Course evaluation system overhauled

BY ROSE BABINGTON
Staff Reporter

Beginning in December, all students will have the chance to log on to the Kenyon network and offer extensive feedback, on one or more of their courses from the semester.

The existing course evaluation system, which has been in effect for the past three years, was revised after its review last spring by the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC). After a trial run last spring, the technologically advanced and more detailed evaluation system was officially approved at a faculty meeting on Sept. 13. It will be used to review at least one class taught by each faculty member at the end of this semester.

According to Professor of Music Benjamin Locke, the Chair of the Faculty, the old evaluation system consisted of a paper survey, given out during class at the end of each semester, with ten phrases that students approved of "circling the level of agreement or disagreement with these statements." To tally the responses, the associate provost for the registrar's office conducted it.

The new system uses a web-based survey devised by the Registrar's office to offer a variety of questions on a single page. Results are immediately tabulated and averaged. Locke said he was pleased with the feedback received so far, and predicted the system will provide a more effective method of evaluation for courses, especially since it will be done over the summer during break, allowing students more time to reflect on the course.

Rising GPAs cause concern among faculty

BY CHARLOTTE NUGENT
Editor

A recent spike in the average GPA of Kenyon students has sparked a fresh local mordant of academic debate: is grade inflation a problem at American colleges?

Data provided by the Registrar's office show an increase in the average GPA of Kenyon students to 3.22 for the 2003-2004 school year, up from 3.25 in the 2002-2003 school year and from 3.19 in the 2001-2002 school year when the spike began. Further analysis of data shows Kenyon's average student GPA rising steadily over the last 50 years from 2.58 in 1955, the earliest year for which data was available.

According to the Registrar, 'As and A's are the highest grades available in the academic environment, it is difficult to document a trend of grade inflation. However, the most recent average GPA has increased significantly over the past five years.'

Kenyon is not alone in its rising average GPA. According to a survey of 24 liberal arts colleges, prepared by Franklin and Marshall College, the average GPA of those institutions is 3.28.

"Students are not responsible for any increase in GPA," said Professor of Drama Thomas Tencza. "I feel that there has been a significant increase in the quality of students over the past 25 years that has led to this increase in GPA.'

The spike in GPA's is a concern to some faculty members who feel that the increase in GPA's has led to a lowering in academic standards. "I believe that there is a significant increase in the quality of students," said Professor of History Susan Caraway. "But I am concerned that the rise in GPA's may be a sign of declining academic standards.'

"I am not so concerned," said Professor of Philosophy John Wolford. "I think that the increase in GPA's is a reflection of the increase in the quality of students. I believe that this is a good thing.'

The spike in GPA's is also a concern to some students who feel that the increase in GPA's has led to a lowering in academic standards. "I believe that the increase in GPA's is a reflection of the increase in the quality of students," said Newspaper student Sarah Green. "But I am concerned that the rise in GPA's may be a sign of declining academic standards.'

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EVALUATIONS: Online system offers more options

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Students may choose the online system to submit evaluations about a class or department.

In addition to the normal evaluation process, students can now choose to rate instructors and courses online. This option is available for all courses and departments.

Students can access the online evaluation system through the university’s website. To submit an evaluation, students must log in with their student ID and password.

The online system offers several benefits over the traditional paper-and-pencil method. First, it is more convenient for students who do not have time to fill out evaluations on paper. Second, it allows for a larger sample size of students to participate in the evaluation process.

In the past, only a small portion of students submitted evaluations. However, with the online system, more students are likely to participate, which will provide a more accurate reflection of student opinions.

The online system also allows students to submit evaluations more quickly, as they can do so at any time convenient for them. This means that evaluations can be submitted throughout the semester, rather than just at the end.

In conclusion, the online evaluation system is a valuable tool for the university to gauge student satisfaction with courses and professors. It provides an efficient and convenient way for students to provide feedback, which can be used to improve the quality of education.

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In this week's edition of the Village Record, we bring you the latest news and updates from around the community.

Caraways: Bar serves last beer

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Caraway's was one of the last bars to serve alcohol before the state-wide alcohol ban. The bar was a popular spot for young people to hang out and socialize.

With the ban in place, the bar was forced to close its doors. However, the owner, John Taylor, said he would miss the bar and the community's vibrant social scene.

"Caraway's was more than just a bar," Taylor said. "It was a place where people could come together and have a good time."

Despite the closure, Taylor said he was grateful for the support he received from the community during his time in Caraway's.

First Year Council Election Results

Class Representatives:

Representative to Student Council
McBride - Jenny Lu
McMahan - Michael Janez

Representative to Senate
McBride - Jenny Lu
McMahan - Michael Janez

House Representatives:

Norton - Amanda Zimmermann
Norton - Brian Kaufman

Lewls - Mary Ann Grant
Lewls - Kellie O'Neill

McBride - Julia Kowey Will Ball
Astrid Redmond
Elena Fernandez
Kathryn Turner
Aaron Hiday

Lewls - Jarrett Moreno
Lewls - Irene Fandahl
Lewls - Marc Christian
Lewls - Laura Mann

McBride - Luke Silpe
McBride - Matthew Zahn
LFS - Lucas Eckman
Norton - Timothy Callahan

Gund - Andrew Irvin
Gund - Peter Cane
Gund - Jose Camacho-Banuelos
Gund - Kathryn Chaisson

Correction

Due to editorial error, the "Pizza Hut" apartments were incorrectly identified as being located on Duff Street ("Dufu" of freshmen creates housing crisis"). The apartments actually are located on Old Kenton.

Due to staff error, visiting assistant professor Christopher LaSota was cited as working for the English department ("Other new members of Kenyon faculty"). LaSota is in fact a member of the department of Physics.
BY JEFF FORCE
Staff Reporter

Kenyon's computer network areondergo a number of major changes this year, including the implementation of the Perlgo se-
curity gateway and wireless Internet access in residence halls.

Last year's computers were
"like a feeding trough for viruses," said Ronald Griggs, Director of Information Services. "Our focus is to make sure that computer problems aren’t getting in the way of academic work."

While a standard antivirus program, Norton Corporate, was required for all computers con-
ected to the Kenyon network, vi-
ruses continued to disable students’ computers throughout the year.

According to Griggs, Perlgo should help solve the network prob-
lems, as it detects both viruses and security flaws. Perlgo quarantines the infected computer while redi-
recting the user to a page detailing each problem and outlining how to fix it. If Windows patches are required, Perlgo links users to the individual patches instead of leaving them to search Microsoft’s complicated website.

There are limits to what prob-
lems Perlgo can handle. However, one of these software is also called adware, which is a type of program that’s signed with commercial intent to trick users’ information for reporting
back to a website or company. Griggs warns that such programs are "ranging from relatively benign to horrible."

Spyware can cause pop-up advertisements, increase e-mails, or redirect web browsers to unwanted sites. Spyware can be included in free online games or in file-sharing programs like WinMX.

According to Murphy, "more and more student computers cannot run because of spyware. Antivirus software does nothing to combat the problems, and, he said, "some software advertised to delete spyware or block pop-up ads can simply be spyware itself."

Students are urged to get more information from http://antivirus.kenyon.edu/adware.htm if they think their computer is in-
fected with spyware.

Perlgo is making a concerted effort to prevent student’s computers from developing prob-
lems, instead of waiting until after systems go down and then trying to fix them.

"The best thing is to prevent the next problem," he said. Part of this effort involves education about computers so that students can utilize them properly and be aware of possible risks.

Murphy says he sees "compu-
ter illiteracy" as a "terrible term."

"Are you a tech in society?" he asks. "There are plenty of people who can’t rebuild an engine, but they can fill the gas tank and drive."

"It’s the same thing," Murphy says. "Perlgo is working to com-
municate information that students need to know and to prevent them with needless data."

Another major task is to supply wireless support in residence halls, which is already up and running in many dorms. Wireless Internet access has not yet been activated in dorms where students are run-
ning their own wireless networks.

BY MEGAN SHIPLEY
Staff Reporter

In an effort to support Knox County farmers, Kenyon's dining halls are now including locally-
grown foods in all daily meals.

This new initiative is part of the Food for Thought program sponsored by the Rural Life Cen-
ter, which is working to provide a dependable local market for Knox County farms. It is part of a nationwide trend toward farm-to-
school dining programs.

According to Sacks, the program is supported through纮t a

sack's by the students. "Basically, our farm is carrying the program," said Sacks. "We have

students who are interested in the local food system."

This program is building on the success of the program that was begun last year, when
the students produced a cookbook featuring local foods. The program has been expanded to include all of the local farmers.

Sacks said that the program is helping to support both the local food system and the surrounding community.

"This project has unbelievable potential to change the students’ attitude about the quality of the food. It’s really good food," Sacks said.

"It has been a success," Murphy said. "The students have been very supportive of the program, and we have received a lot of positive feedback from the students."
**New sober houses open for recovering students**

**BY SARAH COBEN**

Staff Reporter

This year marks a significant increase in the College’s involvement with drug and alcohol rehabilitation services for Kenyon students, through the addition of a new sober house on campus.

According to Liz Wenner, head of the college’s alcohol services at Kenyon and facilitator of the drug/alcohol rehabilitation program, the idea for a sober house originated because the social atmosphere at Kenyon has presented obvious difficulties for students coping with addiction problems.

Wenner wanted to provide those students with an option that went a step further than the substance-free houses on campus, many of which are inhabited by students who are there involuntarily because of an overdose crisis. Wenner said she felt it was not conducive to students coping with addiction to live in the hall from heavy partying. "One living space should not create anxiety," she said.

To address these concerns, Dr. Wenner requested an addition with Wenner, Dean of Residential Life George Collins and Dean of Students Donald Omahon, a plan that would expand the rehabilitation program by providing separate housing for students struggling with drug or alcohol addiction.

Five student rooms are currently participating in the program. The four students live together in a house at an undisclosed location on campus. The one female member of the rehabilitation program lives at a separate undisclosed location.

Wenner acts as the house supervisor, serving primarily as a contact for members of the program. There is no official check list for students’ everyday duties, though most of the members of the house are on a contract pledging their commitment to the program. The only requirements for participation in the program are that students are drug-free, are cooperative with Wenner and periodic drug tests.

These rooms are emphasized more as negative reinforcement than the focal point of the program, however. According to Wenner, the core of the program lies in the students’ cooperation in a rehabilitation program.

The sober house operates differently than the school’s substance-free residences on campus. Whereas students living on a wellness floor may simply be opposed to alcohol and drug use, students in the sober house do not necessarily oppose the use of substances, but rather have suffered because of their heavy experimentation with these substances.

All of the male members that were interviewed said they are not successful of students who think or drink drugs, and that they are not attempting to convert any drug/alcohol users to sobriety. One male member explained that the focus of the house is on the student’s identity. "It’s really about our own health and well-being," he said.

All students living in sober housing have committed to abstinence from using any mood or mind altering substances, and they have agreed that any neglect of this commitment could result in their expulsion from the house.

One male member of the sober house said the residence provides for a deeper sense of community. "Wenner is very open," he said. "It helps me to be in touch with people who share the same goals as you.

One of the residents said they would feel lost at a college without such a program to keep from grounded.

The members of the sober house said they feel that Kenyon College is doing everything possible to support students in recovery.

The establishment of the sober housing system at Kenyon, they said, was a huge milestone for young people in recovery.

Said one male resident, "People in recovery can find comforting going to college knowing that there is going to be somewhere that they can feel safe, and leave people to relate to." Although at a campus like Kenyon, they said, where parties with beer and drugs are commonplace much of the weekend, it is helpful to have a sanctuary where they do not have to deal with temptations.

At the same time, the students in the program all acknowledged the danger of isolating themselves from the rest of the college community. They are involved in several activities outside of the house, including Greek life, sports and performing arts groups, and their commitment to substance free living does not entirely exclude them from substance consuming stu.

Second semester will start another chapter for the program, when the three female members of the program, two of whom are currently off campus, move in together at their on campus residence.

So far Wenner said, the community’s response to the sober houses on campus has been a pleasant surprise. She praised the students for their level of concern and responsibility, and their ability to live together in harmony without being a problem for the campus as a whole.

Wenner said, "It’s an exercise in learning, that they do occasionally go to parties, and that ‘just because they’re sober doesn’t mean they don’t know how to have a good time.’" Members of the sober house say that the most comforting factor in the program is the realization that they are not alone. According to one of the members of the male house, "Thinking you’re the only one with a problem is a manifestation of the problem itself."

Students and faculty expect that the addition of the sober house will be a valuable tool in the rehabilitation program, and will provide a safe zone for those struggling with addiction problems. However, there is still much left to be determined about the sober house.

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**Student Council discusses budget, judicial process**

**BY ANDREW CLAUSING**

Staff Reporter

Funding for competitive student groups, reviewing the judicial process and following up on last week’s discussion about sophomores in division housing dominated the discussion at this week’s Student Council meeting.

Student Council President Nick Xenakis ’05 presented a tentative proposal that outlined the requirements for student groups that wish to receive funding as “competitive” organizations.

This new category will cover all groups that go to competitions out of state. Under the proposed, groups would have to apply to the Student Life Committee to be placed in the competitive category. The committee would review the applications to ensure that the groups meet the two main requirements - that they represent the College and that they compete against other institutions.

Xenakis also emphasized the need to "leave the door open" for other types of groups, such as community service-oriented groups, to eventually become eligible for such funding.

Some questions were raised over how many, if any, extra absences from classes would be allowed to these groups. Senate Co-Chair Merrieth ’05 suggested that two days could be used as a baseline, with the option to petition the Committee of Academic Standards for additional days.

Farmer proposed that three days be given to students who are members of multiple competitive organizations or varsity sports teams as well as a competitive group.

Sophomore Class President Nellie Zanca thought two days should be sufficient for all students. "You need to prioritize," she said. Zanca said, "If you’re responsible enough to be playing a varsity sport and doing debate, I think you need to be given those two days and you need to be responsible."

Farmer reminded the Council that students seeking extra absences for additional organizational would probably be granted them. Senior Class President Suha Whitaker agreed, expressing a hope that applicants in multiple organizations could be given more leeway.

Junior Class President George Williams questioned how many students are actually members of these groups. Xenakis said he will visit Vice President of Student Life Sam Shapirotti, who was not at the meeting, to look at current student group rosters and see how many and how many students could fall under this classification.

A few minor changes to the wording of the proposal were also noted and Xenakis declined his intent to bring the subject back to a full Senate meeting for a few weeks, once an official structure, including funding sources, has been formed.

The other main topic discussed at the meeting was an upcoming review of Kenyon’s judicial process. Xenakis noted his surprise at learning that in some sexual misconduct cases, the accuser must confide, question and be questioned by the accused.

Farmer said it is important for the accused to be considered innocent until proven guilty and to be able to face their accuser, but agreed that direct questioning was unnecessary. She also asked whether the Council thought the judicial process should be made fully public.

Security and Safety Chair Steve Hands ’06 said he thought the process should be made public, noting that his knowledge of the process came only from his position as a Judicial Board observer.

Zanca agreed that the process is currently "secretive." She suggested setting up a form of "mock trial," which might help Council members understand how the process works.

Various council members suggested bringing in a student board member, a faculty board member and Associate Dean of Students Cheryl Steele, among others, to discuss the process.

Hands also followed up on the Council’s discussion from last week regarding sophomores in division housing. According to Hands, the Housing and Grounds Committee "agreed that sophomores should be allowed to live in division housing, but they don’t know how to best convince the Senate in order to have that happen."
Jervis: Economy forces plant to close its doors

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President of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce, Jeff Urban, has a more optimistic outlook for the ferry employees. "The economy in Knox county is growing," he says, "there are jobs available." And, from speaking to people at the plant, Urb

The ferry's location near the town of Knox is a significant advantage for its employees, as it provides easy access to local businesses and services. The ferry is owned and operated by the Knox County Transportation Authority (KCTA), which is responsible for maintaining and repairing the ferry. The KCTA is a public agency that provides transportation services to the residents of Knox County.

Another theory on the cause of grade inflation is that a change in the teaching styles used at American universities, from more formal to less-structured styles, has led to a system that makes gaining objec-

tive grades difficult. "I think there has been more emphasis on... [the seminar and discussion format rather than the more formal lecture]," said Professor Emeritus of Anthropology Ken Smail. "There has been more emphasis on... students encountering the data in the discipline rather than mastering it. There has been a grad-

ual trend from more objective exams to courses that emphasize writing papers, take-home midterm exams, and finals. And maybe in some disciplines that's more appropri-

tate, or equally appropriate. [But it's] hard to grade [take-home exams and journals]. I think the tendency is to be amplified by lots of nuance and explanation, but you've got to know where you stand. Do I have it right? No. Do I have a good conscience about it? Yes.

York, Dorman's bias — for grading, but doesn't believe that necessarily devalues students. "Evaluation is not what people go into teaching, you don't like to do that sort of thing," said York. "Perhaps being more sensitive to students' total value rather than value in the class is a legitimate thing to consider. I certainly always did. But that didn't change the way I graded."

The data on average student GPA's across Kenyon departments attests to the difficulty in adhering to a College-wide grading standard. According to Registrar data, a 4.0 was the average final class grade in GPA.

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dents to feel self-contempt as well.

"They are quite apparent in the average GPA data in the years after new grading policies took effect at Kenyon," said Baumann. "I'm not in favor of a GPA of 3.08 in the 1980-1990 school year to an average GPA of 3.07 in the 1985-1999 school year, occurring after the elimination of extra weight for a grade of A-plus on Kenyon's grading scale, which were until then to be accorded a value of 4.33. A second dip, from an average GPA of 3.20 in the 1999-2000 school year to an average of 3.1 in the 2000-2001 school year, occurred after the draw-

The average GPA at Kenyon, 1957-2003

The Jervis B. Webb Plant in Mt. Vernon will be closing its doors on Sept. 30.

Steve Kline

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Kenyon's Fitness, Recreation

BY WILLOW BELDEN
Senior News Editor

After a summer of construction, the new Kenyon College Fitness, Recreation, and Athletic Center (FRA) is on schedule to open in the fall of 2005, said Clerk of the Works Thomas Lepley.

Inside the FRA, most of the mechanical equipment has been installed; the final girders are being put in place; the roof is being assembled; and the exterior glass panels are waiting to be installed.

Outside, the McBride football field is ready to use, complete with new artificial turf. The track surrounding the field is still awaiting a rubberized surface coating but should be done for Homecoming in mid-October, Lepley said.

When finished, the FRA will house a swimming pool, basketball court, tennis courts, squash courts, an indoor track, weight rooms, exercise rooms and a movie theater.

Although the building is scheduled to be completed by next fall, Lepley said, "a lot depends on this winter, and how much of this building we can get covered up and be able to work inside of it. ... A lot of work has been done. We are on schedule for that completion date right now, but things could happen this winter that might disrupt that.

The contractor for the FRA plans to be able to continue work outside through the month of November, at which point interior work will proceed.

According to Lepley, the FRA is closer to being finished than it appears to be. "This is a different kind of building than a typical residential building," Lepley explained. "Usually, if you take the mechanical systems are done first, and the building is the last thing to be enclosed. This is not a detriment; it's the way this building is being built ... By looking at the building, you'd say, 'My Lord! You're not going to have that done by next fall!' But this is what takes the time, and it's already done. There's a lot of stuff to do up there, but it's stuff that happens pretty quickly."

The most pressing item on the construction agenda, Lepley said, is getting the roof in place. The waterproof roof membrane is scheduled to be applied to the top of the building in three weeks; the skylights that will cover every girdle are soon to be installed; and by Nov. 1, installation of the exterior glass should begin.

"There will be a lot of natural light coming into the building," Lepley said. "The whole west façade will all be glass, so you can walk up the street and look into the pool, look into the "mac" (Multi-use Athletic Center) area, or look into the track area ... The only portion that will not be glass will be the south side. There will be some glass there, but the southern sun is pretty hot. We're trying to keep that out.

The glass is all on the building site and waiting to be put in. Hardest of all is a different make of glass from what was in the original building design.

The original plan was to have fritted glass, which has ceramic dots built in that are supposed to soften light from going out of the building. But the College decided last year to switch to Low-E glass, which is simply designed to keep a lot of heat from coming into the building.

"Almost all Gambier residents have voiced concerns about the use of non-fritted glass," Lepley said. "The Village accepted the decision and that the fritted glass would have been worse than what we're going to use."

"We don't think the non-fritted glass is going to be an issue," he said, "because the FRA is so far. We've done studies, and when you get 80 feet away from the building, the light level just dies. There isn't anything within 80 feet of the building. You'll be able to see the building when you're driving down Meadow Lane or Duff Street, but it won't be what they call light pollution."

According to Lepley, all the glass that is being used in the FRA is tempered glass, which means that it is made in such a way that it breaks in small pieces, not in sharp pieces, if it breaks. The glass in the skylights over the pool will have "safety glass," which Lepley said does not fall at all if broken. "The reason for that," he said, "is because people have minimal clothing on, and we didn't even want the nuggets to hit them."

Lepley said that the safety glass is slightly more expensive than the tempered glass, but that the cost was not the reason it is not being used in all skylights; it was simply not necessary to use safety glass for all of the skylights.

Aside from completing the roof, Lepley said, excavation for the pool is the next order of business and should begin in about two weeks. Overlooking the football field, on the opposite end of the building from the pool, the FRA will house a 200-meter, six-lane track. The track will span the perimeter of an open area dedicated to a variety of things, such as badminton nets and a batting cage.

A worker stands on the mezzanine level of the FRA and surveys the fruits of his labor. The roof is already partly in glass, and skylights will be installed in the coming weeks.

Workmen in a cherry picker work on the roof of the FRA. Special rain gutters will be built into the roof so that they will not be visible.
A ladder fills the space where the "monumental staircase" will connect the main floor with the basement. An exact design for the staircase will be decided upon once the exterior structure of the FRA is complete.

Although the FRA will not have a second story, a mezzanine will house a theater, spectator areas for the pool and an exercise area.

"We like to call that a mezzanine because it would have changed the whole description of the building if we had called it a second floor," Lepley explained.

"There was a whole big argument with the building department... They finally agreed that it was a mezzanine."

Lepley said construction techniques would have had to have been significantly different if it had been a second floor rather than a mezzanine.

"We would have had to do all kinds of things with structural steel, if it was considered a second floor," he said. "And it's really not, because there are no walls and there are several ways to get out of the mezzanine level."

Lepley said that the spectator area for the pool in the FRA is smaller than that in the current athletic center, the Ernst Center. However, he said he does not think this will pose a problem, since most swimming championships are held at other schools and Ernst's spectator area has rarely been full.

In addition, he pointed out that people will be able to see the pool from almost everywhere on the mezzanine level, since most of the walls in the FRA are glass.

For instance, he said, one can watch the swimmers or the tennis players while working out on the exercise equipment in the fitness area, which will be located in the center of the mezzanine.

Next to the fitness area will be a 120-seat movie theater, which will be available not just for athletes, but for any and all student groups to reserve.

"One of the big things with the building is that we want everyone to participate in it," Lepley said.

"We want people to come down here and use it."

Lepley described the basement of the FRA as "the heart-throb of the building. It's what's going to keep everybody comfortable.

Squash courts, locker rooms, showers and all the mechanical equipment necessary to keep the building running will be located in the maze of rooms in the basement.

In addition to the various generators, pumps and ventilation mechanisms, a large "heat wheel" has been installed that will redistribute heat through the building to conserve energy.

"[The heat from the air that we're exhausting out of the building... is extracted from that air before it exits out of the building," Lepley explained, "and then it's redistributed throughout the building."

"They've incorporated a lot of energy-saving equipment," he continued. "[The building] is just about as efficient as you can make it, with the size of the building."

Lepley said the control system is operated with a laptop and that "we have very large degrees of control over the heating and air conditioning in the building. So we can go into an energy conservation measure really easily, like shutting things down when the building closes down at midnight."

He added that geothermal heat will also help warm the building, "because underneath the floor, the ground temperature stays about 55 degrees. Because of this large space, that's going to help."

To maintain the FRA, Lepley said, the College will need to employ five to seven additional maintenance-staff members. This number is based on the square footage of the FRA and the complexity of the operating systems within the building.

Although more personnel will be needed, Lepley said some maintenance costs will go down. For instance, the artificial turf on the football field will need much less care than the grass that was previously there.

Once the FRA is open, Ernst, the current athletic facility, will be torn down, Lepley said. He said there had been some discussion of renovating the Ernst Center and turning the existing pool into a dance studio. However, he said, Ernst would need a lot of work in order to remain serviceable. For example, he explained, the heating system is over 25 years old and would have to be replaced.

Kevin Glicken

A cherry picker sits idle in the gaping chasm where the pool will be.

Excavation for the pool itself will begin in a few weeks.

"We're excavating the pool itself," Lepley said. "For instance, the artificial turf on the football field will need much less care than the grass that was previously there."

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Lamenting change is unproductive

Transition and anxiety over change have been common topics recently. Only this week, Carney’s Tavern on Main and the Jervis B. Welch Company shut their doors in Mount Vernon permanently. The previous salmon feast and Alcove restaurant reopened to receive an unexpected future in Mount Vernon’s dying downtown.

Closer to home for members of the Kenyon community, dean and administration members at other institutions are experimenting with higher status, or the change to a pseudonymous name, previously only to be replaced by equally qualified outsiders, who work to earn our trust and respect. Work on the Fitness, Recreation and Athletic center continues to progress at a healthy pace, though the effects that it will have on Mount Vernon remains ambiguous.

For students of the College, especially those in the first or final year of their tenure, the atmosphere of change can seem a little toxic. Students lack the resources and importance of student-published institutions to debate the feasibility of change in the fabric of this community, there is plenty of opposition and dissent.

Many students share the interesting wish that Gamber be, for them, a static, stable little home. It’s a small taste compared to the loss felt in the event of Kenyon’s, or the Tavern, but it is a constant, quiet, and defining for us, in a way few things outside of Middle Path’s pebbles are.

The problem is of course, that it is wish that can not be fulfilled. Gamber is not a retreat center in the woods. It is a living and expanding town next door to a living and rapidly-expanding city. Careers need to be kept going, and students matriculate, graduate and pay their loans. Gamber will never hold still, and neither will its residents. The most important change that the student body can make in this respect is to change along with this unique environment.

The student body who experience our all too brief time here involve creation. Dissertation fellows arrive to spark the beginning of promising academic career. Tenure-track professors are building up new ideas that will expand their own threads through our academic mosaic. Much-needed buildings are gained amidst the weeds of controversy and the shadows of doubt. Trees and foliage are added to our pristine landscape, and our wildlife population multiplies fruitfully.

By the time most Kenyon students graduate, the student population exchanges old for new with the coming of each year. It is only through healthy and regular change that our community has grown and found its position into a place which is comfortable for us students.

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Kerry’s ‘V reveals long lie

G. MICHAEL LEWIS

Special to the Collegian

John Kerry’s supporters would have us believe that the controversy surrounding his experience in Vietnam is irrelevant in considering his ability to be the President of the United States. He sought to put the issue of what may or may not have happened on the battlefield behind him. There is no question that the film has developed that cannot be ignored.

John Kerry has been caught lying about a subject that he said he was knowledgeable about to the forefront of this election. And not just once.

John Kerry faced his convention and American media scrutiny and seemed to be "reporting for duty." He proceeded to tell us about his status as a war hero qualified him to be the Commander in Chief of this nation. Perhaps Kerry felt that he couldn’t be the election as a war hero qualified him to be the Commander in Chief of this nation. Perhaps he felt that this status as a war hero would have him beyond and beyond. Perhaps he agreed with his wife that anyone who would come to disagree to this was simply an "idiot" and a "scapegoat." On this last part he was certainly mistaken.

It started innocuously enough in an Oct. 14, 1979 letter to the editor of the Russo Journal in which he claimed, "I remember spending Christmas Eve of 1968 five miles across the Cambodian border with South Vietnamese allies who were drunk and celebrating Christmas. The absurdity of almost being killed by our own allies was a country story. If you asked Vietnam, a North Vietnamese officer claimed there were no American troops in the area was real."

He retracted this claim in 1990 on the Senate floor. He said, "I have that memory of the incident which is said - said - in me."

Richard Nixon was not the President of the United States on Christmas Eve in 1968 that was Lyndon Johnson. Hardly an acceptable error for someone of Kerry’s self-styled intellectual status.

Secondly, as a Buddhist country, the vast majority of people in South Vietnam don’t even celebrate Christmas, much less drink go dancing.

Finally, Kerry is now known, was not even in Cambodia on the day in question. He was in England in August 11, Kerry campaign aide Jeff Johnson said, "John Kerry has said on the record that he has a file recording earlier about being in Cambodia. A false recording that was "scared" in by Kerry."

Brendan B. Mysliewiec

OPINIONS

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Kerry’s DD 214, which is his official military discharge document, is a Silver Star with a combat “V” (for valor) among his honors. Sounds commendable and impressive, but out by mythic sources, the combat “V” is never awarded with the Silver Star because the Silver Star itself denotes valor. To add the combat “V” would be nepotistic. However, the actual wording on Kerry’s discharge document is "Silver Star with Combat V." Military law is very clear about the award of Combat Distinguishin -

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Decorations. According to the Navy Awards Manual, prior to 1974, the “V” was authorized for wear on the Ribbon of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and Navy Achievement Medal. Between 1974 and 1990, the “V” was authorized for wear on the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medals, Joint Service Commendation Medal and Navy Commendation Medal. In all cases, the Combat Distinguishing Device may only be worn if specifically authorized to the citation.

Given the fact that naval regulations prevent the awarding of the combat “V” (with the Silver Star, the Silver Star and the Silver Star to the Combat “V” with the Silver Star on his discharge documents remains two modeling questions. How might the get Kerry’s "V"? What does the have allowed it to remain the the fact that the Navy has said that it is the responsibility of all personnel to correct errors in their official records?

Was the combat “V” added by a of the administrative error at the time of Kerry’s discharge? Was someone persuaded to add it? A good question, but one we cannot definitively answer (if this was the President, CBS would surely). It is to give Kerry the benefit of the doubt and assume that the erroneous combat “V” was a clerical error. This brings us to question Kerry. Had Kerry nothing to hide the wrongly added combat “V,” why did he later correct this when he was separated from the Navy as he was responsible?

A question many of us wish to see Kerry would address. Especially following a statement by U.S. Navy spokesman, as reported by the Chicago Sun-Times, that “Kerry’s record is in certain. The Navy has never issued a ‘Combat V’ to anyone for a Silver Star.”

More troubling is the fact that he has run his “2004 campaign with a list of possible conclusions. Either the Navy is lying, or John Kerry has committed a serious fraud. As such, I put the question: What incentive does the Navy have to lie?

Perhaps Senator Kerry simply didn’t bother to have the correction made because he believed that the erroneous combat “V” was not doing any good.

Perhaps so.

As noted by Fox News on Sep-3rd of this year, in 1996, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jeremy Boorda committed suicide when he learned that a reporter was about to disclose he had wrongly worn two Combat V’s prior to Naval Service.

At the time, Kerry was asked about the incident and told the Boston Herald (that wrongly wearing the med-als to his judgment. Kerry as saying “is it true? Yes, it is very true. Sufficient to question his leadership position? The answer is yes.” Wrong for many in the media, but acceptable for an aspiring Commander in Chief? I would leave it to the reader to determine.

Kerry, of course, has the power to clear up these questions by simply authorizing the release of his military records by signing a Standard Form 190. He does not have to. On September 13th, Kerry told syndicated radio and MSNBC host Don Jusk they “We’ve posted my military records — on my website. You can get my website, and all my — you know, the docu-ments, my record, the record.7, the health of my knowledge.”

OK, let’s review: Kerry knew the man made the error in Standard Form 190. John Kerry knew that without this signature, the Navy cannot release his military records. Yet John Kerry still tells the media that he believes all of his documents are disclosed.

In total, Kerry has lied about his “Christmas in Cambodia,” refused to correct errors in his records and more, muddling, produced those erroneous records to his with us, and lied about the availability of other relevant records.

We are no longer talking about Vietnam and what happened on the banks of the Mekong River. We are talking about ac- tions, in best deceitful, Kerry has taken to enhance his image. He has taken these actions recently, repeatedly, and they directly impinge his integrity and his credibility to serve in President of the United States.

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OPINIONS

Some etiquette for the seduced

By SARA KAPLOW

Sports Editor

It is a Saturday night, and you are
sleeping on a couch in your
dorm’s lounge. You can see the
to the room you are in as it turns
on the couch with us. It is 1.30
bar, and yet you are out here? Why?
In a word, you are aroused.

Avoiding your friend’s dictionary,
“seduced” is not even a word. Yet after a few weeks at col-
lege, pretty much everyone knows what it means, if not from firsthand experience then from having a friend make good use of your floor and extra pillow. In the double, not reaching this point in your Kenyon career yet. I’ll explain. Being seduced occurs when your roommate is using your shared space in such a way that it affects an object of her interest. People like to have sex in college, and of course they will need to place an aspect of their college life in doing it in semi-public places, most often prefer to have their special friends over there. The bedroom is not natural. Under many circumstances,
particularly on weekend nights when you have been out exchanging the local party scene, it’s hard to tell if they do not even realize you are doing it; it is even possible that your roommate is just as in the same thing to another poor soul.

That said, it is not fun and it is nice to do, and doing it pays the same rather ridiculous rate for room and board. Thus, you each have an equal right to be in the room. What is the point in paying a couple thousand dollars to sleep on the ground in your neighbor’s room or the floor in my room? Doing so needs to be at least as enjoyable as doing anything sexual things in your room, do not do it when your roommate is there. Please note: the divider in Gind is not an actual wall, so only remove it at your own risk. You do not get to count as being in a separate room. If you ask nicely enough, perhaps your roommate will oblige you and get on, at least occasionally. It would be nice of your roommate to ask you to leave, instead of forcing you to listen to pillow-top and extremely loud make-out noises. Sure you whine about having to leave, but at least you aren’t having to listen to kissey noises all night long.

Some people may be lucky enough to be able to deal with this situation, and they are the people. I freely admit, who are the subjects of my jealousy. However, I have also observed a rather uncomfortable scenario of walking in on my roommate with her boyfriend (a term that is very loosely defined as any signal is a good sign as well). I can pretty much assure my new roommate that I will never do this to her. Maybe it takes being in that position to understand how awkward and unnecessary the whole scene is. We should really consider taking steps not to necessary to avoid putting the person you have to live with for a whole year.

So next time you are waking up in the unfamiliar roughness of a Kenyon好坏 cozy, think about what you’re doing. I’m sure that if you were to put yourself in their shoes, you probably let your roommate know ahead of time.

Another rather clever, simple, and considerate option is to alternate between the rooms. You two people mean two different rooms, so if you have to, invite your partner’s

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The Health and Counseling Center is located in the Sparrow House.

According to Scherer, sleep "heals us and gets us ready for the next day. Sleep is imperative for the human being, so we have to figure out how to accommodate that in our lives." In addition to healthy eating and sleeping, Scherer recommended physical activity. "A good exercise program will help to help maintain your endorphin level and increase your immune system," he said. In short, these factors—eating, sleeping and exercise— "run and do have a profound effect on one's health." Another prominent figure at the Center is Patrick Gilligan, the director of Counseling Services. Gilligan received a BA in English from Muskingum College and has a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Louisville. He has over twenty years of experience in social work and counseling, and he has served as the Associate Director of Moundbuilders Guidance Center in Knox and Logan Counties for thirteen years. "The counseling services office provides individual, relationship and group counseling for individuals who are experiencing mental and emotional distress and problems in living," explained Gilligan. As director of the office, Gilligan has a wide array of administrative and supervisory duties, but the majority of his time is spent counseling students.

According to Gilligan, the most common reasons students seek services are depression, anxiety and stress. "Counseling is effective in reducing the symptoms associated with these issues," he said.

Students can engage in Counseling Services by calling or e-mailing the office. They may also walk in to set up an appointment, and no fee is charged for the service.

According to the Health and Counseling Center website, the services of the Counseling Service are guided by the ethical guidelines of the American Association of Counseling Services and Ohio state laws. The guidelines ensure that the services students receive are appropriate to their needs and protect their confidentiality. Gilligan said that the Counseling Center "cannot release information without the written consent of the client-student." However, he acknowledged that there are exceptions to the rule of confidentiality. "As a member of the counseling staff, I have to break confidentiality if the client represents a clear and imminent danger to self or others."

"All therapists in Ohio operate under the sanction of the Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board, which has strict guidelines on qualifications, performance, and ethical practice," said Gilligan. "All of our staff are licensed by this board."
Miller strolls along Kokosing Gap Trail

BY ISAAC MILLER
Staff Writer

Use caution, gentle reader, when traveling on the Kokosing Gap Trail—you may be enticed to go much farther than you originally intended, drawn by the beauty of your surroundings and the ease at which you can move down the path.

I discovered this myself not too long ago. Leaving the athletic fields, I decided to head back using the trail. In my defense, I thought it looped back to the College at some point, so in my mind it was like taking a long way back. Well, I was enjoying the scenery, so I just kept putting one foot in front of the other, and finally I found myself at the end of the line—in Mount Vernon, five miles away.

So I had no choice but to turn and walk all the way back. Although it was quite a bit further than I had meant to go, it was by far my favorite experience during the first couple weeks of college. And for that, my thanks go to Phil Samuell, the founder of the Kokosing Gap Trail, and the volunteers who make it experience like mine and others’ so enjoyable.

The trail has a long and interesting history. Back in the 1850s, the Pennsylvania Railroad proposed to come through Gambier on land owned by Kenyon College. The school sold the land on the condition that there be a depot where the train would stop. The depot was built, and Gambier became a stop on the train’s route from Cleveland to Columbus. Students from those towns were able to take the train straight to Kenyon. Freight trains also went through, carrying cargo, such as sand from Millwood to glass factories in Columbus. Passenger and freight trains ran through here in the 1940s and ‘70s. That left an empty track, collecting weeds, leaves and tree branches. Enter Phil Samuell.

In 1985, Samuell, a Gambier resident, approached the Knox County Commissioners, proposing the track be turned into some kind of path.

“At first, I was just thinking it’d be covered in gravel or something,” he told me. The measure was approved, and Samuell and supporters of his vision set about raising money route traveled by passenger and freight trains for the trail. At some point they decided to pave it with high-grade materials, so the trail could be used for a larger variety of activities, including walking, biking and skating. In 1991 work began on the path from Gambier to Mount Vernon. After that was completed in 1994, the trail was extended from Gambier to Howard and Danville.

Today the trail is fourteen miles long and occupies about 155 acres. This makes it the largest park area of its kind in North America that is run completely by volunteers and donations, a distinction in which Samuell takes pride.

“One of the main differences is, said Samuell, “something like this would be run by the government, local state or federal. We aren’t.”

The Kokosing Gap Trail is an organization of dedicated volunteers formed in 1987 by the Knox County Commissioners. The name was chosen because of the river the trail runs beside and the geological gap in Mount Vernon. The twelve member board, presided over by Samuell until recently, oversees maintenance and other projects and, due to its nonprofit status, must raise its own money.

According to the group’s website, kokosinggaptrail.org. “Since 1990, this group of people, along with many other volunteers, has used gifts and donations to enhance the park with improvements such as restrooms, water fountains, parking lots, benches, a play ground and a restored steam locomotive and caboose.”

The trail is one of the main points of interest on the trail, and it is located in Gambier in honor of the depot that used to be here. The caboose stood in front of the former railroad station in Mount Vernon for many years. In 1997 it was donated to the Kokosing Gap Trail and moved to Gambier. However, the work on it did not stop there. The caboose had not been well taken care of, and it was rotting away.

“We had to tear it down to bare metal,” said Samuell. The caboose was completely restored from there with new wood, windows, roof, and paint. The locomotive was purchased from the Bluegrass Railroad Museum in Versailles, Kentucky and moved here in 2001, where it was repainted and added to the caboose to complete the look.

Much work has gone into this trail, but it is still incomplete. The part of the trail running from Gambier to Mount Vernon recently completed a $130,000 retrofit. Now the group is raising money for the retrofitting of the path from Gambier to Danville. That’s not all, though. According to Mr. Samuell, within twenty years it will become part of a trail that will run the length of Ohio.

The Kokosing Gap Trail is much more than just a path for exercise. It’s a place to escape the cares of the everyday and be in tune with nature. So go out to the trail, look around you and just let your feet carry you. It’s an experience to be thankful for.

Random Moments

What’s the most interesting thing you’ve ever done during a Kenyon blackout?

“Sitting with my friends.”
—Tim Lane ‘08

“I nicknamed my roommate General Tao, ‘cause he likes chicken.”
—Rhadha Thombre ’06

“Do you mean physical blackout?”
—Tiffany Jing ’07

“Blackout? I thought it was ghosts.”
—Becky Ramsay ’08

Interesting events happen. You report them.

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Movie soars higher than the Sky

Kerry Conran's love letter to pulp science fiction is filled with some of the year's best special effects

BY BRIAN SCHILLER
Movie Critic

The Seraphim (2003)

Friday, 8:00 PM
Highly Auditioned

The highest-grossing film of 2003 and the final chapter in a tale of the same name, The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King is stirring, powerful fanfare that perfectly brings the epic tale to a satisfying end to the trilogy. The film won eleven Academy Awards, including best original recognition for writer-producer-director Peter Jackson.

At the end of The Two Towers, Frodo (Elijah Wood) and Sam (Sean Astin), including the "assistance" of Gollum (Andy Serkis), were slowly advancing along Minas Tirith, where Frodo is to destroy the One Ring, a seemingly impossible task.

Despite the fact that the film was shot on location in New Zealand, the landscape is stunning and the effects are top-notch, providing for an epic adventure that will keep you spellbound. And yes, the movie is longer than the others in the trilogy, but it's worth every minute you spend watching.

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Although the film is set in London, the story follows the life of a young couple who are in love. The couple is separated by the war, and they must work to find each other again. The film is a love story that is full of suspense and drama, and it will keep you on the edge of your seat.

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A really funky apocalypse

BY DAN POPCIC
Staff Writer

Listening to End of the World Party just in case, the new album from the Brooklyn-based trio Medeski, Martin and Wood is like catching that ace-ridden kid from down the street completely naked and playing football at his bar Mitzvah. You always knew he had it in him, and damnit if he hadn't come before, but only now is he truly a man.

The music of organist John Medeski, drummer Billy Martin, and bassist Chris Wood has always been hard to pin down. The process of describing their genre — and yet, it is a process that can get a little cumbersome. When asked what kind of music you like, you might find that you get some strange looks if you respond by saying, “They’re kind of what you’d call avant-garde, power-trio, hippie, electronic, soul, groove, jazz.” And an answer would just be to call them a jam band, but even in that realm they flirt with the boundaries. They attract many of the same fans and appear on many of the same concert and festival bills as bands like moe. and Umphrey’s McGee, but are simultaneously respected in the jazz community. This makes for a bizarre phenomenon, as MMW are the only jazz-based group that can consistently sell out large theaters. Over the years, they have had a trend of releasing mediocre studio albums while making their bread and butter from their shape-shifting concerts. The albums have often been described as lumpy and quirky, with very well-crafted afterthoughts.

Bohemia rhapsody

Medeski, Martin and Wood’s latest features some of the group’s grooviest tunes yet

BY REBECCA ROEBUCK
Music Critic

Do not be misled by the name of this band hailng from Dublin, Ireland. The Thrills are nothing like The Stripes, The White Stripes, The Stills, The Killers, The Hives, The Vine or the Black Keys. They create a new brand of “The.” Their sunny pop distinguishes them from the generic sound of the twenty-first century rock of the pack. However, their upbeat sound dresses edgier lyrics than one might expect.

The Thrills have not completely left the sunny-pop sound. For Much for the City in their new album Let’s Be Like Bohemia. It is still there, merely tempered by a new found cynicism. So Much for the City stars Donald Trump and Bollywood; Let’s Be Like Bohemia has experienced it. Nowhere is this more apparent than in “The Crime of Comfort.” The band’s “success kills creativity” song. Though their new lyrics speak of being affected by the Hollywood system, there is still hope that “love just gets in the way” and saves the day.

Their lyrics acknowledge the other side of the optimistic idea of fame. For example, in the song “Whatever Happens” on the album My Name is Corey Haim?” they show how success in Hollywood does not last forever. It is spoken from an arrogant star who is living the American dream and does not realize that it will not last forever. The Thrills realize that this happens too often and this song shows that they are displeased with this pattern. They remind the young star that their success will not last forever when he asks, “Whatever happened to Corey Haim?”

The album is not filled with songs criticizing only the stars. There is a general displeasure with finding out that what is beneath the glow is not always sunny, but that all glitzy pop tracks on the Top 40 soundtracks sometimes mask rather mundane concerns. The band released “Friday Night” see beyond the glamour and expresses disappointment that the “dry burning on dance floors” is what actually passes for “sex on a Saturday night.” There is no magic in this town anymore.

With “Found my Rosebud” and “The Irish Keep Gate-crashing,” The Thrills turn their cynicism on themselves. They also see the “country boy camouflaged in headlights,” blinded by what his favorite movies promised. Oddly enough, there really has been a taste of the face that they brushed up against after their first album. They seem to have produced a record that they are being watched by the “fashion police” to make any mistake and be made irrelevant fast by Corey Haim.

There is an interesting paradox seen in their lyrics that become more morose about feelings of being an outsider. The fear of losing the creative spark to the sophomore slump, that by playing the game of fame, one risks fading into the homogenous pop music scene and becoming just another face.

That is not to say that The Thrills have completely lost their love of The Cay. From the tongue-in-cheek pop culture references in “Corey Haim” to the more subtle Citizen Kane references in “Fool Me.” The Thrills show that they are still fun and loving all their things they criticize.

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Runners rally against top teams in Wisconsin

Ladies follow NCAC runner of the week in competition against Division I schools to take sixth place

BY ANNE FONEROY

Once again, the Ladies cross country team ran an impressive race at the Midwest Collegiate Open in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The North Coast Athletic Conference runner of the week, junior Christina McNamara, led the Lady runners against some of the toughest competition in the country. McNamara finished in eleventh place out of 268 runners, including many from top notch Division I schools as well as runners from Division I and II schools. She finished at 18:45, which is the fastest time for the 5,000 meters in the NCAC so far this season. Head coach Danne Gomez called it "the best cross country race that I’ve ever seen regular occurrence. McNamara’s individual accomplishments are especially rewarding because she missed much of her sophomore season due to an extended illness.

First-year Emma Reedy was again the Ladies’ second place finisher, with a 34th place finish, coming in at 19:47. Reedy has seen immediate success in her first collegiate season and she attributes these results to hard work and teammates whom she says, "make it easy to work hard, when I know they’re all working hard too.”

Following Reedy were junior Amy Wilkins and senior Heather McMillan who finished 36th and 39th, respectively, with times under twenty minutes. Junior Lauren Rand closed out the scoring for the Ladies, clocking in at exactly 20:00. Gomez also mentioned sophomore Jenna Rose as one of the most improved runners to far this season and senior Jen Quilty as one of the most consistent.

The team had set out to break the top ten and possibly the top seven after finishing tenth the last two years. Placing as high as sixth was a great surprise for the Ladies, whom Gomez described as being "especially thrilled" after rising to the challenge of competing against such great runners from across the country. Said Reedy, "It’s good to know that we’re right up there with other quality teams.”

McMillan talked about how great it was to have Kenyon’s top runners finish within the top fifty-five competitors, saying that “everyone really rallied around this meet.”

The Ladies are determined to stay motivated. As Reedy explained, "there’s a must have one.”

Next up the Ladies have the Allegheny College Classic in Pennsylvania. This week features 25 teams, including Allegheny College and 22nd ranked Denison—two teams that are ranked in the nation’s top 25. The Ladies aim to stay on pace with Allegheny and Denison in what will be the team’s first 6k race of the season. They have previously competed in 5k’s. The race will give them a sneak peak at the course the team will be competing on at the conference championships in just over a month at Allegheny College.

Ladies soccer hopes to maintain momentum

BY COLIN HOODGINS AND ERIC FITZGERALD

Since their trip to California in Sept. 9-13, the Ladies soccer team has defeated all three of its opponents. With victories against Capital University, Baldwin-Wallace College and Defiance University, the team is riding a wave of momentum. At this point last season, the team was 3-4-1. Right now, the Ladies are 5-2-1 and hoping to carry this momentum into their next home match against Ohio Northern University this Saturday, Sept. 25.

“We know Ohio Northern is a good team, but we’re really confident right now,” senior Amy Gross said.

Against Defiance College, Sept. 21, the Ladies used two second-half goals to turn a losing streak into three. Although Defiance put a goal past freshman Rosemary Davis in the 14th minute of the game, the defense staved off Defiance’s attack for the game’s remaining 76 minutes.

Trailing 1-0 at the break, the Ladies mounted a comeback in the second half. Coming into the game as a substitute, freshman Elly Deutch tied the match in the 67th minute. Then, the Ladies took the lead for good when Heather Preston scored in the 84th minute.

Junior Blair Heiser assisted both goals in the team’s comeback win against Defiance. Heiser suffered a serious hamstring injury in the first game of the season, but she didn’t crumble. She’s recorded two goals and three assists on the season. This past week, Heiser has been named NCAC Player of the Week. She helped lift the red-hot Ladies to wins in their last three games, including last Saturday’s nail-biting 2-1 victory over Baldwin-Wallace College. Heiser netted the game-winner, a deep direct kick with only 3:36 left to go.

Last Thursday, Sept. 16, the Ladies crushed Capital University in a 2-0 shutout. In that game, Annie Brobst scored the game’s first goal off a pass from Jenna Rozal. The game was played in front of 1,000 fans. After a 1-1 draw against Ohio Northern, the Ladies improved to 4-1 overall. After their win against Ohio Northern, the Ladies hosted Ohio Northern, they will play another game on the home turf against Heidelberg College, Sept. 28.

"We want to go into the conference games on a winning streak,” Gross said, and the team seems set to do so.

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Elena Fernandez
First-year Jean Arnold heads towards the goal in this week’s game against Defiance College.
**Lords face Allegheny in their first NCAC contest**

**BY ERIC FITZGERALD**

The Lords' soccer team will plunge into its NCAC opener against Allegheny College this Saturday without much moment in from their results in the games they have played to this point.

This Saturday is an opportunity for the Lords soccer team to get its season rolling in the right direction against Allegheny College. Despite a 1-7-0 record, the team gets a fresh start in the NCAC. The conference opener presents the team with an opportunity to salvage what has been an unsatisfactory season. If the Lords finish fourth or better in conference standings, they can still reach their goal of qualifying for the NCAC Tournament.

"This team deserves to be in the NCAC playoffs at the end of the season," said captain and soccer director Rier Bohengel. "If we play to the level we are capable of through our previous games, we will earn a spot in the NCAC Tournament, and we will get up for it. I feel sorry for the team that has to play us in the playoffs."

At Muskingum College on Tuesday, the Lords lost 1-0. The final score is beginning to look familiar from the Lords' standpoint.

"We had a good first half and fell apart second half. We've got a lot of new players and people were missing from the lineup for academic reasons," junior Robb Miller said. "But it's obvious that we're not just pulling the ball in the back of the net."

While the pressure is on the team, defense is more common, freshman defender Rob Suenson thinks there is a need for improvement all around the field.

Freshman Elliot Forhan makes a save against Baldwin-Wallace for its lone victory of the season. In the team's seven other matches, they've netted only one goal. Despite the record and lack of offense, Suenson thinks the Lords should have been competitive against the schedule they've faced.

"We've played some of the best teams in Ohio. We should be able to compete against the teams we've played. We're making mistakes and letting up bad goals," Suenson said.

"I'll take a strong effort from the Lords when they open the conference season against Allegheny College. Last year, Allegheny beat the Lords with a 4-0 result. After the Lords face Allegheny, they will have a two-game break from NCAC competition. They host Marietta College on Sept. 25 and travel to Washington & Jefferson on Oct. 1. The remainder of the season is against NCAC competition."

**Ladies celebrate win vs. Quakers**

**BY JOE FREEMAN**

Sophomore Patrice Collins and Lauren Reiter stepped out onto the floor Saturday afternoon prepared to kill. The Ladies volleyball team was facing the Wilmington College Quakers, and at 4-6, they needed a victory to improve their record. Collins and Reiter were more than happy to be the assassins of the day, as they lowered the hatchet repeatedly on their opponents, amassing a total of 27 kills between them.

After helping her team aggressively score the opener 30-18 with a dazzling seven kills, Collins didn't ease up on the warpath. Over the next two games she racked up a total of 14 kills as well as two digs and one block. Partner in crime Lauren Reiter spread out her digs during the three consistent kills in each game. Reiter, in addition to playing the role of the aggressor, understood the importance of a good defense and nabbed a team high of five. Sophomore Sarah Bris- e suke put in work by playing the messenger and delivering 36 assists. Collins' onslaught led the Ladies to a brilliant squad to a victory in the games 34-32, 30-28.

After politely sweeping the Quakers in three straight, the Ladies ascended the stairs of the bus for the trip home. With a two game winning streak, they are only one win away from evening their record. After their recent victory, Brisucks reflected on the team's growth.

"I've been pleased with our first few weeks of the season," Briesuck said. "We've looked and have learned a lot from our first few games. We have some high goals set for ourselves and we are on the right path towards accomplishing them, which makes every day exciting. Our next challenge is the NCAC, and we expect a lot from us, but gives us the tools we need to move to the next challenge, and we are going to be successful on the court."

The Ladies faced Wittenberg University, Sept. 22. They square off against North Coast Athletic Conference competitor Oberlin College, Sept. 26, in Ernst Center. The team travels to Ohio Wesleyan University, Sept. 28.

**Tennis Lords enjoy strong offseason**

**BY D. D. CARDBA**

The Lords have started their slow recovery, coming in 13th place out of 29 this Saturday at the Midwest Collegiate Open, hosted by the Un-

The men's tennis team is using the fall season to prepare itself for another strong showing in the spring. Last weekend, the team hosted a tournament with College of Wooster and Oberlin College. The Lords dominated.

There were four flights and teams sent their top players to the first flight, their next best to the second and so forth. Kenosha swifts were in the finals of each flight. In the first group of singles, senior Boko Tesic defeated classmates Joe Freeman. In the first flight of doubles, it was a battle between roommates, as seniors Tolei and Mike Herrick beat Freeman and Joel Male, while Freeman and Male were ahead of the Nevada Flyers for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association regional finals at DePauw University.

Although none of the tennis team will enjoy improved tennis facilities once the Fitness, Recreation and Athletic facility is completed, the team's season is laden with senior talent. Along with Freeman, Male, Beto, Tric and Herrick, Brian Taubman and Johnny Greenberg could carry Lords tennis deep into the Division III tournament.

The Lords will compete in the ITA tournament, Oct. 2, at Wittenberg University. The ITA tournament is commonly referred to as the "Rolex." The ITA tournament is comprised of the best teams in this tournament, which remains a considerable influence on team and individual rankings for the upcoming season.

noticed the "heart and concentra- tion" that was perhaps slow to catch up these past weekends.

This Saturday the runners" will travel to Pennsylvania and compete in the Allegheny College Classic.
Field hockey takes perfect record to OWU

BY MICK REYNOLDS
Managing Editor

The Ladies field hockey team lost for the first time this season at Ohio Wesleyan University, 2-1, Tuesday night. At 6-1, the team has handled most of its competition with ease.

Before facing OWU, the team extended its four-game winning streak to six games this past weekend by defeating both Seton Hill University and Washington and Jefferson College.

In two closely contested matches, the Ladies won a double overtime thriller against Seton Hill by a final of 2-1 and recorded a 6-0 victory over Ohio.

Ladies goalkeeper Kim Brown ’07 and her teammates defend the goal.

Elena Fernandez

The Ladies football team found itself in another offense-oriented showdown last Saturday at Case Western Reserve in Lyndhurst, Ohio. By the end of the afternoon, the team had combined for 996 yards of total offense and 70 points. Unfortunately for the Ladies, the majority of the points belonged to the Spartans. The 46-24 loss dropped Kenyon to 0-2.

Case started the game in a fury and tailed three quick touchdowns in the first quarter to take a 20-0 lead. The Ladies, however, fought back in the second period to score ten unanswered points on a 31-yard field goal by senior Ben Woodcock and a rushing touchdown by senior quarterback Nick Stalick.

Trailing 20-10 at the halftime break, the Ladies momentum carried into the second half. They drew first blood in the third on sophomore Alby Coombs’ seven-yard rush to give the defensive team a lead to make it 20-17.

“A major strength of our team is that we do have the heart to keep coming back,” said sophomore Carlin Shoemaker. “This showed when we came within three points after trailing by twenty.” He and sophomore Phil Waller earned senior Leandro Montes’ motivational halftime speech for team’s fire out of the locker room.

Case responded with a touch-down at the end of the third quarter, stretching their lead to nine giving way into the final quarter.

The Ladies were not able to cut this deficit as the offense gave way to the powerful Spartans in the final period. Case scored two quick touchdowns to start the period, and tacked on another about halfway through to assure the Ladies’ defeat.

In the strong Saturday afternoon winds at Case’s Korb Field, the Ladies moved the ball efficiently, gaining 486 yards of total offense. The majority of the offensive load fell upon the shoulders of Coombs, Shoemaker, Stalick and first-year Rafael Sanchez. Coombs ran for 188 yards on 32 carries, caught two passes for twenty yards, and scored one of Kenyon’s three touchdowns. Stalick followed up his performance in the season opener against Centre College with another impressive outing. He completed 22 of 36 passes for 226 yards with a scoring strike to Shoemaker. Stalick also ran the ball eleven times for 47 yards and another Kenyon touchdown.

Despite the Ladies’ offensive firepower, they only stopped into the end zone three times.

“We did a great job moving the ball down the field, as evidenced by our offensive numbers,” Stalick said. “But we have to improve our red zone playmaking, and cut down on penalties and turnovers.”

“The Ladies coughed up five fumbles throughout the game, though only one resulted in loss of possession. Four penalty flags cost the Ladies 37 yards, while Case was only called for one penalty all afternoon.”

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The team is counting on support from its twelfth man (Kenyon students and faculty).

“Coach Stanley has been trying to motivate the team with the threat that Kalamazoo will be our toughest game of the year. Taking this into account, the team has been really scared,” Shoemaker said.

The home opener against Kalamazoo will be played under the lights at Mount Vernon High School. Last year, Kalamazoo beat the Ladies, 54-7.

The field hockey team is looking forward to their first game of the season against Baldwin-Wallace tonight.