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Former diplomat Peck speaks on foreign policy

BY JENNY LU Staff Reporter

"I have a sense of humor, and I know a lot of the staff here. The faculty is well known. I think the students are great. I think they have an interesting, unique sense of humor," said Peck, who delivered the guest lecture at the Center for Peace and Progress. Peck said he was impressed by the way faculty and students brought humor into their lectures, and he appreciated the way the students engaged with each other during discussions.

The lecture was well-received by the students present. "I thought Peck was really funny," said one student. "He made some great jokes and kept the audience laughing." Another student added, "I really enjoyed the talk. Peck has a lot of personal experience to draw upon, and he did a great job of sharing it with us."
Peck: Diplomat discusses “America in the Middle East”

CONTINUED from page one about.” Peck began by explaining “Peck’s Follies,” four keys to understanding foreign affairs. The first postulate is that there are no absolutes in human relations and perception is everything. “In my business, if you do not understand people’s perceptions, you are merely making it that much harder to get where you’re trying to get,” said Peck.

Peck’s second postulate said that two things are always true of question-and-answer: they will perceive themselves to be sovereign nations, and they will not take any course of action that is not in their own best interest. Peck’s third postulate said that all foreign policy issues fit into one of three categories: unilateral, multilateral, and non-existent. Each category matches the situation to non-existent, where the United States is concerned and firmly against it does not decide to do what.

Peck’s fourth and final postulate said that there are no mistakes in this history, the phrase “that’s different” has been the accepted, universally recognized all purpose explanation for everything,” Peck says that it is not and can not be a moral position, because morality is the quintessential element of playing field. We cannot have flexibility.” A question and answer session followed Peck’s formal presentation. In response to a question raised, Peck said that one cannot simply combat terrorism but must also examine its causes. “I find it insulting if anybody would try to tell me that (terrorists) hate us because we have freedom,” said Peck. In a later interview, Peck stressed that it was American policies that were hated, not American people. “They hate American policies because they have ample proof that people are dying because of these policies,” said Peck.

“America is the world’s first hypochondriac,” said Peck. “America can do whatever it wants, whenever it wants, wherever it wants... and no one can stop us.” Peck recognizes America’s role as the world’s leading democracy, but at the same time he believes that America is violating every rule of democracy by “occupying territory that is not ours and savaging the people that live there.” He said Israel was one such example.

Peck told the audience how American military police and aid workers were ordered to stay behind while the army marched into Iraq, and Peck said that it would be foolish to think that Iraqis would welcome the American military with open arms. Referring to the continuous bombing of Fallujah and the chaos in Iraq, Peck said, “I’m not sure you’ll have your trip of a lifetime.” According to Peck, Iraq is a country that America has invaded and is punishing, and it will be left in a “pre-industrial state.”

The negative image of America held by many in the Middle East can only change “with the passage of time,” said Peck. Peck believes that in reconstructing Iraq, “there is no quick fix.” He believes that America would do well, however, to pull out of Iraq as soon as possible and stop the bombing of Fallujah.

Professor of Religious Studies Vernon Schubel, who attended the lecture, commented on the College in an e-mail response on “bringing someone to campus to speak on this topic because of the issue of America in the Middle East. Schubel agrees with Peck that America “can and should do some damage to the point of a gun—which is in reality no democracy at all.”

Schubel is thoughtful, that Peck seemed to say that Islam was in some sense incompatible with democracy, referring to Peck’s comment that Muslims see no distinction between church and state and believe that the Qur’an holds all the answers. “In my opinion, too many policy makers in the United States hold this sort of essentialist view of Islam,” said Schubel.

Peck also discussed a map that then-Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak presented to Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat at negotiations at Camp David in 2000. According to Peck, the map showed new, contiguous boundaries for a proposed West Bank Palestinian state, and Arafat rejected the map because he said it did not serve Palestinian interests.

Kenyon Hilfiger Director Michael Cooper attended the presentation and disagreed with Peck’s version of the event. “Ambassador Dennis Ross... who played the leading role in shaping U.S. involvement in the Middle East Peace process... has publicly said that no concessions were made by the Palestinians,” said in an e-mail to the College. Cooper wrote that even critics of Ross and those who “blame the Failure of the Accords” or “the lack of a breakthrough at Camp David did not contradict his statements anytime in the past.” Cooper himself has said that the failure of Camp David was entirely due to Arafat.

Cooper was disturbed by Peck’s claim that Ross could not act as a fair party in the negotiations because he was Jewish. “To say that his religion stood in the way of him being able to represent the policies and directions of the United States government in this assignment without offering support and evidence regarding how that was so, makes Mr. Peck’s statements on the Record in draft, without the raising that aspect questionable, to say the least,” said Cooper.

Eventually, the question-and-answer session had to be cut short because of time constraints. In an interview with the College the next day, Peck said that he may have lost his patience during the question-and-answer session, and he said that that was something he should never do. In spite of his many criticisms of American foreign policy, Peck said the audiences did not take a backseat in patriotism.

Daniel Rss ‘08 was impressed to hear Peck explain and criticize the actions and motivations of the U.S. in many situations, yet remain very much in agreement with Peck’s opinion regarding “America’s role, as the greatest nation in the world.”

Kate Hellman ’08 felt that the question and answer session was “more of an argument between two a few members of the audience and Peck about whether the U.S. is friendly or anti-Israeli,” but that “it was interesting nonetheless.”

Laptops: proposal up for review

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According to Griggs, the project would cost around a million dollars a year, with the laptop computers replaced every two years in order to be as reliable as possible. The project would also mean faster implementation of wireless networks and entry into every building on campus.

Griggs said that slowdowns of the Kenyon network because of malfunctioning personal computers could be avoided if the school provided each student with a laptop. Student-owned computers would be denied access to the school network, although the Internet would still be available for these computers in residence halls.

Computer-equipped classes with eighteen seats could be reconfigured into normal classrooms that seat twenty-five, with network jacks for the laptops, said Griggs. While “the distortion of looking at a computer during class” is absolutely a concern,” he noted that since laptop screens are smaller, students and teachers alike could see better. Teachers could ask their class to close the computers and pay undivided attention. “You can’t do that with the lap computers now,” said Griggs.

Kenyon has always provided technology resources for its students, and has never required students to bring their own computers. As student needs continue to expand, the College has built new labs and integrated computers into existing spaces over time. This concept of school-owned laptops would jump to an end result and mean at least one computer for every student.

The task force is headed by Megan Pritch, who could not be reached for comment.

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News Brief

Security and Safety officers to drive students to polls

On Tuesday, November 3rd, Kenyon Security and Safety officers will be on hand to drive Kenyon students to the polls. “There will be two vehicles, and the stop will be at the bookstore, every 15 minutes,” said Director of Security and Safety Dan Werner. “We feel that voting is such an important and fundamental right that, as long as we’re capable to facilitate that right and make the process as easy as possible, providing transportation in a non-partisan environment is a very tangible way of supporting the right to vote.”

Corrections

Due to editorial error, Assistant Provost Rich Switzer was identified as speaking in a letter to the Eddy in this week’s “Local responsibilities” op-3 on page 7. In fact, the letter was written by Sen. William, speaking as an Ohio citizen. His views are not necessarily those of the College or the Office of the Provost.

Due to editorial error, the sources which Switzer identified in his letter were not identified. Switzer cited studies published to spark a real debate in the College and the community. In fact, the Digest of Ohio guide to motor vehicle laws, available online at http://www.ohiosafety.gov. He also cited the Digest of Ohio guide to motor vehicle laws, available online at http://www.ohiosafety.gov.

Due to staff error, the article entitled “Soccer Lords still can’t kick their losing habit,” contained a misattributed quotation. The article’s headline Coach Hood Coach Des Lawes was saying “we’re not in the business of kicking balls in the back of the net,” during a game. However, Lawes admitted making this statement at any time.

The Colloquium apologizes for any confusion resulting from these errors.
Three residence halls remain without wireless access

BY JEREMY LAWSON
Staff Reporter

"People need to turn off their own wireless access points so that we can get the [wired] Internet," said Stanley Roberts '08, a McBride resident. While many Kenyon students are currently using the College's new system for wireless Internet access, some Kenyon residence halls are still without wireless ac-
cess. Three residence halls - Buzzard, Barron, and Class of 1853 Access Points (WAPs) have been installed in each Kenyon residence hall.

"We had a plan in mind," said Brian Shiozawa, Director of Security and Safety. Dan Werner of graffiti discovered on Buzzard Hall last week. "It couldn't read it, but it didn't look like distinct letters." The Buzzard graffiti was one of several instances of vandalism discovered on campus buildings last week. A Captains resident first reported spray paint on both sides of the Buzzard Hall door last week at dusk. Werner insisted that the incident was discovered later included some on the front door of the Horn Gallery, the Buzzard Hall phone and on a sign outside the Village Inn.

"It was just as the parents were arriving... and we had that painted over," said Werner.

Finally, on Saturday evening, a call from this reporter alerted the office of Security and Safety to a report of blue paint on the underground tree. Security and Safety officers confirmed the existence of blue paint "sprayed on the trunk and limbs..." near the entrance to the Security and Safety log entry detail-
ing the incident.

According to Werner, the office of Security and Safety has no suspects or witnesses for any of the vandalism. "The same person probably did it, and I think they did all of it in just a few-hour period of time," said Werner. "We’re not sure when they took the time, but it must have been around 9 p.m., because Buzzard Hall and the Village Inn... are pretty high-profile areas on campus." Werner said most of the graffiti vandalism is committed on the night of Monday, Oct. 18, the night before the bulk of the graffiti was reported.

Werner added that a Kenyon student is the culprit. "I don’t have proof that it [was] students, but I think it probably was, due to the fact that [much of the] graffiti was in the interior part of the campus," said Werner.

As of Monday evening, "most of the clean-up [was] finished and was done using graffiti removal," said Acting Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Ed Neil. Werner does not believe that the incidents give reason to worry about a larger pattern of vandalism in Gambier. Though copycat crimes are "always a possibility," said Werner, "the reason it’s dangerous to copycat is that if we caught some-
"The upside-down tree," revealed by many Kenyon students, was painted blue in one of a series of vandalism acts last week. There are no suspects.

"We don’t want people leaving the place up," said the Kenyon in a pretty place, and it’s known for its aesthetic value.

Grozier Center manager resigns

BY KATHRYN CHASSON
Staff Reporter

One of the two managers of the Grozier Women’s Center, Sha-
na Scogin ’07, abruptly resigned her position this week. Scogin plans to continue as a manager of the Grozier Center, but has left Adrianne Born ’07 to manage the center on her own.

"I’m striking with it for the real issue," according to Born. "Dean Cheryl Steele [the Center’s] advisor is looking into several replacements for next semester.

There are some issues with students turning their individual access points on or off themselves," said Griggs. WAPs are devices that allow students to connect to the Inter-
net using wireless signals. "Many

"There is a possibility that the College has about protecting the privacy of students, and we have to follow all the rules of the contract," said Griggs. "Unless the Campus Senate decides to make [having a private wireless network] a punishable offense, wireless access is not necessarily an end in itself. LSB is trying to persuade students to turn off their wireless," said Griggs. ([They] don’t really have an easy option.

"By using their own WAPs, students “are missing out,” said Nick Papa ’08, a Lewis resident. "I know I have connection problems every day... it could be a lot better."

Some Old Kenyon residents seemed disillusioned. Chuck Ches-

"Scogin’s] academies come first, and we respect that," said Born. "I think Grozier is the place to be the best and look at this as an op-
portunity. I made sure for her, and she demonstrated, and she made her decision. I hoped to work more with her."

The position of Grozier manager ranges from "greenkeeper to the head of a club," said Born. "I’ve learned a lot in the last two months about what it is to be a vis-
ible student leader. I was involved with Renegade [Theater, a fresh-
mans drama group] last year, which was practice for this.”

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No suspects in rash of recent campus vandalism

YEARS AGO

October 30, 1959

Voting Privileges Denied Bedlex Students

Back when Bedlex was the divinity school of Kenyon, there was some question as to whether or not students and their wives who are over 21 and who are married in the community for a year have the right to vote in this district.

Both Kenyon and Bedlex students testified with the Knox County Board of Elections over this issue, and as it [good thing] the answer seems to de-

"This was responded to by a letter from the Ohio Secretary of State, which demanded that out-of-state students ‘state a situation of intention’... to remain in the particular district beyond the time of graduation.”

October 28, 1967

Women’s College Launched

On this date 37 years ago, then-president of Kenyon College F. Ed-
ward Lund was prepared to begin a "sister institution" to Kenyon College. Lund earmarked $38 million for the project and laid out a ten year plan. In the end, Kenyon was to have "nine new buildings which will house, feed and educate 600 women." The addition of the women’s college was hoped to allow Kenyon to hire more specialized faculty in various departments without driving up tuition.

October 27, 1977

Computer Center Open to All

"Want to learn to play ‘Star Trek’ on a computer?" opens this article about Kenyon’s first computer center, three years old at the time. The center had all of "seven terminals and one main computer" and was unoccupied at the time. Though functional, Wireless Internet access for some halls would take a human a few minutes to work out the problem."
La Paloma occupies former Caraway’s storefront

BY SEAN REYN Staff Reporter

In a reversal of a recent trend, Mount Vernon’s struggling downtown has been the recipient of the relocation of the La Paloma Mexican restaurant from Coshocton Avenue to Main Street.

La Paloma will now be located at the corner of Main Street and Gambier streets downtown. As the Collegian reported, Caraway’s Tavern on Main closed in that location last month.

Teresa Bueno, the owner of La Paloma, described the move as a “hate” situation. As Bueno explained, the restaurant’s lease had expired last month, and was not renewed by their Coshocton Avenue landlord.

As a result, La Paloma had to

Chair Steve Hands ’06, who pointed out that members of Greek organizations would have been unable to live with members of other groups to which they might belong, said that the committee would not approve any proposal that would prevent any individual student to live in one spot. However, as the proposal has already reached the Council level, it is now outside the authority of the Housing and Grounds Committee.

The proposal will now go to the Council for approval and will be officially voted on at Student Council’s meeting this week.

Last week also saw intense debate break out ahead of schedule about possible policy changes for the Business and Finance Committee when Treasurer John Lesjak ’05 submitted student organization budgets for the Council’s approval.

The supplemental budget of the Kenyon College Model United Nations team drew the attention of several Council members when Lesjak informed everyone that the BFC had ap

Fingerhut Rally brings state politics to Gambier

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student voting for Ohio state.

“I think all its right if students want to participate in Ohio’s elections. We love having our support as long as they’re being by the rules,” he said.

Paul Harris, candidate for Knox County Democratic, is also confident that area residents will show support for Democrat candidates.

The race is very much a battle for only Republicans the last 76 years,” said Harris. “Even through FDR’s time, this county has been Republican. This year, I’ve never seen so much support for the Democrats and we have a chance to do something that hasn’t been done in a long time.”

Fingerhut was not the only candidate to speak to the gathering in Lower Democracy. Other Democrat candidates that made brief speeches included Paul Chapman (candidate for County Commissioner), Jim Cofffee (candidate for Clerk of Courts) and Donna Grasbaugh (candidate for State Representative). Before Fingerhut entered the room to warm applause, a band called the Decals entertained the audience with covers ranging from Shaggy’s “B. I Min Me” to the Beatles’ “O-Bl-A-Dee-O- Bla-Dah.” They were in the middle of the Doors’ “Light My Fire,” when the candidate entered 45 minutes after his expected arrival.

Harris apologized to his fellow Democrats for Fingerhut’s tardiness, citing the delay to Fingerhut’s current observation of “political time.” Fingerhut’s itinerary for the 180-town (just over eight days) after Gambier will force the candidate to make some adjustments from everyday life.

“I’ll be sleeping in the van between stops,” said Fingerhut. “I’ll also be looking for opportunities to shower.”

His effort to cover such an extensive part of Ohio is supported to some extent by some residents who have already given up on outlining Voinovich. Barick sums up the attitude that motivated Fingerhut’s campaign.

“I’m disappointed, wish people had more faith in Eric Fingerhut, but where there are failures, he, becomes a self-sufficient prophecy.”
Knox County receives funds to fix historic bridge

BY SHEA DAVIS Staff Reporter

Knox County, was recently awarded funding to rehabilitate the historic Big Run Road Bridge located in the town of Beverly. According to a statement from the office of Governor Bob Taft. The grant is from Ohio’s Community Enhancement Project, a program funded by federal money that the state of Ohio dispenses at its discretion.

According to Knox County Engineer Jim Henry, the bridge is an important aspect of the water system and is on the National Registry Reserve List. Henry explained that the bridge is historically important because it was built by the Mount Vernon Bridge Co., a prominent bridge-building company in the early to mid-1900s.

According to the Federal Highway Administration Department of Transportation’s website, the bridge is a Warren Polygonal truss, built in 1915. Henry explained that a polygonal bridge has a structure made up of triangles.

"It is more pleasing to the eye," said Henry. "The way this bridge builds today is more functional, thin pretty."

According to Henry, the renovation will include replacing the redone floor, made out of new wood instead of concrete. "From the sides, it won’t appear any different," he said.

Henry said he anticipates that the renovation and repairs to the Big Run Road bridge will take about two years, though there are some environmental concerns that may keep them from starting work until next year. Since the Kokosing River is a scenic river, workers must ensure that they do not pollute the river during the rehabilitation process.

“We have to take precautions not to deposit material from the bridge into the (Kokosing),” Henry said. "We have to have all precautions in place. They are probably going to see what goes in the water," he added.

Henry explained that because of the bridge’s original construction methods, pieces of iron, stone, and wood will be dug out of the river. According to Henry, a “diaper mechanism,” [explain more] will be used to catch this debris. He said, "I’ve never seen a bridge like this removed." Henry said he chose to emphasize the bridge’s historical attributes in the grant request since it is the only bridge of national significance in the 5th district.

He said he believes that this made the grant request “more competitive.”

Henry expects some community involvement in the rehabilitation of the bridge. The Rotary Service Club “was very interested in helping,” Henry said.

Henry said that the Knox County Historical Society will also have an interest in preserving this historical bridge.

"A lot of local historians are concerned about preserving local history," said Henry.

Joanna Ayres, a resident who lives near the bridge, said "The bridge is part of the heart of history. It’s a lovely area over there, and I’d like to see them preserve things," she said.

A 25-cent-per-minute search will be invested in the bridge because she and her children use the bike path that runs along the Kokosing. While she had heard rumors about the rehabilitation, she had not read anything about it.

Local resident Carolyn Metcalf, who also lives by the bridge, said she had not heard about the renovations planned for the bridge, but she said she thought the rehabilitation was a good idea.

While the bridge was built here, in this community, and it’s that old—it’s probably the oldest bridge in the area, we have a legitimate reason to do it,” Metcalf said.

Got quarters? Kenyon ID card may soon pay for laundry

BY ROSE BABINGTON Staff Reporter

To see a student in one of Kenyon’s laundry rooms with an empty arm jammed deep into a pocket is not an uncommon sight across campus as students are in search of spare quarters for the $1.50 washing machines and the 25-cent-per-minute dryers on campus. According to Fred Linger, Manager of Business Services, students are able to pay for laundry with Kenyon ID cards in the near future, thus eliminating the desperate scramble for loose change.

Linger said that students experienced “the first increase in a long time” in laundry costs last spring as a result of a significant water rate increase by Village Council. The increase, which occurred after a break, raised the price of washing machines from $1.25 to the current price, $1.50.

In response to students’ concerns about the pricing of weekday laundry, Linger said that he believes Kenyon’s rates are “right in line with what you’d find in the area.” Laundry prices also seem to be in line with other Ohio colleges: according to their websites, Denison University and Ohio University have washing machine costs ranging from $1.00 to $1.25 and dryers from 50 to 75 cents. According to Linger, any extra expense is counteracted by the fact that students “don’t have to leave [their] buildings, in most cases.”

Using ID cards to pay for laundry may be possible, said Linger, especially with the building of the Rotary Service Club. Agresto, a requirement to enter the PRA, said Linger, Kenyon may expand the cards’ usage further, for dormitory access and perhaps eventually for laundry and vending. With an increased reliance on ID cards, students would not need to carry loose change, and parents could cover laundry costs more easily. However, according to Linger, “you don’t want something like laundry to lead the way in expanding the usage of ID cards.”

Students at the Ohio schools were pleased with the idea. Kenyon student and member of Wooster already use ID cards to pay for laundry, and Denison also anticipates using ID cards to pay for laundry in the future, according to its student newspaper, The Denisonian. Until Kenyon joins list of schools, students can take a tip from Kathryn Chiaios ‘08, who said, “I use a dryer rack because…[laundry]’s too expensive,” or they can carry extra change in their pockets for a few more quarters.

Agresto: Former Kenyon prof helped rebuild Iraqi universities

CONTINUED from page one a society struggling to be born, and also in many ways an old way of life determined by the colonial era during its history. “So there’s an amazing amount to talk about,” he said.

An interview following the lecture, Agresto explained his reasons for supporting and continuing to support the war. "It’s [h]ard to explain to the American people that we’re doing this, for the march of democracy and liberty, that the march of democracy and liberty is a serious, even potentially the war on terror and that Iraq will be one place to stop the terrorists from coming here," said Agresto. "How do you make that argument?" The best you could do is say Saddam was supporting terrorists, but that’s not really true.

"I think we can have an out of that stops radical fundamentalism, terrorism, then we won’t need an occupation," he said, "but I still think, if we can have an out of that stops radical fundamentalism, terrorism, then we won’t need an occupation, if it’s only this."

Agresto, who was also sharply critical of the Coalition for mistakes made during the liberation effort. "Some of you may know that while I was a strong supporter of the war, I’ve not been in happy with the way we have handled the price of it," he said.

"The looting that took place after the war finished, or perhaps surprised, the deprivation and destruction of 35 years of Ba’ath rule in Iraq," he continued Agresto. "Moreover, it enlarged the frustration of rebuilding Iraq exponentially. It was the first time they were making enemies of our friends. They saw that we would protect our goods and our soldiers and our lives, but we were incapable of protecting our democracy.

According to the primary obstacles to the widespread implementation of these charges lies in the central active of Saddam Hussein. These hindrances have also affected the American University of Science and Technology campus society in Iraq.

"Thirty-five years of tyranny built a cult of fear in Iraq, and I could see how this could easily overcome it," said Agresto during his lecture. "If people are willing to work for the truth, will have to work for, will have to work for..." he said.

Agresto’s primary role while in Iraq was to rebuild the higher-education system of 20 public universities without the experience of the Iraqis and the lack of federal funds. Agresto said that the lack of federal funds was "the reason that the liberation has improved the quality of life for the Iraqi people, and the new task of the Coalition is to ensure that Iraqis are in the right position for their own liberty.

Aside from the handling of the war effort, Agresto’s focus during the lecture was on lessons that he learned about the rules of living and working in Baghdad.

"The first thing I learned about America is that we are not confused when it comes to learning the truth about ourselves," said Agresto during the lecture. "We talk all the time about how self-interested we are, how selfish, but it’s not true. I worked with hundreds of Americans over there who left comfortable jobs and good pay and family comforts to live in construction trailers, four to a trailer, for eighteen hours a day, seven days a week, for something that I didn’t understand to help a people that they had never managed their newfound freedom.’’

Agresto, who has practiced law for thirty years, said to “expedite the process of rebuilding Iraq, we must ask the right questions, to get the right answers.”

"I remember Kenyon and Middle Path is a bad joke. It’s a good joke, what’s your favorite joke?" said Agresto during the final lines of his lecture. "I believe I’ll continue as the city as the bird city.”
### Election 2004 Candidate Cheat Sheet

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**Measure banning gay marriage appears on ballot**

### BY MEGAN SHIPLEY

Gay marriage has emerged as one of this year's most controversial election issues. On November 2, voters will decide the fate of a proposed state constitutional ban on gay marriage that is listed as Ohio Issue 1 on the general election ballot. The amendment was written to define marriage as only a union between a man and a woman and would prohibit the creation of "legal status" for unmarried same-sex and opposite-sex couples. Proponents say that the amendment is necessary to protect the institution of marriage, though opponents contend that it could negatively affect Ohio's already struggling economy. Voters appear to be split fairly evenly about the issue. In an ARC poll of registered voters conducted October 14-17, 48% said that they would vote for the amendment, and 45% said they would vote against it. Although some strategies have contended that having Issue 1 on the ballot could increase conservative voter turnout, Professor of Political Science John Elliott said that this may not be the case. "Anything like this amendment is partitioning; it boosts turnout amongst fervent opponents as well as fervent supporters," he said. "Will [Issue 1] turn out more supporters or more opponents? It's hard to say." Elliott said that the amendment could split voters along unusual demographic lines. "By and large, the way this is to have more need support than more opposition support," he said. "However, the gay marriage issue has a religious dimension that involves Catholics as well as fundamentalist Protestants. Happily Catholic and evangelical voters may well be more supportive of the amendment." Proponents say the amendment is necessary to protect the institution of marriage from judicial activists who would wish to redefine it, according to the website of the Ohio Campaign to Protect Marriage, ohiomarriage.com. This group is part of a larger organization, Citizens for Community Values, which collected more than 320,000 signatures to get Issue 1 on Ohio's ballot. According to Elliott, the gay marriage amendment that appears on Ohio's ballot and those of ten other states are part of a backlash against recent events in Vermont, Massachusetts and San Francisco that made marriage or civil unions available to gay couples. "This is the response of people who are unhappy about these developments," he said. "Our church supports the amendment," said Reverend Marilyn Jones, Senior Pastor at Faith Baptist Church in Mount Vernon. "We believe that marriage was defined by God as between one man and one woman, and that any other arrangement weakens that institution and therefore all of society." Jones made a distinction between the church's view of gay marriage and its attitude toward gay individuals. "We do not want to communicate a lack of love for all people, including homosexuals," he said. "We want to minister to all people."

Opponents of the amendment fear it could limit the ability of universities and businesses to attract qualified employees. The Ohio State University University President Karen A. Holbrook released a statement on Sept. 30 addressing this issue. "Ohio State competes in a global marketplace for the best and brightest," she said. "If it is determined that Issue 1 prevents Ohio State and others from offering [domestic partners] benefits, it will be harmful to our institution's ability to remain competitive with other employers and institutions of higher learning." OSU began providing benefits to domestic partners earlier this fall; it was one of the first 10 schools to do so. Kenyon has offered domestic partner health care benefits since July 1998. According to the faculty handbook, both same-sex and opposite-sex domestic partners and their children are eligible for the benefits. Professor of Classics Robert Bennetts, who is gay, said that other benefits for domestic partners, such as being recognized in the directory and having access to the library and athletic facilities, were gained informally. It is unclear if the passage of the amendment would affect private colleges' domestic partner benefit policies. Republican Attorney General Jim Petro, who opposes Issue 1, said it would "limit ... the rights of private companies and public institutions to offer benefits to certain groups of people." Other legal experts say that the amendment would not affect private employees.

Kenyon President S. Georgia Nugent said that she does not expect Issue 1 to change Kenyon's policy in any way. Bennett said that ending domestic partner benefits would have a negative effect on gay and lesbian faculty at any university affected by Issue 1. "Gaining health insurance meant a great deal to [my partner and me]," he said. "It would be very difficult financially for us, and for a number of other people, if we lost our health benefits." Issue 1 would make Ohio universities less attractive to gay and lesbian professors and students as well as their allies, who would view the policy as intolerant, said Bennett.

Several prominent Republican leaders are publicly opposed to the amendment, including Governor Bob Taft, Senator Mike DeWine and Senator George Voinovich. In a statement, Taft described the wording of the amendment as an "ambiguous invitation to litigation," adding that it could hurt Ohio's ability to attract and retain young workers and new industries. Taft and other Republicans who oppose Issue 1 agree with the first sentence of the amendment but assert that the second sentence is too broad and too vague. Ken Lane, Chairman of the Knox County Republicans, said there is no disagreement about the issue among Republican leaders but that he personally opposes Issue 1. "The amendment would have an adverse impact on Ohio's economy," he said. "The way our economy is now, we need all the help we can get." Most members of the Kenyon College Republican Party oppose the amendment, said the group's president, sophomore Lili Bitting. She said the majority support "a policy where the government has as little involvement in the personal affairs of its citizens as possible." Yana Fonar 07, co-president of All-Fair Sexual Orientations (ALSO), said she is strongly opposed to the gay marriage ban. "Not allowing an American the same rights that another American can have in a committed relationship is completely unjust," she said. ALSO has actively opposed Issue 1. This September, the group participated in a petition drive as part of an unsuccessful statewide effort to keep the amendment off the ballot. Co-presidents Fonar, Karlein Alexander 07 and Laura Cox 06 said that ALSO members collected 300-400 signatures and that most students were very supportive. ALSo's leaders said their biggest fear was that people would be confused by the wording of the amendment. "I'm worried that people will think that voting against the amendment would mean voting for gay marriage, which is absolutely not true," said Fonar. To combat this confusion and to amplify their voice, the issue ALSO plans to distribute informational flyers to dorm rooms this Thursday.
Election 2004: Colleges examine key issues

BY SEAN RYAN
Staff Reporter

Next Tuesday, Americans will go to the polls to vote in America's 54th presidential election. We at The Collegian have tried to provide an objective comparison of the positions of President Bush and Senator Kerry on some of the key issues.

Abortion

The two candidates differ sharply on this issue. President Bush opposes abortions in all cases, except in instances of rape, incest and risks to the mother's health. Bush also signed the partial birth abortion ban, against which Kerry voted. Kerry generally supports the rights of women to have abortions, even though he has hinted at a personal opposition to the practice.

Death Penalty

The death penalty has not been discussed in great detail in this campaign. Kerry opposes the death penalty. Bush, on the other hand, supports the death penalty.

Education

Compared to the first two issues, the candidates differ little. Bush signed the "No Child Left Behind Act," which calls for rigorous testing in schools with punishments for schools that do not succeed. Kerry also supports "No Child Left Behind" but has pledged to increase funding for its programs.

Environment

Bush withdrew from the Kyoto global warming treaty. Kerry said that he would pursue a world-wide global warming agreement. Kerry also supports drilling for oil in the Arctic Wildlife Reserve; Kerry opposes it.

Gay Marriage

This issue has exploded into being the hot-button social issue this year. Bush supported an amendment to the Constitution outlawing same-sex marriage. Kerry opposed this amendment, although he said he opposes gay marriage itself. However, Kerry does support civil unions.

Health Care

Kerry favors federal funding for catastrophic health care costs (those over $50,000) and free health care for children. Kerry also favors Medicare using its power to negotiate lower prices from drug companies. Bush opposes most government intervention in health care, although he did sign the Medicare prescription drug benefit into law. Bush favors Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) which allow people to withhold income-tax-free (like an IRA) and put that money into a special account to pay for incidental costs like doctors' visits. People also carry a supplemental policy for costs over the amount in their HSAs, which would also be purchased tax-free under Bush's plan. In addition, Bush has proposed a health care clinic in all poor counties in America.

Iraq War

This may be the issue of the 2004 election. In general, Bush favors "staying the course," which he considers to be going fairly well. He is encouraging free elections to occur in Iraq in January 2005. Kerry advocates bringing in more allied forces that were not part of the coalition, such as France and Germany. Kerry plans to hold a summit at the beginning of his term to accomplish this goal.

Profiling candidates for U.S. Congress

Robert Ney

Robert Ney (R) is seeking a sixth term as U.S. House Representative of Ohio's 18th district, which encompasses sixteen counties, including Knox County. Before serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, Ney was in the Ohio State House of Representatives and the Ohio State Senate. Ney was first elected to the Ohio State House at the age of 26.

Ney is the chairman of the House Committee on House Administration and the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity. He also serves on the House Subcommittee on Transportation, Highways and Trees.

Since being elected, Ney's accomplishments include the Ney/Kasich amendment, requiring able-bodied food stamp recipients to work for their benefits. Ney also authored the "Help America Vote Act," which was signed into law by President Bush in 2002, creating an Election Assistance Commission to issue voluntary guidelines for systems. The act also required first-time voters to provide proof of identity, gave $3.7 billion dollars to the states to help upgrade the voting system, improved voting access for the disabled, military, and overseas voters and introduced new criminal charges for voter fraud.

Important issues to Ney include protecting the rights of Ohioans to bear arms, making the repeal of the death tax permanent, strengthening the Ohio steel industry and giving local school administrators the power to allocate funding.

Ney lives in St. Clairsville with his wife, Lii, and children, hobby and Kayla Marie.

Brian Thomas

Brian Thomas (D) is running for the U.S. House of Representatives seat for Ohio's 18th district. Thomas is on the Safety, Environmental and Ergonomics committees and describes himself as having "a blue collar background.

Thomas favors performance-based pay for Congressional leaders and economic stimuli to Ohio's steel industry, which he says has lost 155,000 jobs because of the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement. He said he believes tax cuts for billionaires are not good for the economy and that today "many federal officials are for action to the highest bidder."

Thomas enjoys being outdoors and hunting. He is a member of the North American Hunting Club, the United Auto Workers and the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Alliance. Thomas runs a program in which people who donate to his campaign may win a chance to go bow hunting with him, if he is elected.

Thomas received certificates of comple tion for carpentry, adult welding, and adult education. He was a machinist from Jefferson County PVS. He attended the Westinghouse Steel machine apprentice program and received a certificate of achievement for completing a Statistical Process Control course through CAMP Inc. and the NIIT Great Lakes MTC.

He has been married to his wife Jane for eight years and has two children, Eleanor and Kenneth. He lives in Carroll County.

George Voinovich

The Republican candidate for U.S. Senate is incumbent George Voinovich, who has served as Senator since 1999. Voinovich, a Cleveland native, received his BA in government from Ohio University and a Judge Advocate (JAG) from the Ohio State University College of Law. Born in 1936, Voinovich has had a long history in Ohio politics. This includes serving as mayor of Cleveland for ten years (1979-1989) and Governor of Ohio for eight years (1991-1998). In the 1996 presidential election, Voinovich hoped to be chosen as vice-presidential nominee by Republican candidate Bob Dole. However, former New York Representative Jack Kemp was chosen instead.

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Eric Fingerhut (D) is running for the U.S. Senate as the Democratic candidate for a six-year term in the Ohio U.S. Senate. Fingerhut was born in 1959 in University Heights, Ohio and attended public schools in Cleveland Heights. He received his BS in political science from Northwestern University and a law degree from Stanford University.

Fingerhut has been a member of the Ohio Senate since 1995 and was reelected in 2002. He represents Ohio's 25th Senate District in Cuyahoga County. Among the committees he works on are: the Judiciary Committee for Civil Justice, the Economic Development Committee and the Energy, Natural Resources & Environment Committee.


In a personal statement, Fingerhut said that "changes in the national and international economy had a serious impact on Ohio's economy, but Ohio's leaders have not responded with the creative, forward-looking leadership that helped build this great state. With bold leadership and an honest vision, we can get Ohio moving again. This is the type of leadership I have shown throughout my career." In 2000, Fingerhut was named by the Democratic Leadership Council as one of the "100 New Democrats to Watch."

—Kate Hellman

Editor's Note: Information for this article was obtained from the Bush and Kerry websites.
Student voting patterns examined, explained

ELECTION 2004

Thursday, October 28, 2004

By Midge Frick
Staff Reporter

"We're lucky to be in the state that will probably carry the greatest contest between the candidates," said Kenyon professor of political science Ralph Slonczewski. "Because of the political climate, it's gotten a lot of attention from people so excited," said senior Ellery Biddle. "I hope that regardless of the outcome, we can hang on to this spirit of action and continue to register and address problems and issues in such a way where we really are making a difference."

In recent months, college students at Kenyon and across the country have been targeted by political campaigns and getting out the vote drives as a highly desirable but often overlooked and rarely understood demographic in the 2004 Presidential election. Have these efforts been successful? How well are students fulfilling their civic responsibilities? What issues are important to young voters?

* Voter registration

For most college students, 2004 represents their first chance to vote in a Presidential election. On a national level, efforts like MTV's "Choose or Lose" drive have targeted young voters in hopes of reaching their goal of 20 million young voters in this year's election. In nearly all parts of the country, voter registration has reached unprecedented levels.

At Kenyon, the progress is not as clear. Biddle, who organized the registration effort during the first semester, is preparing registration tables in both dining halls and during the activities week, said that her organization registered almost 300 students. Combining her numbers with the efforts of several faculty members, like Visiting Assistant Professor of English Sarah Heidt and Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science Myriam Moreau-Dore, who estimates that around 600 students registered to vote in Gambier. Of these 600, many were apathetic who switched their registrations from their home states to Ohio, and about 3% were freshmen registering for the first time.

Pamela Hinken, director of the Knox County Board of Elections, called the number of students who registered to vote this year typical. "The number of registrations we're seeing from the College is similar over the last few years," she said. "There is no discernible increase from 2000, when 500 Kenyon students registered. I haven't looked at the totals yet, but it seems like the same numbers." Professor of Political Science John Eillick pointed out that "there are efforts to boost registration that are boosting registration more than they boost turnout. It wouldn't surprise me that among college students that will be a little different - that the turn out rate among the newly registered will be slightly higher. I don't expect a revolutionary change, however."

Heidt agreed, saying that "registering is not even half the race, just the first step. There is still a lot of self-education and education of others to take care of."

* Political awareness of college students?

If education is the main part of the battle, how informed are Kenyon students?

"Kenyon has a long tradition of passive aggression in political discussions that rarely make people think about issues." said Biddle, "which is to say that most of us don't ever think about our political beliefs. We've got a country that is so economically divided that those of us who can afford to maintain a safe distance from social issues generally do, which detracts from the democratic process. You have to be well-informed about the state of your nation in order to make intelligent decisions as a voter."

Professor Eillick does see "a strong relationship between education and the vote. Educated people vote more than less educated people. I think students have this strong record of voting because the students believe that in the past college students have voted at a higher rate than other students of a similar age. Some of that is that they are more aware of the issues and the process. You have to be aware about the state of your nation in order to make intelligent decisions as a voter."

President Bush is seen as "a strong partner in education and the vote. Educational institutions, particularly colleges, have been targeted by Bush's campaign to increase education and get more people to vote."

Eillick said this has been "impressed by the enthusiasm that students have shown as we prepare for this election," and by the general awareness of what is going on in the world despite "living on a campus as isolated as ours which few of us feel compelled to leave more than once or twice a semester."

* Issues that galvanize students?

According to Professor Eillick, "concerns about education issues are the most common" among students, and "issues about abortion and war are other big ones."

While there is debate about whether student registrations have increased in Knox County, Professor Heidt, Knox alumni, said the political atmosphere is undoubtedly different this year than in the past. "This election year is much more intense than '96 which was my senior year. I think back to '96-97 and the county was just starting to come out of a recession. We weren't at war at the moment and the dot-com boom was just starting. There was a feeling that things had turned a good corner at that point in the 90's. My sense is that this is a more contentious political atmosphere."

However, political activity among students tends to focus on local issues rather than local elections. Eillick explained this by saying that "people vote when they are in a community that they identify with, that they belong to, where their friends and colleagues are voting. College students don't belong anywhere, so to speak. The whole idea of stimulating college voters is when voter participation is treated as normal or a civic duty."

Both Eillick and Biddle said Kenyon students have a strong record of voting in the past. Biddle said she has been "impressed by the enthusiasm that students have shown as we prepare for this election," and by the general awareness of what is going on in the world despite "living on a campus as isolated as ours which few of us feel compelled to leave more than once or twice a semester.".

* Political Attitudes

Many politicians are unsure how to count the youth vote. While college students are often painted as predominantly liberal, Eillick said the situation is not so clear, explaining that "generations of parents are concerned about their political attitudes and depend on "those doing the painting. Sometimes thepainters are deliberately trying to paint a picture or they paint one that is not accurate. Other times it's Eastern media writing about Eastern colleges."

According to Knox County Republican Chairman Kenneth Lane, 57% of voters in Knox County voted for George W. Bush four years ago. However, some citizens like Professor of Biology and active Knox County Democrat John Slonczewski say the county could "vote blue" this year.

Biddle, "It's no secret that the majority of Kenyon students will be voting for John Kerry, especially from the Democrats and the general buzz around campus all attest to this. This is not to say that there are Bush supporters around, but probably most students would agree that the majority of the campus will be for voting for Kerry."

* The Big Day

Many in the Gambier community are worried about whether Kenyon students will be questions about whether Kenyon students are voting in the 2004 presidential election, and if so, whether they are voting for President Bush or Senator Kerry. A recent study of over 700 students conducted at the local level shows that students are voting for Kerry by a margin of around 10 percentage points.

However, the Board of Elections is taking extra precautions this year. Lane said that "foul board officers - two from each party - will be on standby election day on the off chance that something happens."

The Kenyon community is taking as many precautions as the Board of Elections to ensure that students have a fair chance to cast their ballots. Biddle says that her organization will "be distributing postcards on Monday evening, reminding students to vote and reminding students of their voter rights in case they are challenged to vote."

In addition, Daniel Banish '05, an active Kenyon Democrat, said that sample ballots will be available in the dining halls prior to election day and that the democrats will be providing transportation from downtown Gambier to the polls. The College will also provide nontransportation to and from the polls.

News Analysis

Kerry's foreign policies will "reestablish continuity"

The foreign policy of Senator Kerry is, in many ways, very close to that of President Bush. Professor Kerry believes that the events of September 11, 2001 confront the United States with a fundamentally new challenge. During the Cold War, the greatest threats to American security came from with nuclear weapons that could be acquired and used for mass destruction.

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Classics Club on the Hill

BY COLEMAN GLENN

Kenyon College's newest student organization, Classics Club, is a member of the Senior Classical League (SCL), aims to spread and foster interest in the classics outside of the classroom. The club, which held its first meeting on Sunday, plans to watch classical movies, read from classical works, celebrate holidays, and help out with local high school classical programs, among other activities. The club is open to anyone with an interest in classics who wants to join—even those who have not taken any classical courses or do not plan to major in classics.

Deer breed problems

BY OWEN SMITH

With the leaves falling and mornings growing cold and crisp, it's a fair clear here in Gambier that fall has settled in. For the more northerly regions of the state, the time for pumpkin donuts and apple cider, but for some of our fellow Ohio residents it means time for the local living deer factory is slowing down for the winter haul, meaning that it's about time for Gambier's more wild inhabitants to begin getting creative in their search for food. Indeed, it's high time that the local charismatic megaflora begin fattening-up for the short days of frigid February.

To catch a glimpse of the ritual fattening of the local deer herd that is upon us, little more than a brief walk to the north end of campus is needed. There, on any given morning, you are likely to enjoy the sight of several deer calmly munching away on the local flora under the broad oak canopy surrounding the Hill or feeding in the long shadow of Caples. Most of us are likely to file away our well as where and when. "An additional advantage of the SCL, according to faculty advisor Robert Bennett, is its close ties with the high school classics program through its high-school-level equivalent, the Junior Classical League. Students have joined the group for various reasons, "I joined because students of other languages do this to talk together," said Robert Gynes '08. Said Adele Blake '07, "I was to be involved because classics has been gaining popularity on campus and this is a way for us to extend that." Most of the members mentioned personal interaction as one of their primary reasons for joining. "It's easy to get involved because I thought it would be a great way to meet other students interested in classics," said Chris Lac '07.

Because the SCL is not yet an officially recognized Kenyon organization, the group does not have an official membership, but the group's email distribution list has 25 names, and the group hopes to add more as it settles on a regular meeting time and begin to plan events. The first meeting of the fall is Sunday, October 17, was well-attended, and members of the group came away from it with high hopes for the future.

The Kenyon Collegian

Fall Fest finally flies

BY JAMES MILLER

This little village on the Hill witnessed more hustle and bustle than usual this weekend. A veritable army of merchants lined Middle Path Saturday, from the 9th and 10th of Kenyon's fine stu- dent, hawking baskets, sweets, and household wares. The real party, however, was on Peirce lawn, site of the second annual Kenyon College Fall Fest.

"Welcome to Kenyon, may I please paint your face?" shouted Sharon Sortkin '05 to passersby.

"And a pumpkin!" added Laura Levin '05.

In no few words, these two seniors summed up the spirit of the festival. Complimentary treats of the gathering included apple cider and donuts, homemade pumpkins for painting and a chance to guess by tactile sampling the contents of the Mystery Box. Considering the freezing autumn weather, the fest, which runs through the main streets of Gambier allowed me time to cope with my new sketch.

In addition, Fall Fest was a grand opportunity for student groups to raise funds. Among the merchandise available were Owl Creeks CDs, necklaces, rings, Kenyon athletic bags, magazine subscriptions and T-shirts.

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With deer season in full swing since October 2, it's hard to ignore the ongoing man-against-deer battle in which the very lives of both local plants and local deer hang in the balance. So far this year 103 deer damage permits have been issued in Knox County by County wildlife officer Mike Miller, who points out that according to state law the State "shall issue" a damage permit when deer damage to property—crops, gardens, landfills, etc.—is evident, no matter how minor that damage. In many cases, this permit allows residents to take lethal measures against the deer. However, residents cannot resort to lethal means without having first obtained the permission of the local government. As a result, although such permits may be granted to frustrated citizens of Gambier by the State following a brief on-site investiga- tion by a representative of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, local ordinances de- signed to ensure public safety prevent residents from using the permits in Gambier.

Beyond the boundaries of Gambier, those seeking to hunt on private property are required to get the permission of land- owners before setting out in search of their deer. According to Doug Gins, the Chairman of Philander Chase Corp., a corporation set up to "preserve and maintain the open spaces, scenic views and character- istic landscapes surrounding Kenyon College and Gambier, Ohio," Kenyon maintains a policy of keeping all College-owned land associated with the Brown Family Environmental Center and contiguous to Gambier and Kenyon's campus free from hunting.

As long as Kenyon is op- posed to letting hunters run loose around Gambier residents plagued by deer problems will only be able to appeal to the State for the ability to go be- yond preventive measures and take lethal action against yard and garden invaders. While Gins has said that he doesn't want hunters loose in Gambier, local residents have continued to face the frustra- tions presented by a growing and seemingly ever-embold- ened herd of deer. Professor of Political Science Kirk Em- mett explained that although he has tried increasingly dire means of keeping the deer out of his garden, the deer seem to be quite content to enjoy their virtual wildlife sanctuary and have become increasingly less afraid of a human presence and more difficult to scare off, even when caught enjoying the guilty pleasure of a carefully maintained hummingbird feeder.

Rated fifth among Ohio's 88 counties for the sheer number of deer-vehicle colli- sions according to the Ohio Department of Natural Re- sources, Knox County's 612 such reported accidents are a testament to the density of the local deer population and the depth of the problem stemming from the inability of county hunters to keep the population in check. According to Tony De Iuliis of the Mount Vernon News, Mount Vernon has responded to similar deer problems by allowing bow hunters to apply for permits to hunt deer in a few designated areas within the city, an option that seems unlikely to find its way into the Gambier playbook anytime soon. As Gins un- derstands it, there is not much that can be done to manage the problem presented by deer's penchant for decorative shrubs. In the end there is not a lot that can be done to bring a certain end to the continuing battle between man and beast; the deer are here to stay.
Gambier's XOXOX press launches six new books

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BRIAN STOKES II
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From his apartment above the former Village Inn restaurant, Jerry Kelly '56 operates a little-known Gambier enterprise—a publishing company called XOXOX press.

"The name is unmistakable—i.e., that it has a name and logo symbol that people sign letters with," said Kelly, who has published books under the XOXOX imprint since 2000. With six titles due to be released over the next three weeks—including Susan Rothenberg's, oral history, entitled Be a Man: Johnny Wilson Jr., released on Monday, and Patrick Moncor's The Wrath of Gorgo, a hangover relief cookbook released today—Kelly hopes to lend the press a sense of its own growth.

"I'm hoping to grow, but slowly and in a manageable way," said Kelly. "Unfortunately, part of doing this in Gambier is it's not only a great literary place in terms of resources and people, faculty and all that, but it's potentially a source of students who want to learn about the publishing industry through a small press.'"

Jerry Kelly is the owner of XOXOX press, a publishing company in Gambier, Ohio, magazine, said Kelly. "I was always an avid reader. I was always an eager young writer who continued learning how to do it." For Kelly, the publishing venture came together when he was approached by an author whose work he had admired since his youth.

"The big breakthrough for me came with [Linda of Mal and Henny] and David W. in 2001, because this great person Dr. Fielding Dawson, was a writer that I knew of that I read when I was younger, part of a group of writers that I was interested in," said Kelly. "Fielding published 22 works in his lifetime. Writers and Fielding figured a lot in my life, and a couple of other presses, because bigger publishers weren't willing to take on their work. One of the main reasons that I put a lot of work behind them, to be frank, would have to want a lot of input." After Dawson's death in 2002, Kelly approached his widow, Susan Maldevan, about completing a project that Dawson was working on. The outcome of this effort was The Dirty Blue Car, which contains mostly new stories, combined with a story from 1975 that Fielding Dawson was working on his deathbed. The thirteen thirty-story collection is due to be released on November 10. Recently, Kelly established a limited liability corporation, Kelly Works, LLC, as an umbrella company for XOXOX and possibly future projects.

"Over time, under the umbrella of the Kelly Works, LLC, I'd like to see us produce more poetry or art projects," said Kelly. "So, for example, if I go back into publishing poetry, it may be that we'll take any project of something like that. The LLC gives me that flexibility.

Flexibility is part of what Kelly sees as the heart and soul of small press. Because the focus of the press is placed upon finding quality work, rather than aiming for a concentrated of artists who XOXOX is able to take greater risks on works that might not turn out to be successful. Generally, I'd print very small quantities to start with," said Kelly. "If we're printing 500 copies of a book, then chances are the book's printing cost are somewhere in the $3.55 range. Having the short runs of books, for a small publisher, we can turn around and produce a lot of books and experiment as much as we want to. In a very small market, if there's something that we like, we can take greater risks on works that might not turn out to be successful.

The first look for the first book, which is printed locally at Printing Arts Press in Mount Vernon, is to break even just looking at the price tag. "If we sell all 500 copies of that book quickly, then we can go back to press and produce another 200 copies," the (printing cost) is now $2, said Kelly. "The other costs stay roughly the same. Gradually as you increase the run number, the profit potential gets greater."

Looking toward the future, Kelly, who is currently employed as a tech writer for MITEK, hopes to accept from this job and make XOXOX his primary occupation. "It's been tough to balance work and XOXOX, so I'm looking forward to that," said Kelly. "As a tech writer I'm looking to buy my own small press now that I've started and see what it's like." Temple became familiar with Kelly soon after her arrival at Kent while searching for a way to continue her work as a writer. "When I came to Kent as I was looking for a writing group," said Temple. "I heard a lot about John Kelly's writing and so I was interested, but I didn't really get into it. Kent and I held a few workshops together, and perhaps one of the people who went to them, and so I really don't think we can make money on it."

"I think that's the possibility," said Temple. "But I really don't think I should do something different? It was a great change for me of environment."

"The thing that's kind of bandied about is the idea of a new me. It's not something that I've been able to do a lot of work with, but I've been able to do some of my own work," said Temple. "I've been able to do some of my own work, and I've been able to do some of my own work."

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More women embark on careers in medicine

Kenyon students part of a national trend of increasing numbers of female applicants to medical schools

BY KATE ALPERIN  
Staff Writer

Emily Williams '05 began college "pretty sure" she wanted to become a doctor. Now, after four years working through the Kenyon pre-med curriculum, a major in molecular biology, and a year volunteering at a free medical clinic in northern Kentucky, Williams is one of four Kenyon seniors applying to medical school for the fall of 2005. She plans to enter an MD program and at this point hopes to pursue a "pediatric sub-specialty." On the other hand, Sally Vitez '08 is just testing the waters. In her first semester at Kenyon, Vitez is taking preliminary science courses to begin fulfilling the College's pre-med requirements, but she has not declared that she wants to devote her college career to the pre-med path. If she does stay on this route, however, Vitez hopes one day to work in an urban children's hospital.

Williams and Vitez are among a growing number of women working towards careers in health care and medicine. Statistics from the Association of American Medical Colleges show that in the past twelve years, female medical school applicants increased 6.7%, from around 15,000 to close to 18,000. Meanwhile, the number of males applying to medical school has drastically decreased, from about 21,000 to about 17,000. The reasons for this switch are unclear, but it is obvious that colleges have been working to increase the number of female medical school applicants and acceptances.

Here at Kenyon, the Career Development Center (CDC) begins working closely with potential pre-med students during orientation of their first year. According to Maureen Tobin, a Graduate School and Pre-professional Advisor at the CDC, pre-med advising begins early to give students a chance to make sure they can handle the course work, and, perhaps more important, to ask themselves the question: "Are you sure you know what medicine is really about?"

Academically, Tobin said, "students don't have to be science majors to go into medical school, but they have to start fulfilling requirements right off the bat." On the more personal side, students have to be sure their reasons for starting on the path to medicine are "solid." If, Tobin said, "reasons aren't solid, then we think about what are some other options?"

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In addition, females are beginning to make an impact on the medical school applicant pool. Tobin said she does not know what accounts for this increase in female applicants, but she attributes the rise partially to "programs encouraging girls in science early on." Nor does she know if the increased female presence will affect the field, but she hopes "we see the area of medicine become more the future, the more it's part-time and become a more family friendly area."

Both Williams and Vitez agree that growing up around female doctors helped pique their interest in health care professions. Williams said, "The trend over the past 20 to 30 years shows an increase in women in medicine, and as some of the "old boys" in medicine are retiring, women are stepping up and filling their positions." With women in leading roles, the Rejal Dyer Society, named for a Kenyon alumna who helped develop a vaccine for typhus, the CDC conducts interviews with applicants, places students in internships, writes recommendation letters, and offers students a forum to discuss and connect with professionals.

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OPINIONS

By ELLERY BIDDLE
Guest Columnist

One point of controversy that has barely been addressed by the president's candidates falls from a place where the sugar cane is fresh, the tobacco is in plentiful supply, and the steers steal with the sounds of bacon, our animation neighbor to the south, is the only communist nation in the Americas, and the only country in the world to which U.S. citizens are forbidden to travel.

When Fidel Castro took power in 1959, our country was dominated by the post-World War II "Red Scare" mentality. Thus, as the Soviet Union rapidly became Cuba's greatest ally and Cuba began to support communist revolutions throughout the world, our nation's anxiety increased. This helped fuel, questions, context and knowledge into the election process; those things it needs most if student citizens are to cast as many thoughtful ballots as possible.

The Tennessee student and other Americans who simply are not interested in politics. While the current drive to bulk up the registration rolls surely has good intentions, it's not as democratically honest as it seems at first glance. Perhaps these students should be allowed to vote, that is say, to give their names in the number of the "people's" choice they should visit their local ballot boxes. Then they might remember that if you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice.

Bush's Policy Warms Cubans

Thursday, October 28, 2004

Columns

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The marriage amendment is divorced from reason

BY NICHOLAS KWIEK
Staff Columnist

On Monday morning, the BBC World Service interviewed the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Denver, Colorado, who has been outspoken of late on the relevant issues in the upcoming presidential election. He made it very clear that he has not endorsed any candidate but has discussed and preached issues.

The religious issues in this campaign are, expectedly, abortion rights and gay marriage. Convulsively absent from most religious discussions of the election is the gaggle of wars in which the nation is currently involved.

Abortion has been the key issue for many Christian voters since the Roe v. Wade decision, and it continues to be in this election. The Archbishop claims that abortion is an evil that our society cannot tolerate and that it is the source of the evil that causes war: the ability of a society to murder its unborn children allows that society to wage war on other peoples.

Honestly, I think that the Archbishop’s argument to that point is bogus. If one searches for a causal relationship in killing, war is more likely to harden a society in allowing abortion than vice versa. Was Roe v. Wade not decided near the end of American involvement in the Vietnam War?

Still, religious leaders encourage voting on abortion as a "sin" now for a candidate. This leads a voter to President Bush and his Republican party, almost as a rule.

But if the Republican party knows that it can secure a sizable block of votes in every election by proclaiming its dedication to banning abortion, then what motivation does it have to actually pass a ban? As soon as abortion is banned, the Republican party faces the threat of losing those votes. So, I am convinced, if the Republican party is ever given the opportunity to ban abortion outright by overturning Roe v. Wade or by passing some cleverly worded law, they will quietly forgo that opportunity in the interest of keeping votes in the next election. Thus the Republican party is deceiving the well-meaning "Christian right".

The deception does not end there. The debate on the issue of gay marriage has been fierce. As it stands, there is no constitutional right to the marriage of same-sex unions. When judges in various states began allowing such unions, the reaction from the "Christian Right" was to propose a constitutional amendment.

The proposed constitutional amendment, though, does not ban gay marriage; it instead exclusively defines marriage as being between one man and one woman.

As President Bush framed the issue with a religious motivation, most Christian leaders have supported the proposed "marriage amendment." Opposition has come from those crying, "Separation of Church and State!"

Equal protection under the law aside, the proposed amendment clearly contradicts the separation of church and state. Its supporters would argue that it does not constitute a Church invasion of the State because the proposed law only supports natural and western tradition going back to Classical Greece and Rome. These people are material evidence in a case for liberal arts education.

Most opponents argue that the Christian motivation of the law is clearly the Church co-opting the State for its own discriminatory purposes. Both sides have missed the truly sinister sin of the proposed amendment.

In my religion—I am Catholic—marriage is one of seven holy Sacraments. To explain what these Sacraments are and what they mean would be a treatise in theology, but suffice it to say that they are exclusively the property of the Church. The State has no right to restrict nor emblazon them. But by defining marriage, the State is thus defining a Sacrament. The State is invading the Church. I am not so concerned about the Separation of Church and State with regard to the Church exercising undue influence over the State. I am more concerned about the State now legally, constitutionally able to regulate the Church. We can see where this gets us: the Church of England; but even worse, this amendment would open the door for state regulation of all religions, not just our state religion. Unfortunately, most Christian leaders, including Catholic bishops, have not noticed this minor detail and continue to support the proposed amendment.

War, be it the war on error, the war in Afghanistan, or the war in Iraq, has been summarily characterized as the "Christian" or "political" or "dreadful" discourse. I remember during the first Gulf War seeing pins and posters everywhere at my Catholic elementary school reminding us to "Pray daily for peace." But these have been replaced with "God bless America" and "Pray for our troops"; as if God could bless America in any context other than peace, or our troops would be aided most by anything other than peace.

All of the discussion of whether or not any of our wars in the past three years has been just has been dropped in favor of utter silence and dismissive discourse.

The BBC anchor challenged the Archbishop in the interview to say whether or not it is time to place to peace politics. He responded that he receives letters from embattled Catholics, but he believes that he is right. Perhaps he should consult his own Scripture before he makes that judgment and humanity utilizes religion as sepate as Christ says they should be. Give unto Caesar...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The ‘local electorate’ includes those who study

Editor,

Please allow me to express my support for students’ right to vote in the communities where they reside while in school. As a long-time resident of Knox County, I value and appreciate student participation in community affairs. As consumers, in our schools, churches, and charitable organizations, students from Knox and Mount Vernon Nazarene University contribute beyond measure to the quality of our community life. I know that when I was a student in college and universities, I considered myself a resident of the communities where I lived and studied. I welcomed those of you who consider Knox County your home, whether for one year or more, to participate in the political, spiritual, intellectual and charitable life of this community. And I say to you all, thank you and you are welcome.

-Penelope Joy Rauzi Howard Rauzi

Letter acts as ‘don’t vote’ scare tactic

Editor,

After reading Richard Switzer’s letter on what it means to be an Ohio citizen I turned to the Student Handbook to see what it says about such matters. In my only entry in regard to Ohio law is a list of drug and alcohol offenses.

I mention this because it is not the substance of Mr. Switzer’s letter so much as its tone and the facts that he presents.

Let us suppose that Mr. Switzer’s purpose was to welcome new residents and to help them learn some of the lesser-known obligations of citizenship. That if the case, a letter written in August would have been more helpful than one written twelve days before the election.

More to the point, and because Mr. Switzer is not only an Ohio citizen but a member of the College administration, if his goal is to help new residents become full citizens, an even better route would be to improve the Student Handbook.

In such a Handbook, however, none of the points Mr. Switzer raises would be found under the heading of voter registration because none of them has any legal link to that topic.

The point I am trying to make about voter registration is that fraud, the Democrats should join them in this concern. When, however, the Republicans’ methods begin with threats and seem designed to slow down voter registration it is hard to take them at their word.

-Lewis Hyde
Richard L. Thomas Professor of Creative Writing

Students: excercise your rights

I would like to take this opportunity, with the publication of the Collegian before the upcoming elections, to reiterate two statements which have already been distributed via email to all Kenny students and employees. 1) The letter of Mr. Rich Switzer published in the Collegian last week does not represent an official position of Kenyon College, but rather the individual beliefs of Mr. Switzer. 2) Kenyon College has an official position with regard to the upcoming elections.

Most simply stated, it is: Exercise your right to vote! To facilitate voting, a shuttle to the polling place, the Community Center on Meadow Lane, will depart from in front of the Bookstore every 20 minutes, beginning on the hour, from 7 a.m. til 7 p.m.

-S. Georgia Nugent
President of Kenyon College

Roommate solution admirable

Editor,

I am writing because I am a parent of a Kenyon freshman and I could not be more proud. You have a great tradition of unique and dynamic students, and the opportunity to be a part of that is a precious gift.

As a parent, I observed my child spend the smallest amount of time defining the criteria for a roommate, but this becomes such a criteria success factor for the student and the school in the first year. I would suggest that the students be asked to list ten, could be more, criteria which describe the individuals and using a computer for matching the students be given a listing of possible matches. From these the student can use the independence that we are expecting them to use in their college years to choose the base of a room without the computer. It would be an improvement over the present system, while empowering the students to find compatible roommates.

—William MacKnight
Kenyon Parent

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A look inside a puppet government

Sure it’s the silliest satire of the year, but does Team America have what it takes to be the best?

BY BRIAN SCHILLER
Film Critic

Team America: World Police
Directed by Trey Parker
V oiced by Trey Parker, Matt Stone, Kristen Miller, and Ma-nasa

Rarely does a film appeal so directly to me—the liberal who holds George W. Bush and Michael Moore in equal contempt. This is what Team America: World Police proposes to be: a bitting piece of sociopolitical commentary aimed somewhere near the Daily Show crowd. While Team America succeeds occasionally at being just that, it is a significantly flawed film whose faults are as biting and critical as its strengths.

Team America follows the titular homeland security squad in their attempts to rid the world of overtly stereotypical terrorists. After an initial mission, they determine that they need an “actor” to go undercover. Enter Gary Johnston, the best actor on Broadway, whose presence sends rifts, both good and bad, through the team. The team recognizes their main terrorist threat to be Kim Jong Il of North Korea.

Some strings attached: The heroes of Team America: World Police secure the homeland and blow crap up.

They bungle through various challenges in order to save the day for America and teach us our daily anatomical moral.

The bulk of the comedy is passable, mostly marred by inappropriate sight gags and marionette-related humor. The filmmakers don’t hesitate to use their marionettes as real people. Imagine a romantic interlude or a fight scene carried out between two puppets, and you have an idea of what they’re going for. To his credit, Parker doesn’t oversee the clumsy marionette gags that wear out their welcome quickly. Their spacing, in the end, makes each ridiculous, walk and poke in the eye entertaining. The voices are for the most part well done and ridiculously appropriate. From the All-American quarterback (Parker) to the dirty psychotic (Mansa) to the officious leader figure (Spotswood, Darren Norris). The soundtrack is by far the finest achievement of this film. This comes as no surprise to fans of Parker’s South Park: Bigger, Longer, and Uncut, which managed to net an Academy Award nomination for its fantastic “Blame Canada.” Gary’s character is introduced acting in a Broadway musical, Lease, singing a song called “Everyone has AIDS,” filling the song overdue need for a Rent parody. Other songs decimate Pearl Harbor and other film conventions, stepping beyond the songs from South Park. Before, the songs were hilarious and well-crafted, but now Parker is fine-tuning his satiric talents.

If that is the case, though, his direction is occasionally misguided. He picks out a great group of actors to poke fun at for their self-important “we can save the world!” attitude, but calling them the “Film Actors Guild” and incessantly running the corresponding abbreviation under them at all times undermines the intelligence of the rest of the film. Similarly, the tactic of mocking Kim Jong Il’s dialect (see also: Lost in Translation) isn’t so much humorous as it is disappointing and crude.

For those reasons, Team America gets knocked down a peg or two in the list of the year’s best comedies. What it lacks in grace and intelligence is precisely what Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle, Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story, and Shaun of the Dead hit on so well. Those films did have a skeleton to themselves as poorly filmed making that they ridiculed.

Monsters, murders and maniacs on the movies

David Jacobs returns with ten terrifying recommendations for cinematic endeavours that will make you lose more than sleep...

BY DAVID JACOBS
Film Critic

10—The Silence of the Lambs
Jonathan Demme 1991
“I ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice chianti.” Anthony Hopkins, as mastermind Hannibal Lecter, is as sinister as any actor ever put on screen. From an acting performance by Jody Foster, Demme’s signature work earned three Academy Awards out of seven nominations.

9—The Ring
Gore Verbinski 2002
Verbinski’s adaptation of the Japanese horror Ringu almost makes up for his boring directed The Mexican. The cast features strong performances by Naomi Watts and Brian Cox, but the real strength of the film lies in its intense cinematography and superb editing.

8—Children of the Corn
Fritz Kiersch 1984
A small army of creepy teenagers and lots of corn are the hallmark images of Kiersch’s film, based on the book by Stephen King. Kiersch’s direction and cinematography make this one of the best adaptations of King’s extensive catalogue.

7—The Exorcist
William Friedkin 1973
What an hour and a half weekend would be complete without watching Linda Blair vomit pea soup and make lewd comments about Father Karras’ mother? Friedkin’s horror classic is packed with memorable imagery featuring Blair’s spinning head, the levitating bed, and one of the most famous staircase scenes in Washington, D.C.

6—Frankenstein
James Whale 1931
In spite of the technological shortcomings of the 1930’s, Boris Karloff’s portrayal of Frankenstein’s monster is as great today as it ever was. Whale’s fast-paced, visually stunning rendition of the Frankenstein story is still one of the best films in the genre.

5—Nosferatu
F.W. Murnau 1922
Murnau’s silent classic combines the haunting visual reality of German expressionism with Max Schreck in a fantastic performance, as the bloodthirsty Count Orlok, the precursor to Dracula. The film has no need for dialogue, relying instead on the set design and action to create the nightmarish world of the vampire.

4—Halloween
John Carpenter 1978
Carpenter’s best film by far. With outstanding camerawork and editing, Carpenter demonstrates a rare degree of finesse in telling the story of infamous mental patient, Michael Myers, who returns to his hometown and hunts down a wholesome Jamie Lee Curtis. One of the best films to watch at two in the morning with the lights out.

3—Night of the Living Dead
George Romero 1968
Romero does not waste any time with a cheezy, unbelievable back-story. With flair and talent, Romero delivers what everyone really wants: zombies and more zombies. What could be better than watching an army of the undead storm a farmhouse with a few innocent people inside? This is what Halloween is all about.

2—The Shining
Stanley Kubrick 1980
Based on another Stephen King novel, this masterpiece combines the genius of Stanley Kubrick, a riveting performance by a pre-As Good As It Gets Jack Nicholson, and a picturesque haunted mountain retreat. The Shining is Kubrick’s most frightening film, and Jack Nicholson’s most menacing role to date.

1—Psycho
Alfred Hitchcock 1960
You know you’re a master when your film can instill a genuine fear of showers and staircases into viewers. On every level, from the music of Bernard Herrmann to the brilliant editing, Hitchcock’s classic is terrifying from start to finish. Anthony Perkins’ performance as the unassuming luminous Norman Bates made him a horror icon. Hitchcock is known for his ego, and his willingness to manipulate his audience, make Psycho the single most famous film of all time.

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Weird Weekend!

How to dance without sweating up your new costume!

BY MADDE BAHAR
Staff Writer

Halloween is just around the corner. Most of you are probably ironing your best party outfits to "trip your fright on." For the goths; the haunted forests, prisons, or houses found throughout Ohio are great. For the party people; the time that is just Down Middle Path. I suggest dressing up in your favorite characters, or even skeletons, clothes and attending the Halloween parties located in the lounges in Old Kenyon.

This year’s Saturday night fun will be hosted by the Alpha Delta Phi’s, Epsilon Delta Mu’s, and the Peep. Think of it as three costume parties right at your fingertips!

For starters, EDMA’s "Children of the Corn" party will be held in the Old Kenyon DKE lounge, disguised with macabre farmland themed decorations. "It’s part of our yearly tradition," said Nelie Zanca ’07, the social chair for EDM. For the severity, this Halloween tradition has always been non-alcoholic and provides a party that is open to the entire Kenyon campus and funded by school organizations and members of the Kenyon alumni association.

The party’s DJ, Alex Matlack ’05, whose hip-hop will have the lounge jumpin’ all night long, will provide musical enjoyment for all. In addition to the free pizza and candy, ADEPT will provide cocktails for all partygoers.

And in the middle lounge of Old Kenyon, the Peeps will provide a night of great music. Ben Mason ’05, president of the organization, is pleased with the musical lineup. Rowboat, Rowboat and Pat Kid; two popular student bands, will be performing throughout the night. Note to all you Dance Dance Revolution fans: leave your own Scots on the floor and test out your newly — learned skills out on this dance floor. It will surely be the place to jam. Don’t take my word for it; Anthony Tracy ’06 says, “It’s going to be fantastic — I’m betting on it.”

Last, but certainly not least, don’t forget the AD’s. The hocus-pocus theme is centered on the underground is put on hold: the fraternity will nonetheless partake in the Halloween festivities — but with a something altogether different this year. The AD’s will bring a field, a gym, and surprise band to play the night away. This band will draw the curious music lovers and avid partiers to take a listen to whatever strange mix they kick to the dance floor.

Instead of shedding around ten dollars for a haunted house, all you need is your ID to attend Kenyon Holiday’s Halloween bash. And most likely, many students’ costumes will provide all the fright you need on Halloween. Are you ready?

Squigletti (1927)
Fried fish
Ishaya Aeronords

Nicknamed "the Italian Hitchcock," Squigletti’s work shows the legendary director’s influence, but his style is much more than just a rebuff of Hitchcock. It’s a whole new world, an ability to fuse vivid color and sound while eliciting truly terrify- ing acting performances makes him a pioneer in the horror genre. While he may be best known as the producer and composer for the original Dawn of the Dead, Argento’s best and most characteristic work comes from his works, such as Deep Red, Inferno, and Opera. Hitchcock’s influence is seen in Squigletti, a film that is still terrify- ing today, even after thirty years after its creation. For fans of the horror genre, there are few times that can top it.

American Sary Banion (Jessica Harper) heads to Europe to attend a famous ballet school. The school is, however, a double murder is committed in the school. Sary finds herself unable to escape the effects of this event, and as subsequent horrors exact their own selves (ideals and other gruesome events), she and her friend Sara try to get out of it, all around surrounded by the school. They interrogate local historians and their teachers to find out more about the school and the people who have not seen a fight their lives for uncovering the supernatural truth.

Argento’s Suspiria is simply ye old, because it stands as one of the best and most startling horror films ever made. It is visceral and unforgiving to its characters, making the already tense death sequences even more difficult to watch. Argento was an old color filtration process to bring each screen to life, with red and green hues adding depth and color to every scene. Argento’s self-owned company, which was bought out on set to terrify the performers, keeps the viewer on edge and literally rear up and down in the background. In all, Argento keeps his viewers on edge and the scare and grossness of every evil, twisted turn in his undisputed masterpiece, Suspiria.

Ginger Snaps (2000)
Saturday, 8:00 PM
Hollywood

What could possibly inspire Kenyon Film Society to screen a low-budget, direct-to-video, Canadian teen B-movie next to "The Horror of Dracula?" On the surface, it seems rather mindless — a cheap rip-off of Carrie that swaps supernatural powers for lycanthropy. The truth is that director John Fawcett and screenwriter Karen Walton take their time, and only string- ing intense werewolf film and give it a remarkable amount of depth and intelligence.

Ginger (Katharine Isabelle) and Brigitte (Emily Perkins) are fifteen-year-old sisters with a fascination on death and gore that set them apart in their small town of Bailey Downs. They want nothing to do with their town and run away to New York City for a time; one event they like to a "curse," and when Ginger receives this curse another is forced upon her via a viral infection of sorts. After Ginger is cured by her body and desires, are these simply the changes that come naturally from undergoing puberty, or is there a darker force at work within her?

Ginger’s lycanthropy is more than a disease; she slips deeper and deeper into her werewolf nature, she starts be- coming more and more obsessed with her bloodlust, transforming the disease to the curse itself and its effect on those around her. Brigitte tries desperately to bring her sister out of this destructive phase, reading up on her werewolf folklore and enlisting the help of a local drug dealer Sam, who tries to come up with an antidote for Ginger’s malady. When Ginger finally snaps, as the title would indicate, she snaps in a bloody frenzy that leaves only her sister in her path.

Within the seemingly simple, plot of Ginger Snaps, Walton and Fawcett create a large, vastly interesting set of subplots. The running theme of suppression changes as Brigitte watches her sister change into a monster, both literally and figuratively. It is total for both her support and to try to control her madness. The relationships within the filmmakers are the most important thing, and they are the ones that really drive this script. The performances from the stars are remarkable and effective, particularly in their depiction of the alienation felt by both daughters toward their mother, Pam (Mimi Rogers). Ginger Snaps is an odd coming-of-age story, showing the transition from girl to woman as bloody, frenzied, and everlastingly tender. Brian Schilcher

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THEOLOGY LECTURE
Dr. Arthur Dewey, a renowned theologian, radio host and author, will answer the question "Would Jesus make good presidential timber?" in a lecture to take place on Nov. 1 at 7:00 PM in Kenyon College's von Ambutsch Auditorium.

Dr. Dewey, the author of several books, including Spirit and Letter in Paul and The Word in Time, has studied the historical Jesus and the Gospels extensively. He holds a Th. D. from Harvard University and has been a Professor of Theology at Xavier University for 24 years.

Dr. Dewey is also the co-founder of the Healing Deadly Minos Project, a project which addresses the question of anti-Semitism in the New Testament, and co-chair of the Bible in Ancient and Modern Media group of the Society of Biblical Literature.

The Nov. 1 talk will be followed by a reception in Peirce Lounge. A discussion on the implications of the historical Jesus, which will examine the issues presented in the Nov. 1 lecture, will be held at 11:00 am in Peirce Lounge on Nov. 2. All events are free and open to the public.

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Thursday, October 28, 2004
Mos Def’s New record is full of sex, blues and Danger

A charismatic and brilliant poet quiets his five year hiatus, but is the Star Black still shining?

By JOHNNY SADOFF Staff Writer

Imagine just for a moment a Chicago couple, Richard and Denise, at each others throats. Denise doesn’t think Richard listens very well because he doesn’t understand that when she says, “Max and Joan just returned from a fantastic vacation in Mexico,” she really means, “Why don’t you take me on a romantic vacation?” When he says, “Let’s go on a romantic vacation somewhere none of our friends have been,” it sounds to her like “Let’s go somewhere none of our friends will see us so they won’t see how fat I’ve gotten.”

We’ve all been there. The lack of communication between a man and a woman is something new to a generation brought up reading The New York Times. Women are from Venus. Relationships have always been a source of great comedy. But we have never been able to find the true nature of our relationships as when we watch The Second City.

The Second City, a seminal comedy troupe in Chicago's inferiority complex, celebrated its 43rd anniversary in Rosie Hall on October 19th. Founded at the University of Chicago, the six-person ensemble has spawned the careers of such notable comedians as Bill Murray, John Belushi, Mike Myers and Chris Farley. The night was a celebration of almost half a century of the company’s efforts, and The Second City certainly had a lot of material to work with — enough to warrant an intermission, in which a disdained voice urged Kenyon students to “intermission.”

In a 90-minute show, The Second City presented the audience with hilarious, often over-the-top scenarios. Mixing sketch and improvisational comedy, the Second City showed with witty delight the funny nature of human relationships. Ranging from the dysfunctional couple, Richard and Denise, to the 1950s couple, whose love song kept changing throughout the course of their romantic evening, Second City’s show managed to keep jokes from several decades ago fresh and relevant — and as silly, as funny.

Blues guitar riff, and one wonders momentarily whether he might have been born more than a few decades ago in the Mississippi Delta and been transported to us through time. Indeed, the legendary and mesmerizing Robert Johnson is credited with inventing the very riff upon which Mos Def’s “Freaky Black Blood” is constructed. From the boxer to the bluesman to the banjo’s name, there seems to be a musical basis of songs in the album “Johnson.” Could there be a connection? Maybe Mos Def himself is named Johnson? A quick check at the liner notes disproves the whole story, as I realized to my dismay that Mos Def goes by Duke Smith on paper.

Mos Def is perfect over the traditional blues guitar riff, and one wonders momentarily whether he might have been born more than a few decades ago in the Mississippi Delta and been transported to us through time.

There are some tracks on the album, and they sound like they want to be rock songs, not that they actually are rock songs. The success and beauty of the album lies in songs that don’t “rock” at all, such as the blues style track “Black Black Jack,” a tribute to the fighter whom the band is named after. Mos Def sings his admiration for Johnson on the words, “Black Jack was a fighter man/Black Jack was a mighty man.”

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The blues narrative is felt again in the track “The Parties,” a song that really feels in Muddy Waters “Long Distance Call.” Easily the best track on the album, the song starts slowly and silently, with Mos singing his woman, “Don’t wanna be nowhere but here/Nowhere in this atmosphere. Baby down town, take your time, we gonna be here for a while.”

He captures that feeling of closeness with another human being, that physical prelude to everything else which might as well last forever. But in the best brutality drops, the song is fierce, with listeners enough to be made by the sound of clapping hands Mos turns up the intensity, moaning, “Gooch Baby,” You make me feel so good” Then, as quickly as it all came, it leaves, and the clapping disappears. We are left with Mos whispering the words of the song. “It’s all done with within a few minutes, but no cause. The whole act of making love in one track, what more could we ask of music?

At the end of the musical day, Mos Def is a rapper, not a rocker, and his hip-hop tracks don’t necessarily stand out, some of his most pleasing lyrics are hidden within them. On “G.O.O.D. Morning,” the legendary Def’s comeback to hip-hop and let us know he definitely still has the skills that made him famous. At the end of his classics, the rapper declares, “Searchin’ for the truth hopin’ through the holy tables,” the Bible, The Quran, and the Teas Crack Commandments, Speak on it, God’s today’s mathematics? The four day format The price of beer, cigarettes, bread, milk and pampers/ Life and we did and we got the answer.”

On “Modern Marvel,” a ten-minute track on which Mos spends the first half softly singing a painful ballad to a female friend who has turned his everyday troubles, breaks out into upbeat rhythm sampling Marvin Gaye’s soulful crooning on “Mercy, Mercy, Me.”

The song is Mos’ hip-hop tribute to the message in Gaye’s famous song, as he remarks “if Marvin was alive now, wow, what would I say to him Where could I start? How could I explain to him? I know that the world would probably look-strange to him Would he like life today had a place for him Globalism, imperialism, how many of us have grown old and saved the babies we were listening to?”

When he said Mercy Mercy she’d be the same woman decades later we would still be killer folk.”

After listening to all nineteen tracks, there is an evident lack of consistency apparent in the album. Some tracks are too short, and some are just too long. Some have Mos Def’s vocals drowning out the capabilities of his band, and some leave you just wanting more of him on a track. This lack of clarity is perhaps clear- er by listening to the words Glynn Gaye. The song is enjoyable and Mos Rhymes incredibly, but if you are going to explore the essence of his classics, the rapper declares, “Searchin’ for the truth hopin’ through the holy tables,” the Bible, The Quran, and the Teas Crack Commandments, Speak on it, God’s today’s mathematics? The four day format The price of beer, cigarettes, bread, milk and pampers/ Life and we did and we got the answer.”

Overall, one wishes Mos Def would focus on making an album. Is it blues, slow or hip-hop? Or rather, is there Mos Def or Black Jack Johnson? Is there some direction it runs the risk of just being a highly musical mix-tape. Yet with all the inconsistencies, The New Danger still stands out beautifully. A well played and predictable hip-hop permeating the radio and the CD shelves. Climb aboard this ship skipped by Mos Def with his crew Black Jack, and leave your expectations shore-side. I promise you will remember the ride.

Second City is still first in quality humor

The legendary comedy troupe comes to Kenyon and delivers a knock-out performance and more than enough silliness for our school
Lords impress parents with victory vs Earlham

Team shines in Saturday afternoon shellsifting of Earlham College, then beats Oberlin, 2-1, on Wednesday

BY SARA KAPLOW
Sports Editor

On this day dedicated to honoring seniors on the men’s soccer team, the Lords pulled off a shutout win against Earlham College which included a senior goal and three senior assists. Senior Jonathan Pratt and Eric Marshall packed up the statistical tallys to bring the team’s record to 2-1-2 overall and 1-6 in the NCAC, records which they would quickly improve.

The game went scoreless for most of the first half until Pratt found the net off of a deflected shot in minute 37. What would prove to be the winning shot of the game was also Pratt’s first of the season. “It was a blast,” said Pratt. “To score a goal and hear the crowd. Whoever doesn’t want to score should get their head examined and be restricted from walking onto the field.”

This moment of glory was followed quickly by junior Robert Schrock’s goal in the 99th minute, which was the last score of the half. The second goal of the game was also Marshall’s second assist.

For the team, which had scored only six goals in the first half all season, the easy domination of the Quakers was crucial.

In the second half, the defense stepped up in order to secure the shut-out. They held Earlham to a meager six shots on goal, making sophomore goalie Bob McMillan’s job a little easier, although he was credited three saves and the shut-out win.

The effort of the defense was aided by the Lords’ third goal, in what was only the second time the team had scored more than one goal in a game. Marshall again assisted a teammate to the goal, as junior Henry Costas put it into the net with 15:24 left in the game. “The result in the game against Earlham was a reflection of this team’s characters,” said Pratt. “We have struggled to get wins for the entire season. On Saturday, our optimism turned into reality.”

The victory was a welcomed change, as the team looked to recover from a 2-1 loss to Ohio Wesleyan University the previous Wednesday. The game was marked by a vast difference in attempts on goal, as OWU outshot the Lords 22-5. The relatively low score was a testament to McMillan, who was starting in only his second game of the season and put up eight saves.

“In the last four or five games, we played extremely well, but the results didn’t seem to go in our favor,” said Marshall, who scored his first goal of the season against the Bishops. “The game against Earlham was a victory we felt we were due for.”

The team was able to use the energy from the win to defeat Oberlin in their last home game on Wednesday, with a final score of 2-1. Junior Rubin Miller and Marshall each had goals in the Lords’ first consecutive wins this season.

As a finale, the Lords will take on Wabash College at 2 p.m. on Oct. 30. With their first NCAC win coming late in the season, the team hopes to make an impression in its last game. “Each player has stepped it up, and with streaking confidence we win behind us, we can take this momentum into our final match of the season,” said Marshall.

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OWU sneaks past Lords with fourth-quarter surge
The Lords engage in close game with Bishops, eventually fall 30-24; return home with hopes of finishing 4-6

BY JON SESSIONS

Excitement returned to the Kenyon sidelines Saturday as the Lords’ football team played one of its closest contests in games of the season, eventually falling to the Battling Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan University by the slim margin of 30-24.

Though Kenyon never led, the Lords continuously clawed away at the Bishops, lead and when sophomore tailback Alby Coombs graced the endzone with just eight minutes left on the clock, the teams had drawn even, 24-24. However, Kenyon once again fell victim to the big play, as Eric Indici scored again for OWU on a 59-yard run, putting the Bishops on top 30-24.

The game began with Kenyon subtly attempting an undersized kick, which was blocked by the Bishops recovered and began their first possession at the Kenyon 49 yard line. From there it took only seven plays to notch the first touchdown of the game and give OWU an early 7-0 lead.

The two teams then traded possessions as both offenses tried to settle into a groove. Not until the closing seconds of the first period was another score registered. This time Kenyon fumbled on a twelve-yard scoring try from senior Nick Stalick to first-year Rafael Sanchez. After first-year John Carrier’s extra point, the score was knotted at 7.

The second quarter was more of the same, as both teams showed brief signs of offensive prowess but relied on their staunch defenses. The Bishops broke the tie on their first big play of the game, a 49-yard run by fullback Nick Rice. Once again, the Lords responded by piecing together a lengthy crusade deep into Ohio Wesleyan territory only to settle for a twenty-yard field goal by Carrier with just over ten minutes remaining in the half to bring the Lords within four, 14-10.

The Bishops built on their lead early in the third period on a twenty-yard field goal after Kenyon’s defense stood strong on a goal line stance. Refusing to let the game get out of their reach, Kenyon boomed back once again, this time on a five-yard scoring scramble by Sanchez, then playing quarterback, to draw even, 17-17.

Again, Ohio Wesleyan was the first to break the tie, taking a 24-17 lead on Indici’s touch- down early in the fourth quarter. With their backs against the wall, the purple and white again pieced together a long, time-consuming drive that lasted eleven plays covering 83 yards of turf and spanned over five minutes of game time.

This time it was Coombs who capped it off as he dove into the end zone from a yard out, and after Carriers extra point, the board read 24-24, with eight minutes to go.

It was on Ohio Wesleyan’s next possession that Indici broke through the Kenyon defensive line, linebacker corps and secondary on his game-winning 59-yard touchdown.

The Lords matched the Bishop’s numbers reasonably well, though Ohio Wesleyan had a slight advantage in most statistical categories. The Bishops’ offense racked up 443 yards on the day, 395 of which were on the ground, while Kenyon managed just 315.

Coombs again had a big game for the Lords, rushing for 140 yards and a touchdown on 36 carries. He now stands at 942 yards for the year. Sanchez continued his impressive debut season with two touchdowns, one as a receiver and the other on a scramble he was playing quarterback in the second half.

Defensively, the Lords showed a bit of improvement.

Freshman linebacker Mike Chase led the team with thirteen tackles and also forced an OWU fumble. The young Kenyon secondary was not tested often, but their performance Saturday showed that they have made strides. Of the nine passes attempted by the Bishops, only two were complete for a total of 48 yards.

With only three games left in the season and only one mark in the win column, the season outlook looks bleak. However, we can all take solace in the fact that the six teams have trodged through the most difficult part of their schedule, and their final three games are against susceptible foes: Earlham College, Hil- lary College and Denison University.

Head coach Ted Stanley and his team have their eyes on a final record of 4-6. Let’s all help them build momentum this Saturday as the Lords battle the Quakers of Earlham College at McBride Field.

Regular season comes to close at NCAC meet

BY ANNE POMEROY

Staff Writer

This weekend the Lords and Ladies cross country teams will be competing for the NCAC Conference Champion honors at Allegheny College, where both teams raced earlier in the season. The meet will feature the NCAC and the Allegheny teams will be going into the race on different terms, however, the Lords have not been tested to their abilities, due in part to injuries to key runners. The Ladies, however, have made a big splash this season, consistently finding themselves in the top three in the conference and making considerable progress every week.

The Lords go into NCAC Championships as defending champions. They will send twelve runners for the 8k race. This year they hope to finish within the top two teams, in their main objective to oust rival Allegheny. Another source of motivation for the Kenyon men is that the past five consecutive seasons the Lords have finished within the top two at conference. Not wanting to break this streak, they are working on the men towards what they hope will be their top performance as an entire team this season.

Last year the team had not collectively raced its best until NCAC due to many injuries. However, they surprised everyone with their winning performances. This year the Lords have faced some of the same challenges.

"Last year we had some problems. We hadn’t really all raced together, but going in we surprised everyone. So I think this year, if we have a race where everyone is on its own, then we could finish really well," senior captain Tyler Newman said.

Because the team has struggled this season, most other teams in NCAC have not included them as a team to look out for this weekend. If anything, this will help the Lords perform to the best of their ability.

"People aren’t really considering us, they’re looking more at Ohio Wesleyan and Allegheny, but that’s a huge mistake because we really don’t want to lose to those two teams, especially Allegheny," Newman said.

As for the Ladies, they have struggled to be on a roll week after week. Hopefully this will continue with the conference meet, which the team placed third last at year. Their hopes for the tournament were described by sophomore Julia Plonowski who said, "I think we can definitely place within the top three, and hopefully beat Denison, which would be really great."

The Ladies will have to watch out for Allegheny and Denison, who are ranked eleventh and seventeenth in the nation, respectively. The Ladies have shown in their last two races that they can go head to head with both of these teams.

Head coach Diane Gomez talked about the team’s ability with excitement, saying that he thinks that “the women are the most dangerous team in the NCAC. The Ladies are still peaking and coming together as a team. If all of the women were able to race to their potential on the same day, they would be a top twenty nationally ranked team and could upset both Allegheny and Denison. But they will all have to race out of their minds to accomplish that.”

Besides looking for a top three performance, Gomez hopes to have five of the Ladies make the All-NCAC team. The team also will look to the number six through eight runners for an additional boost in the overall standings. The team should be helped by the return of senior Karen Quinn who was able to compete this weekend after time spent nursing an injury.

After seasons on opposite ends of the spectrum, the Lords and Ladies cross country teams look to come together with their best performances yet.
Ladies making bid to be NCAC champs

Ladies upset Wittenberg in overtime, 2-1

By Mick Reynolds

Junior forward Molly Mickinack's first goal of the 2004 season could not have come at a better time for the Kenyon College Ladies Field Hockey team. In a fierce battle with the Tigers of Wittenberg University, the top ranked team in the North Coast Athletic Conference, the Ladies got some much needed help from Mickinack to propel them into an overtime victory against the Tigers. Declawing the Tigers this past weekend improved the Ladies record to 12-2 overall, 8-3 in the NCAC, and pulled them to within a half a game of the Tigers in conference standings.

With a standing-room-only crowd of parents and students alike, the Ladies took the field as the Katy afternoon looking for revenge, after suffering a 5-0 loss to the Tigers in their first meeting of the season, Sept. 29. After avenging two early season losses to Ohio Wesleyan University and Denison University, which saw one team left in the NCAC the last place of the league, the Ladies had not beaten. Aside from the Tigers, the Ladies have beaten the Tigers since 1997, a span stretching almost fifteen games. Getting the Tigers away from their home turf advantage, the Ladies knew they had a shot.

"I knew it would be much tougher for them here," said junior Kate Finner.

With the crowd behind them, the defending champs were energized, the motivation, the ladies went to work on the defensive side of the half. First, we had to neutralize their two best players," said Finner, who helped lead the defense for the Ladies. The Tigers’ senior tandem of Blair Ufer and Julia Wickham has terrorized defenses across the league and have been ranked first and third, respectively, in total points and goals so far this season.

For their part, the Ladies defense did a wonderful job of stopping Ufer and Wickham, holding them to a combined four shots. None of those shots went for goals. The Tigers, who average 4.5 goals per game, were stymied by the Ladies defense most of the afternoon.

Sophomore Katy Barrett scored the lone goal for the Tigers at the fourteen minute mark in the first half, and that remained the score for the next 45 minutes of play until Mickinack's goal ended things.

Offensively, persistence paid off for the Ladies on Saturday. Although they were outscored, 2-1, in the first half, the Ladies outshot the Tigers 23-9 for the game, as well as holding a 12-1 advantage in penalty corners. As the second half was winding down, the Ladies found themselves needing to convert one of their many opportunities to stay in contention.

Then Mickinack took center stage. Off a feed from senior Liz Aragona, Mickinack found the back of the goal with about eight minutes to go in regulation, sending the crowd into a frenzy. The goal, Mickinack’s first of the season, gave the Ladies the momentum they needed going into overtime.

Although they needed overtime to claim three games in the season, the Ladies only needed seven overtime minutes to dispose of the Tigers. Aragona once again found the open Lady, which happened to be sophomore Julia Sivon, who ended the Tigers’ seven year dominance over the Ladies. The goal was Sivon’s seventh of the season as well as Aragona’s seventh assist on the season. The NCAC honored Aragona as the NCAC Player of the Week for her two-assist afternoon.

With two games left to play in the NCAC, the Ladies look to finish strong, having already assured themselves of a place in the end of the season tournament. The Ladies will host the struggling Earlham College Quakers, who come in with a record of 0-15, Saturday at 1 p.m. The Quakers will be the last team the Ladies face before NCAC Tournament games slated for Nov. 3 and Nov. 6.

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Sports Commentary

Why our football team struggles

By D.D. Carden and Samuel Farmer

Staff Writers

The Kenyon College football features 41 players, and 27 of that group have come to attend school in Ohio from out of state. On the 98-player Wooster roster, only 27 players hail from out of state. On the 68-player Ohio Wesleyan football roster, only eleven come out of state. On the 124-player Wittenberg roster, only 21 players are from Ohio. These teams compete with Kenyon in the NCAC conference. Evidently, Kenyon’s program struggles to stock its roster with Ohio’s abundance of talent.

Since 1999, Kenyon’s football team has produced a record of eight wins and 42 losses. The student body has come to expect a lopsided result to most games before the first snap. Despite this underdog record, our Lords are overachievers, burdened by a collection of disadvantages. The team contends with a perpetually small roster, a relatively light overall physique, and America’s strict academic standards.

“We have a team of forty kids,” head coach Ted Stanley said, “and I really wouldn’t have a team of sixty to eighty.”

Athletic Director Peter Smith suggested “once you see these numbers, you have much more angst over student welfare than performance.”

Despite the uphill battle to compete in the NCAC, Kenyon refuses to subordinate its academic standards to the want for powerful recruits. In its maintenance of scholastic integrity, Kenyon naturally enables itself from schools who accept students on entirely athletic merit.

“While other schools in the conference have lowered academic standards, Kenyon has not and should not,” Stanley emphasized in regards to the College’s prestigious academic status.

“The other teams in our conference don’t have to meet the academic requirements that we do,” agreed defensive line man John McBride ’05. “I don’t feel especially connected to Ohio football.”

The limiting circumstances of Kenyon’s numbers have not prevented widespread signs of improvement, though. This year marks the first in recent history in which the team has been able to establish players on either offense or defense specifically, a relief from the iron wall fielded by the Tigers last year.

Junior wide receiver Andrew Hammack added, “It’s a luxury having enough capable players to settle into individual positions.”

The growth of the program, though, depends on more than the football players alone. Diversity on campus will attract a wider berth of players. The sport itself is not properly appreciated here at Kenyon: in this small selection of America’s privileged sports, the sports that are not stilled so profoundly by the lack of diversity are the traditionally upper-class sports, which also happen to be individual competitions.

The relative individuality of sports like swimming, tennis, and golf allow them to thrive within the budget constraints of the athletic department, as well. Since the sheer team size and required equipment for football is monumentally more demanding. Football, however, is not intended on this campus as a means to attract a minority population.

“It’s nice to say that football is the path to economic diversity at Kenyon,” said Smith. “Football should not be the main vehicle.”

Kenyon’s focus remains removed from the atmosphere that surrounds great football teams. It is hard to hold a great team on campus and hard to prevent a hearty roster against a scholastic pluge. Yet, the program is aiming to do just that.

“For any co-curricular activity,” said Smith, “once you raise academic numbers the programs become smaller.”

The program looks for well-rounded individual athletes, and though the level of play witnessed from players using the creativity and intuition of a capable mind is indeed the realization of an eighty man team of virtuosis and novices realistically quite distant. And so progress will be slow.

“We want to see the team do well in the right context,” added Smith.

The attractions of Kenyon are still compelling enough to steer a wide geographic range of athletes to Gambier. One of the team’s most promising talents, first-year quarterback Rafael Sanchez of Tavinter, Florida, has not been disappointed by the campus or team.

“I really liked the kids on the team and the coaches when I was here, and the team would be beautiful,” said Sanchez.

Such additions as the new turf field and the Fitness, Recreation and Athletics facility are undisputed new enforcements for the program. However, the process of revitalizing an undermanned, alienated sports team with a long-running history of loss is an afternoon project and hard to prevent a hearty roster against a scholastic pluge.

“The notion of Kenyon being a super-power in football is not realistic right now,” said Smith. “The important thing is that students attend the games without knowing the outcome beforehand.”
Ladies dismiss the last batch of NCAC competition

The Kenyon Ladies soccer team is keeping their NCAC Tournament hopes alive with hot streak

BY COLIN HODGKINS

The past few weeks, the Kenyon Ladies have been taking their competition in hand and spanning them across their collective knee as if every competition were bad children.

They did it Saturday, brushing to describe this unheralded, incredible supremacy: "Heehaw (lorry). To score a lot of soccer goals, and meanwhile prevent goals from being scored."

It is pretty clear the Ladies have been repetitively boxing out the "heehaw-sticky" lately. It has been against NCAC teams too. Oberlin College, Hiram College, Wittenberg University, and Earlham College, respectively, each get a dose of the Ladies' recent bite.

Senior Heather Preston stung the Earlham Quakers for her team-leading ninth goal of the season early in the second half. A corner kick from sophomore Amie Bristo sailed perfectly towards Preston, who headed the ball into the goal. Preston has scored on 25.9 percent of her shots this year. Senior Amy Gross scored late in the game to seal it, nothing near a goal of the year via a beat-down blast.

"The Quakers really didn't have anything going, and we were in control," Brooke Rockwell, defensive wizard, said. "We dominated them. I never felt like it was a close game." Rockwell is a crucial member of a defensive unit anchored by a host of first-years and a wise senior named Sarah Kelsey.

"I think we've done our part to give the team a spark," Kelsey said of the team's defense. "The offense has been consistent, too."

Kelsey has been a big reason the tough-as-nails Ladies have given up an average of 0.56 goals per game this season. Her wisdom has helped guide her young, Cinderella counterparts. Her first-year teammates include Jean Arnold, Rachel Berksite, Emma Bradley, and Katy Speer. Together they've shown some serious muscle and made the job of first-year goalkeeper Rosamund Davis easier.

Davis had four saves in her shut-out of the season Saturday. The Quakers never got off a serious shot, either.

"We are playing well right now and our defense has done a tremendous job. We're getting good

Senior Sarah Kelsey exhibits her skill and helps to keep the Ladies' momentum going. The team is 10-5-1 overall and 4-2 in the NCAC.

Earlham College off their shoulders like dirt in an easy 2-0 shut-out in front of a Parents' Weekend crowd.

Dating back to Oct. 13, the women's soccer team has posted a whopping 4-0 record and outscored their opponents by a remarkable 17-1 margin.

A new word should be created.

Ladies relay begin the swimming season

BY ERIC FITZGERALD

Despite a second-place finish in the NCAA championships over the past three decades, the Kenyon College Men's and Women's Swimming teams each took a second-place finish behind Denison University in the NCAC relays, Oct. 25, in Gambier.

The Big Red won with scores of 166 and 152, respectively, in the men's and women's competitions.

The Lords finished with a score of 156 and the Ladies with a score of 150.

Swim fanatics need not fret this second-place finish. The scoring for the meet featured a couple of quirks that neither team will encounter for the remainder of the season. First, the scoring only counted a team's best finish in each race. Second, the Denison men's team scored 36 points in the diving competition where Kenyon did not compete.

Lads took first place in the 200-yard medley, the 200-yard backstroke, the 200-yard breaststroke, the 200-yard butterfly, the 1500-yard freestyle, the 400-yard IM medley and the 200-yard freestyle relay. In short, they won seven of the eight races, but Denison's diving score propelling the Big Red to a deceptive first-place finish.

"We're swimming really fast right now, but we can't win any championships until March," senior Russell Hunt said.

One highlight for the men was senior captain Elliot Rusthon's time of 4:33 in the first leg of the 1500-yard freestyle. Rusthon set a new pool record with the fastest 500-yard time ever swum in the pool.

"It's a great start to the season," I was pretty much surprised when I set a record," Rusthon said.

Swimming with Rusthon in the competition were first-years Michael Northcutt and Nick Ritter, who helped the Lords secure first place in the event, while Kenyon's relay team of Jason Walk, D'Alessio and Davis Bregnon and senior Will Wakefield in third for this event. Their third-place finish received no recognition in the final standings of the event's swayed scoring system.

Kenyon claimed the first three finishes in the 200-yard backstroke, but the overall scoring rewarded six points to Wabash for their fourth-place finish, while denying Kenyon's second and third finishes any points.

"The final scores don't necessarily give an indication of what's happening right now," assistant coach Amy Williams said. "As far as Kenyon's performances go, we were pretty pleased with the competition and that's really what we were looking for."

In the women's competition, the Ladies were just two points shy of winning. The Lords won the 200-yard breaststroke and 400-yard IM relay. The Lords took no firsts, but posted both 200-yard freestyle relay as well as the 1,500-yard freestyle, in which a team of first-years finished less than 15 seconds behind the time but third overall behind both Denison and Wooster.

In all but two of the 16 men's and women's races, Kenyon and Denison claimed first and second. The Big Red is certainly one of the more competitive programs that Kenyon will compete in during its 2004 season, but Rusthon is not worried about seeing the Big Red in the next.

"I don't think it's as much a rivalry [for the men] as it is for the women. They're a great team, but not much of a real rivalry."

The point system rewarded first-place with 20 points, second place with 16, third place with 12, and every team thereafter with two points fewer through the ninth place team with 4.5 points.

"We use the meet as a fun meet to kick off the season. We don't look at the final outcome, as much as we need to see how [the swimmers are] doing [this year] as opposed to where they were last year," Williams said. "We also want to see what the freshmen will bring to the mix."