the few quarters each bought book would have cost. There are cameras in each room, reviewed by Finefrock and by Security and Safety, but they are primarily for the safety of customers. "Very few recycling operations come close to breaking even, but this one has a chance," Finefrock said of its success over the first few days. "It's to the college's credit to try this, because even if it fails, it's still a sort of victory for recycling and learning. And so far it's not failing."

Random Moments

What Should Snowden have given away at their kickoff, instead of picture frames?

-Hot, sexy foreign men.
-Elizabeth Howe '07

-Mangos.
-Anthony Fischer '07

-Urban Sombreroes.
-Chris Carroll '07

-Condoms from foreign places
-Andrea Dres and Audrey Nelson '07

FEATURES BRIEF

Sales in Gambier Community Center next weekend

The Harcourt Parish Rummage Sale and Boutique will be Friday, September 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On Saturday, September 12, there will be a "Fill your bag" sale from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Community Center is located on Duff Street, south of Wiggins Street. Further details will be e-mailed to students.

Did you know that Alcohol causes about 28% of all college dropouts?

And come to Capture the Flag Friday, September 10th 11:00pm-1:00am BFC Face Paint, Door Prizes, Refreshments. Shuttles will run from the Bookstore 10:30-11:00

FEATURES

Kenyon students donate hair to sick children

Lords' and Ladies' locks to go to children undergoing medical treatments - only longhairst need apply

BY MARA ALPERIN Features Editor

This August, "besides, it's more fun to cut off ten inches of hair at once."

According to Kunz, this summer was her second time doing it. She looked online to find a list of salons that supported LOL and would cut her hair for free and take care of the shipping. Her first time, she had to package it herself and mail it off to Florida.

"It was kind of a pain," Kunz said. "I had the hair sitting on my desk for a couple of weeks."

"If I had cancer, I'd want someone to give me a wig," said sophomore Geetha Kannan.

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The process is quite lengthy. Professionally at LOL, combine six to ten different ponytails of equal lengths, and the hairs are individually injected with a needle into the foam mold. There are over 150,000 hairs that need to be injected and sealed with silicone. So this process alone takes eight to ten weeks.

Since two to three inches of hair is lost in the procedure, the hair needs to be fairly lengthy to be donated. LOL requires a ten-inch minimum. If the hair is shorter, it can still be used, but it will likely be sold to help cover production costs.

Kunz donated my hair two years ago, and it took two years to grow it out (ten inches)," said Kunz.

The store has been surprising successful so far. Its opening was not celebrated nor was it advertised, but customers have come. "It's hard to keep it stocked with books. Books are selling faster than I can stock. It's so successful, we don't need to tell anyone," said Finefrock.

Although payment is on the honor system, there have been no problems so far. In fact, customers seem to be overpaying, as the store has brought in more than the few quarters each bought book would have cost. There are cameras in each room, reviewed by Finefrock and by Security and Safety, but they are primarily for the safety of customers.

"Very few recycling operations come close to breaking even, but this one has a chance," Finefrock said of its success over the first few days. "It's to the college's credit to try this, because even if it fails, it's still a sort of victory for recycling and learning. And so far it's not failing."

"Lots of my friends in high school were [donating their hair to LOL]," said freshman Elaine Driscoll. Driscoll said she was looking to get rid of her hair, and she looked up the organization online when she heard her friends mention it. Driscoll donated her locks last April. In stores, the prosthetic wigs would retail from $3,500 to around $6,000. That is a lot to buy, especially for someone who is already facing financial difficulties with medical expenses.

"A lot of women in my family have had cancer," said sophomore Amy Strierer. "And I thought of a little kid without hair... it was hard not to donate. I had so much hair, and I wanted to cut it out anyways."

According to the website, the organization practices a nondiscrimination policy. It accepts all types of hair, from adults and children. Many men donate their hair. Senior Brian Cannon is currently growing his hair out for LOL.

"If I'm going to change the world, it might as well benefit the kids with the misfortune to have no hair," said Cannon. "It's better than cutting it off and throwing it away."

For privacy reasons, the LOL organization cannot disclose any information about the person who receives the hair. Driscoll said that not getting a response or a picture of the child did not matter to her.

"I assume it went to a good cause, and that's what is important," Driscoll said.

Strierer said she is glad that she got involved with LOL. "It was a good decision, helping a little kid feel better and normal. I've never regrettet it," said Strierer.

For more information about how to donate your hair, visit www.locksloflove.org.
New staff as the Collegian begins work

BY STUART SCHILLAG AND MICHAEL VANDENBURG
Collegian Staff

If there is a universal characteristic that Kenyon students pride themselves on, it's their ability to speak their minds and make their presence known. Led by a diverse group of individuals, the students have welcomed a new, younger approach to this year's paper. Bryan Stokes '05 has accepted the responsibility of guiding his editors in a way that not only discusses Kenyon's news formally, but in a witty and entertaining manner.

The perspectives of your editors will not be solely from the English course of study, but through the lenses of music, classics, drama, political science, psychology, American and international studies, and even math majors. With a staff of such academic diversity, the Collegian is eager to provide unique viewpoints on campus happenings in this year's paper.

Having joined the Collegian as a staff writer, I have re¬
joyed the personal connections one makes working on a student newspaper. As staff leader for 2004-2005, I feel "really enjoyed the role as editor-in-chief because I finally have a chance to work with everyone on the section." Stokes' plans to instill the journalistic techniques he learned at his University this summer into this year's Col¬legian.

The other editor-in-chief this year is Michael Ladders '05. Ladders spent the summer working in Montana hot tub store, where he carried just enough money to insure an old car and drive it to Buffalo, N.Y., and on to Gambier. He described the time as "a worthy experi¬ence." This staff member's favorite magazine is the Economist, which he says "completes tough reporting with humor and runs great policy analysis."

Seven sophomores have earned editorial positions on this year's staff to try to learn the ropes of newspaper manage¬ment as well as publish intriguing articles for this year's paper. Sophomore Charlie Ng¬ge, not relationship to our president, works with the news team for the Collegian this year. Having moved quickly up the ranks as a freshman, this aspiring English major plans to improve this section's news section. Influenced by "The New Yorker," Nug's portrayal of the news may include a nice blend of sophistication and humor.

The popular Opinions section will be led by sophomore Amanda Lewis. A children's librarian in her hometown of Nashville, Tenn., Lewis plans for the Opinions section to portray many interesting perspectives.

Features editor Mara Apleron '07 and Michael Vandenburg '07 plan to provide Kenyon's finest news source this year. Reader of the popular Entertainment Weekly magazine, Apleron's features section will focus on many interesting people and events. Vandenburg, unable to partici¬
pate in his high school paper due to lack of time, has miraculously found more time at college, than in high school, and promises to devote his newfound energy to the Collegian.

Senior Katie Weiss and sopho¬
one Ted Hornick will be editing this year's Arts & Entertainment section, Weiss, preparing for her comp in English, and drama, will be applying to journalism school at the end of this year. While interning at ABC News Radio in New York City this summer, Weiss was fortunate enough to meet Peter Jennings after asking hundreds of complete strangers if they were famous. Hornick had a polar opposite experience this summer as he chose to meander in the wild where he had the op¬portunity to kill an entire bear.

Sports editors Eric Fitzgerald '05 and Sara Kaplow '07 plan to deliver all the sports coverage a Kenyon student could possibly desire. Both Kaplow and Fitzgerald are former lacrosse players. This year, Kaplow plays field hockey. They will both bring their enthusiasm for sports to this year's edition of the Collegian.

Your photographer for the Collegian this year is junior Kevin Ockus. Having spent the summer working in a coffee shop, caring for younger kids and traveling to New York and Paris, Gambier's Kevin is using the Collegian as a perfect way to bring a fresh perspective to this year's paper.

The SOCIAL SCENE

Welcome back, Kenyon! The first week back at school was a week filled with running into and catching up with good friends and acquaintances and ended with a weekend full of catching up with everyone and the Kenyon way of life at Kenyon. For those students who were away from Kenyon for a semester or even two, a lot was forgotten about Kenyon. While gone from Kenyon for several months, I forgot about the uniqueness of Kenyon, the uniqueness of the students, the uniqueness of the classes, the professors, the dorms, and most importantly the social scene! Who would ever think that 1600 college age students could find something to do in Gambier, Ohio?

One cannot say that the first weekend was activity-less. Friday night started off with the option of dollar movies and was followed by parties at both ends of the campus. Aclands, Tafts, Milk Cartons and New Apartments were all party options for Friday night. By the time I made it to Aclands, there wasn't too much going on and from most of what I heard, there never really was much going on does there. Milk Cartons was filled with people, music, drinks, socializing, etc. Ultimate Frisbee had a party at Tafts where those attended definitely had a good time. There were people wandering in and out of Tafts for a long time. Up north, thought far from the locations of three other parties, New Apartments was also a happening spot on Friday evening.

Saturday was also full of events. Saturday was a great day for attending the activities fair, sunbathing, studying outside, playing Frisbee or even playing beer pong outside. Kenyon students sometimes do have a week being back again with friends, but that energy was displayed throughout the weekend, especially on Saturday night. All week there was talk of a block party at Bevels. Every time I heard someone speak of Saturday night, there was a new party rumor. Friday night there was a fairly good crowd, with people going in and out of Bevels and other parties, beer and socializing. There were crowds of people on the streets talking with friends or on their way over to A3, which was quite a party and had a great crowd despite the amount of people at Bevels and the number of parties going on that night. There were also a lot of legs over at the Gambier, which was the place to be, being New Apartment's and Bevels, but heard it was a lot more legs. There were also rumors of stuff going on down at Aclands, but I never quite made it down there. Overall it was a good weekend with great weather and a lot to do both nights at both ends of the campus.

Wine society on campus

BY MRA APLERON
Features Editor

While the typical Kenyon student can name and describe several types of beers, most know far less about wine. "I really don't know much about wine. I wish I knew more," said Jackie Giordano '03.

Bethany Anderson '05 aims to change this by creating a wine society on campus. Anderson is organizing gatherings to study wine and the delicate art of its production.

"I believe there will be a lot of interest in this subject," she said. "Some people may know more that others, already, but my goal is for everyone to gain an appreciation for wine."

According to Anderson, appreciating wine requires more than just sampling it. "I want to teach the basics of how to taste it: first sight, then smell, then finally taste," said Anderson. "There's no washing in wine tasting," said Anderson. In fact, sampling wine can be a difficult process. According to Anderson, the classic procedure involves pouring about two ounces of wine into the glass and staring it around before inhaling. To pre¬vent spillage, most wine glasses are made with the rims tilted. Finally, the glass needs to be held by the stem, so heat from the hand will not affect the wine.

"I have a huge, deep appreciation for wine," said Anderson. She went on to describe the flavors and textures of several types of wine, such as Merlot, Chardonnay and Burgundy.

Wines differ greatly de¬ pending on which region they come from. "There's a big difference, for instance, in New Zealand Chardonnay and Chardonnay from France," she explained. That the taste of wine is affected by the soil, the age of the wine and the weather, among other things. There are also a lot of technical details in the pro¬duction of wine, such as how it is cultured and what amounts of sugar and yeast are added.

Anderson said that the pric¬es of wines correlate to the taste. "There are good cheap wines, and there are good expensive wines," she said. "However, an expensive wine, say thirty dollars, will give you a much deeper, richer flavor."

The wine society is open to all students who are over the age of 21. Members will also include employees, staff and alumni.

She also said that there would be club events, such as visiting local wineries and taking tours to see first-hand the process of making wine. In fact, there are several wineries in Ohio.

"I think it will build a sense of community to connect with Gambier and Mount Vernon, while supporting wine and the wine community," said Anderson.
Racial struggles in schools

Former Kenyon student discusses state of inner-city schools

BY NEIL ASHMON
Special to the Collegian

"Why are there so few blacks at Kenyon?" a student asked. "They don't work hard in school," this companion replied.

This is an excerpt from the dialogue between two gentlemen I overheard speaking at a party late last year. Even though the fellow's response may be controversial, understanding the question posed is essential to understanding the underlying substratum of American society, namely concerning American academic society. The answer to this question lies at the foundation of our social structure and exhibits itself in the arena of education.

Even though the answer to this question and the Kenyon community as a whole why the answer to the question at hand logically cannot be "blacks don't work hard in school!"

The support that I am offering for my position is pragmatic in nature, being derived both from my personal experience, as an African-American, and from an analysis of my immediate environment. This evidence suggests to me that there exists a crisis within the African-American community with respect to education. At an alarming rate African-American youth are devaluing the educational experience in favor of experiences that will provide immediate proximal satisfaction. The African-American youth in this country are trapped and, if no aid is provided, they will inevitably become victims of their own circumstances. I am making this assertion because I have witnessed, first-hand, the effects of differential distribution of resources between Caucasian versus African-American populations.

In my elementary and middle school years, I attended a school that had a 98% black population. I vividly remember the overcrowded classrooms. This in turn created a decrease in the quantity and quality of valuable classroom instruction because the instructor of the class had to be more concerned with effectively controlling the disruptive behavior of the students and less concerned with what the students learned. This is a common feature of inner-city public school systems (where blacks constitute the majority), and the students in these systems are at an inherent disadvantage. Because less is able to be taught in the classroom, the students learn less.

In contrast, I attended a high school that had a predominately white population. In this school system, the instructor's primary responsibility was to teach the material to the students. Monitoring and modifying the behavior of disruptive students was subordinate to the primary task of teaching the material to the class as a whole. This was possibly due to the smaller class sizes, the logical result of this difference is that more information was taught, retained, and learned. I believe that this suggests that unless there is a structural change to the policies that underlie this current education system there cannot be substantial progress in our efforts to completely eradicate the necessity of this gentleman's question.
The importance of being involved in Gambier
Sharing your passions through contributing to Kenyon's collegiate and community life

BY AMANDA LEWIS
Opinions Editor

Very few aspects of life are of greater importance than being involved in a community. Unfortunately, few of the facets of the facetious society in which we live, close involvement can seem to be difficult, if not impossible.

While this view is widespread, it is particularly unfortunate that many college students hold this opinion. Being an involved student in the world requires neither a large commitment of time nor a large commitment of money. It does require the desire to make the world a better place and to take pride in the changes accomplished.

Many people have come up with gadgets and gizmos for our attention, we have very little time left to put on some depth. Although college students seem to be constantly running from one end of campus to the other, living in dorm rooms with classes, sports, music, and drama, there should still be time to play an active role in our community.

Not only do college students have some of the largest stores of time and energy, they also are the best funded of any age group by the government. With so much to offer to the world, it would be a shame not to use our time to make the world a better place, to contribute outside responsibility, to their fullest advantage.

A common misconception is that only large corporations or organizations takes a great commitment of time and money. While organizations do appreciate those who have vast resources to contribute, they also appreciate the small gifts made by working people—be it through volunteering an hour on Saturdays at a local library or donating in a couple of dollars to a local campaign.

The easiest way by far to contribute to a community is to get personally involved. Obviously, many groups on campus are made up of students as many people as possible to register to vote and to become informed about the issues being presented in both local and national campaigns.

The decisions made in all levels of government affect society in nearly every aspect of our lives. Involvement in the lawmaking process, whether it is local, county, or national, is a key component to understanding that the ownership of the society. Of course in government one gives a greater incentive to improve the quality of life in their community, knowing their community in a reflection of their commitment to it.

One way to attain a level of ownership here at Kenyon is to become involved in student governance. Through the Campus Senate and Student Council, you become directly involved in Kenyon's major decision-making issues.

When people are not involved, they can convince themselves that their participation is not important or that their community is not in need of attention. Subscribing to this opinion denies the importance of a community and the people being a part of the decision-making and working together. Whether a person participates or not, the success of a community is still a reflection of that individual's participation, or lack thereof.

Joining organizations helps people understand what is going on in their community. By being active, they gain a feeling of inclusion, which allows people to be more comfortable towards people at their society in a critical manner.

Critical examining a community and the decisions made and ordinances passed.

The constant examination of a community by the community is necessary for the growth of any society. Only when a society grows and flourishing is its existence becomes a people living and working together. What a person participates or not, the success of a community is still

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Student learn from suicide bombings in Israel
Kenyon exchange student writes home with experiences and lessons from Beer-sheva

BY ANDY KAHN
Special to the Collegian

BEER SHEVA, ISRAEL— Every generation has its own personal crusades. The 60s had Vietnam and the hippies. The 70s had drugs, disco, and Watergate. The 80s had Iran-Contra, terrible music and even worse fashion, and the beginning of the computer era. The 90s had Desert Storm, the internet boom, grunge, and the Chocolate Factory.

Now we face the era of terrorism. Obviously, terrorism is not a new thing, and only a miniscule piece of the puzzle of the world, but it has become directly affected by it. However, I recently came to fully realize the impact terrorism can have.

Deciding to study in Israel for my junior year, I realized that there was a good chance I would be involved in a terrorist attack during my stay. I did not think it would happen in Beer Sheva, the city in which I would be studying. I thought it was blocks away from my dormitory.

I am not sure how often we refer to a terrorist attack as a terrorist attack. When it happened, it did not make the front page of the newspaper, or the TV, or the radio. It just happened.

Still, despite seeing the anger and frustration in my friend's eyes, the bombing just didn't sink in.

I had refused to accept what had happened, and I realized this. So I decided I should try to make sense out of the situation and call my friend. I dialed her number, but she never answered. I left a message.

When I thought about it, I really didn't think I needed it, I was just not sure. I had no reason to think that woman had been killed. I just needed to talk to her, to be reassured, to feel safe.

As we finally exited the building, I called her again and the tone in her eyes had gotten even more withdrawn. I wanted to say something to comfort her, but what can a stranger do at a time like this? I'm sure a greater man than I has said something to comfort her, and I'm sure she's just not going to. But it comforted me, they told her that her friend or relative is in his prayers, but she was so overwhelmed with the situation that I decided a caring glance was the best I could muster.

As we walked back to campus, we talked more about the conflict in general, trying to keep our minds off the bombing, and eventually decided to return to the cafe across the street to do homework. Our friend, who had been at the site of the attack a week prior, had given us more information on what he had experienced.

I still spare you all the gory details, but after that day, every time I crossed the street, I was standing by a bus as it exploded, turned to run but was met by a second explosion, which was followed by hundreds yards away from the first. Needless to say, he was in a bit of shock, and the paramedics rushed him to the trauma center of the hospital, where they pumped him full of valium, monitored him, and released him.

Being the only native English speaker at the trauma center, as soon as he was Basque, he was handed over to the media. CNN, Reuters, local news—all while he was on valium. The entire world saw him dragged, explaining his situation.

"What is the point of this con-gestion of words?" you may be asking. "Why in the world are we in such a deep into the traumatic situations—some hide themselves within their own thought bubble, some are in anger, some with a calm with anticipa-tion, some take valium, but in the end, we all affect each other. In any case, the fundamental Muslims of the world who have adopted the suicide-bombing method do not react in the same manner as the rest of the world. They believe Israel is simply raping what it wants; its leaders are elected by the people, and therefore the nation's citizens are an extension of the leaders and are valid targets for their violent atrocities. Maybe in a certain way they are right.

Regardless of the narrative one subscribes to, we all must empathize with the Israeli people. America has experienced a single, severe terrorist attack, yet in the week following September 11th is just a drop in the pool for Israel. The multitude of attacks in the tiny land no bigger than New York, housing a mere 6.7 million people (about 2 million fewer than New York City), causes these people to see life in a completely different manner than we do. It is intéressant that even now, as the presidential election nears, it seems that America has forgotten about the terrorist threat.

Americans can learn much from the Israeli people. Even though an attack had not happened in five months, the Israeli people have to deal with it. Within a few hours, the entire city of Beer Sheva was up and running again as if nothing had happened. The Israeli people know not to allow the terrorists win to win. On go with life; continue on business as usual. It is not the terrorists win by upsetting your mindset; but most of all, do not allow the terrorists to upset you. Everyone is open, make sure you never catch sleeping. And care about each other.
Music lover lists the hottest albums of last summer
What do mice, a deceased Austrian archduke, Fiery Furnaces and young nurses have in common?

BY EMILY ZELLER
Staff Writer

Now that school is officially in session, I am clinging to anything that reminds me of the summer days I spent lying around the house for indefinite periods of time wearing headphones. Without classes or homework to impede my appreciation for the lyric verse or musical melody, I sometimes took this blessing for granted and labeled it as “boredom.” Little did I know I would later listen to these specific albums and just find the ability to once again do nothing. I'm sure everyone has their favorite melodic reminders of these past freedoms. These are mine.

Modest Mouse –
"Good News for People Who Love Bad News"

Modest Mouse’s latest album vies for the top spot on my “Best Albums of Summer” list, although it is a close contender with Franz Ferdinand. Besides “Float On” becoming my summer anthem (at least until I get sick of hearing it everywhere), I was pleased to find a Modest Mouse album I liked – I had not been so enthusiastic about their earlier works. It was destined to quickly become the main album I listened to while driving, primarily for the dance-around-in-your-seat-ness it so graciously provided. The definite and prominent rhythms on tracks such as “Satin in a Coffin,” “Float On,” and “The Ocean Breathes Salty” make them perfect for making a dancing fool out of yourself at stoplights.

Franz Ferdinand –
(Self-Titled)

Thanks to this Scottish band, Franz Ferdinand is no longer a name recognized only by kids who paid attention in history class. Instead of thinking... “...ain’t it the Austrian Archduke whose assassination sparked World War II?”, my mind shouts, “TAKE ME OUT!” and I am overcome by the intense urge to dance around my room and play air guitar along with what could be the most memorable guitar riff of summer. Changes are, if you’re reading this review you’re well associated with Take Me Out, but perhaps not the entire album. One of the reasons the album is so successful is the sheer listenability of it – even now, after my unprepared hearing, my index finger stays far away from the track advance button. While the songs do tend to sound similar, they don’t come off as repetitive. If anything, they unify the album – helping to pull it together as a whole instead of just a collection of songs.

Fiery Furnaces –
Blueberry Boat

What’s so great about this album is the sea &/or pirate theme carried throughout, with just the right amount of more “normal” and straightforward songs mixed in to keep it grounded. Consisting of a series of semi-related vignettes-turned-songs, the album is connected in a way uncommon in most of today’s music. While I think the overall lack of albums constructed this way is probably a very good thing, Blueberry Boat is the exception. Even though listening can get somewhat tedious at times (i.e. parts of the song “Chris Michels”) get garbled from running together so quickly), and there is a lack of subject change, other songs make up for it. “I Lost My Dog” seems chaotic at first, but really it’s an added treat – the different instruments for each verse mirror the frantic running around that comes with looking for a lost dog. This album is a bit frenzied, a bit crazy, and a bit childish at times, but hey, who doesn’t like that?

Sonic Youth –
Sonic Nurse

This release strikes me as one of the most accessible of Sonic Youth’s albums. Out of my unusually large Sonic Youth collection, quite a bit of it tends to be something I don’t listen to on a regular basis. Although with that said there are albums, such as Dinosaur Jr., Sonic Nurse, and the rest, that I absolutely adore. Sonic Nurse has slowly but surely crawled its way onto my most esteemed playlist, and it has kept me company on many a summer-summer filled night. Although the album seems to lack the unity that is so apparently present on the Franz Ferdinand and Fiery Furnaces albums, the songs are individually strong enough to make up for their independent nature.
In 1984, director Jim Jarmusch opened the door wide for American cinema with his award-winning film Stranger Than Paradise. Instead of focusing on an extravagant or wildly complicated plot, Jarmusch showed a small corner of society and captured a New York life that is probably unknown to many viewers at the time. Jarmusch's influence on other directors, from Gaspar Noé to Claire Denis, is immense, and he is directly responsible for pushing the envelope of independent cinema across the globe today.

Down by Law (1986) Friday, 8:00 PM

Wicker Park
PG-13, 114 Min.
Sat-Sun, 12:00 and 2:40
Tue-Thu at 5:00, 7:20 and 9:40

Paparazzi
PG-13, 84 Min.
Sat-Sun, 1:00, 3:00
Tue-Thu at 5:00, 7:20 and 9:00

Anncarious
PG-13, 99 Min.
Sat-Sun, 1:10, 3:10
Tue-Thu at 5:10, 7:10 and 9:10

Hero
PG-13, 99 Min.
Sat-Sun, 12:30, 3:00
Tue-Thu at 5:10, 7:20 and 9:30

Exorcist: The Beginning
R, 117 Min.
Sat-Sun, 1:10, 3:10
Tue-Thu at 4:30, 7:00 and 9:20

Without a Paddle
PG-13, 99 Min.
Sat-Sun, 1:00, 5:10
Tue-Thu at 9:20, 12:30 and 9:40

The Princess Diaries 2
G, 113 Min.

In 1998, Björk released her critically acclaimed album Homogenic, and became an international sensation. Since then, she has continued to push the boundaries of music and art, collaborating with a wide range of artists and creating music that is both experimental and accessible. Her latest album, Utopia, was released in 2017 and marked a departure from her previous work. The album's themes include the power of perspective, the beauty of imperfection, and the importance of embracing change. The title track, "Utopia," features a powerful vocal performance by Björk, and the album's overall sound is a mixture of electronic and acoustic elements. With Utopia, Björk continues to explore the possibilities of music and create a unique voice that is both powerful and inspiring.
Big Phish, smaller pond, one huge goodbye?

BY DANIEL VERGHESE
Staff Writer

I will spare you the overwrought gushing, the elitist dismissal of obscure song references, the macabre comparisons to Einstein and the Don Quixote/Melville conundrum of put.

Drown and the album's other utterance of "Phish" is a testament to the band's success, but Phish never seemed to be a part of the mainstream culture. Consequently, I was surprised, yet oddly relieved, when I got the news in late May that Phish's 20-year tour would come to an end. After more than twenty years together, guitarist Trey Anastasio, bassist Mike Gordon, keyboardist Page McConnell and drummer Jon Fishman (or at least Anastasio) had come to a point where they felt they had achieved everything they possibly could within the confines of a four-person rock band. Out of respect for the music, their legions of aging fans, and their unique legacy, the band chose to part ways on its own terms. As Anastasio put it himself in a letter posted on the band's website, "We don't want to become caricatures of ourselves, or worse yet, a nostalgia band."

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Connecting the liberal arts dots

BY SHARON SORKIN
Staff Writer

A place like Kenyon encourages us to study everything from Emerson to evolution to Milton to Molecular Biology. With the introduction to Kenyon's lecture series, we have a writer and biologist who sees the world as interconnected, just as Kenyon has been trying to teach it us. Dr. Abraham Verghese is scheduled to speak at Highley Auditorium on Monday, September 13 at 7:30pm, and no one will feel left out of this wide-ranging lecture.

Verghese's talk is entitled "The Search for Meaning in a Medical Life," and will be comprised of points of great expertise in both the medical and literary communities. His books, My Own Country and The Tennis Partner, have been republished as "mix between the medical motif of Stephen King's Ghosts as well as the cultural storytelling of V.S. Naipaul."

Born in Ethiopia to a well-educated Indian family, Verghese was forced to leave the country in 1975 due to the unstable political situation. This forced him to leave the rigid structure in India, and he completed his residency in English. He intensively studied the subject of infectious disease and the AIDS epidemic when the disease entered his local community.

Verghese is a profoundly autobiographically, his first book tells the stories of his patients, dealing specificaly with the way in which their communities react to their return home from larger cities, now that they are afflicted with the AIDS virus. As a physician he studies stereotypes of AIDS into moving images; as an author, he plays a role of "truth" and identity in a shrinking society.

Verghese appeared on CNN in 2003 to discuss the outbreak of SARS and the controversial proposal of quarantine.

"In Hong Kong," Verghese said in the CNN interview, "they took the entire population of an apartment building, and took them in a train somewhere where they were out of the way - out of touch with the rest of the population. These are hard measures, and I'm not sure that I'd have to resort to use that only after we've been burned. I'm not sure what the right thing is, but the CDC come forward and recommended quarantine for those clearly exposed.

Verghese's stance is not political, but politically balanced. He has committed his practice to contextualized within the medical policies of the US government, and refuses to ignore the improvements that are being made to the epidemic. He has written essays for The New Yorker and Texas Monthly, and he continues to give lectures.

"There is so much more to be done," wrote Verghese in a recent column, "but the tragedy of AIDS has served its own force of change. Science has changed and become more responsible, more answerable to the public. Drug companies are held morally accountable for their role in sharing and release life-saving drugs. Governments are forced to acknowledge their problems and respond accordingly." Why Kenyon has brought a man who sees medicine as an obligation to humanity, and writing as a means to influence the, untheorized voices, is answerable when we look to our own country. Hopefully the audience of the upcoming lecture will be there to learn more about the connections between the array of social ethics, medical philosophy, and literary depth we study.
Lords’ football to open season against Centre
Head coach Ted Stanley leads an improved football program into its first challenge of 2004 campaign

BY JON SESSIONS
Steve Walters

As the kick-off to the 2004 season approaches, head coach Ted Stanley and the Lords’ football team eagerly await the opportunity to continue their path to improvement and turn some heads in the NCAC.

Through the Lords begin this season without a significant position of last year’s squad, Stanley will rely on his seasoned veterans as well as a strong freshman class to fill the void. Of the 82 member squad, 17 of the Lords are playing in their first year of college football. The list includes many skilled players who have the potential to make an immediate impact on the team.

This recruiting class may be a little light in numbers,” Stanley said. “As a whole it is one of the most athletic classes Kenyon has seen in quite some time.”

Once again, it appears that the strength of the team will fall on the offensive side of the ball. Last year’s starting quarterback, Nick Statlick ’05, and running back, Alby Coombs ’07, return to give the Lords proven performers in important positions. Last year Coombs blossomed into one of the dominant running backs in the NCAC, becoming only the third Kenyon running back to break 1,000 yards in a single season. Statlick finished the year with a team-leading passing efficiency rating of 85.45 and passed for just under 1,000 yards while splitting time at the helm. A core of talented freshman receivers will give the quarterback more targets to throw at this year, and take some of the offensive load off of Coombs.

“It looks like we’re going to start the year in a four-wide-out set, including two freshmen, giving the quarterback more people to throw too and Alby more room to run,” Statlick said.

While the offensive side of the ball will remain strong, it looks as though all other areas of the team will improve, perhaps none more so than the defensive unit, especially the defensive backfield. Perhaps nobody can testify to that as well as Statlick, who has been throwing against them all pre-season. “Practice is a lot tougher for me this year,” he said. “We’re much stronger and more athletic and just all-around improved on the defensive side of the ball.”

The achilles heel of the Lords the past few seasons has been their stopping opponents on the ground, as they allowed over 230 yards per game to their opponents. The coaching staff has put a lot of emphasis on this aspect of the game during the preseason, and said that they believe the time and hard work will pay off.

The defense unit suffered a setback when former all NCAC linebacker and Kenyon’s leading tackler Casey McConnell went down in a scrimmage with a torn ACL, ending his senior season. McConnell’s senior partner Calvin Hatfield, who tallied 118 tackles and two interceptions last season, will return to the linebacker position to anchor the defense.

While the past few years have been difficult ones for the Kenyon footballers, since Stanley’s arrival in 2003 the Lords have been on the rise. Last year’s final record of 2-8, while better than the previous year, is a bit misleading due to two heart-breaking losses suffered. One was at the hands of Oberlin College and the other against Thiel College in the season finale. With just a few more fortuitous bounces, the Lords could easily have been 4-6 and in the middle of the pack in the NCAC. Last year’s close calls, however, have proven to only serve as motivation heading into the 2004 campaign.

“I’m excited about the season and the fact that we are a much-improved program,” Stanley said, “and we’re determined to keep speeding up the learning curve this year and take bigger strides.” With this attitude, a wealth of seasoned veterans and a strong youth contingent, spirits are high in the Lords’ locker room heading into the season.

The season commences this Saturday when Kenyon travels to Centre College to battle the Colonels. The Lords’ home opener takes place two weeks later against Kalmarazzo on Friday, September 24 under the lights at Mt. Vernon High School at 7 p.m.

Young Ladies’ soccer team heads to California

BY COLIN HODGKINS
Steve Walters

As the Ladies soccer team boards a plane destined for California, its 1-1-1 record stands a good chance of being improved against the likes of Pomona-Pitzer and Chapman College.

Kenyon women’s soccer has undergone a makeover under second-year head coach Kelly Walters. For the juniors and seniors on this year’s squad — many of whom have endured the trials and tribulations of losing seasons in past years — Walters’ changes are welcome.

“I remember what it was like before Walters became coach, and the main thing was that the mentality of the team was completely different,” said senior co-captain Heather Preston. “Every player’s level of confidence is higher, and commitment has been a big factor. We’re all determined to win and we know we can do it.”

Results are taking shape on the field. Though the Ladies dropped their first game to Wilmington College 0-3, they’ve since bounced back, and the fans are starting to take notice.

Rows of rowdy, shirtless fans were present last weekend and screaming on the sidelines of the Ladies’ 3-0 winning of highly-ranked Methodist College this past Saturday. “We were leading 1-0 at the half, I wasn’t sure how the team would respond,” Walters said of the win. “Sometimes it’s just as difficult to maintain a lead as to come from behind.”

However, Walters’ doubt was cast aside when Weronika Kowalczyk ’06 hammered the third goal, putting the proverbial nail in the coffin and sending the fans into a frenzy that rumbled the bleachers.

On Sunday the Ladies followed their showing by forcing a tough Case Western squad to a 0-0 double-overtime tie, which gave Kenyon first place in the annual Kenyon Classic. The buzz could be heard all around campus. “We’re no longer an underdog,” said Kowalczyk. “We expect to win every game.”

Walters has combined a youth movement on defense with some key senior experience up front to find the formula for success. Four freshmen are starting in the backfield, including goalkeepers Rosemary Davis and Casey McConnell.

Senior co-captains Heather Preston and Amy Gross have anchored the team and provide the necessary firepower up front. Adding senior Guin Granite to the mix — last year’s leading goal scorer — and Walters has a potent offense up front.

“We’re going to emphasize aggressiveness this season. With the level of talent on this team, there is no reason not to,” said Walters.

In fact, Walters has decided to play a “flat back four” this season, which means the Ladies will have one less full-time defender in the backfield in order to maximize the offense’s ability to attack, with a bold move considering the number of freshman starting on defense.

“We might be young, but we’re very confident,” said Kathy Sper, one of the starting freshmen defenders. “We’ve also a very physical and strong defense. We like to strike fear in our opponent’s hearts. I think that’s why Coach Walters has confidence in us.”

Team chemistry and camaraderie has also played an enormous part in the Ladies’ improvement. “We just mesh so well as a team,” Preston said. “I think it’s our greatest strength. Everyone gets along and off of the field.”

Kowalczyk notices the impact of the freshmen, both for their athletic ability and willingness to buy into the program. “We never had to initiate any of the freshmen, they simply fit right in,” she said. “They’ve given us a huge lift.”
Expect copious kills from Ladies’ Volleyball

BY JOE FREEMAN Staff Writer

The Ladies’ volleyball team may finally have found their man. After suffering through two tough seasons, each concluding with a 14-22 record, the Ladies have a fresh start and the hiring of Coach Todd Raasch this year. A fresh face as well, Raasch is the successor to two different coaches in two years. After defeating Oberlin College this past weekend and earning a fifth place finish in the Oberlin Invitational, it seems that the time may indeed be a charm.

The Ladies kicked off their season in the invitationa-}

l, rotating of their first round opponents Lake Erie College. They were not as lucky in their next match, falling first to Bethany College in three close games 33-35, 30-25, 22-25. They then lost to Westminster College 30-22, 28-30, 30-24. Westminster went on to win the Invitational.

A quick move from their two straight losses and began focusing on their next game, the playoff for fifth place against the host team and their eternal geographical rival Oberlin. They dispatched the host of the house quickly to the tune of three games, and claimed fifth place. Perhaps the most impressive statistic from the weekend belongs to sophomore Sarah Brieschke who amassed a total of 129 assists for her team.

Raasch is off to a promising beginning with his bunch. He is no stranger to success, having coached at a competitive level for fifteen years as well as being part of the staff at University of Nebraska when they defeated Texas in 1995 for the national title. The team is young, with no seniors, two freshmen, and only one junior to its name. Still, Pati Hace ’08 said she “has high hopes for the rest of the season.”

Despite slow beginning, Kenyon runners remain confident

BY D. D. GARDEN Staff Writer

This past Friday the Kenyon Cross Country team squad ran one predictable and one mediocre race against Denison, Oberlin, Ohio Wesleyan and Wooster at College of Wooster running festival. However, ignorant men and cheaters stand by early predictions.

Though many runners raced well, this scrimmage seems to be a shabby portrayal of how the team actually feels about this coming season.

“We would have won it if it were just Denison,” said Co-captain Tyler Newman ’05. Few foot jockeys took the loss to heart. Many joked about poor performances, feeling no way threatened by the outcome.


In the more mature 5K race, 46 runners ran over hill and dale, putting their muscles into action for this year’s coming miles. Co-captain Sean Strader ’06 came in first for the Lords and sixth overall, with an even 17 minutes. Behind him finished co-captain Newman in 14th at 17:30. But the Lords floored in the wake of Wesleyan, Oberlin and Denison.

“The poor finish doesn’t bother me,” said Nick Xenakis ’05. “It’s early in the season, and we’ve been training hard. We simply were not in the right mindset.”

The team feels confident that their performance is in no way an accurate portrayal of the work they have put into their running this summer and preseason. If anything the poor standing of the runners simply reflects the exhaustion felt at the end of a productive pre-season, and a hard summer of training. “This race is just not an example of our ability to this point,” said Newman. “I am confident because of practices, I am confident because of individual training this summer, that we will be on par, much better than last year. We’ve only lost two people, and have gotten some great freshmen.” Ready fans will have to do some traveling this season, as the new athletic facility construction has sixed the old home course and prevented the creation of another. The team will begin at 10 a.m. at the GLAC at Oberlin, starting the harrier’s next and first real meet of the season.
Appleman makes NFL predictions for 2004
Kenyon junior foresees a Vikings/Patriots Super Bowl capping off a season of surprises and let-downs

BY FITZGERALD APPLEMAN  Staff Writer
Welcome to the year of the receiver in an unpredictable league where parity reigns supreme. Who will be the year's Carolina? Will New England repeat?
Projected records are in parenthesis.

AFC EAST
New England Patriots (12-4) The defending champs look strong. With arguably the league's best defense and a clutch QB, the Pats are bound to make some noise come playoff time. Running back Corey Dillon looks to add more spark to an already efficient offense. Henry Jittery Ty Law and Rodney Harrison make opposing receivers quiver. Look for Gillette Stadium to be rocking once again in January.

New York Jets (9-7) A healthy Chad Pennington holds the key to the Jets' at the post-season. Big play without Justin McCarein gives Pennington a second option next to Pro-Bowl receiver Santana Moss and running back Curtis Martin. The Jets outscored their atrocious, aging, defense from last year 515-275. Buffalo Bills (8-8) Drew Bledsoe keeps getting older and the Buffalo ground game doesn't seem to be getting any better, but Bill McGahee seems to think he's the answer. Buffalo's secondary ranked 30th in the league last year with 12 interceptions, bagging down an already mediocre defense. Playoffs? Wide shot.

Miami Dolphins (6-10) When Ricky Williams walked away, the Dolphins' playoff chances evaporated. Coach Dave Wannstedt must feel the heat, but with Mike Macarthy in, things might change. Speaking of clouds, Williams' chances of a comeback were thwarted by a cloudy urine sample. That leaves the Dolphins' ground game poor and coach Wannstedt looking towards the sky wondering why.

Indianapolis Colts (11-4) Ladies and Gentlemen, hell has frozen over. It's cold enough for the Bengals to see their way into the playoffs for the first time since Boomer memory had trendy hair. A solid offensive line and an excellent receiving corps lead the Bengals. Their offense will carry them in a weak division.

Cleveland Browns (8-8) Congrats to cookie tight end Kevin Shuler Winslow for becoming the highest paid solo- dier in world history. Apologies all around to Achilleus. Hector and Those who normal the beach at Norma- ncy, to name a few. Newly acquired quarterback Jeff Garcia hopes to ship the ship, but a mediocre offen- sive line will make that difficult. Defensively, the Browns will look to a solid defensive line to cover up a few holes in the secondary.

Pittsburgh Steelers (8-8) The Steeler feature one of the league's best wide receiving trios. It's too bad that they don't have a quarterback that can play up to their level. Veteran starter Tommy Maddox is inconsistent and rookie Ben Roethlisberger is just that ... a rookie. The Steeler's are counting on Douce Bailey to improve in a key role in the secondary.

The Pittsburgh defense is going to keep the Steelers in contention.

Baltimore Ravens (5-11) Jamal Lewis is going to have a hard time duplicating his 2,006 rushing yards. Kyle Boller is not a solid replacement for last year's quarterback. Key in on Lewis. Also, Lewis' impending drug trial saddles him with enough legal baggage to last an NFL lifetime. And what was Ray Lewis thinking? The Madden 2005 cover-boy forgot to realize that everyone who poves for the cover gets struck by the inevitable Madden curse. Ask Michael Vick. Vick is gone for most of last season or Daunte Culpepper's worst sea- son of his career three years ago.

AFC SOUTH
Indianapolis Colts (11-4) The Colts once again boast the most talented skill position players in the league. Quarterback Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison shielded opposing AFC secondaries last season, until they met the New England defense (and more). Indy is sure to prove that last season's AFC championship loss was not an aberration, but actually expect of what's to come this year.

Tennessee Titans (8-8) See Steve McNair run. See Steve McNair get his arm broken by an opposing lineman. See Steve McNair run and throw with a broken arm. See Steve McNair appear to be leading the Titans to the playoffs. See Steve McNair get mauled by another vicious pack of lineman.

See Steve McNair on the sidelines. See the Titans miss the playoffs for the first time in a long time.

Jacksonville Jaguars (7-9) The story behind this year's Jacksonville Jaguars season is the maturation and development of quarterback Byron Leftwich. Running Back Fred Taylor is explosive, when healthy, and wide receiver Jimmy Smith is one of the best in the league. However, the Jags will go as far as their defense will take them, which is not far.

Houston Texans (5-10) The Texans are making strides, but still need more time to build a team that will win. Quarterback David Carr is still the future, but he needs some protection next year for future with better protection.

AFC WEST
Denver Broncos (6-10) The Bron- cos made out beautifully in the Champ Bailey for Clinton Portis swap. Bailey immediately improves an already dangerous defense, giving Denver the shutdown corner they've desired for the longest time. Don't be surprised if quarterback Brian Griﬃth becomes the new Mile High heir to the effective Rocky Mountain ground game. How far Denver goes in the playoffs will depend on the arm of mobile quarterback Jake Plummer.

Kenny City Chiefs (10-6) Priest Holmes' remarkable season led last year's most potent offense.

Trent Green and Tony Gonzalez give them added offensive versatility. A strong team is on their laved defense to come up with new coordinator Gunther Cunningham. A lot is too much to ask. The Chiefs must try to count on two years in a row. If Priest stays holly between the tackles, a trip to the playoffs may be possible.

Oakland Raiders (8-8) Oakland owner Al Davis doesn't rebuild. Due to Big Al's impatience, the Raiders look like the greatest squad to be led by football's greatest all-time receiver on his last legs and two quarterbacks who qualify for social security. Adding Warren Sapp to Ted Washington might prevent Da- vis from raining unemployment in United States once again.

San Diego Chargers (3-13) Poor Ladainian Tomlinson. One of the NFL's best backs surrounded by nothing. Phillip Rivers is not Eli Manning, just the way Ryan Leaf wasn't Peyton Manning.

AFC EAST
Philadelphia Eagles (11-5) The Eagles welcome Terrell Owens and Jason Avant to break "Kaeper Olympics". Their defense is an effort to get over the NFC Champions- hip game hump. T.O. called out ex-teammate, Jeff Garcia, in the pre-season, questioning his masculinity. According to the all pro receiver, "It looks like a rat snorting in the air, not glory, it is a t." Well, if it looks like a 4h straight NFC championship game loss and you can still smell it like a 4h straight NFC championship game loss because it's mid January in Philly and your nose is frozen, then by golly, the Philadelphia Eagles and Dallas Cowboys (9-7) What is this, the 1990's Jets? Vanya Testaverde is throwing the ball as if by Kawohn John- son. Bill Parcells is on the sidelines trying not to smile. Why shouldn't the Tuna be pleased? His defense ranks first in the league last year, leading one of the most improbable turnarounds in the league. The Cow- boys have had three consecutive games of points to support their exceptional defense.

Washington Redskins (9-7) Dan- iel Snyder spends. Daniel Snyder loses. Rookie safety Sean Taylor is the defense at strong safety. Clinton Portis is a definite upgrade from what he used to be. (Mark Brunell). Joe Gibbs needs another year.

New York Giants (10-5) Welcome to the Eli Manning era. The here sits quite then the same for these Giants. Give Eli and the terrible Giant offensive line some time. Enjoy the New York media.

NFC NORTH
Minnesota Vikings (11-5) New- rules help receivers. Who is the best receiver in football? It's Randy Moss. The Vikes added Marcus Robinson to complement Moss and quarterback Daunte Culpepper who will set the league on fire. Add an improved defense, and what will they get? Let's just say it's a good thing that the Jacksonville nightmare won't distract Moss and Co. during Super Bowl week.

Green Bay Packers (9-7) Brett Favre and Abraham Green can't do it anymore. Looks as if they are gunning for a better defense. Kabeer Gbaja- Biimana is a one-man sack party, but his pal Brian Urlacher doesn't smell playoffs.

Detroit Lions (7-9) The Lions used the draft to choose even more talent (RB Kevin Jones and WR Roy Williams) to a young and talented offense. Joey Harrington and Charles Rogers will lead a squad trying to prove them- selves. It'll be fun to watch.

Chicago Bears (4-12) This is a team without a real starting. Brian Dabord is over-rated as it gets. Rex Grossman isn't ready. Bears fans year for Dick.

NFC SOUTH
Carolina Panthers (11-5) The defense is as nasty as it gets. Lineem defenders like Julian Peterson, Sam Adams and view the Falcons is as relentless as it gets. Carolina is even better, but there is even more to come. Roast with the Falcons.

Atlanta Falcons (10-6) The Falcons possess the most exciting player in football. Once Michael Vick gets the hang of the new implemented west coast offense, the Falcons will take off. Until then, they will continue to grow. Vick won't be going to SuperBowl just yet.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (11-5) From champs to champs in two years flat. Head coach Jon Gruden tried to tool through the free agency market, but he lost more than he gained.

NFC WEST
Seattle Seahawks (12-6) Coach Mike Holmgren has the offense to win big. lead by quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, coming-off of career Vick. Vick is the sexy not the sexy. Seattle has defeated the Falcons and the Seahawks are big time. An average football player would be the same as getting places in the post-season.

St. Louis Rams (8-8) There's a load of talent at running back and receive, but Marc Bulger isn't a big-time quarterback. The defense lost out in the free agent market. The grades are almost grass that's just too high.

San Francisco 49ers (4-12) Tim Rattay's team. Rate him. Fail last year. Keep bargaining.

Arizona Cardinals (4-12) Emmitt Smith could be enjoying the beach this season. Emmitt Smith could be enjoying his championship rings beam in the sunlight. All he can en- joy is his own home stock from rookie Larry Fitzgerald's first year. Emmitt, like the Cardinals, should permanently retire.

AFC Championship - Patriots over Bills

NFC Championship - Vikings over Eagles

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Patriots 21
Swimmers bring thriving tradition to Athens

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Sports

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It was a first for Kenyon swimmers as they competed at the Olympics, who could be closely connected to the renowned program. In this year’s Games in Athens, the school celebrated the success of its Kenyon students, Michelle Engleman, Agnese Ozolina ’04 and Aidrea Duda ’06, all competitors for their home nation. Ozolina and Duda represented the Republic of Latvia, while Engleman swam for the highly competitive Australian team, a team which went on to win 15 medals in the sport.

Neither Duda nor Ozolina reached the semi-finals of their events, with Ozolina finishing fourth in the second heat of the women’s 100-meter freestyle and Duda finishing eighth in the fourth heat of the men’s 100-meter butterfly. Engleman, who was brought to the state as a conditioner for the bronze medal, found her way into the finals where she finished sixth behind American swimmer from the University of Florida, and Thumb, to stand 17th in the 50-meter freestyle race.

Michelle Engleman, who swam at Kenyon for two years, competes in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. She finished in sixth place in the 50-meter freestyle.

Dream Team Deferred: World matches USA

The redundant criticism of the Americans ignores the impressive status of international basketball

BY ERIC FITZGERALD
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Two weeks after Argentina eliminated Team USA from the Olympic basketball tournament there are still conversations about the team’s disappointing performance. Almost everyone in the sports media has made a determined effort not only to insult and humiliate the 12 Americans who played, but also to offer their own reasons for why Team USA did not come to the gold like the Dream Team did in 1992. With some exceptions, the discourse I’ve heard about international basketball has not only been redundant and critical of Team USA, but ignores the rise in international basketball.

The most common approach to international basketball that I’ve heard since returning to Gambier is the assumption that Team USA is always the best basketball team and anything less than pure domination in the sport is failure. That is not a professional standpoint and merits not another parroting.

If the 2002 World Championships, which was in the legitimacy of European and South American players, then Dirk Nowitzki, Manu Ginobili or Yao Ming should catch the attention of anybody who talks about basketball. Since every NBA team has employed people with decent understandings of who’s a good player, the 47 foreign players drafted since 2002 should prove that American college and high school players aren’t the only good basketball players.

Many people charge Iverson and company of being apathetic, not caring about the outcome of the tournament. I think it’s fair to guess that most non-American basketball player have dreamed about beating Team USA ever since the 1992 Dream Team bullied its competition in Barcelona. In the 12 years since the ’92 games, the original Dream Team has raised a very talented generation of basketball players around the world. While most members of Team USA consider playing for Team USA an honor that takes a back seat to NBA superstardom, thinking “they didn’t care about this tournament” is a lame argument.

Even if their motivation was vested in economic gain, the redundant arguments about their Olympic performance don’t build a good case for higher NBA salaries for any of the previous Olympic American Olympians. Thus, an NBA player who might consider international competition seems like a prudent choice while a little more consider reconsider playing for Team USA given the widespread medal humiliation he will receive.

Anyone who watched the games should know that there is potential for a great tradition of international basketball tournaments in the future. Unfortunately, USA has embarrassed itself not because it lost three times (we still won a bronze), but because we possess such an arrogant disrespect for other countries’ teams. I find at least a bit of racism in the expectation that the Americans should rule international basketball competition. I remember watching a trick event in which a Belarusian won the women’s 100-meter dash. Everyone sitting within talking distance was astounded that she beat her opponents with darker skin. The纺织 sheep to her argument, according to someone’s remark, is that the black women possessed longer muscle tissue that makes them run faster. This remark is beyond the stupidity of any sports commentary. Consider the racist stereotypes that correlate black people and basketball in America. When the all-black Team USA watered dropped three games in the Olympics, it is a shame that no one gave due credit to Puerto Rico, Lithuania or Argentina. No one reconsidered the misconceptions about black people possessing special genes that make them good basketball players. No, it was all about pointing fingers or exaggerating some other explanation for how Team USA with its basketball playing genes lost two from other countries.

Everyone also found the bronze medal as unacceptable result probably thought the field would be introduced at the sight of 12 black athletes. That didn’t happen, because it seems other countries are not caught up in racial misconceptions about certain racial backgrounds producing better basketball players. The rest of the world is allowing the best basketball players to compete and prove their ability to play the game.

Meanwhile, Americans remain fixated on “athleticism” being the key to Argentina’s win. Now, and Andrea Nicolina proved they were every bit as athletic as Tim Duncan and Lamar Odom. Given the hair length of several players on Argentina, I’ll be interested to hear if people in Argentina have already constructed a stereotype that longer hair produces a better shooter or rebounds. I doubt it.

Having spent some time in England and seeing the excitement of international sports competitions, I find it disappointing to hear Americans offended by the emergence of legitimate international powerhouse in “their” sport. This disrespect for the foreign sides will make future defeats even more humiliating. If Americans want to embrace international competition, we could see some exciting tournaments.

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