Student plagiarism is a steadily increasing problem at Kenyon, according to recent statistics from the Academic Infractions Board (AIB). It’s estimated that the number of cases of academic infraction has increased over the past ten years, faculty, and students alike have been caught in the act.

According to Associate Provost and Professor of Psychology Sarah Murnen, thirteen cases of plagiarism were brought before the AIB in the 2003/2004 academic year. Although Murnen said that copying someone else’s work and presenting it as one’s own is the most common form of academic infraction at Kenyon, it is not the only one.

According to the 2004/2005 Course of Study, “plagiarism may occur in oral or graphic work as well as in written work, it may occur in art as well as in aesthetic work. Plagiarism may involve tests, examinations, laboratory reports, research results, papers, creative projects, or senior exercises. Submitting the same work for more than one course also constitutes plagiarism, although of a special kind.”

Giving or receiving help to an exam, inappropriate collaboration on assignments, and paraphrasing without proper citation also constitute plagiarism. Murnen said that the AIB regularly hears cases involving anything from an improperly cited phrase to entire essays copied from the Internet.

According to Associate Professor of English and department chair Sergei Lefebvre-Rostovskiy, the most common form of plagiarism in the English department involves students copying plot summaries from the Internet. According to the AIB, more than half of the plagiarism cases brought before the AIB in the last five years have involved the use of the Internet.

While plagiarism comes in many forms, professors cite several trends in academic dishonesty at Kenyon. Professor of English Perry Lentz, who has worked on the AIB for more than 15 years, both as a member and as chair, said that plagiarism generally occurs equally in all academic departments.

Associate Professor of Psychology Andrew Nemec added that a student’s GPA has little to do with his or her tendency to plagiarize. Academic dishonesty cases involving both poor and excellent students are often heard. Lentz agreed, saying that one of the most serious acts of plagiarism in his career involved a senior Honor’s paper.

Nemec also noted that cases of plagiarism generally lead to an examination at the end of each semester. While professors acknowledge that plagiarism sometimes occurs, sometimes it is more of a problem than others do.

Lentz does not rate the recent increase of plagiarism at Kenyon as an alarming trend. He is of the opinion that the number of cases of academic dishonesty has remained remarkably consistent over the years. Moreover, Lentz said he sees academic dishonesty as a fact of life and part of American higher education.

In contrast, Nemec said that “the influence of the Internet is disturbing, and the college will have to address this issue.” He said plagiarism “poisons” the relationships between students and professors, which is particularly shameful for a college such as Kenyon.

Lebovitz-Rostovskiy agreed, calling plagiarism a “plague.” He said that when students plagiarize, they steal from themselves and from their own educational experience and growth. The point of education, he said, is not only to see students do a task, but to think.

Moreover, Lebovitz-Rostovskiy said he finds plagiarism “ugly” because the quality of online sources is questionable. A reasonably talented Kenyon student, he explained, generally does better work without plagiarism. For example, an A student would usually end up with a B using plagiarized work.

There are a wide variety of opinions as to why plagiarism is on the rise, but many professors agree that:

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Internet plagiarism on the rise at Kenyon

BY SHEA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Last Sunday, the class of 2008 elected 31 first-year students to represent them on First-Year Council.

According to Dean of Residential Life and First-Year Council (FYC) advisor George Barbato, FYC consists of half representatives, building presidents, and representatives to Student Council and Senate. He said FYC is “the student’s first chance to assume a leadership role in their first year of college.”

Vice President of the Committee on Student Affairs Sam Shapins 96 agreed that the FYC provides first-year students “the opportunity to really dig into the rest of the College and have a say in college process.”

Several of the new representatives, including Grund Building President Adam Leverone 98, said they ran for an office to become more involved.

“I wanted to get involved in the College more than just going to class or going to parties,” Leverone said. “I wanted to give something back to the college.”

First-year Representative to the Senate Mike Zabek agreed that the desire to be involved was one of his reasons for running. In addition, Zabek said, “I have a lot of interest in policy and politics... and how the school functions, how the college does business. I want to learn more about that.”

Zabek also said he hoped to be involved in the political making on campus and he thought being a member of Senate would enable him to do that.

“I think that everybody comes here for academics and curricula,” he explained, “so I think that’s the most important thing that involves this school,” and he wants to be a big part of making sure that things get done for his class.

Representative to Student Council Shawn Golan 08 said his classmates’ interest in the election encouraged him and impressed him during his campaign.

“I really like my freshman class and I wanted to represent them,” Golan said. “If I didn’t like most of them, I wouldn’t have done it.”

Leverone and McBride Building President Jenny Lo 98 said they ran for building president because they liked the people in their dorms.

“I know so many people living in McBride,” Lo said. “I just seemed more in touch with the people I live with.”

Lo said her goals as building president are to “make this first year at Kenyon really good one for everyone” and to “make the freshman class more connected to the student body.”

As Grund building president, Leverone said he hoped to fulfill student requests for more technology in the dorm, such as DVD players in the lounges. “We want to see FYC, page three

First Year Council elected

Panel discussion examines election issues

BY KATE HILLMAN
Staff Reporter

Peirce Lounge was filled Thursday afternoon, when students and community members turned out to witness a four-person panel discussion about the upcoming presidential election. The panel, sponsored by the departments of History and Political Science, was meant to “have panels offer pluralism in viewpoints, from non-partisan, to balanced, to partisan,” said Professor of History Roy Worwom.

The panel consisted of Professor of Political Science Pamela Cameronia Brown, Professor Emeritus of Political Science Harry M. Clark, former head of the Knox County Democratic Party Sam Barnes, and Chief of the Ohio Elections Commission Judy Hoffman. Each spoke for ten minutes, addressing various aspects of the election.

Worwom said he had “noticed a keen interest in politics on the part of our students. From that interest came the idea to set up a panel on the presidential election of 2004.”

Although Hoffman was a classmate of John Kerry at Boston College and knew him personally, she was obliged to discuss Ohio’s role in....
Plagiarism: AIB tackles academic dishonesty

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the information explosion is largely to blame.

According to Lentz, the advancement of technology and the use of the Internet have facilitated spontaneous -- and sometimes unintended -- plagiarism, in a manner that happens out of a moment of desperation. He said that fifteen years ago plagiarism was a more deliberate process because looking up sources in the library took time and effort. Nowadays, the accessibility of online sources has made it easier and faster for students to plagiarize.

Lentz also said that there are a variety of sophisticated websites, such as sparknotes.com, that sell papers, thus making plagiarism easier. He said that the members of these sites can even match a paper with the student's GPA to diminish plagiatrial risk.

The numbers support the theory. According to Ronald Gregg, Director of Library and Information Systems, the number of violations of plagiarism policy has increased fivefold since 1994. That year, the number of plagiarism cases flagged by the AIB jumped from two in 1993 to ten.

Niemiec agreed that the Internet is a major contributor in the rise of plagiarism. "I'm not saying that if we got rid of the Internet we would solve the problem," he said, "but the Internet is what seems to be driving plagiarism forward."

However, Niemiec said, social factors are also largely to blame. Lately, he said, there has been a lot of public cases in which cheaters have gotten away without appropriate punishment.

He mentioned Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky, the Enron scandal, and President Bush's false claims of the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

According to Biology Department chairman Shisham Fennessy, yet another factor comes into play. She said that when students start feeling behind in their work, they are more apt to plagiarize.

There is currently no formal mechanism used to detect plagiarism at Kenyon. Moreover, Lentz said the AIB should have been looking for plagiarism exclusively by itself.

However, most professors agree that the easiest way to prevent students from plagiarizing is by assigning papers. For example, professors can use a writing style as a possible indication of plagiarism.

"I'm willing to believe that plagiarism among Kenyon students is more than a suspicion phrases into search engines to see if anything comes up," Fennessy said. "As the internet is set to Google, so can we!"

Lobanov-Rostovsky agreed with material copied from the Internet is "extremely simple for faculty to find," and thus is easy for students to get caught if they use online sources.

In addition, Lentz, Niemiec and Lobanov-Rostovsky said most professors check websites such as sparknotes.com on a regular basis in order to detect similarities in students' work.

According to Niemiec, the College is considering acquiring past set- tlement agreements, or "check students' work for plagiarism before submitting it to the professor. Another possibility is to institute an extensive plagiarism-detection training program for new professors.

However, not all professors believe such measures are necessary, in fact, many believe that the mandatory informational meetings, which happen annually during orientation, provide the faculty with sufficient information to deal effectively with academic dishonesty.

Lentz said he dislikes the idea of a plagiarism-detection training program. He said that the best protection against plagiarism is setting a good example for the student body at Kenyon.

According to the Course of Study, any member of the faculty who is aware that plagiarism is being used to report alleged acts of plagiarism. If a professor suspects that a student has plagiarized, he must bring the case first to the chair of the department, and then to the chair of the AIB, both of whom must agree that there is enough reason for a concern for a meeting to be held.

The next step is a hearing before the AIB, during which the student can be charged with plagiarism by him or herself. The AIB, which consists of three elected faculty members and two student, decides whether the student is guilty or not. Each case is then referred to a penalty for guilty students, which is executed by the Associate Provost.

Merrifield Fairman, a student member of the AIB, said, "It's crucial to have student members on the AIB because students can offer a different perspective on some situations when the board attempts to pool information and provide background information that might be otherwise inaccessible to the faculty."

Furthermore, she said, "If there is some stereotype that faculty members tend to be more harsh and that they contradict with students when it's time to sanction, I have to disagree, at least in my experience, members of the board have tended to agree, or at least be in the same ballpark."

Fairman said the appreciation can be applied in an oral or written presenta-
tion hearing process and that, "dri-
spite this, the Kenyon student body is more aware that plagiarism is serious here. I feel that the board has no immediate, ominous presence, and that even some of the faculty members agree that the AIB is "remarkably fair and considerate."

However, suspension and expulsion are rare, out of a total of 46 guilty students in the past six years, only six were suspended from Kenyon.

Senator discusses funding proposal for competitions

BY LAUREN ZENNER<br>Staff Writer<br>
Campus Senate tackled three issues in its second meeting of the year, assigning Senate members various campus committees, discussing Student Senate's proposal to cover the travel costs for competitive campus organizations and addressing the issue of reviewing the judicial process.

Several faculty and student members of the Senate were assigned to sit in on five different campus committees. One committee reviews the yearly reports for Perps, Archives, Fraternities and Sororities. The other three committees are the Alcoholic and Drug Education Team (ADET), the Media Hearing board, the College Calendar committee and a committee that will examine and review the race and pledge schedules.

Nick Xenakis, '05, Student Senate Civic Engagement President, reintroduced Student Senate's initiative to fund out-of-state travel for various organizations that compete off campus. Although Student Senate is the body mainly responsible for advocating this issue, Senate discussed the specifics at the meeting.

because the proposal will need Senate approval to pass. For now, Xenakis said, the funds for outside-state competitions will be taken out of the normal pool of funding provided for student activities by the Business and Finance Committee.

Xenakis added that, "although we're only talking about competitive organizations, for other groups in the future, who come along with students wanting to travel to off-campus events on behalf of certain organizations, we wanted to leave the door open for that."

"If those people want to bring forward ideas later on," she continued.

According to the Student Senate proposal, the Student Life Committee would grant competitive status to groups that apply and meet the criteria set forth by Student Senate. Those groups would be allowed to travel up to five additional events outside of state each year. The estimated budget for this is around $18,000, which will be covered by the Student Activities fee.

The motions of the members of Senate to the proposal were mostly favorable, but some had reservations. Sen. Representative and Professor of Biology Robert Maciel said that "sports teams cause a lot of problems in the sciences because of [intrades] labs. So basically you're talking about a lot of people being a whole new group [that is] going to have a big problem."

"I think the students, or Xenakis, the students who are involved in orga-

nizations that compete off campus do not make up an "incredibly large proportion of the student body." The number of teams traveling on weekends is not likely to be more than the number of sports teams traveling at the same time.

Several members of Senate raising concerns about the possible discrepancies that may eventually arise between competitive organizations and other campus activities such as club and intramural sports.

The Senate, raised by Greek Council representative, Eric Raco-

ovich '05 and agreed on most of the members present, was that "we can't have differences of interest for academics . . . and that's what's got to take precedence, sports included."

In addition to discussing funding for off-campus competitions, the Senate addressed the idea of revising Kenyon's judicial process because, according to some members of Senate, the process is currently inconsistent and not well understood by the student body.

Village Record<br>September 22 - September 28, 2004

Sept. 22, 6:00 a.m. - Vandalsm, posters and whiteboards torn down at Mather Residence.

Sept. 23, 7:45 a.m. - Attentation break-in at Gamber Dorm. Knox County Sheriff's Office was notified.

Sept. 23, 4:25 p.m. - Student vehicle damage from cement parking block at New Apartments.

Sept. 24, 7:16 p.m. - Students involved in non-injury vehicle accident at Ault Road.

Sept. 24, 10:17 p.m. - Underage possession of alcohol at Norton Hall.

Sept. 25, 12:14 a.m. - Underage possession of alcohol outside New Apartments.

Sept. 25, 1:15 a.m. - Underage possession of alcohol at New Apartments.

Sept. 25, 3:22 a.m. - Attempted theft of furniture from Gund Hall.

Sept. 25, 4:04 a.m. - Vandalsm to ceiling at Old Kenyon.

Sept. 26, 3:24 a.m. - Students using for open containers on Acland Street.

Sept. 26, 4:00 a.m. - Student falling out of truck at pickup truck in Mount Vernon.

Sept. 26, 4:14 a.m. - Fire extin-
guisher discharged at Old Ken-

yon.

Sept. 26, 4:17 a.m. - Vandalsm painting or walls at Old Kenyon.

Sept. 27, 4:04 p.m. - Medical call at Gund Commons regarding a

Aramark employee. Employee squad was called and transported ill person to the hospital.

Corrections
Due to staff error, the article "New "sober houses open for recovering students," published on Sept. 23, contains several inaccuracies. The article refers to a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, however Kenyon does not operate such a program. The sober house is simply a place for recovering students. The article incorrectly lists Lori Werner as the head of drug and counseling services. Werner's title is actually substance abuse counselor and coordinator. The article incorrectly states that Werner and College Physician Dr. Tracy Schermer pioneered the program, when in actuality the program was student-initiated. According to the article, the houses contain students who are "recovering from substance abuse addictions," however the students in the house are in recovery from addiction. The article also states that the sober house is in an undisclosed location, in fact, the houses are located on Dolf Street. The article erroneously refers to Werner as the house supervisor, however in actuality acts as a liaison between the sober house and the Health and Counseling Services office. The article also incorrectly states that there are requirements residents must meet, however there is no requirements residents must meet. "Some residents are under contract with the College for enrollment." In a statement in the eighth paragraph of the article is unattributed, but should be attributed to a male resident of the sober house. The eighteenth paragraph should read, "Fellows" instead of "Fellow's.

Due to editorial error, the article "Kenyon Koinonia plans rental," published on Sept. 16, erroneously refers to Kenyon's Koinonia group as a Christian farm community. Although a farm community by that name exists, they are unrelated to the Kenyon student group.

The Collegian apologizes for any confusion resulting from these errors.

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make this dorm as fun and relaxed as possible," he said.

Gulati said he was involved with the student council at his high school and that the experience helped him decide to run for office at Kenyon.

"I felt like it was an organization I could bring more of my previous experience toward," Gulati said. "Senate does things I really wasn't involved with in high school.

Gulati and Zabek said they had not been at Kenyon long enough prior to the FYC elections to have a particular platform or goals for the upcoming school year. However, Zabek said he plans to look into the Master Plan and "how it's going to affect the future of Kenyon College."

"I think we're in a transition period... that we're beginning to compete in a different plane and our character is changing because of that," Zabek said. "In terms of character transition, our class has a distinctly different view of the college. I think our class is more academically minded than other classes.

Barbuto said he and Shopinski tried to notify people about the FYC elections early in the year. They put up fliers in the residence halls and had a booth at the Activities Mart. In addition, Barbuto said they sent out several emails to inform people about the election.

"We tried to do all we could," Barbuto said, and he added, "If you're the type of person who's going to be involved in student government, you're going to seek it out."

Both Barbuto and Shopinski said they hoped that the FYC would remain more active this year than it had in past years. In order to accomplish this goal, Shopinski said that he was hoping to provide the FYC with more structure than it had in previous years. Since it is less structured than the upperclass councils, it tends to lose focus as the year goes on, Shopinski said.

"We're trying to set up a stronger student advisor," he said. "Someone is supposed to be delegated that position from the Student Council, but it's always been a weak relationship."

He added that several people were interested in the position this year.

"I hope that the FYC will just be more active throughout the year," Shopinski added.

Barbuto agreed the FYC tends to lose focus as the year progresses. "As we get into the school year we all get busy and it's difficult to keep up the energy," he said.

Barbuto added that it is hard to keep up the representative's level of commitment. "I hope we have more people that are committed to it," he said. "It's hard to get people to come to a meeting at eight or nine at night for student government. You lose a lot ever the long run.

Barbuto said the FYC tends to lose focus as the first-year class becomes integrated into the Kenyon community. "As the year goes on, you become less members of the first-year class and more members of the Kenyon community," he said.

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YEARS AGO

Students Assist in Book Transfer Efforts
October 5, 1962

Classes were cancelled for an entire day back in October 1962. The Student Senate asked students to donate two to four hours of their time to help load books into tractor-pulled wagons at one library building and unload them at the other. 120,000 books were to be moved in just one day by the entire student body, saving the library $1,000-$2,000 and two weeks of being closed.

Singers Visit Lord On British Jaunt
September 26, 1968

The Kenyon Choir had spent part of the summer before the 1968-69 school year touring part of Europe. After a stay in Brussels, they sang a few concerts in England. The highlight of their England tour was a visit to Cambridge, the estate of Lord Kenyon. They got a tour of the grounds by Lord Kenyon himself. Who showed them his roosters and was all around "a very attractive and charming man, pleasant to talk to, and most hospitable."

Vandalism Increase? Telephones Target
October 11, 1979

Back when Mather and McBride were the only dorms with a phone in each room, vandalizing hall phones was the thing to do. In October 1979 the college had already accrued $575 in telephone replacement costs. In one particularly phone-unfriendly evening, fifteen phones were rendered inoperable. The actual cost of a school-wide individuals' phone system is being looked into.

BY ZACH STOJILJKUS
NEWSSTEELE discusses judicial process with Council

BY ANDY CLAUS/Staff Reporter

Associate Dean of Students, Cheryl Steele, joined the Student Council on Tuesday to shed some light on Kentucky's judicial process. Steele's visit was part of an ongoing discussion in the Council on how potential reforms to the process.

Steele took time to outline the entire process and meet with student members. She said the process would only start when a student either votes or, for a Judicial Board hearing.

"There are certain types of cases that we automatically refer to the Judicial Board: sexual misconduct... Serious community issues like fire, fighting, serious damage," said Steele.

The most serious judicial process at Kentucky is educational, learning... about decisions that you and your peers will face for the next four years," Steele said. She also said that the "meaningful parts of the sanctions" handed out by the process, such as informing parents about drug and underage alcohol possession, are to help the offending student learn about the consequences of their decisions.

"I'm concerned, if the process is not found guilty. If any board member did have such knowledge, I would hope the student recuse themselves from that case.

Steele also addressed the concerns of Student Senate Representative Hayes Wong, who asked whether students involved in a sexual misconduct case would be deemed "middle-class" because they are legally adults. Steele replied that a student who felt uncomfortable could supply the Judicial Board Chair with questions and have that person involved.

Student Senate President Nick Xenakis '05 asked Steele about the status of appeals in the judicial process. Steele said, "In the Judicial Board, I'd say a third to a half of cases are appealed and in administrative hearings, she said that number was less than ten percent. Only a procedural error, an issuing of an incorrect sanction or revelation of new information could ground for appeal, Steele said.

Xenakis also asked Steele what parts of the process she thought needed examination.

"I have confidence in the Judicial Board," Steele replied, though she said she would continue to consider. Improvement of sanction appropriate, desiring to know students' reasons, and ability and questions of whether there should be more opportunity for a peer-to-peer judicial process were areas she would look into.

Inconsistency within the judicial process was on the minds of many, Steele said, with a perception that how much you're paying, or what your status is at the College, that your consistency varies," said Steele. She declared the Committee's intent to review students' groups' progress in October and November "to make sure that the student group did in fact... both have an agenda and fulfill that agenda to some degree."

Steve Hands '06, the Chair of Housing and Grounds, also shared the results of a poll put up on Kentucky's poll web site regarding the judicial process. He reported approximately two hundred respondents at the time of the meeting. Hands said, "The biggest take out... in some way [said that] sophomores should again be allowed to live in division.

The poll had four questions: whether the judicial process was separated into division with varying levels of restriction and one option to leave them excluded.

Panel: Election discussions explain key issues

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The election was by a strictly non-partisan standpoint at Thursday's panel.

"Ohio will be in the spotlight this year for two reasons," Hoffman said. "One, because we're in a key state in terms of the votes, and two because most of our counties, 66 out of 88, are still using punch cards." Hoffman said Ohio has not run into many problems with punch cards in the past because "we've always had a standardized rule for how you count a vote in Ohio and Florida. Nonetheless, she said, "We are moving towards advancing our voting system.

Hoffman also said that in addition to concerns about the punch card system, there has been a growing concern about voter turnout in Ohio. One of the most prominent cases involving alleged election fraud is Great Britain candidate Ralph Nader's petition to be placed on the ballot in Ohio.

"Our office is currently holding a hearing in the Ralph Nader's petition," Hoffman said. "Mr. Nader filed as an Independent in Ohio because while he might or might not be recognized. His petition is being protested by opponents who feel there has been fraud in it. What is being discussed is whether or not the petition has actually won signatures. Nader is currently up in the Ohio state, and he's been using that status for votes in several other states.

"So the other three panels, the discussion were at liberty to express partisan opinions, and they spoke largely on what they see as the pros and cons between the candidates. Cameira-Rowe said that both Bush and Kerry have "flipped" on many issues, and that "the two met, and she attempted to clarify the confusion this may have caused for voters. The war on terrorism and the economy, she said, are two of the determining factors for voters in this election."

According to Cameira-Rowe, "Bush's plan (for the war on terror) includes the willingness to use military force unilaterally and preemptively, and includes the spread of democracy throughout the world, particularly in the Middle East.

She contrasted this with what she views as Kerry's plan, which she said "advocates working multilaterally with allies and seeking greater cooperation from our traditional allies. He has said that he does not believe in preemption for the purpose of removing a dictator nor militarily imposing democracy."

In regards to reviving the economy, Cameira-Rowe said Bush promises that he will maintain tax cuts during his second term, while Kerry is focusing on reducing the national debt. According to Cameira-Rowe, "Kerry key is by key on the war on terrorism. We need fiscal responsibility in order to fund security initiatives both abroad and today with social needs at home.

Regardless of who wins the election, Cameira-Rowe said, "it is time that Bush to evangelical churches and many of the poor, most hurt by issues such as the health care crisis and unemployment. He said that the upcoming debates are very important for both candidates.

Cline spoke last, opening the conversation. "This is a particularly ugly political campaign," he said. "That political parties are extremely polarized. Both candidates, he said, are working hard to attack their opponents, often simplifying issues to slogans such as "Bush lied, people died," which simply serve to "excite a mass audience of not very complex political minds through expensive media when generating a few votes could make a difference."

According to USA Today, the campaigns have spent $75 million dollars airing negative TV ads. Cline stressed the necessity for voters to carefully weigh and balance the pressing issues in order to be rational voters.

"It is naive to expect to be the only ones winning against the most charismatic candidate," he said. If you expect that you're setting yourself up for certain embarrassment. We can see the issues underpinning the partisan maneuvering in such a way that thinking about our own parties is not much distorted by partisan inclination."

Cline said he thinks the war in Iraq is a "serious mess [but that] Bush gets full marks so far in his leadership."

"I'm concerned... about the Bush administration's ability to handle the situation of a civil war situation."

Cline said that Bush has made some "gross mistakes" in the way he's handled the situation with the Bush campaign's "observations, the ominous aspects of the Iraq situation that Bush campaign is putting a much happier face on."

Once the speakers finished their presentations, the floor was opened to questions. One student, a member of American History Peter Rakoff talked about his belief that the first debate was to set the stage for a "very important option to keep himself busy and to make the public view him as something more then just a "country club" prez."

A student at the audience then asked the panel whether John Kerry's inability to "create a coherent platform" was contributing to lack of confidence in him as a candidate. Barone said the issue is not clear. He explained some of the complexities of campaigning, and implied that a lot of success depends on luck. He did, say, however, that Kerry's campaign was lacking in several ways and that "John Kerry will be killing himself if he's not doing less."

He will be the first one to question his strategy.

Questions eventually turned to techniques of voting in Ohio. One student questioned whether it is illegal to register to vote in Ohio. Hoffman said that it is not, and that doing so could even be considered criminal. This statement sparked much discussion. One student mentioned that Kentucky Democrats and Republicans have been having extensive voter registration drives and have been encouraging out-of-state students to register to vote in Ohio because it is a swing state.

Hoffman said that recent legislation prohibits students from registering to vote in Ohio unless they intend to stay in the state after college. "The country in which you are registered to vote is based on where you consider home. You have to register the country where you consider at college to be your home, you may not register to vote in Ohio."

Students then asked whether their residency might be challenged at the polls. Hoffmann said this was a possibility, but that the student should most likely not be turned away from the polls even if they registered to vote in Gambier but are not in Ohio.
In the 2000 Presidential election, President George W. Bush won Knox County, a county with an estimated population of 57,000, by 6,100 votes. This year, while the Knox County Republican Party attempts to keep that margin wide open and reaffirm Knox's reputation as "Bush Country," the county Democrats are simultaneously trying to close that slim, 5,100-vote margin in the presidential election and no out several Republicans from local offices.

The Knox County Democratic and Republican Parties, chaired by William Engle and Kenneth Lane respectively, have a strenuous mouth ahead of them. Both parties have deemed this presidential election the most important in years and have been working tirelessly to increase voter turnout for both the local and national elections. According to Democratic Vice Chair John Ryerson '92, a Kenyon alumnus and resident of Gambier, this election is about reversing the "one-party rule" that he believes plagues Knox County. The Republicans have controlled county government," Ryerson said. "We feel there needs to be a little balance." Meanwhile, Lane, Knox's Republican Chair, said his party is "working hard to make sure that the Republican incumbents are not eclipsed."

Ryerson said that all of the Democratic candidates "share the same platform in terms of leveling the party rule... and encouraging public input." The Republicans, according to Lane, "have somewhat of an advantage since they are mostly incumbent. They know how the office[s] operate and know what's needed and what's been done."

According to the Republican Party, the most important issue in this year's election is "who is going to be the next president of the United States," and this is one issue on which the Democrats and Republicans agree. Ryerson said this election is "extremely important to Knox County, the state of Ohio, and the whole country. It is probably the most important election in years."

Lane agreed. "I don't want to sound overly dramatic," he said, "but this election... is monumentally important for our generation and generations to come." National issues, according to Ryerson, "absolutely affect this county. This is the first time in a long time where national and local parties have the same platforms in terms of environmental protection, funding for necessary social... and educational services." He added, "Failure to fully fund No Child Left Behind has put a tremendous burden on local governments and school districts."

Lane said that from a Republican standpoint, "While the President of the United States is certainly of great significance, local officials impact day-to-day life much more than the President.... For example, the county sheriff is extremely important concerning homeland security issues."

The Democrats are also focusing on "the importance of their energy on issues of "growth and development," according to Ryerson. He mentioned "a tension" in "its urban areas between what we would like to preserve -- the physical beauty of Knox County and economic development."

This, he said, is "a major issue facing the county and probably the college and township in the long run."

Because of the importance of this year's election, both parties believe that an increase in voter turnout is essential. Both parties set up voter registration drives, canvassed door-to-door and by telephone to encourage voting. The Democrats believe they "have the best party organization in the county," while the Republicans say they have been working tirelessly to "coordinate their efforts among national organization, state organizations, and local organizations."

Kenyon Professor of Biology Joan Slonczewski has been involved with helping the Democratic Party in "organizing voter registration drives... coordinating the distribution of yard signs, efforts to phone voters and identify undecided voters." Ryerson believes that "every individual really does count" and that this election "could come down to a few thousand votes or less," Lane agreed. "In a national sense, the population of Knox County is statistically insignificant, but when you combine it with other small counties in the U.S., we actually have a lot of voting power."

Slonczewski estimates that some 500 Kenyon students have registered to vote in Knox County since the primary elections. "This is the biggest effect," she said of these elections. "The tremendous growth of interest because student know that we are in a state that could determine the national election." Because of Ohio's clear importance in the 2004 presidential election, this year has been, according to Lane, "more hectic for both sides... because both candidates have been in Ohio so much."

Locally, both parties' leadership is in charge of keeping their candidates on track. Candidates for local office will be, in Lane's words, "on the dead run for the next month and a half," hitting as many as five spots in a week. The county tornado show, the County Fair and township trustee and clerk meetings are -- if they want any chance of being elected -- "manic for candidates," according to Lane. Both party chairs must also deal with what Lane calls "all kinds of paranoia, sign stealing, vandalism," and phone calls from candidates complaining that "on whatever route they took to Knox, they made three signs and their opponent had four."

Interestingly, in Knox County, neither the Democratic nor the Republican parties keep headquarters open during non-election years. Both parties agree that headquarters are an excellent resource for voters, but, according to Lane, "Neither party has the funds to keep those types of offices open unless someone volunteers at an office." Voters tend to walk into campaign headquarters because they want presidential race material -- bumper stickers, yard signs, pamphlets -- but, said Lane, "once they are there they get the information and literature they need for the local candidates," often at the voluntary efforts of officials who will affect the lives of Knox County residents.

As Kenyon students and Knox County residents ourselves for at least four years, we have a certain commitment to the county's democratic process, and both parties appreciate politically motivated students. Lane said that this year Kenyon students -- and all students in general -- are showing an unprecedented level of "interest and enthusiasm... They have extended out and looked at the issues, and sat down and figured out which candidates have the most planks [in their platform that are compatible with] the way they think."

The Democratic headquarters are located at 111A South Mulberry Street. The Republican headquarters are located at 5 East Ohio Avenue.
James Acton

James Acton of Gambith, the Democratic candidate for Knox County commissioner, says he is running for a four-year term as county commissioner on a platform of more open government that is more responsive to the people.

Acton has 36 years of business experience, 26 years in corporate management with AT&T and 12 years as a small business owner, giving him experience in solving cash flow and labor issues.

Acton said that he wishes to "provide bi-partisan balance" to the Board of Commissioners, and that it is "time to break the good-old-boy monopoly." All three of the sitting commissioners are Republicans.

Acton said that if elected, he would establish regular "office hours" in the evenings and on weekends in smaller villages and townships. Acton said that he would create a task force to study growth in Knox County, which he believes is the county's number-one issue.

He said that he would also pursue more ambitious use of the Area Development Foundation, a group that is responsible for awarding tax abatements (exemptions from all non-school related taxes) to improve the economic condition of Knox County.

Paul Chapman

Chapman is also running because he believes that the county deserves a full-time commission. [His opponent,] not an experienced full-time commissioner, is "out of touch with the people.

Chapman has experience in many different areas of local politics. He has served as the Mount Vernon City Council for seven years. During five of those years, Chapman was chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Committee. The last two years, Chapman was chairperson of the Finance Committee. And for the past three years, Chapman has been a Howard Township trustee.

If he is elected, Chapman hopes to bring his "experience and a close working relationship with the Mount Vernon City Council to the job of commissioner."

Allen Stockberger

Stockberger is a 46-year-old resident of central Ohio. Knox County Commissioner Allen Stockberger (R) is seeking a third six-year term.

According to the Knox County website, Stockberger was elected as a Howard township trustee in 1977 and then to the county commissioners in 8 eight years in that position. Stockberger was elected to a Knox County commissioner in 1992. Stockberger said his achievements include a "financially sound budget" in 2000, improved access to public buildings, and "more access to jail for families and friends of inmates to county buildings."

"It is good to have a continuity in the position of county commissioner, since it takes a long time to learn the intricacies of the post," said Stockberger.

Stockberger believes that his opponent's support for the county "does not add any value to the job." He said he has had a "lot of success in the office, and a lot of experience in the arena of government."

He added that he has "been a real leader in the county, and he has been a leader in the county for the last 12 years."

David Barber

Barber is a former sheriff and police officer. He has served in Knox County law enforcement for 30 years and has been sheriff for 12 years. He has served as a police officer in the Mount Vernon Division of Police, and was a sheriff's deputy in the sheriff's office in 1979, working in a variety of positions, including as a road patrol deputy and a detective. When he first ran for sheriff in 1992, Barber held a position as a lieutenant in charge of the detectives' office, and had been a detective for over 10 years. Barber holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Ohio Dominican University and an associate's degree from Central Ohio Technical College, both of which are in criminal justice.

Barber considered the 2002 election as "one of a few most noteworthy achievements." Barber also cited his work toward getting drugs off the streets of Knox County, resulting in the seizure of illegal drugs with a street value of over $5 million during his years as sheriff.

Barber considered himself experienced, having served in nearly every capacity during his 25-year career with the sheriff's office. "I am [also] huge advocate of education and training for my employees," Barber said.

He reflected, Barber's top priority will be "continuing to provide quality law enforcement service and police protection to citizens and visitors of Knox County."
Knox County Treasurer
Sandra Mizer

Republican Sandra Mizer is running for a third four-year term as Knox County treasurer. "I think I have a proven record of accountability," she said. "I'm here in the office every day doing a good job for the citizens of Knox County."

Mizer holds a degree from the now-defunct Mount Vernon Business College. She was the Director of the Knox County United Way for thirteen years, and she has been County treasurer for the last eight years. She and her husband live on a cattle farm outside of Mount Vernon. A Democrat in the treasurer's office, Mizer, said Mizer, she successfully moved the treasurer's office to a new location and made paying taxes more convenient by implementing several new programs, including an Electronic Funds Transfer option. As treasurer, she also managed county tax records and county investments. "I invest [county money] safely, wisely and locally whenever possible," she said.

"I know I'm a Republican, which may not be popular at Kenyon," Mizer said. "I hope students will consider the person for the job rather than just the party." —Megan Shipley

Jerald VanRhoden

"I have the willingness and determination to be the treasurer of Knox County," said Jerald VanRhoden, the Democratic candidate for a four-year term as Knox County treasurer. "If elected, I will execute my ideas and run the office to the best of my ability." VanRhoden, 21, graduated from Mount Vernon High School and is currently majoring in political science at Ohio State University at Newark. He organized the Knox County Young Democrats in 2002 and interned on the successful 2003 campaign of Bruce Bain, current mayor of Newark. He also works at Ohio Eastern Star Home, a nursing home in Mount Vernon.

VanRhoden hopes to make several changes in the treasurer's office, including increasing online accessibility and extending office hours during tax collection periods. "The office should be open for the convenience of the citizens of Knox County, not the treasurer," he said.

"I feel that I have a connection with Kenyon students because of my age," said VanRhoden. "I'm a college student myself, so I know about the issues that concern young people." —Megan Shipley

Knox County Clerk of Courts
Mary Jo Hawkins

"I am running for the Clerk of Courts position again because I still love what I do," said Mary Jo Hawkins (R), the current Knox County Clerk of Courts. "I still enjoy coming to work every day. It's still a challenging, interesting, and I enjoy being an active part of our judicial system."

A lifelong resident of Knox County, Hawkins was first appointed Clerk by the Knox County Republican Central Committee in August 1999 to finish out an unexpired term. The following year, she was elected to her first term, and now seeks a second. Prior to becoming Clerk, Hawkins worked as the court secretary and the court administrator for the judge of the Knox County Court of Common Pleas.

"Since I have been in office, I have remained a working clerk," said Hawkins. "I'm on the job every day doing paperwork or issuing titles. I have been able to offer online access to the computerized records which allow round-the-clock access to public [Knox County] records."

As electronic document technology becomes more reliable and affordable, Hawkins said that electronic filings will dramatically increase. "As this [new technology] gets approved through the Supreme Court, I would like to take advantage of this," she said. Hawkins also commented that it was important that her offices "provide fast, friendly and efficient service to the citizens of Knox County." —Jenny Lu

Jim Coffey

"There are too many local jobs being unappoised in local elections," said Democrat Jim Coffey of Mount Liberty, Ohio, who is running for a four-year term as Knox County Clerk of Courts. "The public deserves better."

Coffey attended The Ohio State University and The Lincoln Institute in Cleveland. Coffey served in the United States Marine Corps with the First Recon Battalion Third Marine Division and has 40 years of corporate management experience with various companies, among them Westinghouse, IT & T and Samese Vending. Coffey also served with the 2000 Census Bureau, and volunteered with ARRP Tax Aide, a program established to help older persons complete their tax returns.

"Voters should know [that] I've always worked with an attitude [that] nothing is impossible. The impossible just takes a little longer to accomplish," said Coffey. —Jenny Lu

John Thatcher

John C. Thatcher (R) is running for a four-year term as Knox County Prosecutor. A lifelong resident of Knox County, Thatcher practices law with the private firm Crutchfield, Crutchfield & Johnston, Ltd.

Thatcher's trial work in Knox County consists of litigation for individual personal injury claims, commercial small business issues and municipal law. Thatcher also worked in the Prosecutor's office as an assistant prosecutor prior to entering private practice. "The transition from private practice won't be difficult at all," said Thatcher.

Thatcher believes that his strengths lie in his experience in private practice. "The current prosecutor has never run a private practice," said Thatcher. "Government employees don't have to compete with other attorneys for legal business. Private practice is more proactive with counseling clients. We don't wait for the law to change before counseling."

Thatcher plans to run the Prosecutor's office more like a private law practice by "increasing customer service" and "treating clients the same way he treats his clients now."

One area Thatcher wants to focus on is Knox County's low number of felony cases for last year when compared to counties of similar size. "We need to ask ourselves...Do we have an exceptionally low crime rate, or are there other explanations for the low statistics?" said Thatcher. "[Do we] have a prosecutor's office concerned about taking cases without a high chance of conviction?"

-Mike Frick

John Baker

Knox County Prosecutor John W. Baker (D) is seeking a fourth four-year term in office. Baker joined the Knox County Prosecutor's office as an assistant prosecutor in 1981 and has served as its director since 1991. "I serve as a legal advisor to township officials [and am responsible for] handling felony, adult cases, juvenile cases and cases of neglect and abuse," said Baker.

According to Baker's campaign website, in his ten years as an assistant prosecutor, "felony theft convictions in Knox County doubled, robbery convictions doubled, burglary convictions tripled, bad check convictions increased 3 times over and arson and vandalism convictions increased 6 times over."

Baker is proud of the Victim Assistant's Program that he started in 1991. "[H]e gives victims a reference point in the courts," said Baker. The program sends notices to victims about upcoming court dates and sentencing dates and maintains a waiting facility for victims during the trial. Baker explains that at the time he implemented the program, communications with victims was not standard. According to Baker, prosecutors in other counties have since begun similar programs.

"I have more experience than my opponent, who has spent most of his time in private practice," said Baker. "That doesn't necessarily prepare one to assume the reins of county prosecutor."

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Consider voting in Ohio carefully

The question "Are you registered to vote in Ohio?" has become ubiquitous at Kenyon. Ohio voter registration forms can be found at every dining hall and on every street corner. Daily e-mails remind students of their legal right to vote in Gambier. Students who have not yet registered are urged to do something right away.

In haste to tilt the great swing state of Ohio towards their desired presidential candidate, however, those participating in voter registration have ignored the local implications of registering to vote. The majority of Gambier residents are encouraged to vote is admirable, though encouraging students who are unaware of local issues to vote in Ohio, however, is, quite frankly, irresponsible.

This is not to say that students from out-of-state should only vote absentee. Rather, students should remember that George W. Bush and John Kerry are not the only candidates for every ballot. Numerous local and state posts, such as Knox Sheriff, Clerk of Courts or County Treasure, are also being decided this year. In the long run, these officials will have a more direct impact on the lives of Knox County's citizens than the president-elect.

It is disappointing that the groups intent upon registering students to vote in the presidential election have focused entirely upon the presidential election. Where were the calls for voter registration in the gubernatorial election two years ago? How many students voted in Gambier to mayoral last fall? Who among you, without looking at our election section on pages 6-7, can name the candidates for County Prosecutor?

Before deciding on whether to vote in Ohio or by absentee, students from other states should first give serious consideration to this issue. If a student does decide to change his or her residency to Gambier, it is his or her obligation to learn as much about the governmental system as possible. For everyone. To cast an uneducated ballot is a severe disservice to the Knox County community of which we are a part.

That said, the local politics, also, should not end on Nov. 2. Attend a Gambier Village Council meeting and make your views heard. Start by Mayor Emmett's office hours and aired your concerns about your village. Your beliefs are meaningless if they are uninformed and unexpressed at the polls in every election, local and national.
Rural election issues
By Billy Callis
Guest Columnist

Although I’ve lived in Ohio nearly all my life, I’ve lived in the suburbs and the city, not in a genuine small town or rural area. How do I consider my responsibility to think about issues that don’t affect only me, I think that may be true of John Kerry, also.

You won’t see him wearing a photo-shop cowboy hat and dirty t-shirt, driving a pickup around the ranch that Karl Rove told him to buy just in time for the election. That’s Bush’s face. You may, however, see Kerry falling down on a ski slope, missing ski slots, and taking his embarrassment with him to buy a jockstrap (I’m not making up the last part). So Bush has the edge in PR, and Kerry’s stunts may not win him many friends in small-town America. But Bush’s policies may be hurting rural and small-town America in ways few people realize.

According to Congress-man The Skelton (D-MO), who studied casualty figures from the Department of Defense, as of October 2003, 43.5% of American soldiers killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom were from rural towns with population under 20,000. (http://www.bush-gov/vietnam/m031029.htm) A statistical study reported in the Austin American-Staetman found that those killed in Iraq were “39 percent more likely than the nation as a whole to live in counties with fewer than 10,000 people.”

While Kerry’s voting record on military spending is spotty, maybe the first step in supporting our troops is to not put their lives in danger in a war that may ultimately be defeating its own purpose.

I don’t mean for one second to imply that the deaths of American soldiers have been in vain. They chose to put their lives on the line for us, and that’s one of the bravest things a person can do. But the ultimate question is, is it worth it, a good idea? Is it making us safer? Is Bush shipping largely small-town Americans off to war for a good reason?

Some make the argument that Bush acted on the best intelligence available. But he still acted without the consent of the UN, and thus further alienated the US in the world’s eyes. While the Iraq war has rid the world of a terrible regime, it looked to many people—Arabs and Muslims especially—like the world was starting a war that killed tens of thousands of Muslim civilians, and that didn’t do any favors to the international perception of America. Many believe it had the effect of polarizing and galvanizing violent anti-US sentiment.

Is there quantitative reason to believe the Iraq war has actually made us less safe? Yes. After the State Department released a report boasting a decline in international terrorism, which is credited to the war on terror, it then issued a correction and noted that terrorism had actually seen a “sharp increase” (http://www.cmcs.com/2004/US06/: powell.terror.report/).

Bush’s record on “defense” spending may be more attractive than Kerry’s proposals, but in real terms, is Bush doing the right thing for rural and smalltown Americans by waging war? The Americans who have died in the war are no safer. And due to the ill-conceived war waged by the Bush administration, the victim’s families may not be safer either.

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It is completely acceptable for college students to vote where they go to college in Ohio, as long as they consider Gambier the place to which they intend to return when they are gone. For further information on that, see the Ohio Secretary of State’s website, http://servletform:son.state.oh.us/son/pub/affae/elections/voted/states.htm.

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—Michelle Mood, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

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Housing brings hope

Addiction recovery home is vital to Kenyon

Dear Editor:

Last week you published an article entitled, “New sober homes open for recovering students.” Despite the fact that there were many inaccuracies in the article, I felt that the article didn’t really convey the underlying message of hope that this new housing brings. Although the issue of drug and alcohol addiction amongst the younger population has surfaced in the past few decades, colleges and universities have been quite slow to develop programs to address such issues. In fact, many colleges and universities across the nation do not even provide drug/alcohol counseling services, and are either quick to get rid of students who possibly have drug/alcohol issues, or else ignore them entirely.

Kenyon has really pioneered the approach of supporting students to work a program of recovery on campus. Many recovering students I know feel like they have to stay in a major urban area to be able to have access to a community of people their age in recovery. Luckily, now, not only do we have groups that meet regularly on campus to discuss recovery issues, but we also have houses so that those who are seriously committed to staying sober can live with each other, and enjoy a sense of community and safety. My hope is that this community will continue to grow and flourish, and students who in the past have felt hopeless about dealing with their addiction/alcohol problems will become more aware of the recovery options available to them at Kenyon.

—Ed Hourigan '05
The Silver lining to a Chain of fools

A senior thesis production lets you laugh at the good, the bad, and the just plain confused...

Widening her approach, Serge cruelly rejects Otto's advances, says, "There's a challenge that every actor has to face in this play—you have to make your character reliable. Serge is extremely quick, and witty, but also very sad. And every character is really lonely in one way or another.

The process, however difficult, has been a true labor of love. Weiss, who was born in 1986, started working on the project as a freshman. "I'm not one to talk about the experience of making a film, "he says, "because I don't have one. "

The film has already been screened at the Boulder International Film Festival and at the Philadelphia Independent Film Festival. "It's been really an incredible experience," Weiss says. "I'm really proud of the work we've done so far."
A discussion with Bei Dao

BY SAMUEL FARMER

The Kenyon Collegian Staff

To call Bei Dao a critically ac-
drowned poet is like calling Stephen
Spielberg a decent filmmaker. An in-
fluential ensue not only for poetry,
but for the Chinese language, Bei Dao,
born Zhao Zhenkai in 1949, recently
visited Kenyon, lecturing about his
work and Chinese modernist poetry.
His pseudonym reflects a sense of
willful isolation and his roots in the
Northern China province (the name
literally means "northern island"). He
has been hailed in his homeland as the
voice of his generation.

An important poet in the abstract
style called the "manifest school" of
Chinese poetry, Bei Dao explained his
classification, saying that that genre
was an "artistic label and most of us
[Chinese poets] don't accept it."

At the time Bei Dao and his con-
temporary classmates were at
work, they did not have the right
to dissent. "The name the poet chose
for his poetry, 'Jintaian,' or 'Today.'" Bei
Dao explained, "is just theoretical.
Their name had to be written by
the government before publication.

The cultural revolution (instituted
by Mao Zedong led to what Bei Dao

Forgotten

BY BRIAN SCHILLER

The Forgotten
Directed by Joseph Ruben
Starring Julianne Moore, Donghui West, Gary Sinise, and Anthony Edwards

"Unfortunately"

What I remember loving most
about Alex Proyas’ masterwork Dark
City is that it challenged our percep-
ции感知 of memory and iden-
tity. Films such as Dark City and The
Truman Show force the audience to
understand just how strong a grip
they have on reality. That The Forgotten
sets itself up to be another film in
this vein is wonderful, but it goes
up its potential for too early. For
that reason, it is a remarkable
job.

The only possible way to read
The Forgotten is as a complete
failure to capture the creativity
and imagination of Proyas’ work,
which is a heavily indebted film.
Instead, the film takes the themes
and concepts inherent in such films
and wraps them around a two-part
episode of The X-Files filled with
aliens, conspiracy theories, and
mysterious-looking men.

These two-part episodes allow
the filmmakers to slowly unroll the
mystery, even as the audience
begins to lose faith that this is a film
about such things. When the facts
are laid out, the audience is left
with the task of making sense of
what it has seen and tried to
understand.

This is a film about the
development of a story about
the truth of existence. The
plot, such as it is, is a
sequence of events that
build to the climax of the film.

Throughout the film, the poet
speaks to the audience about
the nature of existence and the
importance of understanding
it. This is a film about
the search for meaning and
understanding.

In a way, the film can be
seen as an attempt to
communicate the
elements of the poet’s
work to a wider audience.

The Forgotten can be
seen as a testament to
the power of imagination and
creativity, even when
they are used to
communicate
important ideas.
Sex and love come to the Collegian

Love, relationships, sex—these are the subjects for which all have an insatiable appetite. Are there any other areas of life about which one could talk all day and never tire? I cannot think of one, though feel free to challenge me on that. There is always something to say, always a new twist to the issues that has not been explored. Sex never gets old.

This is a new column that will be written on a question and answer basis, but at the same time I want to attempt with each piece to do more than just answer a single question. Why? Because I believe that this is an issue of modern debate. For example, references between sex and abortion, sex and pregnancy, sex and birth control, or sex and general subject—petitioning the public to contact me via e-mail. I will then conduct research, ask anonymous questions, unless otherwise requested by the author, make a statement, and circulate the opinions of the campus and general community, do research on the subject of hand to evaluate the positive and negative aspects of whatever is in question and finally make educated suggestions on future behaviors in the hope that the reader comes away better informed and more open to new ideas.

At the same time, I will answer questions sent in by readers at the best of my ability, with the intention of ultimately helping the larger campus community. Our advice is by no means sacrosanct, and if anyone replies with a different opinion, I will consider it and respond as needed.

Though needless to say I will not be able to respond to every e-mail I get, it is my promise to the reader that I will read and consider them all; I want this column to be a forum for differing views and opinions. When I will ultimately have the last word is addressed, I want each reader to feel he or she has a voice.

So, enough of the boring stuff—on to next week’s topic! Before last few weeks at Kentucky, many people have spoken to us about hooking up, getting in a serious relationship, just getting out and surviving (it strikes me that these behaviors fall into two distinctly separate categories: steady serious relationships and casual, fun and, most of all, non-committal sex. Which do you guys prefer? What’s up with the gravity and cons of each option? What about abstinence?

While we reflect on our own, please send in e-mails with comments! The audience will be essential to this column, and I’d like to do us all to see it succeed. After all, it takes two to make a marriage.

Teach For America recruiting

BY MARY ALPERIN
Feature Editor

“One day, all children in this nation will have the opportunity to attend a good school,” said Matt Deifel, the executive director of Teach For America.

This is the motto of Teach For America (TFA), a non-profit organization that works to enhance educational opportunities in low-income communities. The program has over 1,500 volunteers who work in schools for two years. This organization started in 1988 by a Princeton University senior; since then, more than 12,000 volunteers have passed through.

One of the newest TFA volunteers is sophomore Nicholas Dickel, ‘09, who went to Baltimore, where he taught fourth grade science. He worked at a small community school that was under-reformed, with low scoring scales on the brink of most recent reforms by the state.

Dickel laughed about how great it was to leave his junior year, last year, he was on campus in Ascension,” he said. “I saw the protruding wall: I was on the west side, and I went to the library. When I saw my senior year, when I was procrastinating again, I went back and ended up applying. It turned out to be an incredible experience.”

According to its website, www.teachforamerica.com, TFA aims to “eliminate educational inequality.” The National Center for Education Statistics sites that in some low-income schools, nine to ten-year-olds already only three grade levels behind their peers in reading ability and math. Dickel called these statistics “scary.”

“The short term, students need great teachers. In the long term, the whole education system needs to be challenged,” said Deifel.

The newest statistics estimated that TFA corps members have directly affected over 1.75 million students. Many Alumni enhance two grade levels’ worth of work in just a year.

Patrik Bartholomew, ‘06, one of the campus campaign managers, said that he has a lot of confidence in the organization’s mission and corps members. “Before coming to Kentucky, I worked extensively with a job-training program for inner-city youth... it isn’t necessary that inner-city teachers are at fault; rather, that the students are so poorly motivated—and, let’s be honest, lazy—that they required an extra push. It is precisely this push that TFA corps members are expected to provide.”

Deifel said he wanted to get the school pumped about science. “I saw science as a performer art. I danced around the room a lot. I was the crazy science teacher who went into different classrooms during breaks to perform Reform Actions of Science.” He described one particular project, where his students used motion, friction and kinetic energy to create frill rides for “Deifel Land” “I really valued my interaction with the students,” he said.

Deifel said that the three other teachers he worked with were “so passionate and invested in teaching children. They set high expectations, and the students rose to meet them. Plus, I had such an enthusiastic Board of Directors.”

“That’s not to say I didn’t encounter any challenges.” Deifel continued. He explained that there were no substitutes for teachers who were enthusiastic. “When I came in, the school had a lack of school supplies such as paper and copy machines, and in his second year he was forced to teach science in the gym, since there was a debt of classrooms “I had to get creative. And because of the TFA support, I about the entire school, instead of the gym, since there was a debt of classrooms.”

They were looking for ways to save money. “This is sending money to students,” said Deifel. “It’s making the floor less of a disaster.” In 2003, 2004, the year this new teaching method was put into place, raise vs. 100. To cut these losses, Gebele said there would be collection boxes “on every floor of every dorm” for students to save anything that they might have “borrowed” from the cafeteria. Gebele has mixed feelings about this, though. “By putting the boxes on there, I feel like we’re condoning taking things out of the box. But other actions have been taken or will be, to reduce the rate of theft.”

Instead, Gebele and Dardis rely on their own intuition, the “honor system,” and the Noise from Food World emails. “We get paid by the school a fixed cost per student, and it’s better,” said Gebele. “We don’t have to spend the money on food.” The Food doesn’t divest the amount of the budget, but instead break the funding allocation: about 30 percent of 400 goes to food, 50 percent to paying employees and the remaining 20 percent goes to other upkeep—like buying new silverware.

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New dining hall trays debuted last week, sporting a streamlined shape and missing eyebrows among some students. “I found itDummyHe... Why are they missing eyebrows? What is wrong with the old ones? What will we use for this new fall decision? The new trays are better fit around circular tables. This student body is still divided as to whether the change is worth it. “The new trays are great,” said Mike Fitch, 08, “because it’s easier to sit round the tables with them, which makes dinner more social.” Many others disagree. Why the change?
The old trays were inch fiber,
glass, according to Niles Gebele, General Manager at ARAMARK. They were turning to fray, so it became a safety issue as well as a sanitation issue,” he added. The new trays were not the only replacements; there are also mugs, colored plates and bowls. “We need a lot more more diners than students,” said Gebele. “Many students take two, three even three plates for dinner.”

A recent Notes From Food World Student-Info e-mail sent by Kentucky’s Food Service Director, John Dardis, shed more light on the issue. The new purchases are a change of habits, due to theft. The email estimates the losses since last October—the last time new dining hall trays were purchased—at $12,000. In order to cut these losses, Gebele said there would be collection boxes “on every floor of every dorm” for students to assign anything they might have “borrowed” from the cafeteria. Gebele has mixed feelings about this, though. “By putting the boxes on there, I feel like we’re condoning taking things out of the box. But other actions have been taken or will be, to reduce the rate of theft.”

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Lords get walloped in Friday night game match-up
One week after losing 48-17 to Kalamazoo the football team plays the first game on the new turf

The footballers are once again stopped by Kalamazoo in their home opener this past weekend.

BY JON SESSIONS
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The Lords footballers once again bowed their heads in defeat last Friday night in their home opener. Kalamazoo College's high-octane offense proved too much for the purple and white, as the Lords remain winless after a 48-17 defeat.

Kalamazoo took advantage of the schools' first game which has been subject to few merciless offensive attacks early in the season. Sophomore quarterback Tim Kaselitz drew first blood on an eighteen-yard toss to James Woodford, putting Kalamazoo up 0-6 with 9:44 left in the quarter. After a Lords fumble, Kaselitz was at it again within 30 seconds, finding Jeff Green on a 20 yard pass for another score. With 8:38 left on the clock, Kalamazoo had a 13-0 lead before the sun had gone down.

Kenyon finally got a little offensive momentum on their next possession. After marching through the swarming Hornets' defense on a 47-yard drive, senior Ben Woodcock's 36 yard field goal put the Lords on the board to reduce hope in the hearts of the Kenyon faithful. Unfortunately, this hope was short-lived.

As soon as the Kaselitz got the ball back in his hands, he continued to pick apart the inexperienced Kenyon secondary. Six minutes into the second period, he hit Mike Lefield in the numbers for yet another Hornet score in the air. Less than four minutes later Kaselitz struck again for another score. This time tallback Mike Benson hauled in the pigskin, tallying Kaselitz's fourth touchdown pass of the first half.

As they have done most of the year, the Lords offense utilized to raise the deficit by taking matters into their own hands. Senior quarterback Nick Statick and sophomores running back Alby Coombs teamed up to lead the Lords on a 74-yard scoring drive in the final two minutes of the second quarter for the Lords' first touchdown. The seven play drive was capped by Coombs' jaunt into the end zone from three yards out. Coombs' third touchdown of the season narrowed Kalamazoo's lead to 27.

Unfortunately, any momentum Kenyon carried into the locker room was dashed when Kalamazoo kicked off and Charlie Burnham ran back the opening kick of the third quarter 88 yards for a touchdown. The touchdown put the Hornets in command, 34-10. Three minutes later the Hornets talled another seven.

As Mike Benson sailed in from nineteen yards out. Benson would score again in the fourth quarter giving him three touchdowns on the night.

The Lords did manage to score in the third quarter when Statick took it to the house on a keeper from one yard out. The Lords' second touchdown would be their final touchdown of the night.

There were some bright spots for the Lords in defeat. Statick had another solid game at the helm completing nineteen of 33 passes for 226 yards. Coombs also continued his impressive 2004 campaign with 126 yards on 27 carries and a score. Sophomore wide receiver Carlin Shoomaker hauled in seven passes for 118 yards. The offensive line also deserves credit for giving Statick sufficient time to throw and for opening up gaping holes for the Kenyon backs.

However, the potency of the Kenyon offense was diluted by the vulnerability of the Kenyon defense. For the third consecutive week, the Lords surrendered more than 45 points and over 450 total yards to their opponent. Although their Adulas heel has usually been stopping the opponent's ground.

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Lords demonstrate improvement against Marian College, after losing NCAC opener to Allegheny

BY ERIC FITZGERALD
Sports Editor

While Bill Clinton's re-election in 1996 might seem like recent history, that same year saw the most recent loss to Marian College. Sept. 29. The 2-1 overtime loss to Marian College was disappointing considering two Kenyon goals were disallowed. Although the team's attack did not gain a victory, the team is showing progress on the offensive front.

Langsman set several goals, almost all of which were called back for questionable offsides calls," senior Josh Marshall said. "We're disappointed with the loss after such a hard-fought overtime game, we're glad to see that our pressure on shooting has been worthwhile, and has kept us in these games."

The team is looking to rebound on the offensive front. With the team's attack not gaining a victory, the team is looking for progress on the offensive front.

After losing against Allegheny, the team is looking to bounce back. "I feel like the last couple games have been better offensive performances," Geffen said. "Our offensive final third is starting to show some good performances."

After being shutout in six of their first eight matches, the Lords have scored a goal in each of the past two games. Once the Lords' offense hits stride, the squad could become a threat in the remaining nine games of the regular season.

"Our conference record is in no way indicative of how we've been playing. Against Allegheny, we played a tight game for 75 out of the 90 minutes, but let down at incorrect times and the other team capitalized," Marshall said. "We are confident, we will definitely bring home results from here on out."

The Lords will get one more chance to prepare for NCAC competition when they travel to Washington & Jefferson, Oct. 2.

As the Lords have played only one game in their conference schedule, it is conceivable that they could reach the conference tournament with a finish in the conference's top four. The Lords could salvage a disappointing season if they can keep themselves from falling apart at "incorrect times."

The next home match is against Wittenberg University, Oct. 6. the second match of the Lords' NCAC schedule. Even if the Lords don't have their sights on making a run at the Division III title this season, they can make a significant step in the 2004 season if they even their conference record.

Wittenberg is 3-4 so far this season. Last year, the Lords lost at offensive showdown at Wittenberg. 53-3. Smart money doesn't favor the Lords in another offensive blue.
**Sports Commentary**

**Squash players seek court**

*By Tim Harwood
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During the late afternoon, it is not surprising to find Kenyon's lower squash court in use, while spectators anxious await their turn to step onto the court. "Squash is a..." president, president of the squash club, is pleased with the freshman class' talent since it will build upon last year's success in the sport. However, Fennell is quick to note that increased participation has made it "increasingly difficult for..." continue to have a mutual understanding of..." and do the best with what we are given," the editor-in-chief, president of the squash court.

At the moment, two of the squash courts are available for squash players and one of the two squash courts is available. The new Athletic, Fitness, and Recreation center will feature eight courts.

As far as this year, Fennell believes that a squash court can remedy their current dilemma. Smith agrees with Fennell that a..." youth movement has caused a "resurgence in" squash amongst Kenyon students and other neighboring colleges. However, Smith has not obliged the club's request for a second court since the "costs for the entire athletic community..." will be greater than the benefits" that the squash club will derive.

Negotiations between the squash court and Smith have removed the weight equipment from Kenyon's lower other squash court during the fall semester of last year. Fennell explained how Andrew Simmons '04, the club's previous president, purchased the club's equipment and dealt with Smith. This correspondence caused Smith to "seriously consider" the club's proposal last year. However, Smith decided not to accept the proposal due to the cost involved and a decrease in the club's utilization of the squash court over the ensuing months.

When asked about placing the Nineteens equipment in a squash court rather than a..." squash ball court, Smith said the decision was based on "the 2002 attendance of the Ninefifty and squash." Although squash ball was more popular than squash in 2002, Smith acknowledges that this trend has reversed over the past two years, as there is now more interest in squash than squashball.

This reverse trend has caused Fennell to become more adamant about moving the equipment out of the squash court and into the squash court. "A second court would resolve a lot of our problems," said Fennell.

Fennell has high expectations for making the squash club a competitive program. This year, the squash club is scheduled to play at Navy and Vassar. "This year, we're making our first impression with so many teams," said Fennell, "and we hope to make a good one." Fennell hopes the club will be invited back to these tournaments and perhaps host a tournament in the new facility.

Editor's note: Tim Harwood is a member of the squash club.

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**Grapes of Raasch rally past Oberlin**

*By Joe Freiman
Bristol, CT*

Let us gather and join hands in bidding farewell and safe passage to Kenyon's volleyball of..." As the basketball backboards were raised skyward last Sunday, in preparation for the afternoon dual between Kenyon and the monstrous Yeowomen of Oberlin, the Ladies strode briskly onto the floor and into a new pool. The women in purple and white trounced Oberlin, 3-1.

The two teams ran neck in neck during the game opener, never allowing the other to advance more than three points at a time. Just as the Ladies seemed to be pulling ahead, the Yeowomen's momentum was defused.

But with a 15-9 win, the Yeowomen took control and ran away with a 27-18 win. Coach Todd Raasch really knows what needs to be done. He is determined.

The Ladies' new coach, Todd Raasch, showed no signs of celebration as he prepared his..." Green, former Lady Bears and Yeowomen, scored points for her willful women to administer.

Using the momentum of their exciting win, the Ladies pulled through to snatch the victory from the clutches of the Ladies, and the Yeo ladies are still at the top of the standings.

Oberlin's winning streak was extended as they took to the sidelines. TheYeowomen sought victory to..." Kenyon's..." with their rousing victory in the key game against the Yeowomen. Oberlin, 3-1.

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-Kate Walker

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Despite their victory, Walker remained cautious on her team, as always leading the team. "I personally was very frustrated at our lack of focus and intensity and thought this afternoon was the worst we’ve played all season. Of course, a win is a win and we can only take what we learned from today and move on. We have some important matches coming up and we hope to continue to be successful.

The Ladies brought their record to 2-2, and in the second half of the game, Captains Katie Walker took charge. Sliding back and forth along the net, frustr..." caption

Thursday, September 30, 2004
Newman leads harriers to seventh place at Allegheny

BY D.D. CARDEN

The law of physics tells us that things in uniform motion tend to stay in uniform motion. True to this mantra, the College's favorite harrier continued to stride, up and away, as they finished seventh out of nineteen on a slightly overcast day at the Top Five Kenyon Finishers at Allegheny Classic. The harriers consider this result their best finish of the season.

Though the steady rain of last week, each foot jockey trotted his way to a finish that demonstrates individual improvement. “Everyone did the best they have this season,” said senior co-captain Tyler Newman.

This race was particularly fulfilling for reasons beyond personal victories, however. The Lords find comfort in the notion that after a poor finish at the GLAC’s two weeks prior to the Allegheny Classic, they were able to destroy most of the teams that beat them during Saturday afternoon, at the GLAC’s, Sept. 11. At Allegheny, the team placed third out of all the NCAC teams who raced this Saturday, losing only to Allegheny and Ohio Wesleyan.

“The race was satisfying” said sophomore Ryan Weinstock. “It’s like we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. At first it didn’t look like we could win conference, but now we have a serious shot at beating most of the teams.”

Team Wolf: Kenyon’s intramural soccer dynasty

BY JAKE APPLEMAN

You’ve seen the Retirement All-Stars. But have you heard the cry of the wolf? Team Wolf, intramural soccer dynasty, that is. The co-ed squad has dominated the intramural circuit with tremendous success. Senior captain Gerson Torchio understands the history and tradition of his club.

“There’s a long tradition with Team Wolf starting back to my freshman year. I just love it. It just brings me and all seniors. They graduated and I recruited my seniors as a valid Team Wolf members. We won the championship the past two years. We’re the team to beat.”

They have been the epitome of Kenyon intramural soccer. Even though the level is intramural, Wolf passes crisply, plays tight defense and goes all out, display a level of skill that belies the word “intramural.” The key to Wolf’s success is that each member knows the game well enough for a team concept to be employed — a stark contrast to many intramural soccer concepts that end up looking like a globular machine was placed next to the field hockey field. When Wolf takes the field, long balls are sent. Center kicks search for heads. The slide tackle is in effect.

The air of confidence bred by consistent winning doesn’t hurt. Team Wolf has won almost every year for the past six years. Kenyon’s senior John Runne says, “We’ve been playing together since sophomore year and we all know our strengths and we all have fun together.”

Along with Torchio and Runne, seniors Joseph Vazquez, Nick Sarraf, Chris Miller, Alexs Arnold and Ben Mason are playing their third season for Team Wolf. Two-year Wolf members include senior Nick Suessman and juniors Laura Haas and Jolita Kosinski.

Team Wolf matched up with the Psi U team, Sept. 19. Knowing that the Psi U’s may be their toughest competition, Wolf huddled to prepare for the game at hand. The huddle then turned to a rally in order to lift the team, which has been interpreted as howling. The Psi U team played well, doing a good job of matching Wolf’s non-stop energy and intensity. Unfortunately, senior John Runne and his infamous shorts led a defense that cleared every early Psi U attack with relative ease.

“I think there are different attitudes among players on the team with some players last fall based on the shorts I wear you can tell if my mood is to have fun,” Runne remarked.

We wolfed our first thanks to Torchio’s right foot. From that point it looked like another victory was in the cards. Wolf and teammates were elated.

After time wound down in regulation, the real drama began. Wolf argued that there should be overtime, but the intramural commissioner didn’t think so. The Psi U left the field happy — to the least with a tie.

Wolf’s obvious displeasure with the outcome and lack of a determining overtime only reinforced their desire to win. Showcasing their love of the game, which is the bottom line with the squad. They love to play and will take on any team at any time, consistently hooting and hollering regardless of the opposition.

Wolf manages to talk some unpredicable post-game trash that is meant to perpetrate the rivalry should it ever occur again.

Until then, check your inbox, but for now understand that they’re confident with good reason. “I think we’ll threepeat and defend the title,” Torchio predicts. “It’s my last year and I want go out with a bang.” I’m hoping the tradition can go on. We’ve got some good freshmen and our goalie [Hass] is the bomb.”

Post-Season Predictions

American League

What a shock. The Yankees have found themselves with an underperforming team heading into the playoffs. For the second year in a row, it doesn’t really matter, since they have the best record in the AL. Despite an early season fiasco that has the most home runs in the majors, they have pitching problems. No worries, the Yankees will beat either the Twins or A’s in four games (blame the lack of a sweep on the starting rotation).

Thanks to the Red Sox clinching the wild card, the Angels or A’s are going home early. Because they’ve done it for the past four years, I think Oakland will win in the end, despite their lack of players. They say they have better pitching (in theory) than just about anyone and that should be enough to beat the Twins or A’s.

The Giants will roll with the Twins and Red Sox. There are many possibilities as to who is going to play whom, and where and when that will all take place. I say no matter what, we’re going to have another Yankees/Red Sox ALCS. It’ll be particularly exciting considering all the drama these teams have created over the season.

Bottom line: this isn’t the Sox year, it is the Wolf year. The last shot for awhile if they lose Pedro in the off season. The Yanks will lose to the Cardinals in the Series, and the Anaheim will go buy some more All-stars to make him feel better.

Sara Kaplow

National League

The National League pennant return to St. Louis for the first time since 1987. Three MVP candidates (Scott Rolen, Albert Pujols and Jim Edmonds) have led the Cardinals to the best record in base-

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Sports
Denison defeats Ladies, 2-1, in NCAC game

BY MICK REYNOLDS
Managing Editor

“We’re going to be aggressive from the start,” said junior defender Kate Flinner, following the Ladies’ second consecutive victory against the Lady Bears. Flinner was among the hands of North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) rivals Denison University by a final score of 2-1.

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Junior forward Liz Aragon’s
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Oct. 2 vs. Oberlin College* 2:00 p.m.
Oct. 6 vs. College of Wooster* 5:00 p.m.
- NCAC

Looking to rebound from a loss to Ohio Wesleyan University, which dropped their conference record to 1-1 and snapped a six-game winning streak, the Ladies could ill afford a lethargic start. The Big Red set the tone early, when junior Jenny Lacey scored a goal with just under twenty minutes to go in the first half. Lacey, Denison’s leading scorer, found the back of the net on an assist by first-year Marika Kaminiski. Going into the half, the Ladies defense remained strong, and the Denison lead held at 1-0.

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