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Senior Staff mulls future of College

BY MIKE LUDDERS
Editor-in-Chief

"You must be kidding about the short statement! If there is one thing I've learned..." It is fast guiding the College is a very complex process, one that depends on good efforts from all sectors of the College: students, staff, administration and faculty."

In his own words, this is how Professor of Music and current Chair of the Faculty Dr. Benjamin Locke answered the Collegian's request for a "short" description of his part in the College's "big picture."
The core strategic offices are those which deal directly with Kenyon's interactions with other institutions, most notably that of the President and the Acting Vice President for College Relations, Sam Kibel.

Other members hold offices less directly strategic, but no less crucial to the success of Staff initiatives. Associate Provost Rich Switzer describes his position as one of an "advocate" problem solver. "My duties," Switzer says, "are to help faculty and department chairs meet some special needs in their office, classroom or department; locating funds needed to repair broken equipment in a science lab; researching questions posed by faculty members or other administrators; arranging for office, furniture, computer etc... Not very glitzy, forward-looking stuff, but all important, and I enjoy it." Other members of the Senior Staff are associate vice presidents for Finance, Teri Blanchard, and Dean of Students Donald Onarheim, who oversees Kenyon's Student Affairs center, and works to see life goes smoothly and standards are maintained for students currently living on campus.

Regardless of their individual focus, on a Tuesday they combine perspectives to make Kenyon into an institution "recognized as a premier Liberal Arts College for this nation," as the words of President S. George Nugent.

Today, Nugent says her evaluation of the College is that it is "stronger than ever before...we're on the right path and we want to continue on that path." As evidence Nugent cites the success of recent major fundraising initiatives - under Oden's administration two years ago... the progress made in new construction, and especially the gains made in the last two years in Kenyon's overall numbers of applicants, and the greater degree of selectivity that has made possible in Admissions.

"The era of Kenyon as a "safety school" is, I think, over," said Nugent. At the same time, she also discussed several challenges the College will face in the coming year, and the different ways one can take in order to meet those challenges.

The Master Plan

The major ongoing project for the Senior Staff will be the approval and eventual implementation of the Campus Master Plan, which was drawn up last year by the architectural firm owned by Graham Gund. '63. The Plan, which proposes numerous building changes throughout the see PLANS, page two

New Village administrator introduced

BY ROSE BABINGTON
Staff Reporter

The Gambier Village Council welcomed Gambier's new village administrator in a meeting on Monday, as well as continuing discussion on several issues that have been discussed in previous sessions.

All council members were in attendance as Mayor Kirk Eisenhart officially introduced Rob McDonald as the new Village Administrator. Eisenhart had been serving as Acting Village Administrator since Jim Lenzle resigned from the position this summer.

McDonald, who comes to Gambier from Cardington, Ohio, about 40 miles to the west, began his duties as Village Administrator on October 1. His responsibilities will deal largely with the water system in the village. McDonald has already looked into the pumps of the reservoir, which he described in his report to the council. After a Gambier resident showed the council the large amounts of calcium in his water filter, McDonald promised to deal with that matter as well.

McDonald, who has twelve years of experience in working with utilities and three years of experience in administrative work, says that he has "an open mind" in learning about the Gambier community and that he is looking forward to taking a proactive approach to prevent and repairing problems.

He said he is "thrilled" to be here, and feels that "everyone here has been very helpful and easy to work with."

In addition to introducing McDonald, Village Council continued discussion on a number of community issues that had been discussed at prior meetings. Council member Lee Ceise, head of the Council's Streets and Utilities Committee, scheduled a meeting on October 15 for the purpose of discussing an objection to the village's skateboarding ordinance, which requires that skateboarders wear helmets and wrist guards at all times.

After hearing complaints from students, the council is reevaluating this requirement. Emmett said that Village Council should, "at the very least...produce a convincing rationale" to uphold the ordinance if the council does not choose to eliminate it completely.

A complaint about speeding and noise on the main streets of the Village was briefly discussed, and Emmett said that "a bit more policing" would be done but that the council "can't keep traffic out of Gambier."

The council also discussed and approved a $3,500 plan to plant 200,000 gallons of stodge to Gambier fields beginning in late October and early November. Council members enjoyed a laugh when, after being asked if the smell of the stodge would affect the College, Doug Givens, managing director of the Philander Chase Corporation, responded that the smell would not be "as bad as Old Kenyon."

Students competed in a pie-eating contest last week sponsored by the Greek Council. The event kicked off Greek Week, a series of events designed to foster positive relations among members of Greek organizations at Kenyon.

Homecoming lounge

gets retro restyling

BY JEREMY LAWSON
Staff Reporter

By mid-October, the exercise center in the Gund Residence Hall lounge will be converted into a quiet study area, and the entire lounge will receive a stylish overhaul.

With the completion of the new Fitness, Recreation and Athletic Center quickly approaching, Dean of Residential Life George Barbato decided the exercise equipment formerly in the lounge was unnecessary. The lounge, he said, is to be "retro" atmosphere, including separate study and relaxation areas with a TV center and game tables.

Continental, a private company out of Columbus, has been hired by the College to oversee the lounge's new look. "They've done other projects for the college - their products have held up well," said Barbato. "They are a number of companies that you can opt to go with...you pick a company with quality service and products."

New, custom-made furniture for the lounge is currently under design. "We order stuff and then we show it...it takes a bit longer," said Barbato. All in all, the project costs roughly $30,000. Barbato stressed that this would by no means be an area only for freshmen. "Anyone can go over there," he said.

Amanda Carpenter, the Head Resident Advisor of Gund Hall, said that "the layout of the lounge looks quite aesthetically pleasing...with the addition of some artwork and the modern furniture and carpet, I think the place will be quite cozy." The lounge will feature tables for group studying, desks for individual work and couches. Leather and cloth seating covers will accentuate the atmosphere.

A large factor in the lounge's redesign was the poor quality of the equipment in the old exercise area. see GLUND, page four

WEATHER OR NOT

Tonight: Clear. High, 75°F, low, 45°F.
Saturday: Few showers. High, 75°F, low, 45°F.
Sunday: Partly cloudy. High, 68°F, low, 40°F.
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Food Deviants inhabit newest College house
Fledging student group acquires special-interest housing, hopes to raise profile of vegetarians at Kenyon

BY EMILY KLIEVER
Staff Reporter

Four student members of the Food Deviants, a student organization for vegetarians, have this year acquired special-interest housing in Murnen House on Meadow Lane. The students hope that with their own house, they can provide quality vegetarian food choices and spread awareness of a vegetarian lifestyle to the entire college community.

"We applied for special-interest housing because we wanted the (organization) to be a close-knit thing," said sophomore Kate McGuire, a resident of the house.

Sophomores Sara Burns and Dan Rymer worked to form Food Deviants organization last year and this year's statement is "to try to get better food for vegetarians and vegans, whether by working with the dining service or by creating it ourselves," said Burns.

When special interest housing was made last year, the Food Deviants were given two suites in Caples Residence, where some vegetarians still live. Although Caples has an adequate kitchen, some students were concerned with the common use of the cooking utensils. "We want to make sure we don't use pots and pans that had meat in them," said McGuire.

To solve the dilemma, Murnen House was purchased by the College along with several other houses on Meadow Lane, said Dean of Residential Life George Barbuto. "We use what [residential] space we have [first]," Barbuto said. "Over the last couple of years, we've had to use some other space, like Murnen House."

Residents of the house are satisfied with their new living arrangements. "The house is ideal," said McGuire. "It's got so many rooms and a brand-new kitchen."

Making the house comfortable and cooking their own food at the same time has been difficult for the students, however, because the Food Deviants do not have a budget for food or other items. While the College provided basic furniture, similar to that provided for dorms, sophomore Paul Wimer said that they had to "scavenge for things like sofas."

Because the Food Deviants have to buy most of their own household items, they have not been able to cook as much as they would like. "I think the veggie house needs a budget," especially if "we're going to be more involved with the community," Wimer said. "[The Business and Finance Committee] doesn't provide for food, and we have to work with that."

However, Barbuto said that no one in special-interest housing gets "special consideration."

House residents remain on the same meal plan and spend their own money on vegetarian meals. "It seems a little ridiculous to give a house to vegetarians, but it's more ridiculous to give them a house and not let them off the meal plan," said McGuire. She added that she sometimes feels "guilty" when cooking her own meals because she is still paying for dining hall meals. However, Burns said that letting off them the meal plan would be a "breach of contract view Aramark, the company that provides College dining services."

Professor McGuire said they have the opportunity to work with Aramark to make the dining halls more conducive to vegetarians' needs. Burns added that the group is trying to change the way the budget committee views them, and she hopes that they can earn money for food through fundraising. "The more we learn about how we're going to buy our food, the more we'll be able to open it to the entire campus," said Burns.

"There are good reasons for being on the meal plan," said Professor of Sociology Howard Sacks, the Food Deviants' faculty advisor. "Part of what makes this a residential college is having common experiences, and meals are a common experience."

According to Niles Gebele, General Manager at Aramark, the Food Deviants approached Aramark at the beginning of the year to discuss these issues, but after that initial meeting "they never came back." Gebele added that Aramark let the students know the company was interested in working with them.

"This is something that goes on every year," said Food Service Director John Darmstadt. "As soon as we suggest that [the students] get involved, there's a signal that they don't want to do it anymore." He said that although "some menus are more suited to vegetarians than others," the College does offer "many vegetarian options available, including stir fry and hummus."

According to McGuire, Murnen House, all vegetarians, sometimes host vegetarian dinners and are looking to work with other college groups. Burns said that last year the group had "one big dinner," and another dinner was held this September. McGuire mentioned the possibility of working with Kenyon After Dark to have a vegetarian cookout. Burns added that they are trying to work with local organic farms, as well as with REEL to promote composting.

"We want to integrate everyone, not just vegetarians," she said.

Barbuto mentioned the possibility for Food Deviants to become a program house, such as Hillel. Program houses, said Barbuto, receive some funding from the College, which could be a major factor in the success of the house.

Residents have mixed feelings about this idea. "We want the house to be open to the public, but we do not necessarily want to be as open as Hillel because we're living there," said McGuire. Burns worried about what would change. "I feel like if we did turn into a program house, what we're trying to do would get a little shifted," she said.

The Murnen House is so named because it was purchased by the College from Associate Provost Sarah Marren. "The house was sold to the College at more than its appraised value because of the building of the FRA [Fitness, Recreation, and Activity Center]," said Marren. "They offered to buy the houses of everyone on that site and to give them a rebate because they felt the quality of life there was going to get worse with the large building being built."

The Murnen House marketing is very much an experiment for Residential Life. "What they did with us was to not really think of the thing they've never really done before," said Burns. "We're a student-founded, student-run organization." The students also gained permission to be a co-ed house, which Barbuto said is new for the College in terms of special-interest housing.

The students question whether their occupation of the building has had an impact on the recent housing crunch. "They thought it would be good [to give us the house] because there's a housing crisis and not enough room," said McGuire. "We bought the house, but since then it's been a little bit of an issue to get what we deserve."

Overall, however, the residents are glad to have a house. "We're all just really grateful that we have the house, and it's a way for the College to accommodate its students," said Wimer. "Right now, we have to establish yourselves here to ensure a better program in the future."

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Peoples Bank unveils electronic banking system

BY MICHAEL ZABEK
Staff Reporter

The Peoples Bank of Gambier has begun by opening a re-
coded 833 student checking accounts with the help of an upgraded Win-
dows-based, in-house computer database.

According to Peoples Bank Chief Operating Officer Randy
Kendall, the "massive technologi-
cal change" occurred on August 2 and cost in excess of $100,000,
requiring training for all employ-
ees. However, Kendall said, the
transition went smoothly, and the
new system "creates foundation
blocks for the future" of banking
services.

Peoples Bank has also
been


No Mexican restaurant
will occupy Village Inn

BY DAVID MENTA
Staff Reporter

Jose Avalos, owner of the
Fiesta Mexicana restaurant in
Mount Vernon, recently aban-
donned efforts to open a Mexican
restaurant in Gambier because of
difficulties with the building itself
and communications with the
building's owner, Mary Ellen Staf-
fer of Blacksburg, Va. Avalos had
been trying to convert the for-
mer Village Inn, which went out of
business last year, into a restaurant.

"We were paying rent and
everything," said Fiesta Mexicana
Manager Irene Rivera. "But not
anymore. It needed a lot of remodel-
ing.

Avalos had purchased a year-
long contract for the building and
at one point had even hired an ar-
chitect, but communications broke
down between Avalos and Shaffer.
According to Avalos, he continued
paying rent for a year while they
waited for Shaffer to have repairs
made. At the end of the year, with
the repairs still unfinished, Avalos
decided to shut down.

"I really would love to open
that restaurant because I love
Gambier," said River., "I know the
people and I know the school... We
really were hoping to open in that
area. But where?"

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A private design company has been
hired to redesign the Gamb Residence
Hall lounge in a retro style. The
former's old exercise machines have been scrapped because of their age and poor quality.

"There's a TV right there," said
freshman Nathaniel Arlington
Pond. "It sort of negates the whole
study atmosphere. However, a new
partitioning wall that separates the
study from the recreational areas
would prevent this problem."

Freshman Lila Laid found the
room, empty of any televisions, a
tempting place to study.

"I would like to have a gym right
across the street from that," she said.

With the FRA hearing comple-
tion, however, Barbuto did not

Student council discusses sophomores in division

chair Steve Hands '06 last week.
The proposal, which was
unanimously approved by the
Housing and Grounds commit-
te at their meeting last week, would
not only modify the division hous-
ing rules, but would also require
division rooms to be hired in such
a way as to minimize or eliminate
the need for independent students
to fill rooms. Hands said this would
free up more rooms for in-
dependent students in the lottery.

However, Senate Co-Chair
Meredith Farmer '05 expressed
concern about the proposal. She
said the proposed change would
make Kenyon's division housing
policy very similar to the policy it
had previously, which was eventu-
ally discarded.

"The exact same proposal
went through in 1991," Farmer
said. "I think we need to look at
attacking this in a different way."
Policy vs. Morality: Poli Sci professor examines presidential debate

JOHN ELLIOTT
Professor of Political Science

The first Presidential debate stood out from the rest of this year’s Presidential campaigns for the sheer volume of policy argument from President Bush and Senator Kerry. There were some of the typical campaign excesses, lack of realism, and personal jabs, but it was very easy for the average voter to learn a great deal about two conflicting approaches to foreign policy and two very different assessments of President Bush’s performance as a foreign policy President. This devotion to substance was almost startling in a campaign devoted to avoiding substance or to turning substance into issues of morality or character.

It was very easy last Thursday night to hear very strong echoes of the foreign policy debates of the 1970s and 1980s. In this very different era Republicans and Democrats continue to champion the same approaches to foreign policy that they developed in the aftermath of Vietnam. However, neither party or candidate readily acknowledges that they are part of such a policy debate. As part of an effort to appeal to voters they regard as untouched in foreign policy and in an effort to appeal to the centrist swing voters they need, each party presents itself not as one side in a debate, but as the only rational or moral choice.

President Bush and the Republicans interpret Senator Kerry’s foreign policy stance as the result of personal weakness and political calculation. They apply the flip-flopper label especially to his foreign policy. Senator Kerry took one approach to foreign policy before the rise of Howard Dean, another when Dean became more popular, and yet another now. The flip-flopper image is added to a variety of other charges which all add up to weakness: he’s too weak to stand up to the terrorists, too weak to stand up to the Europeans, too weak to serve as commander-in-chief. Voters should reject Kerry not if they disagree with his approach to foreign policy, but if they want a President who is willing to stand up for our national security.

Senator Kerry and the Democrats similarly seek to avoid a policy argument with President Bush in which they champion an alternative approach to foreign policy in contrast with the Bush-Powell-Rumsfeld policy. In stead, their major theme is that Bush lies and is arrogantly out of touch with reality. Instead of seeking to argue that he is weak, they argue that he is immoral. Rather than engaging in a serious debate about the wisdom or prudence in going to war, which would presumably require offering an alternative policy, they have chosen to talk about lies that he or his administration might have told us into war. Rather than engaging in a serious debate about what to do now in Iraq, they prefer to assert he has no policy because he refuses to face reality or lies about it.

The debate was not really a good debate, especially because of President Bush’s failure to present a coherent defense of his own policies. Nonetheless, it was the highlight of the campaign; the closest we have come to substance. Senator Kerry made serious arguments on behalf of an alternative foreign policy and some serious criticisms of Bush’s performance in office. President Bush responded with some of the typical attacks on weakness and wavering, but also with much more substance, much more of a defense of policy than he or his administration normally presents. It was a good occasion to remember, despite their flaws, why we force the candidates to participate in these debates.

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JOHN LESJACK
Guest Analyst

In sharp contrast to the somber, ringing tone of the September 30 Presidential debate, Tuesday’s Vice Presidential debate often looked like a clash between two high school debaters who had been programmed to hit first, hit hard, and hit-often, while not bothered to play defense. Sitting at a small table a mere three feet apart, Senator John Edwards and Vice President Dick Cheney engaged in a slavest of stumped statements, flashy rhetoric, and sweeping generalizations that made for interesting television. The story of the night was supposed to be the Ticker-like Edwards, bright-eyed and optimistic, contrasting with the Yoda-like Cheney, all knowing and wise. Yet somewhere between he introductions and the first question on Iraq, conventional wisdom disappeared as both candidates transformed into political attack dogs.

John Edwards, the sweet golden-jay of the Democratic campaign, was clearly well-prepped, swinging at everything Dick Cheney had ever said or thought. Edwards seemed to have been saving every courtroom assault tactic he knew for the first and only televised debate of his life, and his aggressiveness was a constant theme of the debate. The aw-shucks charm was still there, but it was being channeled into driving home the message that John Kerry had so successfully delivered on September 30 about the out-of-touch incompetence of the Bush Administration. This tactic was intelligent, because it will continue to relieve concerns that Kerry and Edwards are too hesitant to lead America against terrorists.

The highlight of Edwards’s night was his closing statement, which sounded and felt like the ending of an episode of Law and Order. It was Edwards in his personal zone, but you could tell he felt hamstrung by the format of the evening. Had he been allowed to move around, feel the audience, and use his charismatic stage presence, the debate might have been no contest. Edwards did, however, do some critical scouting of the Bush team that should benefit Kerry. He labored repeatedly on domestic issues, and, while Cheney was wise enough to avoid most of the blows, the stage has been set for Kerry to build upon the history of lost jobs, under-funded programs, and misplaced priorities that Edwards made sure to lay at the feet of the Republican incumbents.

Cheney also gave Kerry a look at how the Bush team will answer these attacks. If Kerry can capitalize on this insight and continue to attack the record of the Bush administration, the intrados made after the first two debates could solidify and expand.

Dick Cheney was left with a harder job than Edwards, pitching Game Two with his team in an 0-1 hole. Often ridiculed for an out-of-touch stubbornness and his ruthless demeanor, Cheney reigned in his tendency for the outlandish (terrorists could attack if the election goes the ‘wrong way’) and attempted to appear more Professor Dumbledore than Lord Voldemort.

Cheney showed himself to be intelligent, responding to questions about his record in Congress with stinging counter-attacks that put Mr. Edwards’ own record under scrutiny. He also stood resolute in the face of the accusations regarding his time with and favors to, Halliburton. Cheney kept the debate focused on the President, allowing him to hammer home the line that only President Bush could offer the stalwart leadership in the face of adversity; an argument which he will no doubt be able to highlight the Administration’s ambition, using examples such as prescription drugs and pointing out that ”The Democrats promised prescription drug benefits. They never got it done. The President got it done.”

In short, Cheney was able to avoid his weaknesses for much of the debate while highlighting the President’s strengths. If Bush can avoid being pinned on domestic questions as well as Cheney did, he should be able to score better in the final debate.

Both candidates made use of broad generalizations and misleading statistics for most of the night. Their ”cost estimates” for their programs were wide and wildly, and the truth about what has been spent is somewhere in the middle. There was little of substance that could be a knock-out blow. Both candidates are not likely to make a clear and decisive winner in the final debate, but as closer examinations begin to trickle out over the next several days, most of what Edwards and Cheney said will be revealed to be the hyperbole a well-educated watcher could sense as the debate went on.

Neither side decisively scored a knock-out blow Tuesday night, preferring to stick with tested ”stump” lines regarding terrorism, Iraq, and the economy. The key to the debate may become Edwards’s preemptive attacks on the domestic agenda that Cheney dismissed or glossed over, leaving John Kerry a springboard for Friday from which to begin his own assault on the President. If Kerry continues to take the fight to the Bush-Cheney administration and is successful, Edwards’s work on Tuesday will have laid down the groundwork for that success.

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Battleground state of Ohio key in 2004 election

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[Ohio] figures very prominently in the various scenarios by which Bush or Kerry could be elected president," said Professor of Political Science John Green of the University of Akron. "There are really not that many states that could make a difference [in the outcome of the presidential election], and because Ohio is a large state - it's likely to be very important."

As the final month of the presidential election kicks into gear, the state of Ohio has been the focus of a flurry of campaign visits from Bush and Kerry alike and the target of massive voter registration drives by both the Dixie Rat's White House side and Kerry's army. Why all the fuss about a Midwestern state that often seems ordinary?

Ohio is a battleground, or "swing" state, because the political loyalties of Ohioans are evenly divided between both major parties. Combine this division with the fact that Ohio has 20 electoral votes, among battleground states second only to Florida's 27, and Ohio becomes crucial to the presidential aspirations of both Bush and Kerry.

"What creates swing states is diversity, and Ohio is very much a microcosm of the nation as a whole," said Green. [Ohio] has large urban areas in Columbus and Cleveland, it has rural areas, it has religious minorities, [it has] every different kind of industry," said Green. "The only place where it really is not a good picture of the country of a whole is the Hispanic population, which is a little bit lower in Ohio. What happens when a lot of social diversity ends up within particular boundaries is that the election becomes competitive, because each side has a strong set of voters that it can make use of."

According to a series of articles in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, there are actually "five Ohio's" that constitute the entire voter population: the heavily Democratic and industrialized northeast (including Cleveland and Youngstown), the pastoral and morally conservative Buckeye Country, the fast-growing central region (including Columbus, its suburbs, and Knox County), the rural foothills of Appalachia, and the most conservative southeast (including Cincinnati).

A variety of historical, cultural, and geographic factors have created a identity and therefore its battleground state label. "Cincinnati's more of a German city, and German-Americans lean more Republican, so there are historical reasons why Cincinnatians are a more Republican city," said Professor of Political Science John Elliott. "Cincinnati has a significant black population now, but not as large a black population as Cleveland does, and that's another reason why it's less Democratic than cities that have large minority populations. In the Appalachian part of Ohio, it's been coal-mining territory, and so you have rural areas that are actually unionized and more Democratic, so that's an unusual group that shifts politics a little bit."

Pleasing all of these different Ohioans will be a tall order for both Bush and Kerry, but they are each eager to tilt it. Both candidates covet Ohio's large number of electoral voters and seek to win a state that has voted with the winner in every presidential election since 1964. Additionally, "no Republican president has ever won the presidential race without winning Ohio," said Professor of Political Science Ermont Buell of Denison University.

But not so. "Kerry thinks that because Ohio's economy has been somewhat worse than average, this is the biggest state that Bush won in 2000, by 1.5 percent margin [that he] could possibly carry," said Elliott. Because of changes in the number of electoral votes each state is allowed according to the census, "the Democrats know that even if they carry every state that Gore carried, they'd still lose the election," said Professor of Political Science Herb Asher of Ohio State University. "So they have to pick up something, and certainly one part of opportunity they're looking at is Ohio.

We are going through some very wrenching economic transformations." Although similar numbers of Ohioans are loyal to each major party, it is not they who will decide the outcome of such a close election: that dubious honor goes to undecided or "swung" voters, and it is this constituency that both presidential candidates hope to sway on their frequent visits to Ohio.

"It is always in the swing voters in the swing states," said Elliott. "It [not] is Ohio because any more [undecided voters] than anywhere else, it is just that, in Ohio, those undecided voters will decide which side wins Ohio. The presidential candidates know that their votes to a state are going to have no impact on 80 percent of the voters in the state; they each know that the vast majority of voters are committed to one side or the other [by] spending more on advertising in the swing states and travelling more in the swing states, [the candidates are] hoping to push one or two more percent [of voters] in their direction."

Green contends that there are three different kinds of undecided voters. "There are people who actually have very strong views, but the political parties don't match their views very well," said Green. "And a lot of these people split their tickets. Then there's another group of swing voters who are just not very interested; they're not very well informed, they tune in late. A third group are very strategic in their voting. Many times they're willing to change their minds in the course of a campaign because they think it will benefit them."

Not all political scientists agree on this categorization, however. "The categories make sense," said Buell. "[But] I think a ... genuine conception of a swing voter is someone who is genuinely confused. There is a possibility that you have those nationally calculating utilitarians out there who want to make a strategic choice, [but] I suspect that's a pretty small category of people."

In this election, however, only undecided voters are few and far between. "Because the campaigns began early and politics are very polarized, there are fewer swing voters than there used to be," said Green. "If you look at the typical opinion poll, only four to six percent of people say they're undecided, and there may be as many as 20 percent who are persuadeable, which is very unusual at this point in the election. It would be not at all uncommon to have 20 percent undecided at this point in the campaign and perhaps as many as a third who are persuadeable."

In addition to the difficulty presented by tracking these small numbers of undecided voters down, detecting the issues undecided voters are swayed by is an inexact science. According to Buell, three demographic groups that contain many undecided voters are suburban women, Catholics, and Hispanics. "At least up to this date, the Kerry campaign was getting some very bad news because that group of [suburban] women are very concerned about terrorism and national security in the sense of keeping the homeland safe were moving towards Bush," said Buell. "Catholics are split ... on abortion."

And although Ohio has fewer Hispanics than the national average (1.9 percent of the population to the national 12.5 percent), "the number is increasing," said Buell. "They come from different places, and the nationalities figure into these. Some immigrants who are very recent are certainly susceptible to family-values kinds of appeals - they're not supporters of partial-birth abortion, and many of them are deeply religious and rather conservative in their outlooks."

Other research on undecided voters may give Democrats some hope. "There are always a number of those people that hold out until the very end, and they tend to go for the challenger," said Buell. And it has been found that "many [undecided voters] lean toward Democratic domestic policy," said Elliott.

And so the presidential candidates continue to fervently court the elusive undecided voter in Ohio. "John Kerry goes through Mount Vernon and no presidential candidate has been here ever before, and I don't believe he thinks he's going to swing more than 50 votes in Mount Vernon," said Elliott. "In one sense that's trivial, but if he swings a few hundred here and a few hundred there and all of a sudden it starts adding up. All he needs to do is win Ohio by one vote."
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Campaign strategies in Ohio analyzed, explained

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The old wisdom in campaigns is two-thirds of all the money you spend is wasted, but the last third is used up in_trace.

Professor of Political Science John Elliott.

"This is a piece of folk wisdom from 30 years ago. [Newsways] I suspect it's 75 or 80 percent true, but nobody knows which 75 or 80%.

As a result, both presidential candidates in Ohio have been spending large amounts of money and time into a variety of campaign efforts, such as advertisements, debates, and frequent visits, especially in swing states like Ohio.

According to Assistant Professor of Political Science Pamela Camera-Rowe, each candidate has a solid base of voters that makes up about 40% of the electorate. But in order to win, a candidate must attract a substantial portion of the remaining electorate.

"But the biggest challenge for these voters who are less persuaded," said Camera-Rowe, "is that [they] don't have as strong an attachment to either party or candidate who is not one of the main presidential candidates. In order to win, you have to attract the swing voters, and you have to ensure turnout from the base.

This, however, must be carried out in different ways by each party. "What each party tries to do, besides playing to their strengths, is try to minimize their weakness," said Elliott. "One of the key things that has underlay politics in America for decades is that large and deep, that by large and deep democratic politics is more popular than Republican political democracy, and Republican foreign policy is more popular than Democratic foreign policy. [No] Democrats talk more about domestic stuff, and Republicans talk more about foreign policy.

However, according to Camera-Rowe, "this election is somewhat different than most elections, in part because it's a post-9/11 election, and national security issues are more important to many of the voters as the most important issue."

Because national security is considered by many to be the most important issue, Kerry has been forced to place more emphasis on this issue than he might otherwise have done.

"Kerry has to make his national security a major focus of his campaign," said Camera-Rowe. "And it takes attention away from his domestic policy issues, which provide perhaps more of a difference with the Republicans and may also be his stronger issue. So, in some ways, this election is playing to Bush's strengths and to the Republicans' strengths."

Camera-Rowe said most people "associate the Bush administration with strong national security" and that in order to garner support, Kerry "has to make his case that the administration has not carried out the war in a successful manner."

According to Camera-Rowe, Kerry has few foreign policy options, "now that we've been in war for almost four years, and next year, he can't just pull out of Iraq. That's not going to be possible, and that's true with Bush as well. He's also not going to have the same success in terms of getting much help from other allies."

Therefore, in order to convey their different visions for the future, both candidates need to focus on the planning of the war. "One, whether it was necessary in the light of the war on terrorism, or whether it is a diversion from the war on terrorism. But more importantly for Kerry is to focus on the planning... for winning the war in Iraq," said Elliott.

While doing so, Camera-Rowe said, Kerry "has to avoid any kind of appearance of flip-flopping, because the image that has been successfully exploited at the expense of the Kerry campaign." While he may not be able to erase that image, Kerry needs to make sure he remains from doing anything that might reinforce that image.

According to Elliott, funding foreign policy is easier than Kerry's, according to Camera-Rowe. "Bush already has an image as a leader in the war on terrorism," she explained, "and he's not going to change peoples' minds a whole lot through these debates. So for Bush, I think [the key] is reinforcing the message that he will remain strong on national security; that he is principled and tries to stay the course."

Though national security is perhaps the most important issue for the major parties, it is less important to voters in this election, it is by no means the only important one. According to Camera-Rowe, because Ohio is "an important manufacturing state and has lost many industrial/manufacturing jobs, the economy is also an important issue."

The western and central areas of the state that have experienced extreme numbers of job losses, such as Youngstown, Akron and the surrounding areas. In many of these areas, Camera-Rowe said voters view the economy as the most important issue.

Michael Klein, a volunteer for the Kerry campaign at the Democratic headquarters in Mount Vernon, said he thinks health care is also a major issue for a lot of Ohioans at the moment.

Issues and platforms aside, both candidates are following certain campaign strategies in Ohio and other swing states, which they hope will both motivate their support bases to vote and win the support of the swing voters.

• Visits to swing states

Both candidates have made frequent trips to Ohio, which, according to Elliott, are meant "to rally the base and get enthusiasm."

Kerry and Edwards spend more time in the industrial and manufacturing centers of northeast Ohio, where their bases are strong, while Bush concentrates on urban and suburban areas that are more Republican.

In addition to motivating their bases, both candidates are trying to appeal to swing voters. Therefore, many of the swing voters of Ohio have received visits from both candidates. Urban centers like Columbus, Youngstown and Canton have been effective destinations for Democrats and Republicans alike because of their mix of party affiliations and their dense populations.

"If you want to reach the most voters, visiting an urban area is a very good use of your time," said Elliott. "It's somewhat the same for both candidates," Camera-Rowe said. Not only do larger audiences yield more voters, but "it looks better in the newspapers the next day when you have a crowd of 10,000 than if you have a crowd of 250."

Why, then, do the candidates make repeated visits to rural areas? Elliott said they think one of the main attractions of coming to small towns may be the media coverage each candidate can gain from it. "When they're visiting Newark they're getting TV pictures in Columbus," he explained. "More people will see their visit to television than will actually see them in Newark - including especially more undecided swing voters."

Professor of Political Science Joseph Kleenser agreed, saying, "it's the local news coverage that's the most important." Nonetheless, Elliott pointed out, after a trip such as the one Kerry made to Newark may only have won him a few hundred votes, if a candidate makes six or seven such stops a day for ten days, he could gain an extra 30,000 votes. And, Elliott, said, "that might determine the outcome."

Catholics aside, Camera-Rowe said visits are useful because they provide voters with "a more tangible connection with the candidate that they might not have had before.

Kenneth Lance, chair of the Republican headquarters in Mount Vernon, agreed that visiting Ohio is an effective way to stir up support. "It drives home the point that these candidates are serious about taking Ohio, he said, "they want our votes, and they're trying to do anything that they can to get them."

"The fact that the candidates are coming to these places is very important to the people themselves," Kleenser said. Moreover, he said, "it probably does raise awareness of stakes and should likely increase turnout considerably.

Klein agreed, saying he thinks visits "energize people in a way that they can't get in any other way." He said Kerry's visit last month spurred a wave of support for the Democrats in Knox County.

• Debates

Elliott noted that the debates thus far have had large audiences consisting partly of "lets and lots of undecided voters or soft supporters... The debate is very likely to have swung some swing voters."

Kleenser said he thought the presidential debates will be "a huge win" for the Democrats. He accorded less importance to Tuesday's Vice Presidential debate, because he said fewer swing voters were likely to have watched it.

Elliott pointed out that even if a debate only swings three or 14 percent of the national electorate, that is "a big hunk of the swing voters. In terms of trying to reach the swing voters, the debates are as powerful and as effective as anything we have - more effective than 99% of the ads."

• Advertisements

The vast majority of [ads]," Elliott said, "have no impact at all. Although each one is carefully designed and presented on small groups of undecided voters, this..." wonderful scientific expertise on the part of the ad designers is finally not that scientific. If someone was bad at political advertising, as is common, "we're all dumber."

Klein disagreed with Elliott, however, noting that some of the ads do work. "I think that we're seeing more because the statistics didn't show that they work," he said.

Camera-Rowe agreed that ads are "very important. ... If you consider that people watch an average of three and a half hours of television a day, you could certainly be影响ing the undecided voter for whom ads, for some parts of the electorate, do make a difference." Moreover, she said, for voters who have partisan leanings but are not completely decided, ads might often tip the balance. "Ads can really make a difference in terms of creating images for candidates, because they're short and they focus on one or maybe two character traits or one issue."

• Political Merchandise

Another campaign tactic that both candidates are following in Ohio is the use of political merchandise such as bumper stickers and yard signs. Elliott said he does not think signs or bumper stickers have much inherent value. But he said they can be effective if only one side is displaying them.

"People who are driving around and seeing Kerry signs or only Bush signs might well start having a judgment about what everybody else around them thinks," he said, "People who never talk about politics might be just seeing Kerry signs or just seeing Bush signs, and saying 'this is what my neighbors and my friends think.'"

Klein agreed that "things like signs show you that you're not alone."

In addition, Elliott said displaying signs, bumper stickers, etc., can make voters feel like they can help boost morale. He quoted one Democrat as saying, "We don't accept that this is a one person race. If we accept that this is Bush country, it is more likely to be Bush country.

• Personality

According to Lane, "most people vote on [image]. ... We vote for the image and the ideology that [the candidates] espouse."

Elliott said that undecided voters are confused about candidates' stances on issues and feel cross-pressured by the many opposing viewpoints with which they are presented. So they look to a candidate's personality to help them decide what to do.

Moreover, Elliott said, "a lot of citizens are looking for clues that point toward substance. They're not voting in a simple, it is by judging [the candidates] as people.

Kleenser agreed, noting that Kerry tried to exploit this tendency during the debate on Thursday. "[Kerry and Bush] fist entered," Kleenser said, "Kerry made a point of spending as much time as he could standing next to President Bush. He's taller, and he's standing very upright. This is a very important image to be able to present. He's a distinguished-looking person."

In addition to making choices based on image, Elliott said, "what a lot of voters want is a president who cares about people like them" and understands them.

Camera-Rowe said that in the 2000 election, many voters said they voted for Bush because he was a more likeable candidate - "they would rather sit down to dinner with George Bush or go have a drink with George Bush than they would with Al Gore."

Camera-Rowe said she thinks the same will be true for many voters in this election. Not only may people think Bush is more likable, but "there seems to be a trust factor. ... There are groups of vot- ers who think Bush is more trustworthy, in part because I think [Kerry] fip-flipping image has stuck."


Ohio decides: State elections 2004

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Thomas Moyer

Ohio Chief Justice Thomas Moyer is running for his fourth six-year term. According to his website, Moyer has, since his election to the office in 1997, "developed a broad spectrum of programs to ensure the integrity of the judiciary, and to enhance access to the courts by all citizens."

Before taking office his first term, Moyer served as a judge of the Court of Appeals of Franklin County, as Executive Assistant to Governor James A. Rhodes, and for a private law practice in Ohio. He was the President of the Columbus Bar Association for one year, and President of the Nation Council of Chief Justices for one year.

Moyer resides in Columbus and has lived in Ohio all his life. While candidates for judicial positions must run on the basis of personal integrity and past record, not on specific platforms, Moyer said, "My pledge to all Ohio citizens, as I have demonstrated throughout my career, is one of honesty and fairness."

— Jon Poroshil

Supreme Court Justice

Terrence O’Donnell

William O’Neill

"The main things [that distinguish judicial candidates from one another] are character, qualification, and experience," said Justice Terrence O’Donnell’s campaign manager Angela Snyder.

O’Donnell said that a Supreme Court Justice should be "balanced, one with no preconceived ideas. The judge needs to be open to give respect and a fair shot to everyone who comes before them."

O’Donnell was appointed to the Ohio Supreme Court in May 2003 and is hoping to be reelected this year for a term ending in December 2006. He received his B.A. from Kent State in 1968, majoring in Political Science and minoring in Industrial Relations. He attended law school in Cleveland State where he received his J.D. in 1971. After graduating from Cleveland State he clerked for Justice J.F.P. Corrigan on the Ohio Supreme Court, and later for Judge John V. Corrigan and Judge John M. Manso on the 8th District Court of Appeals.

"O’Donnell spent fourteen years on the Common Pleas court, eight years on the appellate court, and nine and a half years on the Supreme Court," said Snyder.

— Ben Clary

National Court Justice

Judith Lanzinger

Nancy Fuerst

"The judicial system in this state and country was created to interpret the law," said Appellate Judge Judith Ann Lanzinger. "It is my duty as a judge to ensure that all are given a level playing field. If elected to the Supreme Court, I pledge to protect that duty."

After a legal career spanning nearly twenty-six years, nineteen of them as a judge, Lanzinger boasts a wealth of legal experience. The first of her family to attend college, Lanzinger graduated from the University of Toledo in 1968, and was valedictorian of her class at the University of Toledo College of Law in 1972. She then began her legal career, working with firms specializing in environmental law, and employment law and litigation.

Lanzinger began work as a judge in 1985, when she was elected to the Toledo Municipal Court. She has since worked on all three levels of the Ohio court system, serving on the Lucas County Common pleas court from 1989 to 2003, and on Sixth District Court of Appeals since 2002, where she has worked on civil and criminal cases.

— Sara Brindo

Supreme Court Justice

Paul Pfeifer

Justice Paul Pfeifer, a former Republican state politician and two-term Supreme Court Justice is running for re-election unopposed this year.

In his previous two terms Pfeifer has come out in favor of equal school funding. He wrote one of Ohio’s contentious Deaf/Rights opinions which declared Ohio’s school funding system, which was based on property taxes, unequal and therefore unconstitutional.

The justice has also written an opinion declaring that citizens do not have a constitutional right to carry concealed weapons.

Pfeifer is a lifelong resident of Buckingham, Ohio, and the son of cattle on his Crawford County farm. He attended Ohio State University, obtaining a B.A. in Economics, Political Science and History in 1963 and a J.D. in 1966.

Pfeifer served as assistant attorney general from 1967 to 1970 and then as a representative in the Ohio House of Representatives for a term beginning in 1978. He spent three years as a prosecuting attorney and began sixteen years of Senate service winning a Republican in 1976.

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Thom Grassbaugh, a farmer from Howard, is challenging incumbent Thom Collier for a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Grassbaugh is a lifelong resident of Knox County. He obtained a degree in Agricultural Science at Ohio State University.

Grassbaugh says he is running because he believes "complete domination of Ohio politics [by the Republican Party] has left Ohio broken.

Collier is a strong proponent of re-importation of drugs from Canada to help control Medicaid costs. Grassbaugh has little sympathy for the pharmaceutical industry. "They are corporations who take advantage of the American consumer," he said.

In addition to larger issues, Grassbaugh promises that as a small farmer he will "maintain the viability of the Ohio family farm" against large scale farming. He says different types of farms need to work on an equal playing field, especially regarding environmental regulations, which the House has modified in the past to aid larger farming operations.

Democratic Thom Collier, a lifelong resident of Mount Vernon, is seeking his third term in the Ohio House of Representatives this fall.

Collier has been in office since 2000, when he replaced another Republican, Bill Harris, who was appointed to the Ohio Senate.

Collier is especially proud of his constituent services during his years as a House member. He says he runs to make a more responsive government and that he has worked throughout to make that promise a reality.

Collier writes a weekly article that appears in the "Mount Vernon News," providing updates on happenings in the State House, hosts a monthly radio program and communicates online with voters through AmericanCivic.net.

During his previous terms of office, Collier has said he has worked hardest on the issues of economic development, school funding and gun control in recent years. Collier supports concealed-carry laws limiting concealed weapons and has backed legislation to support the Ohio State University football team.

If re-elected, Collier promises to support campaign finance reform to close loopholes for funding of political campaigns and promote full disclosure of contributions. Collier also promises to work to make Medicaid affordable for the state of Ohio. On the re-importation of drugs from Canada, he says, "You can't have half of socialized medicine... you have to take the poor service" that accompanies low prices.

Some other parts of the state. Rita Yarns, Deputy Director of the Knox County Board of Elections, said it has been a long time since Knox County last voted for a Democratic candidate for President. In fact, she does not remember a time when Knox County has voted Democratic.

Kenneth Lane, Chairman of the Knox County Republicans, said he agrees that Republican candidates seem to have a hold on Knox County.

"What's somewhat interesting," he said, "is that registered voters in Knox County are roughly 1/3 Republican, 1/3 Democrat, and 1/3 Independent. But Independents usually vote Republican in senatorial and presidential races."

While the Board of Elections did not have the records to uphold or disprove Lane's numbers, Yarns said that in the past registered voters have been "much more lumped" in favor of Republicans.

Bill Hogan, Chairman of the Knox County Democrats, concurred with Yarns. "Knox County has traditionally been heavily Republican," he said. But he noted that "there have been several thousand new voters registered after the primary," who he believes may affect the outcome of the elections.

Results from recent elections have shown a definite Republican slant in Knox County, although voters are not required to list a party affiliation when they register.

All but one of Knox County's elected officials are republicans, he said. Republican, Holmes sees two reasons that many Republicans are re-elected time and time again:

"You see a lot of people voting by party in a small county like Knox. Voters call themselves Republicans, so they vote for Republicans. At the same time, straight ticket voting [for the person. Candidates who have been in their position forever are safe bets," Holmes said. He went on to say that when voters are used to a candidate, they are less likely to replace him because they are always wary of change.

Lane agreed that many people vote for candidates rather than strictly along party lines, but he believes that the reason for this is in that a small county it is easy to know where the candidates stand.

Eagon also agreed that there are not "any more people voting by party than there is anywhere else in the state.

Knox County's government is currently dominated by Republicans. Holmes explained this by saying, "It's about small businesses and small farmers. That's your republican base, as it has always been. (Small) businesses and small farmers are what make up Knox County's economy."

However, Holmes said he sees one change as the influx of people moving into areas of Knox County such as Apple Valley.

"People are moving in from the city. This changes not only the socio-economic make-up of the area, but the political as well," Holmes said.

"It is very doubtful that there will be any significant change in the way that Knox County votes in the near future, as the influx of people looking in from more democratic areas such as Columbus would likely transform the county from a Republican stronghold to a more moderate area where neither party has a clear advantage.

Parties register students to vote in Ohio

State Rep. Candidates

Duane Grassbaugh

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Hoffman cited the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) chapter 3502.02(C) which says, "A voter shall not be required to have gained a residence in any county of this state into which the person comes for temporary purposes only, without the intention of making such county the permanent place of abode."

Because most out-of-state students do not think of Knox County as their home after they graduate, Hoffman said, it would be illegal for them to vote here. Chapter 3502.02(C) of the ORC states voting to register to vote in a place of which you are not a lawful resident is a fifth degree felony.

"As far as the Board of Elections is concerned," he added, "you might even vote to register to vote in a place where you might not be registered to vote in that county."

In addition, the Supreme Court ruled in the 1979 case Symm v. United States that students are due the same right to assert residency in a place as any other people.

Out-of-state students attending the university panel at which Hoffman spoke, had recently sent in Ohio voter registration forms, expressed concern about the matter, asking whether they would be turned away from the polls.

Hoffman replied that they might be questioned, but it was unlikely they would be disadvantaged from voting.

Saying, "Our priority is in getting students to vote," Hoffman further stated that he would work with his group wished for students merely to vote, no matter where they vote in Ohio or at home.

Wager commented, "If a person has not yet requested an absentee ballot for their home address, he or she is not likely to vote in this election." By registering students in Ohio, Wager said, the group was increasing the likelihood that those students would vote at all.

While the Kenyon Republicans reported they also conducted a voter registration drive, they declined comment.
Distant cafe is worth the trip

BY RACHEL DICKSON
Staff Writer

Getting to Broken Rocks Cafe is a bit of a trek, but well worth the effort. About 30 minutes north of Gambier on OH-3, the quaint town of Loudonville beckons, much besides the camping and canoeing lodges that attract tourists in the summer. No dinner and movie dates or shopping excursions will take place, although you can add those to the agenda, since you pass through Mount Vernon on the way there. Even so, the town has something special that Mount Vernon does not: not only does Loudonville have a Colonnade Women’s Bookshop and a tanning/video/game/pizzaria, the place is small, but personal, small, more personal feeling like I’ve never been in Mount Vernon. While waiting in line for a change to pay a parking meter, an elderly couple noticed and let us know we didn’t have to pay the meter. We then, asked where we were from and told us, “We’re glad to have you here.” It is a conversation, a place where you speak for the whole town.

The Cafe itself has its own personality as well. It’s named after the place in uptown Middle

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BY COLEMAN GLENN
Staff Writer

Allstus contain obscene language. Reading through the allstus on any given day will confirm this fact many times over. But a new study done by one states that “vulgar behavior, obscene language, or disorderly conduct are indeed found in allstus but then exempt from this behavior policy?”

According to Director of Information Services Ron Griggs, they are not. “All of those same regulations apply to email just as much as they apply to spoken communication or other forms of communication.” Allstus are considered public speech, and as soon as they are sent they become part of the public record. Students are encouraged to use the allstus as a forum to express whatever opinions they might have, but they must do so within the boundaries of the school’s behavior policies. This does not mean that students will always get in trouble for using obscene language in allstus. Allstus are not regularly monitored by faculty or staff, but every instance of profanity will even come to the administration’s attention. On the other hand, all stus are published on Kenton’s website, and faculty members do occasionally read them.

“I suspect that... no one is looking at [rule infractions] especially,” Griggs said, “but at least some people in the Student Affairs office do regularly look at the web allstus just to see who is going on.”

According to Associate Dean of Students Cheryl Steele, the Student Affairs Office usually only finds out about an offensive allstus only if a student brings it to their attention. “We aren’t on the district,” she said. “We don’t do [the allstus] every day.” According to Dean Steele, the administration prefers that students work out problems with each other before coming to the administration. She believes that students usually do a good job of “policing themselves,” and administrative action is rarely taken.

In some instances, though, administrators have come across allstus that contained “excessive profanity” and taken action even if no students have complained of being offended. “We’re not into these kinds of [obscene] words, that’s when we get involved,” said Steele. “We also look for a conversation about how... that offends some people. It may not offend you or your friends, but does it belong on a public discourse in an allstus?”

In these cases, the Student Affairs Committee usually takes no action beyond having a conversation with the offending student. Many students are aware only of the rules against harassment and do not realize that rules also exist that prohibit obscene language. A student who recently sent an obscenity-laden allstus wrote in an email interview, “I made sure I stayed away from anything derogatory towards a certain group or type of people, so I think that saved me from being offensive to anyone.” Because he did not target any specific group, his email did not qualify as harassment - but it still broke the rule against obscenity, which he did not know existed. He said he has not heard any negative feedback from anyone about the email.

Nick Xekoski ’05, who headed a committee last year to examine the allstus, said that as far as he is aware, no one has ever been formally disciplined by the school for profanity in the allstus. The infractions that have been brought to his attention from the school went beyond profanity and included racial slurs or attacks on homosexuals.

No violations of email policy were reported for the 2003-2004 school year, and none have been reported so far this year.

Local animals blessed

BY ROSE BABBINGTON
Staff Writer

Students walking down Middle Path yesterday were a bit surprised by the boisterous, cager and punning group they saw screeching around. While it may sound a bit like the Ultimate Frisbee team practice, the gathering on Belltower lawn in front of the Chapel was a Blessing of the Animals, arranged by the clergy of Harvard.

The Rector Helen Svoboda-Barber presided over the Wednesday afternoon service, which consisted of two readings, prayers of thanks and individual blessings for each pet.

Sixteen dogs of various breeds and sizes were blessed, as was the picture of one cat who did not “like to travel too much,” according to her owner.

By Wainscott from Harvard Parks, who participated in organizing the event, said that the Parish tries to do the Blessing of the Animals every year but that it had not occurred in the past two or three years. According to Wainstock, the date of the Blessing was chosen because of its proximity to the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

The ceremony concluded after the例行 ceremony finished with the pets mingling. Associate Director of Admirrors Liz Ferman, accompanied by her dog Ted, said that the dog owners of Gambier often “get together and walk together.” Liz Kenny, Director of Campus Ministries at Kenyon, added that she and her corgis Pippie and Annie often know the names of dogs before the names of their owners. The owners and pets concluded the evening by walking over to watch the Ultimate Frisbee practice on the lawn of Ascension — from a distance of course. And for, those who have been doing silent multiplication in their heads, the final leg count of both animals and humans present came to 96.

Random Moments

Compose a haiku about Kenyon.

"Squirrels are pretty And they climb up Pierce Tower And fly off like birds."

Anna Curtis ’05 and Kersey Ross ’07

"Oct. Break is so chill Cause we get to leave the hill I so need my life."

"Philander’s fun Pinging The ladies of Gond and Fries A capsule group."

Gilberto Esqueda ’08

"Shining on the hill You edumicate me real good. I never work."

Billy Callis ’06

By MARA ALPERIN

Following the track of these before shot, a worm was moved by a sunflower head.
Fire safety week brought to Kenyon with spark

BY MARA ALPERIN
Features Editor

Earlier this week, there was a fire on the second floor of the Kenyon Union, which is a common occurrence on the Kenyon campus.

"The idea is to have a "burn room," and set a live fire," said Director of Security and Safety Dan Werner of the "controlled burn" which took place on the second floor of the Union. "The concept is to show students how quickly a fire can spread and how lethal fire can be."

According to Fire Prevention Education Coordinator Jennie Parocheck the fire department will ignite "an 8' x 8' x 8' corner of a room built by the firefighters that is filled with typical dorm furnishings, such as a desk, chair, computer, books, etc. The doors will be set up and then a small fire will be lit in the trash can," she added. "This is a "mock fire" of the entire program is for students to have a better awareness of the dangers of fire."

Rebecca Schmitt, '06, who helped with the coordination, said that the fire department did a mock fire for the Residential and Community Advisors during orientation. "Seeing us it's Fire Prevention Week, it seemed like a good idea to show the rest of the campus," she said.

National Fire Prevention Week is organized by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). It occurs every year on the first week of October, to commemorate the Great Chicago fire on October 9, 1871.

"The burning was incredibly cool to watch," said Tiffany Jeng, '07, who saw the mock fire during CA orientation. "The fire fighters made it clear that the temperatures the fire reached would've taken our skin off and that the black smoke pouring out of the room was toxic. We were surprised to find out how good those cheap battery-operated smoke detectors are - it kept beeping even as the cover was melting off the ceiling, and then it fell off altogether. We'd think it was dead, but then it'd start beeping again. It was pretty impressive."

Werner commented, "This is relevant to any college, especially because of the high density housing we have," said.

On Wednesday, the PEPS organization requested the installation of a fire alert system for all college housing.

"March 27, 1984 The Pirates Cove delivery area burned down as a result of newly laundered rug, spontaneous catching flame. The business was closed for repairs for five days."

"September 4, 1986 A fire broke out in a Peirce dorm room, allegedly caused by the ion converter in the window and reflecting off a make-up mirror."

"April 2, 1998 A fire in McBride residence was reported as arson after police found ignited cleaning rugs hidden on the third floor. However, the building was evacuated safely, and little damage was done."

In addition to all these fires, security deals with minor fires nearly every day, that start in trashcans, but never cause any substantial damage.

According to the NFPA's website, www.nfpa.org, there are, on average, 1,500 fires on college campuses a year.

"I hope that this demonstration drives home the point that fire is real, serious, and deadly," said Werner. "The rules against candles, icons, and other combustible sources in rooms are in place for very important and solid reasons... This is also to point out why Kenyon and other institutions take fire violations and tampering with fire suppression equipment so seriously."

Parocheck agreed. "Kenyon has had several fires in its history. Our goal is to prevent anything like this from happening again."

Fires seen week to contain the Airplane Hunger Fire of 1978. The blaze caused nearly $100,000 in damages and was suspected to be arson.

May 1, 1978 The Student Affairs Center burned down. The official report stated it was an accident, but evidence discovered later-sheets soaked in water were found to the police to inspect arson.

May 9, 1976 There was another fire in the Student Affairs Center, which had moved to the basement of Sunset Cottage. The fire was spotted and put out before any damage had occurred.

May 11, 1978 An airplane hangar holding nearly $100,000 in building materials for the Bolton Theater burned. After the first fire, the second fire was taken to ascertain if there was an act of arson. 80 Kenyon students volunteered to patrol the campus to prevent further fires. The arsonist was never caught.

April 1983 There was a fire in an Old Kenyon dorm, thought to be caused by a cigarette. As a result, the PEPS organization requested the installation of a fire alert system for all college housing.

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Gambier safety is not so simple

When someone comes to Gambier, the atmosphere of safety is one of their first comforts. Dorm rooms and bicycles are left unlocked as a matter of practice. Empty, running cars are parked in front of the dormitories instead of inside the garages. Students leave their books in the library at the waning of the 2 a.m. closing bell and walk home alone, completely unafraid.

Recent security alerts, however, remind us that we are part of a community that relies on an individual and a collective sense of safety. It is by no means certain that the fact that our dormitories and campus buildings are unlocked, we must remain vigilant about possible threats to our persons.

To not take safety seriously means to watch for, and report, suspicious people and campus went guards. We must watch out for each other. Friends should not let friends walk home alone at night. It is imperative that we remain consistently observant of the events unfolding around us and respond to them appropriately.

As the academic calendar continues across the university, those bigger challenges are not as easily security fresh to us, breaking through our non-existent guard proves even easier. Far too many mysteries are stolen from open dorm rooms, some of substantial value. It is imperative, henceforward, to remain vigilant and continue to occur with a frequency that should shock our tiny community.

Certainly numerous groups and campus offices have made efforts to inoculate this problem. But, as with any safety issue, prevention begins and must end with home, nor the college, nor the dorm itself: it is a matter of personal awareness.

A responsible citizen should temper the amount to which we revel in Kenyon’s perceived safety bubble.

At the same time, we should not become overly paranoid. We are still more likely to be injured in a car crash than in a home invasion, to be injured by a friend in an argument.

As a result, students must take control of their safety. It is imperative for us to be conscious of our surroundings, to be aware of our environment.

We should also be aware of the potential for open spaces, and take steps to ensure that our personal safety is our own responsibility.

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Class sizes grow a problem

As Kenyon population rises, new classes are hardest

BY MARIO STRAHOV
Staff Columnist

How often are you going to class early to get a good seat? If you are a freshman, the answer is very often. As a sophomore, it is a little less often. As a junior, it is very little. As a senior, it is never. The large class of 2008 is causing troubles not only in residential life, but also in academic life. Students are struggling with classes that offer popular courses. The Integrated Program in Human Studies' introductory course, Odyssey of the West--five of the seven sections are overscheduled and Political Science's Quest for Justice--five out of eight sections are overscheduled--are both prime examples. It is not astonishing that according to the majority of students on the registrar's website more than 62% of the overscheduled classes are introductory courses (108-level). The majority of freshmen take introductory classes, which means that most freshmen have at least an introductory course above the expected size.

Many professors find the expected class size far from preferable. Professor of Political Science Fred Bauman's Quest for Justice class was so large that students had to be turned away from the room. Bauman was reading the ideal size of this class is fifteen students. A quick comparison with the registrar's website shows that the declared size of his class is 20 and the final count is 22. This brings us to the conclusion that 20% of the class is larger than Bauman would have under ideal conditions. This is not the case with other courses, and thus the posted maximum number of students is far larger than most professors would like.

There fore, professors are aware of the influx of students and are planning their class sizes to take in more students as professors do not get full time. This is a dangerous path. Kenyon is not a company in which you can trade off between quality and productivity. I came here to learn as much as possible and understanding that this is not getting the most that I could be frustrated.

Why do professors go against their own principles of class sizes? One of the reasons that Bauman points out is that, "We have interest in exposing as many students as possible to the department, so they come back again. The question that then remains is what do we do with all these students that have in these overscheduled classes? Speaking in class obviously becomes more difficult, and most of the additional students are seminars in which participation is essential. It does not change the seminar's atmosphere as much, but it definitely does change the satisfaction level.

I am often frustrated that by the time I have the chance to express my idea, the class has already moved forward in the discussion, and my comment is no longer relevant. Some classes are so overscheduled that space even becomes a problem. It Bauman's for Quest for Justice, 1/3 to 1/4

An open letter to the president

Is the world in Iraq worth the deaths of American soldiers?

BY MARK PETERSON
Staff Columnist

Oh yes, their deaths were 'worth it and worthy'. "Dixieland in decorum est, Mr. President, pro patria morti. " But what was the point of it, of those who died, and continued to die, the long after you told them that their mission was accomplished, long after Saddam Hussein was captured, long after the only moderately legitimate reason you gave for going to war was debunked? With what do you police your parades, wives, husbands, and children? That the mighty man of evil has fallen? That the terrorists look to the window? But the gain thousands, if not millions, of those who was once the last and greatest hope of the free world become the newest oppressor of it.

You are steadfast, Mr. President. "The rise of democracy and sovereignty -- after all, you did refuse to enter the Internation

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More than friends

Why we must be honest in our relationships

BY ELLEN PIERNER
Sum Columnist

In June of 1994 Adremy Dennis shot and killed Kurt Kyle. Dennis was 18 years old and under the influence of alcohol. Nearly ten years later, after an exhaustive legal process, Dennis is scheduled to be executed by the state of Ohio on October 13, 2004. There is no excuse for the crime Adremy Dennis committed. Nevertheless, the shortcomings inherent in our system of state-sanctioned murder are equally inexorable. Adremy Dennis’s case reflects many of the tragic realities of the death penalty in Ohio and in America today.

While other states streamline the lethal injection involved in capital punishment cases to about 5 years, Ohio takes an average of 19 years to complete the process. The ethical viability and effectiveness of this snail’s pace litigation is questionable for several reasons. After so long a period it is hard to say whether executions accurately reflect current public opinion. The validity of the claim that capital punishment is a deterrent to crime—so obvious at best—is seriously lessened by the state's slow response.

Many of the inmates on death row committed their crimes at young ages. Prior to being imprisoned, inmates frequently demonstrated behavior related to unstable family situations. Adremy Dennis’s father left his family when Adremy was only five. He and his brother were taken from their mother’s care when he was thirteen. While these factors do not excuse murder, they provide profound insight into the way that things beyond Dennis’s control may have influenced his violent behavior. Thinking of Adremy Dennis only in terms of the death of Kurt Kyle makes the decision to execute him deceptively uncomplicated. No individual can be defined entirely by a single action, no matter how momentous. Execution destroys an entire person, not just his negative acts. Killing Adremy Dennis will not bring Kurt Kyle back.

In addition to troubling family backgrounds, a lack of education and lower than average intelligence are also common on death row. Dennis dropped out of school in 8th grade and his IQ test reveals that he is only 3 points above being classified as mentally retarded. A social responsibility exists to provide education and guidance to individuals like Dennis who have nowhere else to turn. Their conviction does not mean that they failed Adremy Dennis before he failed society.

Experts are beginning to scrutinize one of the methods actually used to end prisoners’ lives. A federal lawsuit challenging the use of lethal injection has been filed on behalf of Dennis and a fellow death row inmate. In Ohio, lethal injection consists of using a short-term anesthetic before the administration of the paralyzing drug. This combination, however, can leave a person conscious but paralyzed during the execution. The sad fate of death by suffocation and heart attack. In fact, because of this risk, veterinarians forbid the use of this combination of drugs for euthanizing pets.

The time for action against the death penalty is now. As more death row inmates in Ohio exhaust their legal options; the number of executions will increase in coming years. In 2003, former Illinois Governor George Ryan re-investigated national debate by commuting all death sentences in his state. Ryan said, “Because the Illinois death penalty system is arbitrary and capricious—and therefore immoral—I shall not longer tinker with the machinery of death.” Ryan had entered office a Republican who supported the death penalty but changed his mind after an Illinois commission found that death sentences were given disproportionately to the poor and to racial minorities.

Adremy Dennis has admitted to his crime. In Dennis’s case though, like the cases of so many others, the failures of the death penalty are apparent. Those sentenced to death are overwhelmingly poor, uneducated, and unable to afford the best defense. They were in a vicious cycle to begin with, but nothing they try to rehabilitate them or try to break the cycle of poverty that perpetuates violence, society throws them away. In this really the best way to deter crime? There are currently 206 people on Ohio’s death row.

To contact Governor Taft on behalf of Adremy Dennis or another inmate, call 1-866-3555. Or write to 3010 South High St. 30th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Sketchbook: On Romance at Kenyon

Hey, I was wondering, would you like to go to dinner and see a movie with me?

Sure! Wow, a dinner and a movie in town at a restaurant and theatre? I’m flattered.

Hey, Baby.

Andy?

I hate Drag Night.

Hey, come back!

I do not want to...

You want to...

Ken Holbrook

David Jucker
Cartoonist alumnus’s take on a comic career

Jim ‘Zits’ Borgman discusses his career in terms of his colleagues, his caricatures, and his effects on others.

BY KAYI COSSE
Staff Writer

Known for his “biting edge” and unflattering, Borgman’s first editorial cartoon in the Kenyon Collegian wasn’t about politics, social commentary, or even editorial caricatures. “I didn’t remember correctly, it involved some Kenyon student’s pet cat being shot by a security officer on campus during spring break. The cartoon showed a bunch of other cats dressed like Marlon Brando pretending revenge.”

From these small beginnings, Borgman has become an internationally syndicated and award-winning cartoonist. Next Friday, October 15, he will be in Columbus’ Tharter House to open “Sensitive Subjects: Ohio Editorial Cartooning,” where his work will be featured along with that of three other Ohio cartoonists, Chip Box of the Akron Beacon Journal, David Cartow of the Springfield News-Sun, and Jeff Stakele of the Columbus Dispatch. In conjunction with the Ohio State University’s Festival of Cartoon Art, “Deletions, Omissions, and Errors,” the show will examine the role of editorial cartoonists in providing, what we all know as the role of censorship.

Pre-’Zits,” Jim Borgman was a political cartoonist for the Collegian.

The Tharter House reception will provide readers with a rare opportunity—to see their favorite cartoonist outside, in person. “The job is very much contained within the four walls of my skull,” Borgman admits. Even connections among cartoonists are rare. “Once or twice a year I’ll see them at an OSU gathering (they have one of the world’s best cartoon art collections). . . . Mostly we ate a solitary bird, shy and at home in dark little rooms.”

But he adds, “We’re all supportive of each other. When we get together it’s all, ‘I LOVED that one you did on . . .’”

Although Borgman had been sketching since he was young, it was the newspaper that refined his skills. He remembers

Common knowledge dictates that auditions such as William Bell’s book Sense of Direction, public speaking is the number one most common fear, even among actors. He explains that the internal physical reactions an actor experiences prior to stepping onto a stage is analogous to that of a skydiver about to leap out of a plane, an essentially near-death experience professional actors choose to undergo eight times a week. Auditions can be even worse. “Auditors are frightening, but they aren’t as bad at Kenyon as they could be,” asserts drama major Dan Kramer. "Here, you’re not expected to prepare anything in advance. Every audition is a cold read. In college, you at least know it’s a better way, but it is easier and it makes sense considering all the other work you’re doing." "Read the script before you go in," suggests Jessica Freeman-Shell ’06, an actress appearing in Bedroom Farce later this Fall. "If you know what’s going on, you will be less nervous. Also, listen to whatever the director tells you before your audition; you are being given free help, take it. Other than that, audition for everything there is, whether you have the time for it or not. I tend to get into shows when I don’t have the time to do them."

"But when you audition again and again you become more used to it, and it’s not as fretting: you relax over time. Not only that, but it gets your face out there and you begin to get recognition. People remember you, even if you aren’t actually cast in that particular show, so when you audition for the next thing you are not nervous. I’m not nervous, but it gets your face out there and you begin to get recognition. People remember you, even if you aren’t actually cast in that particular show, so when you audition for the next thing you are not nervous."

"I’m nervous for every audition I go into," explains Tom Cotten, a senior drama major. "It won’t be coming within ten yards of the play. If I’m not nervous, then I know I’m not really concentrating on what I am doing up there." When asked how he combats this anxiety, Tom simply shakes his head and responds, “I think of other things: what is my character, what is he trying to do, stuff like that. I focus on what is going on right in front of me.”

Professor of Drama Thomas Torum had this to say to the subject: “Many people think of auditions as a judgment of themselves. "I think, "Am I good enough?" We don’t make judgments based on the quality of the applicant, but on the applicability of the applicant, which often focuses on qualities nobody can control. I know that seems unfair, but there are things you can control, and that is what you should work on. You can control the basic process of listening and responding. Everyone gets nervous, and that’s fine, but excessive nervousness gets in the way of this; it’s caused by a focus on being judged. It would be helpful to get beyond that, find something else to focus on, like what is being said.”

"I look for someone who is interesting, someone who is engaging on stage," Assistant Professor of Drama Daniel Kramer, who is directing the second mainstage show this year, Measure for Measure. "I look to see if I am interested in what they are saying and check to see if they are listening to the other actors onstage. I look for actors who have agility with language, timing, ability to make strong choices, and a readiness and willingness to change things. But overall, find some life in the words you are saying. Director’s really, really want you to have a great audition. If you can show up and find some pleasure in it, the better."

"We want to be surprised by people," adds Torum. "The misconception is that we want you to fail (when you audition). Why would we want that? It is our goal to find great actors for these shows. We are casting decisions to be difficult because there are too many great people, not because there are too few."

With the huge number of shows that go up here each year, everyone, whether drama major or otherwise, has an equal opportunity to audition and get involved in the department.

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Oct. 9 & 10 at 10:30 & 2:00
Oct. 8, 10, 11 at 4:30, 7:00 & 9:30
Friday Night Lights, PG-13, 115 minutes
Oct. 8 & 9 at 10:30 & 2:40
Oct. 10-11 at 11:00, 14:00 & 17:00, 5:00 & 7:30
Shark Tale, PG, 91 minutes
Oct. 9, 10 & 12 at 1:00, 2:30 & 5:00
Oct. 11-12 at 11:00, 14:00, 17:00 & 19:30
Ladder 49, PG-13, 115 minutes
Oct. 8 & 10 at 10:30 & 2:40
Oct. 9 & 10-11 at 11:00, 14:00 & 17:00
The Forgotten, PG, 104 minutes
Oct. 8-10 at 1:00 & 3:30
Oct. 9 & 10 at 14:30 & 17:30 & 5:30 & 9:30
Tale, PG-13, 97 minutes
Oct. 9 & 10 at 12:30 & 2:40
Oct. 11-12 at 11:00, 14:00 & 17:00, 4:50 & 7:10 & 9:20

Coming Soon: Saw: The Grudge, Stall We Dance.

The show couples carnies (work with their thoughts on it) and the process involved: “Some comment are about the origins of a piece,” says Tharter House representative Emily Swartzlander. “I began one way but then they didn’t want to go that far. Sometimes they are about the reaction…” when they were published. Censorship can come from both directions.

When asked why he didn’t have a strict method to choosing the pieces—kind simply “rifled through my drawer of drawings, voing “I never have to delve too deep…to find drawings that hit nerves.” Although the media can have since been retired, he still has to recycle his old caricatures as recently as last year. “You know how aspiring cartoon- is draw their teachers and their peers in the margins of their school notebooks? Both of the principals at my old high school from the years when I was have become major perpetrators in the pestile lace scandals.”

Sensitive Subjects: Ohio Editorial Cartooning
Reception: Friday, October 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tharter Center Gallery, Columbus.
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Pixies’ dust in the air at Ohio show
The cult rock band is back - how does their live show hold up after thirteen years?

BY ERIC FITZGERALD  Sports Editor

"Got me a moose / ha-ha-ha-ha-ha / ha-ha-ha-ha-ha / for a steady diet of 200 million / Girls so groovy / ha-ha-ha-ha / Don’t know about you / but I am on cloud Arcadia, looked Frank Black and the Boys in the box seat that brought the band to Columbus’s Veterans Memorial on Monday night, setting in Cleveland’s Coliseum tour. As multi-color spotlights illuminated the clubby singer through the song “Debaser,” I wondered how this band ever became the quintessential rock band.

A couple months after playing their first show ever in Boston, the Pixies decided to advertise with posters that read “Death to the Pixies.” They were mini-ads, nearly black and white, and the band members were working in a rough, jagged, and classic rock.

Although fitting into a genre crowded by many by many so-called “garage bands,” Public Mode separates themselves from the herd by being “souder and more straighforward,” said Lead singer and songwriter, but the band has been credited for inspiring musicians like Kurt Cobain, Evan Dando and Thore Yorke. Everyone’s heard of Black made them want to write music.

Monday night, the band took the stage before 9:00 clock. With
drums in the basement... my friend came over and showed me a really cool head... I thought it was really cool... that he’s here,” he said. Seeing Bucky Rich in concert also helped inspire me to play.

For each member, music is something they definitely wish they pursued in some form or another after graduation.

“I’m always going to have it as a hobby on the side, unless I get into it full out with it,” said Mega. Tanton also brought up the good point that “we’re sophomores. We really don’t know.”

Drawing individual influences from each other their favorite bands as the band formed, is nearly as what you can get from any band, and they eventually “decided... they all picked the guitar,” thus adding Mega to the mix.

Since then, the band has been playing shows all around Kenyon. Most of these shows have been packed venues such as the Horn Garage, the basement of Old Kenyon, Public Mode’s old apartment... and last year’s Summer Send- off. In the past, they have been playing a set list full of covers, but since returning from summer vacation and reacquainting with one another, the guys have heard more covers and have written some of their own songs.

Currently working on their first album, the boys have a great balance between practicing and recording.

"We usually practice at the Horn, and almost everyday," said Sloan. This provoked some joking comments about a secret cottage in the woods for them to practice in that only they knew about.

With each member coming from a musical background of some sort, it was only a matter of time for each before they picked up their current instruments.

"I played cellos when I was really young," said Mega. It was watching the show The Adventures of Peter and Pete on TV that influenced him to pick up the electric guitar.

Tanton had the equipment he needed in his grasp already, it was just a matter of time before he picked it up.

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ductive vocals, and drummer David Lovering brings in the beat since 1991 split. Following some hilarious vocal antics in “Carbino” and a seeming homage to the band Devo, Black and Deal, Black requested Deal, an Ohio native, take the spotlight and sing, “Gigantia.”

The band ended its stride in the second half of their set. Following Black’s exhibition of Spanish songwriting, and his almost seamless playing what is to consider their most genius piece of songwriting: “Hey.” A song with these lyrics about two people being “in the middle of nowhere” and getting instruments in the second song’s while constantly altering the song’s rhythm; an hon- est attempt to write a song about relationships.

Although they hadn’t yet pre- tended before the stage, the barrier was torn when they started together for four tracks from Doolittle. “One,” “Me and Baby Don’t Care,” “Groovie Thorpe,” and “Obedient,” that brought off some of most infamous lyrics in “Tame,” a song about a girl who’s been used like a Cymbal and begs to have a goodshake and talk about something / cookie, I think you in the name. I don’t think their new outfits, having read the aforementioned “Debaser” and “Moonshine to Heaven.”

Singing about his expectations, he was in the over- head lights being torn on, the band rounded into their cover of Jesus and Mary Chain’s “Dead Head.” With the house lights illuminating the stage, Black sang about “taking myself to a different part of town / when all my friends had to go / back,” suggesting that the Pixies left a more extensive encore to be desired, it is not the first time the band has quit too soon.

Shark Tale

Directed by Vicky Jenson

Voiced by Will Smith, Renee Zellweger, and Angelina Jolie

If there’s something to be learned from both Shark Tale and Will Smith’s summer blockbuster I, Robot, it’s that Smith sells re- markably well. He was watching the show The Adventures of Pete and Pete on TV that influenced him to pick up the electric guitar.

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The Ladies volleyball squad is still clawing at the heels of a winning record. They entered a showdown against North Coast Athletic Conference rival Ohio Wesleyan University, Oct. 28, with a record of 6-7. Entering this game, the Ladies had an opportunity to accomplish two goals if they won: they needed to defeat a team in the conference and they needed to position themselves only one game away from that 7th place mark above .500.

Sweeping down like mesmerizing Sirens who devour men on the open sea, the Ladies whopped the OWU Bishops in four sets, 30-27, 30-21, 28-30, 30-23. Kenyon dominated OWU for most of the bout, winning all but one game which they lost by a mere two points.

Sophomore Parece Collins racked up a season high 21 kills and a whopping 35 attempts. While Collins offered opponents as usual, sophomore Lauren Reiter interrupted now and then to remind fans of her presence, rolling out fifteen kills and 32 attempts.

The win put the team at 2-1 in the NCAC and an even 7-7 on the year. The next three games were crucial to the Ladies' chances of snatching a few wins and moving ahead of .500 on the season.

First the Ladies went up against Hiram College and began the march strongly by collecting the opening game 30-27. But the barking Terriers proved their athletic prowess, dogging the Ladies in three consecutive games 30-17, 30-25, 30-16. After this decisive defeat, the Ladies couldn't wag their tails in depression for too long. The next day, they were scheduled to play a double header at Otterbein College.

Their first opponent was Manchester College whose Spartans engaged our Ladies in Peloponnesian-style volleyball combat; the match went back and forth and wasn't decided until the fifth game. The warning Spartans led the charge and snatched the opener 30-27. The Ladies countered quickly with their own offensive, evening things out with a 30-25 win. Manchester took the third, 30-28, but the Ladies doubled down and absorbed the fourth, 30-25.

The Spartans proved victorious in the end, however, clinching the fifth and final face-off of the day by a tragic score of 17-15.

The second match of the day would be against the Cardinals of host Otterbein College. The Cardinals came to play in their own house and treated the Ladies like the worms their mascot's species is traditionally known to capture, digesting them roundly as they regurgitated to feed their young in the next. With wings flapping, they took down the Ladies in four games, 30-18, 30-20, 24-30, 30-23.

Following this week, the Ladies now stand at a frustrating 8-9. Collins shared her thoughts extensively on the season and the team after the week's competition.

"That last couple of games haven't really been our best. We've pulled a few wins out which is nice to see, but all in all I think we really have a lot of potential. I think we have great individuals but since we're a young team we seem to have a tough time getting our chemistry right," Collins said. "I hope to see us connecting in the next couple of games to really show teams in our conference what we can do."

The Ladies remain optimistic, seeing their success is imminent like a sun-ray melting over a desert horizon. The next home match for the Ladies is Oct. 12 when they host conference foes, Earlham College. The Ladies travel to Otterbein next Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 5pm. The Ladies follow that up with an important rematch against Denison University on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 1pm. The Ladies lost to Denison, 2-1, in a Sept. 24 home meeting with the Big Red.

**By Joe Freeman
Staff Writer**

Sophomore Sarah Brzezicki keeps her eye on the ball during a serve.

Elena Fernandez

**Ladies score two important wins within NCAC**

**Field hockey team defeats Oberlin and Wooster, improve record to 8-3 overall and third in conference**

**BY MICHAEL REYNOLDS
Managing Editor**

"We lost our mentality shift from just playing hockey to a mentality shift of the 'only thing that matters is winning,'" said senior forward Liz Aragona.

Coming off a disheartening 5-0 loss at the hands of the Wittenberg Tigers, the Ladies looked to rediscover the right mentality as they faced off against two bigger conference rivals, the Yeowomen of Oberlin College, Oct. 2, and the College of Wooster Fighting Scots, Oct. 5.

Things looked dismal for the Ladies early against the Yeowomen, as Oberlin's junior co-captain Meg Reitz scored the first goal just under ten minutes into the game. Finding themselves in an early hole, the Ladies came out swinging in the second half. Shortly into the second half, sophomore Sarah Pfeifer scored her fourth goal of the season with a powerful shot in front of the Oberlin goal and knotted the score at one. The Ladies looked to have the game won when sophomore standout Sarah Pfeifer and her team leading seventh goal of the season, putting the Ladies ahead.

However, the leaf proved too safe when the Yeowomen scored a goal with one second left on the clock. Under some bizarre circumstances, the Yeowomen were awarded a penalty corner in the final seconds of the game, which meant that even though time could be running out, they were allowed to play until the defense gained control of the ball outside of the scoring circle. In some last second heroics, Oberlin's Reitz again found paydirt in the back of the Ladies cage to send the game into overtime.

"Coach [Robbi Cash] told us to forget about what happened at the end of the game, and to just go out and keep playing hard," said junior defender Kate Finnern.

Already with a victory in an earlier double overtime game against Seton Hill University, the Ladies found themselves once again in desperate need of a scoring threat. As the first overtime period came to a close, the score remained 2-2. The Ladies found their offensive threat about halfway through the second overtime period when senior co-captain Maggie Ross lifted the Ladies on the wings of victory with her second goal of the season, sending the visiting Yeowomen back north with nothing to show for their trip but a 3-2 loss.

Near the end of the game the Fighting Scots of the College of Wooster were looking to avenge an early season loss to the Ladies. The Ladies obtained their first conference win against Wooster, Sept. 11, on the offensive end, with a 2-1 win. This second game against the Scots was a strange one, as the Ladies were outmatched by the visiting Scots, 35-6. Nonetheless, the Ladies scored three goals and the Scots could muster only one. Despite the Scots being able to dominate play and keep the ball mostly on Kenyon's half of the field, they were never able to capitalize on their shot opportunities and were stifled by a suffocating Ladies defense.

Leading the way on defense was senior Hannah Hill, who came up with two defensive saves for the Ladies on the afternoon. Notched in the scorebook, the Ladies were very efficient. Sarah Pfeifer scored twice to give her conference-leading nine goals on the season. Also breaking into the scoring column was junior Molly McKinnick, who scored her first goal of the season.

The win lifted the Ladies' record to 8-3 overall and 3-3 in the conference. They are currently tied for third in the conference, along with Denison University and Wooster.

Wittenberg and Oberlin share first-place with 4-1 records in conference.

From here, the Ladies turn their attention to the Earlham Quakers, who've been having a rough season so far. With an 0-8 record (0-5 in the NCAC) the Quakers have been outscored by a grand total of 28-3 this year. This all looks good on paper for the Ladies, but after looking around their NCAC fortunes with two huge wins, the Ladies refuse to have another letdown like the one they had in the final minutes of regulation against Oberlin. The Ladies travel to Earlham next Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 5pm. The Ladies follow that up with an important rematch against Denison University on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 1pm. The Ladies lost to Denison, 2-1, in a Sept. 24 home meeting with the Big Red.

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Juniior Kate Finnern takes the ball up the field in a home match against Oberlin College. The Ladies field hockey team was among the several Kenyon teams to give Oberlin a rude welcoming on Saturday.
Ultimate frisbee team leader Andy Nielsen walks off a defender during a tournament in Versailles.

Nielsen, who transferred to Xavier and back again, is one of the reasons for the club's new-found dedication.

Lords can't kick losing habit with 1-11-0 record

Team loses seven straight, remains confident heading into meeting with NCAC powerhouse Wooster

BY ERIC FITZGERALD  Sports Editor

Looking at the final third of the Lords soccer season, the team's miserable 1-11-0 record could be offset with a Lords turnaround during their NCAC schedule. Although Denison, Wooster and Ohio Wesleyan are arguably the conference's top three sides, the Lords' hopes of making the NCAC Tournament are not out of the question since the bid for fourth place looks to be a competitive one.

"We've all sat down, the coaches and the boys, and we've talked about how that fourth spot in the conference is really open," assistant coach Oliver Slawson said. "That fourth spot is up for grabs and if we get a [winning] result against Wittenberg... we can throw that record straight out the window, because that fourth spot can be ours."

While the 1-11-0 record may leave any soccer fanatics questioning whether this year's team has the potential to compete against the likes of NCAC competition, the Lords are confident they can compete for a top-four finish in the league.

Having played only two conference games, the team stands a legitimate chance of salvaging its season in the final third. Unfortu-

ately, the team is 0-2 in the conference and have been outscored 6-4 in those two matches.

Against visiting Wittenberg University on Oct. 6, the Lords' defense made several errors that cost the team a 4-0 loss. Freshman goalkeeper Elliot Forhan made several saves in the second half to preserve a resemblance of hope for the Lords before being replaced by classmate Tim Calahan midway through the second half. Calahan allowed the fourth Wittenberg goal. He had one highlight within minutes of stopping in front of the net. During a Tiger attack, Calahan left the goal to meet the oncoming forward but misjudged his opponent and found himself in need to tackle the Tiger as his only means of preventing an easy goal. He did give Wittenberg a penalty kick, but he kept the Tigers' lead at 3-0 when he struck fear into the eyes of the Wittenburg shooter.

Although the Lords are not scoring many goals, Slawson contends that the team's offense is not obsolete. Slawson trains with the team and knows the effort the players are contributing.

"At the minute, we're getting so much possession, but we can't transfer that possession into goals and that's essentially what we need to do," Slawson said. "I don't think that is anyone's fault in particular. All the elements are there, we're just not having any luck at the moment."
OmniTurf brings football home to McBride Field
The new athletic playing surface marks another addition to Kenyon College's facility makeover

BY JAKE APPLEMAN
Staff writer

Alumni weekend provided Ke
yn students present and past with the opportunity to enjoy a football game. The Lords played their first home game on campus at McBride Field in almost two years. The Lords had not played there since 2002 due to construction in and around the site of the Fitness, Recreation and Athletics facilities. The OmniGraass surface, also used by the NFL's Baltimore Ra
ms, is thought to be the safest possible alternative to grass. It replaced grass that had served the Kenyon college athletic department with grace and dignity for 40 years.

"We bought it as a project. It had to do with the entire track and entire field," said Special Assistant to the Dean of Students for Student Faculty Development, Doug Zipp.

According to Athletic Director Peter Smith, there was an abundance of reasons to go with the turf over grass. "The natural grass field would have been moved anyway," Smith said. "I think you've seen with the fall construction and the new track installed that everything moved a certain distance to the north. In fact, the track was taken up, plus the field movement would have caused the need for a new natural grass field."

That was a defining factor. We were going to have to move the track. We looked at that cost compared to the field turf and then looked at the projected maintenance cost and opportunity for increased use in inclement weather and made a decision."

The field will be a huge boost to the football team's attendance. People did not enjoy the trek to Mount Vernon High School last year. Kenyon is a walking campus and the ability to walk to the game is a central part of Kenyon life once again. Bringing the team back to campus should solidify the fan base, which made some serious noise during last weekend's 39-30 win over Oberlin.

Smith easily diffused any safety concerns regarding the new surface, saying that it was the safest and most logical solution. "Throughout the process we looked at several manufacturers and options, and chose a product that provides outstanding drainage," Smith said. "We chose a product that provides a great degree of re
silience. The field has a good holding ability on the cleats and takes a slight getting used to. It plays like a grass field for football, lacrosse and soccer. When you get pancaked, it's very forgiving. There will be a reduction of injuries." This is especially important because turf is known to be conducive to athletic injuries, most notably the dreaded "turf toe.

When asked how long the turf should serve the Kenyon commu
nity, Smith replies the facility will be usable for fifteen years. The maintenance is not as extensive as a natural grass field.

The turf looks to be an inte
gral part of Kenyon's new athletic facility. With it's massive presence looming large over the newly implemented synthetic grass, the Lords hope to have a facility that they can call the best in the confer
ence for years to come. The players already enjoy it, as Lords offensive lineman Cory Cowles said. "The turf takes a lot of time," said

The new majestic home of the football Lords treated the team well in their first home game.

Rugby clubs continue tradition

BY ERIC FITZGERALD
Sports Editor

Student athletes who have entered Kenyon College with a desire to try something new in their college experience and not interested in continuing sports they played in high school often find themselves playing rugby.

As for the 2004 fall season, the teams are both rebuilding model but showing signs that the sport is alive and well in Gambier.

Despite having a young roster with only one senior, the men's team is training as fearlessly as ever. The team lost its only match of the season, sopho
more Luke Ellison is not deterred and thinks his fellow underclass
men will make considerable strides.

"We're young, but we're growing as a team to become competitive. In the spring, every
one will notice the rugby team is some of the most viscous hearten
men this campus has ever seen," Ellison said.

Around four o'clock every weekday afternoon, the club meets outside Peirce before going to their practice field, which is south of the variety athletic fields.

The team's dedication to athletic glory, however, does not appear to be south of the College's variety teams' commitment.

"This year, we practice an unprecedented four to five times per week," senior co-captain Alon Avdi said. While an aver-age sized rugby club has at least 30 players, the College's men's roster has roughly 18 players at a given day's practice. Avdi admits "we hurt for lack of size, but we do make it up for it with speed and conditioning."

Coming off of a second-place finish at last spring's Ohio Rugby Classic, the women's team is 0-3 this season. The team fell to OWU at home to open their season, Sept. 11, followed up by a loss at Denison the following weekend.

First-year Rachel Dickinson scored the Ladies' first try of the season this past Sat. against Oberlin. The try, which came with only a few seconds remaining in the second half, was followed by sophomore Stephanie Black's kick, which left the score, 25-7. In its two losses, the Ladies and Lords Rugby clubs sport the classic purple and white "rugby" tops, similar to a versus available in the bookstore. Both clubs also have numerous traditions that demonstrate some distance be

between their club-level status and that of variety teams. For ex
ample, the men's tradition of passing around a cow bell full of whiskey is a tradition that spectators won't see at any other Kenyon sporting event.

A Lady sticker goes down as sophomore Stephanie Black looks on this past Saturday against Oberlin.

Elizabeth Brogan

SPORTS COMMENTARY

Baseball: past its time

BY JOE FREEMAN
Staff Writer

A few days ago, I overheard a conversation in Peirce concerning the Major League Baseball play-offs. I realized, as I do each year about this time, how little I know or even care about America's supposedly beloved "pastime." Yet after talking to some friends, I discovered that I'm not alone in my general indifference and occasional annoyance with the sport. Invariably, I would hear the same frustrations voiced that I had always possessed.

For instance, how can someone sit through nine lulling innings, during which most of the competitors themselves are either sitting down, spilling tobacco and relaxing, or standing in the out
field just waiting for something to happen? What is the point of the seventh inning stretch and why not a fourth inning stretch? How can people overweight, chain-smoke, and drink heavily yet still hold Major League records and be in the Hall of Fame such as Ruth? Aren't "fat" and "athletic" a bit of an oxymoron?

After finding that many agree with these sentiments, another, considerably more impor
tant thought occurred to me. If I dislike the sport of baseball, am I an American? Why is this sport our "pastime" when many Ameri
 cans shoulder the boredom they have to endure sitting through an entire game? Big films, novels, and journalists have roman
cized the sport to no end. There is even a class offered at Kenyon called "Baseball and American Culture." So why is Baseball so important to America? Or is it important?

"It is more of a historical reality than a present one," said Professor of English David Lynn, who co-teaches the baseball course at Kenyon with Professor of History and American Studies Chair Peter Rutkoff. "Baseball has played a role in
New field brings a new result for Lords Football

The Lords defeat Oberlin College, 39-30, in first-ever game played on McBride Field's new OmniTurf surface

BY JON SCONES

Saturday's unveiling of the newly-remodeled McBride Field brought out the mass of Kenyon football supporters and the Lords did not disappoint. When the final seconds ticked off the clock, it was not the sputtering of the new OmniGrass playing surface that left the crowds with mixed apog, but instead the performance of their beloved purple and white. The Lords picked up their first victory of the 2004 campaign with a score of 39-30 over the Oberlin Yeomen.

In the battle of two teams in dire need of a victory, it was Oberlin who drew first blood. After a few fruitless changes of possession, senior running back Travis Oman tallied the game's first score on a 5-yard sprint into the end zone, capping off a two-play, 89-yard drive. The Lords, however, wasted no time. They played their hardened resinity as they marched 54 yards for a score on senior Nick Statlick's second scoring toss.

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

**Oberlin College...**

Kenyon College...

1 2 3 4 Score

1 7 14 3 6 30

1 19 0 13 39

The Yeomen could not match Kenyon on their next possession, as they turned over the ball deep in their own territory. Six plays and two minutes later, the Lords found themselves in the end zone again, scoring on first-year Joe Konieczny's two-yard run to put the Lords on top 19-14. Sophomore tailback Alby Coombs scored Kenyon's fourth touchdown as time expired in the first half to offset another Oberlin score to give the Lords a five point advantage heading into the final 30 minutes of play.

In the second half the young Lords' defense, which has suffered some growing pains early this season, tightened up and wrapped havoc on the Oberlin Yeomen. The Yeomen managed only a field goal in the third period and scored just nine points over the last two quarters. Kenyon offense sputtered

Senior quarterback Nick Statlick gives the signal for a Lords touchdown as Joe Konieczny takes it into the house. This second-quarter touchdown put capped a 32-yard Lords scoring drive that put the Lords ahead, 19-14. The win was a well balanced attack. It was "a good team effort," Stanley said. "Special teams, defense...every phase was important. Lots of positives came out of the win." The coaching staff and the players alike certainly relished the opportunity to christen their new stage in front of throngs of vociferous fans massed in a sea of purple. "The players certainly appreciate the fans," said Stanley. "They were there; they were loud; they certainly helped the excitement level."

The purple and white will attempt to establish a win streak this Sat, when they play host to the Fighting Scots of the College of Wooster at 1 p.m. on McBride Field.

Denison tips ladies, 2-1, in NCAC derby match

**BY COLIN HODGKINS**

The Kenyon Ladies could be playing their best soccer of the late season. The team's momentum was not enough to boost them past their most formidable conference rival on Saturday.

Denison protected their home field and demonstrated why they

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-Head Coach Kelly Walters

dominated the North Coast Athletic Conference competition last season in a 2-0 shutout of the streaking Lords. The loss pushed the Ladies' record to 6-4-1 (.611) within the conference and laid an encouraging stretch of four wins in the last five games. Denison improved to 9-2-1 (7.4) within the conference.

The fourth-ranked Big Red had both of their goals within a ten-minute period and the Ladies never recovered.

"The line judge didn't even see the play but he said it wasn't a goal," senior Gun Guitt said. "The Ladies' game plan appeared to be defending against Denison's powerful offense. As a result, the ability to generate their own attack. Kenyon had only six shots on goal in the game, while Denison had nine.

"We played on our heels the whole first half," said Gruntie, who leads the team with four goals on the season. "We focused too much on defense and didn't do enough to score. Denison's Jessie Blendwhistle scored the first goal of the game moments before the end of the half, and Meg Troy added the second immediately after the intermission. "I think we simply overestimated them and played too passive at first," Preston said. "We didn't attack like we normally do."

"We played very well in the last 35 minutes of the game and put ourselves in a position to score goals," head coach Kelly Walters said. "I'm very proud of the team's effort and know that if we put our game together quicker in each game, we'll do well."

The Ladies will only play Denison again if they meet in the Conference Tournament. There are nine teams in the conference and only four make the big trip, so the Ladies will have to earn the right to get revenge against their rivals.

The next conference game is this Saturday at 1 p.m. "We are very much alive in the conference race right now. We have a big game at Allegheny on Saturday and we are more than capable of winning," Walters said. Allegheny bettered Denison for the NCAC championship last season, but the Gators are only 5-3-2 (0-1 in the conference) this season.

Junior Emily Kase makes a stop in practice this past week. The Ladies are now 6-4-1 heading into a conference game against Allegheny on Sat.