Debate rages over ‘Newman Day’

BY KATE HELLMAN

Wednesday marked the second year that some Kenyon students have organized Newman Day, in which many students attempted to drink 24 beers over the course of 24 hours and attend all their classes. According to Newman by organizer Geoff Nelson ’05, ‘People would simply try the holiday in a way to enjoy spring and maybe learn a little bit about drinking or not.’

According to Nelson, there were five to seven ‘stadium’ around campus from which students could acquire booz during the day, and a nighttime block party at the Beedy Apartments served as the close of the event.

The debate comes in justification from a quotation, popularly attributed to actor and Kenyon alumnus Paul Newman’s character in the 1967 movie Cool Hand Luke: ‘24 beers in 24 hours, 24 hours a day, coincidence? I think not!’ However, the quote does not appear in the movie, and Newman denies ever having said it.

Nelson and several friends learned about Newman Day from their comedy group, Too Drink Montans, performed at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, last year. Nelson was determined to organize a Newman Day event at Kenyon, especially because Newman graduated from Kenyon in 1949. Bates and Princeton University, where it is called Newman Day, are the only other known schools that participate in such an event, and it is unknown exactly how the event originated.

Newman, who had previously sent letters protesting Newman Day to Bates and Princeton, faxed a note to Kenyon students via President Nelson, which was mailed to students on Tuesday. The letter urged students to do something with their time other than drinking. ‘Twenty-three hours of community service followed by a cold one. I could put my arms around that,’ Newman said in the letter.

Newman also referred to his son, Scott Newman, who died 1976 of a drug overdose at the age of 28. ‘I don’t want to add alcohol or other stuff,’ the letter read. ‘The things he started out just as harmless as any of you, it’s important to me that Newman founded the Scott Newman Foundation in 1980 to his son’s memory. The Foundation supports the Scott Newman Center at the University of Southern California, who administers to ‘prosecute substance abuse through education’ according to the Center’s website.

Nelson believes that “the man [Paul Newman] was not opposed to drinking” despite the letter.

Weather or Not

Today: AM- skirmish wind: High 65°F, low 39°F
Saturday: Rain, snow showers wind: High 41°F, low 29°F
Sunday: Partly cloudy: High 50°F, low 37°F

BY WILLOW Belden

Tuition is not the only cost to Kenyon students that will be going up next year, in a vote of 120 to 27, the student body approved $25 per semester increase to the student activities fee, which provides money to fund student organizations on campus.

This semester, funding requests from student groups far exceeded available funds, causing a budget crunch and forcing the Business and Finance Committee (BFC) to slash funding to several groups.

According to a December letter from the BFC the Student Council in which the fee increase was proposed, “the Spring 2005 budget hearings demonstrated that the current fee is grossly inadequate to meet current demand. . . . The concept of the activities fee is to provide funding for approved campus organizations to participate in cultural, political, social, athletic, and academic endeavors that enhance the quality of student life at Kenyon. Under the current system, . . .”

See FEE, page three
**Newman: Event criticized by Kenyon alumni**

CONTINUED from page one

The lawyer said that a few years ago asking them to stop celebrating Newman Day, I don’t believe the man himself can be true opposed to a day that honors his name even if it involves some drinking.”

President Nagient encouraged students to consider Newman’s wishes: “Newman knows the best that Kenyon can be, and the worst, and he does so”, she said to the student body. “On March 30, I encourage you to honor the best that Kenyon can be as you honor Paul Newman. Let’s spend the day helping someone else rather than helping yourself to a hangover.”

In a Tuesday all-staff letter to the president from Newman, and Newman, Nelson criticized the College administration’s handling of Newman Day. “We are troubled by the administration’s need to address something that was recognized as opening a personal dialogue with the Hamming Road,” said Nelson. “Instead, 1,500 of us received what can only be described as a highly aggressive attempt to rape Newman Day in the proverbial bad.”

Nelson also said in his letter that the Newman Day event that is planning is not focused exclusively on drinking. “Newman Day is not necessarily a day of horseback riding,” said Nelson. “We have planned a day that includes the throwing of Newman’s best time [and] a discussion of his legacy. Those who people choose not to drink are supported just as heartily as those who do. Our organization is not a victim of peer pressure driven (alcohol).”

Other members of the College administration uniformly expressed concern about Newman Day. Assistant Professor of Chemistry Yulan Goh worried about the event’s effects on academics. “When I consider the cost per hour of a class, I really can’t imagine not wanting to sit the exams from every minute of every class,” he said.

Assistant Professor of History Eliza Angelloz agreed, saying that Newman Day “is a tremendously irresponsible and irresponsible thing to spend time planning and celebrating.”

Nelson had anticipated a规模 administration, (Associate Dean of Students) Cheryl Steele expressed that she thought Newman Day was a pretty bad thing to have on campus. “Unfortunately, she said, “there is little on the front” that Nelson added that students who over 20 participate in Newman Day “are definitely not breaking any College rule.”

Participation in Newman Day also has certain effects on student health. According to College physician Dr. Tracy Schiemer, students take dangerous health risks by drinking large amounts of alcohol. “The liver has to work hard to get through the challenge you will be giving,” said Schiemer.

Despite this, he argues, regular drinkers, even in large numbers, may be able to safely drink all of the alcohol, “because they have developed that tolerance over periods of excessive drinking, which causes the liver to increase in its ability to deacetylate the alcohol.”

Nelson, however, believes that it is “safer to over-consume the 24 bottles than to pound two shots of vodka in 5 minutes.” Though both are technically binge-drinking, the type of drinking on Newman Day is much more spaced out and more likely to result in tiredness and sleep rather than alcohol poisoning.

However, Schiemer disagreed. “You are trying to drink a whole case of beer,” he said. “This is similar to drinking a large amount of alcohol in a short period of time and having alcohol be a more complex one thing, but then drinking alcohol at the focus of the event is wrong.”

Professor of Anthropology Dave Stiggers, whose scholarly research focuses on student drinking, said that Newman Day drinking is outside his area of research. “My research is on ‘normative’ student drinking. Newman Day is hardly ‘normative’ college consumption,” said Stiggers. “Research shows that one cause of over-consumption of alcohol among college students is their tendency to overestimate the amount their peers actually consume and then to drink at a pace that matches their misconception.”

Some student opinion of the event was mixed. “I’m not participating because one, I don’t like beer, and two, I think it’s ridiculous,” said Melissa Moody ’08. “It’s not something that people enjoy, and it’s not productive. [But] I think [Newman] likes it. I think he likes that there’s a day where we’re all drinking him, but it’s off the record.”

“I’m drinking today, but I’m not participating in any organized drinking,” said Eliza Angelloz ’08. “It’s just trying to be a celebration about how much partying goes on at Kenyon. I thought that [the letter from Paul Newman] was just propaganda. Obviously he realizes that people are going to do whatever they want, but he wants to warn people about the dangers of excessive drinking.”

Students fully supported the event. “I went to all classes, but it didn’t stop me from participating,” said Mike Kaminiski ’08. “I didn’t drink in class. I think that Newman Day should continue as a tradition, and it’s a nice break. It makes us happy.”

“I am participating,” said Emily Elansky ’08. “I did it last year. I thought it was really fun. You have to be responsible about it. You can be responsible at the same time you’re being irresponsible.”

Newman Day has been allowed to over small amount of publicity in past years. In 2001, articles about Newman Day appeared in ABC News and numerous other news outlets around the world. Newman was, after a student publication expressing his disagreement of the event. Newman Day at Princeton became even more contentious when, in late April 2004, protests from Princeton’s office of public safety caused student and seized 400 Newman Day T-shirts, according to The Daily Princetonian.

According to the Princetonian, Dorm of Undergraduates students Getzler defended the sacrosanct of the shirt. Deigan is opposed to Newman Day participation.

Getzler does not in any way support or condone this activity,” Deigan told the College. “I would hope that students would refrain from any drinking game or ritual that puts them at risk. I would expect, at the very least, that they would be respectful of such a request from a person who had suffered such a tragedy.”

Also in April 2004—when Newman Day was held at Princeton—students’ Episcopal and Catholic campus ministers jointly ran a newspaper ad with the university’s Office of Public Safety encouraging students to reconsider participation in Newman Day.

“Most students agreed that the self-degradation in posture and the serious health risks posed by Newman Day could not be justified morally,” the Rev. Dr. Stephen White, chaplain of Princeton’s Episcopal Campus Ministry, told the College. “My feelings is that participating in this event is based on the idea that what is most important to them is their body in our business. As Christians we do not agree with that premise. First of all, our bodies are a gift from God and we are stewards of them, not the care for them properly, Secondly, the things we do always effect others in some way and this event certainly always has negative consequences for those close to the drinkers...We think it is better than just to point this out to people.”

At Bates, where Director of Student Affairs and Campus Safety Paul Samuelson, the College has not encountered any unusual social problems related to Newman Day at Bates. “Student participation has been minimal and there have been no incidents,” he said. “Last year there was no increase in security related issues.”

Kenyon’s Dean of Security and Safety Dan Wesner said that his office’s position on Newman Day is still to be determined. However, he reminded students that “the security office will respond to all reports of policy and rule violations as during any other period.”

None of the professors interviewed for the article noticed any problems during last year’s Newman Day. Associate Professor of English and James T. Stein Shutt told that while contacted for this article, “he knew nothing about Newman Day.”

Schiemer, however, said that there were problems last year. “Our biggest problem is university-wide alcohol-related walk of idiocy,” said Schiemer. “We need for help...enough for me to be concerned,” he said.

In response to the letter, Nelson and other administrators are new Newman Day T-shirts with Newman’s face on the front above the quote “in a drink. In accordance with Nelson, most of the profits from the T-shirts will go towards the Kenyon Charities Relief Fund.

Nelson hopes, however, that the money will go to Newman’s own, Paul Newman’s food products company. “We don’t find a way before to Newman’s Charity card, but we will do, we will find a way,” said Nelson.

According to the Kenyon Online website, all of the profits from Kenyon’s own food products are donated to the charities of its choice. “We don’t believe in reporting the profits from Newman Day T-shirts to a charitable cause just yet,” said Nelson. “We also believe that selling a shirt for a million for a life when drinking all day will help the campus’ victims in any way,” she said. More information on issues of of off-campus tragedies for parties.”
Fee: Student body approves increase in activity fee, 120 to 27

CONTINUED from page one
the activities fee is unable to fund those organizations to the level required to fulfill this goal."

According to Student Council Treasurer and Business and Finance Committee Chair John Lesjack '05, the BFC was about $48,000 short of funds for last semester. With a student body of approximately 1,600, the $25 per student fee increase should close the gap.

Lesjack said various individuals approached him and requested a fee increase—sometimes a very dramatic one—after last semester's budget was allocated. But although the fee increase passed with a large majority, not all students embraced it wholeheartedly.

Editor of The Kenyon Observer Daniel Epstein '05 said he supported the fee increase because the Observer "was harmed by the insufficiency of funds." However, he said "while the fee increase will help this problem, I do think a more effective system for distributing funds is necessary. Clubs that merely dwindle in their service to the mission of Kenyon are far less deserving than those organizations that enhance Kenyon's mission as an institution."

Co-founder of Activists United Loren Bonдар'07 said that he thinks the fee increase is "a fair answer to this undesirable financial reality." However, he's "critical of the fact that we've needed to institute a student activities fee."

Allyson Whipple '06, speaking independently of her various organizations, said she didn't support the fee increase. "I'm sick of everyone raising prices everywhere," Whipple said. "My organizations are surviving even with budget cuts."

Furthermore, I don't see anything wrong with the SAC being stricter with qualifications for organizations. I know $25 isn't much money, but I'm already paying too much, and I get a little resentful when they ask me to pay more."

Nonetheless, Lesjack pointed out that Kenyon's current fee is $18 per semester, which is similar to, or lower than, that of comparable schools. Harvard College's fee is $200 per semester. Oberlin's is $192, and Denison University's is $320.

Moreover, Lesjack said he thinks the additional $40,000 per semester will continue to cover student group costs for more than just the current year. This is because "we are going to see a change in the way transportation is handled by the school, which is going to free up money," according to Lesjack. "Secondly, groups come and go...so we're going to see money open up that way."

Lesjack also said the campus is coming around to understand and better how the budget process works. "We're seeing groups be a lot smarter in how they ask for money, and thus spend money," he explained, adding that in the past, various groups did not always use all the money allocated to them. Now, however, he said "people are actually spending the money they ask for."

According to Lesjack, the student activities fee is generally raised every three years. The last increase was in 2001. The process begins when the RFC reviews the student activities fee each year to determine whether it is due and equate to meet the needs of the student organizations. If the fee is deemed insufficient, the RFC will recommend to the Student Council proposing an increase and outlining the reasons for the increase.

Assuming Student Council approves it, a referendum follows. This year, three information meetings regarding the referendum were scheduled; however, no students came to any of them. Lesjack attributed this to effective dissemination of information on the part of the RFC and to the fact that students generally found it easier to ask questions via e-mail.

In the final step of the process, the issue was put to a vote, which would have occurred in April.

Lenthe: Former administrator dislikes handling of property, water

CONTINUED from page one
and we took care of the storm water project.

In his criticism of the mayor and the council, Lenthe said "the mayor and the village administration don't know what the hell they're doing. Everybody in Gambier, they're great people, they've got drive...and they don't have the time to look into things."

McDonald, who became Gambier's Village Administrator in October 2004, noted that the village has "a water research group that met last year and we're talking about having another meeting."

McDonald said, "Our contract with Mount Vernon comes up this year. There has been some research down there...I would like [to let the] public know about this."

Lenthe also alleged that the mayor campaigned on the issue of resolving water problems. "That was one of his campaign issues," said Lenthe. "He hasn't done a damn thing."

Emmett countered that "in the election I called for increased water rates to cover our charges from Mount Vernon and a concerted effort to fix water leaks and metering problems. In the last year and a quarter we have made those efforts."

Lenthe also chose to release a letter to the community because he did not "think that the mayor and the council's been very forward with information."

In his letter, he speculated about the amount of resident input regarding decisions about the school and the village water systems. "I feel that before anything is done we have to have the village residents aware of what's going on," said Lenthe. "I'm not talking about five friends who are friends with the mayor. I'm saying, let's get an overall consensus from everybody in town."

Emmett clarified. "At the last council meeting I outlined, but did not take a position on, the major issue is the renewal of the water bond if the school bond issue passes in May. If it does pass, there will be plenty of time for the Council and the various citizens to discuss these issues. The central concern now is to pass the bond issue, not to decide where the new school will be located."

Neither Emmett nor Village Council had an official comment to release about the criticism levelled in their director.

Senate discusses absences

BY SHEA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

"It's a loose process we don't have pinned down very well," Senate co-chair Meredith Farmer said.

Kenyon's external absence policy at the March 4 meeting.

According to Vice President of Academic Affairs Jackie Giordano, Kenyon's policy for external absences due to illness is unknown to many students.

"Students don't really know what the official policies are on what absence is called for," said Giordano.

Freshman representative Mike Zablwski agreed with Giordano. "Students don't know about the general sickness policy," Zablwski said.

The Senate discussed other excused absence policies, including the policy for student athletes.

Student Council President Nick Xenakis said the current policy seemed to be working.

"Kenyon seems to have a very good student athlete," Xenakis said. "I think most students are capable of scheduling their classes around their athletic activities. Students can choose not to be a member, to take another class."

Dean of Students Don Omalh added that the Kenyon faculty members and athletes are "content with the current athletic schedule that finds a balance between athletics and academics."

The faculty is really involved in the process here...looking at the schedule, approving the schedule," said Omalh. "It's worked pretty well, but it's not perfect."

According to Xenakis, Student Council has tentatively approved a policy for excused absences for competitive groups, which will be "modeled after the way it's done with athletic groups." He will show the proposal to the Senate at its next meeting.

"Competitions may have to reschedule," said Xenakis, adding that "too much responsibility falls on the head of the group."

Sophomore representative Nick Kaufmann said he agreed that the new policy may change the nature of competitive groups at Kenyon. "I think this would encourage clubs to be more organized," Kaufmann said.

Farmer also said she agreed that the new policy would require competitive groups to plan ahead.

"If you don't know where your group is going or when you're going, then you're not going to be able to schedule excused absence," said Farmer.

The Senate will vote whether or not to endorse this policy at the next meeting.

On March 5, during the meeting, involving breakdancing, President for College Relations Sarah Kahl reviewed the master plan for the Sen-

INTERESTED IN CREATIVE WRITING?

The English Department will hold two informal workshops to give students applying to introductory creative writing courses for fall semester help with their writing samples.

Bring 15 copies of your 3-page writing sample to one of the following sessions:

Saturday, February 26, 1 3 p.m., Crozier Center

Sunday, April 3, 1-3 p.m., Crozier
Township fire department buys refurbished truck

BY DAVID BAUGHMAN
News Assistant

With the help of a $40,000 contribution from Kenyon College, "the College Township Fire Department purchased a 75-foot ladder truck that is able to reach the seventh floor of Caples Residence. According to Fire Chief Larry Cullison, it was the College's contribution that allowed the Fire Department to purchase the refurbished 1987 Stieffel straight-stick ladder truck.

According to Cullison, the ladder truck—called a 'straight stick' for the truck's straight ladder which is different from an elevated bucket truck—comes to the fire district at a price of $15,000. "The truck cost, $15,000 and the fire department spent $15,000 covering the truck," Cullison said.

In addition to Kenyon's contribution, the College Township Fire Department needed money from its general fund to purchase the truck. Cullison pointed out the truck was very reasonably priced, considering that a new ladder truck can cost upwards of $60,000.

Even though it is refurbished, Cullison said there is no need to worry about the longevity of the new ladder truck. "This vehicle will last us twenty years," Cullison said, adding that twenty years was the longest advertised time of service for any single piece of fire equipment.

The Fire Department chose a ladder truck that had one side as opposed to a truck with two sides so that it would be more maneuverable and keep to the weight of the truck lower. However, a truck with one side can only support a ladder of 75 feet, while a truck with two sides can support a truck with a 100-foot ladder.

There is a real trade-off that the department had to discuss," said Cullison. "The two-side truck had a ladder that could reach the top floor of Caples, but was not as maneuverable.

In the end, the department went for the smaller ladder. This does not mean that the top two floors of Caples and its residents are doomed in a fire. According to Cullison, Mount Vernon's ladder truck is of the two-side type and has the longer, 100-foot ladder and can reach the top floor of Caples.

According to Robert Hooper, Assistant Director of Security and Safety Deputy Chief of the College Township fire department, the Department has an arrangement with Mount Vernon that any time a campus building is involved in a run the ladder truck from Mount Vernon responds in addition to those of College Township.

Despite College Township's agreement with the Mount Vernon Fire Department, the new ladder truck was necessary because there are certain places on campus that truck just can't go," said Cullison.

Time was also an important factor in the decision to buy a ladder truck. According to Cullison the major problem with the use of Mount Vernon's ladder truck is that it must come from so far away. "Mount Vernon's ladder truck can only get here so fast. It's a distance thing; you can only drive so fast," Cullison said. The ladder truck was at a way to get to people more quickly in case of a fire.

The new truck is a versatile addition to the Fire Department's ensemble and is only the second operational ladder truck in Knox County. "It's a nice mix truck," Cullison said. "It has a 500 GPM [gallon per minute] pump on it. It also has a 400-gallon fibreglass tank.

Cullison pointed out the obvious advantages in this vehicle's equipment. "The fibreglass tank is important because it won't run out," he said. He continued, "500 GPM is a lot of water, and that is what you want during a fire."

Another advantage to the 400-gallon tank, is that it keeps the weight of the truck low enough it can pass over Township bridges.

The ladder truck will allow firefighters better access to buildings. Cullison mentioned the venting of buildings, which is the creation of a space for the smoke and heat of a fire to escape. Often, ventilation holes are made in the ceilings of buildings and the ladder truck will allow the firefighters to reach the roofs of multi-story buildings.

"There are at least ten multi-story buildings on campus—those mean buildings will have more than two stories," Cullison said. "Before this truck, the fire department couldn't reach the roofs of these buildings. A 35-foot ladder, the tallest ladder ground ladder the department has basically puts you to the second story.

According to Cullison, the ladder truck will help to keep fire insurance premiums for Kenyon, and the community in a whole, at a minimum. "The Insurance Service Organization [the organization that determines insurance rates in a given area] looks at fire departments to determine rates," Cullison said. "The highest rate is ten and the lowest is one. Right now we're in a 4 because it's a new ladder truck and the areas around the town are at a nine. It's hard for a volunteer fire department to get any lower than a 4. The new ladder truck will help Kenyon keep its rating at a four.

According to Hooper, the idea to buy a ladder truck was first brought up two years ago. Discussion reemerged with the College Township Fire Department. The fire department began to save money to buy the ladder truck and approached Joe Nelson, Kenyon College's Vice President for Finance about the project. Hooper said that Nelson took the idea to the college's Board of Trustees. According to Cullison, representatives from the Fire Department met with members of the Board to discuss the project, the state of the fire department and the department's plans for the future. In the end the College donated the $40,000.

Changes in ResLife

BY KATHRYN CHIASSON
Staff Reporter

The recent departure of two staff members from the Office of Residential Life, and the subsequent renaming of and hiring for their positions, has made the office a hub of activity.

Jessica Chestrood-Alvarez, former Area Coordinator for First Year Students, and Colette Noel, former Area Coordinator for Upperclass Students, both left their positions in the past few weeks. Noel left because she gave birth five weeks earlier. Chestrood-Alvarez left her position over spring break because her husband's job took her family to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Instead of rehiring staff for the old positions, the office will hire two new Assistant Directors for Residential Life. Each assistant director will have upperclass and first year buildings in their charge.

The office has already hired John Amos, currently Residence Director at Westminster College in Pennsylvania, to fill one of the renamed positions. Amos is a graduate of Kent State University. However, he will not start work at Kenyon until the time of Senior Week or Commencement Weekend.

Dean of Residential Life George Barbuto explained that with the previous system, the First Year Area Coordinator supervised more Resident Advisors and fewer students, while the Upperclass Area Coordinator oversaw fewer Community Advisors but more students. "Now it's more much more proportional; it is within a couple hundred students and about a 10:20 ratio of residence halls.

The office received about sixty resumes for two positions. Barbuto said that there were candidates with Ph.D and JD degrees who were inconsiderably overqualified for the position. "I'm not quite sure why those candidates applied," said Barbuto. "They might want a foot in the door at Kenyon...for instance, of a candidate had a PhD in Philosophy, they would wait in the office of Residential Life until a position in the faculty opened up.

"We're ahead of the game," continued Barbuto. "A lot of conferences happen around this time of year... These conferences are where a lot of recruitment happens in higher education. The fact that we have four positions filled at this point is actually ahead of what is more likely to happen.

With reduced staff, the Office of Residential Life is currently busy with the housing lottery over the next few weeks. "I come in every day e-mailing and calling," said Barbuto. "It's been a couple of weeks since I could go in and work out at lunch. I was putting in full days before, but now they are extra full days... We're still getting everything done, it's just a lot harder."
Friday, April 1, 2005

John McCutcheon (Concert)
7:00 p.m.
Gund Commons Lounge

Cornerstones Spring Concert
7:30 p.m.
Rosse Hall

Old Times by Harold Pinter
8:00 p.m.
Hill Theater

KFS Movie: Control Room
8:00 p.m.
Higley Auditorium

Saturday, April 2, 2005

Sports: Men’s Golf: Spring Invitational
10:00 a.m.
Apple Valley Gold Course

Sports: Baseball vs. Oberlin
1:00 p.m.
McCloskey Field

Sports: Women’s Lacross vs. Ohio Wesleyan
1:00 pm
Mavec Field

KFS Movie: Bus 174
8:00 p.m.
Higley Auditorium

Sunday, April 3, 2005

Sports: Baseball vs. Oberlin
1:00 p.m.
McCloskey Field

Monday, April 4, 2005

Lecture and Discussion: Rob Linrothe, “Recovering the Past, Responding to the Present: The Renaissance of Painting in Northeastern Tibet”
7:30 p.m.
Olin Auditorium

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Taylor Concert Series: John Hollway Trio
7:30 p.m.
Rosse Hall

Gospel Choir Spring Concert
7:00 p.m.
Rosse Hall

Quotes of the Week: by Oscar Wilde

“A man can be happy with any woman as long as he does not love her.”

“I think that God in creating Man somewhat overestimated his ability.”

“Illusion is the first of all pleasures.”

“Music makes one feel so romantic— at least it always gets on one’s nerves— which is the same thing nowadays.”

“One can survive everything, nowadays, except death, and live down everything except a good reputation.”

“The aim of life is self-development. To realize one’s nature perfectly— that is what each of us is here for.”

...BUT I DON’T HAVE MY BATON
March celebrates MR/DD awareness

BY CLAUDE VALENCIO
Staff Writer

For the past 24 years, Ohio has recognized the month of March as dedicated to the spreading of awareness and knowledge concerning Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD). This year, non-profit company Ohio Public Images, Inc. will be raising awareness with their March "Think Ability First" in its effort through television and other media to promote understanding and dispel stereotypes about mental retardation. Mental retardation is not an illness or disease, but a state of being from birth including lowered intellectual functioning and lessened adaptive skills. Mental retardation affects over seven million Americans.

The Knox County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities works in conjunction with several services meant to promote the well-being of this population's mentally disabled citizens. New Hope (Institute, NHI), just south of Mount Vernon, provides job training for those with severe and other mental, and often additional physical, handicaps. Dedmon visits the Center weekly, sharing her presence and support to those whose capacity for response varies widely.

Dedmon recognizes the need for awareness and understanding when it comes to interacting with those with severe mental disabilities: "I think because we're not often exposed here at Kenyon it's kind of scary. It can be really upsetting to see people who have a total different level of existence," Dedmon states. She shared a happy experience last week when she and other volunteers were able to take the residents outside on a nice day. "They're people as well. They need love and attention as much as anyone else," Dedmon said. She also mentioned that new volunteers are always welcome.

Many issues exist for those fighting for the rights of those with mental retardation or a developmental disability. The Arc of the United States, a national organization devoted to people with mental retardation and related developmental disabilities and their families, lists among its goals for Congress improved Medicaid, better compensation for caretakers and more stringent regulations for housing and education of the mentally disabled.

However, for the general public, this month of awareness is meant to publicize the often ignored presence and humanity of those living with mental retardation or a developmental disability. Those seeking more information may contact Jeanette Carpenter, Manager of Information Systems at the Knox County Board of MR/DD, at jecarpenter@knoxoh.com.

Annual leadership dinner scheduled to occur in April

BY ASHLEY CHIN
Staff Writer

At this year's fifteenth Annual Leadership Dinner, student leaders from all 24 teams will fete individuals, advisors and organizations for their work within the Kenyon community. In front of an audience that will include President Nagel, along with the nominees of student organizations, the winners of several awards will be announced, according to the Student Activities. Afterwards, their names will be added to the plaque walk in the Student Affairs Center (SAC).

The general purpose is to honor the students, faculty and groups who do a lot for campus life," said Kenyon'sorganization, odom (Student Affairs and Special Assistant to the SAC). "According to Taco Smith, Director of Student Activities, "It's a way for the Student Affairs Division to thank students for all the hard work that they do all year long to help make Kenyon a special place.

The Special Awards are: Campus Organization of the Year, Best Student Organization, Best Student Leader of the Year, Emerging Leader of the Year, Contribution of Service by a Group, Contribution of Service by an Individual, and Service Organization of the Year. The Greek Leader of the Year and Greek Organization of the Year will also be given out at this dinner. According to Student Activities each award has its own definition, such as how long the organization has existed or how long a student has been in a leadership role.

Individuals and groups are considered for the award after being nominated by members of the Kenyon community. Nomination forms for the awards are available in different locations throughout the campus, including the Office of Student Activities and the dining halls.

According to Smith, anyone on campus can nominate a person or group for these awards. Each organization can also nominate someone. Groups often nominate members who have done a lot for the organization without necessarily being recognized for it. After the nominations are entered, the selection process for the awards begins, and nominees are invited to attend the dinner to find out if they have won.

According to Student Activities, current nominees include a wide range of campus organizations and advisors to several new organizations on campus. These nominations cover a wide range from Home Records, Two Drink, Minimum and Foreign Language in Elementary Schools.

This year's dinner will be held on Sunday, April 17th in Upper Dempsey Nominations are still being accepted; the deadline is April 4th.

Mock Trial competes in Regionals

BY JENNY LI
Features Assistant

On the weekend of February 25-27, Kenyon's Mock Trial, or rather teams to the Regional competition in Louisville, Kentucky. Last year, the mock trial team competed in the Regional Competition with a five member team.

This year, the two teams, 690 and 691, competed against eighteen other teams at Regionals. Team 691 placed ninth with a 4-4 record, and team 690 placed third with a 6-2 record. Eddie Rice, '07, the president, explained that each regional competition has a set number of bids to the two levels of national competition. Typically, first and second places are "gold" bids, and the third in seventh place finishes are "silver" bids. Team 690's third place finish allowed its members to compete at the Silver Nationals over spring break at Eastern Kentucky University.

Many tournaments, each team competes in four rounds with two judges scoring each round. The judges score the team as a whole, but also rank individuals on their performances as either attorney or witness. On the individual rankings then determine if someone receives an individual award of recognition given at the end of the tournament.

At the regional competition, Rice received a Best Attorney Award, and Loon Reiter, '07, and Sarah Culpepper, '06 both received Best Witness Awards. During the Silver Nationals, which were held March 18-19, Team 690 competed against Middle Tennessee State University, University of Chicago, SUNY-Buffalo and Eastern Michigan finishing with a 3-5 record. "If Team 690 had placed third or higher in their division, then it would have gone on to the Gold Nationals championship in Des Moines, Iowa," said Rice.

According to Murtry Templet, '08, two members of Team 691 could not attend Nationals, so she and another member of Team 691 substituted for them. Rice said that the substitutions were not a problem, as the replacement were familiar with the roles from having already played the same ones on the other team.

We're only a second year team, with no coach, little funding, and this is all ourselves. We think just the fact that we made it nationals is amazing," said Templet, echoing Schmidt's, '08, school's Templet's sentiment. "I'm so impressed with how the team went without a coach. "Eddie Rice was basically our coach," said Lisa Herren, '07, "though we did have some help from outside attorneys from Mount, Vernon." In addition to the lack of a coach, lack of funding was another problem for this year's team. Herren explained that because the team had so little funding, members all had to pay dues—some even had to pay out of pocket.

"We didn't get to go to nearly as many invitational as because of the funding," said Hamer. While Hamer acknowledges that given the circumstances, Mock Trial was definitely successful this year, she believes that had they been a coach and more funding, "it probably would have been better," according to Hamer. "The goal for next year will be to qualify both mock trial teams for the gold national competition right out of Regionals," said Rice.
Students present papers at Slavic Conference

Students represent Kenyon, discuss Soviet culture, Russian history at OSU

BY AERIN CURTIS
Staff Writer

The first weekend of spring break, a group of dedicated Kenyon students presented aspects of Russian culture and history at the Midwest Slavic Conference. The conference was held on the Ohio State University's campus in Columbus.

This year marked the first time the conference allowed undergraduates to present. Kenyon sent Seth Bernstein '05, Olga Kuzmianok '08, Spencer Lucas '05 and Tatiana Zhurauliova '08 to the conference along with Visiting Assistant Professor of Russian Svetlana Sundaram.

The Kenyon students lectured on their research in panels with other students from throughout the Midwest including undergraduates from Bowling Green State University, the Ohio State University, Wittenberg University and Miami University.

Bernstein's presentation was titled "Leningrad on the Volga: Exiled Leninigraders in Saratov." He followed the plight of Russians forced to relocate during the time of the Great Terror.

"It was a nice opportunity to test some of the material I'm using for my history honors thesis," said Bernstein. Bernstein's thesis is on the "Great Terror in the Soviet Union." He added that "it was good" to get a free hotel stay.

Zhurauliova's research also steered her towards Russian history. She presented a lecture entitled "Soviet World War II Posters: Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of World War II." Lucas' topic centered around Russian politics. His presentation was entitled "Popular Authoritarianism: Vladimir Putin and the Future of Russia." According to Lucas, his interest for this topic stemmed from his "study-abroad experiences in St. Petersburg last spring during the buildup to Putin's reelection in March." "I focused on this issue as part of my International Relations senior exercise," Lucas added.

Kuzmianok, who is from Belarus, also dealt with political issues in her lecture on "The Educational System in the Republic of Belarus: Today. The Impact of Presidential Dictatorship." She discussed the influence that politics has on the educational system of Belarus beginning with the collapse of the Soviet Union. She focused on the current trend away from the European idea of independence and questioning in education. Also, she discussed the effect of the president elected in 1994 who reintroduced oppression in the educational sphere.

"I considered my presentation an attempt at a liberal overview of everything I had wanted to say but couldn't in Russia," said Kuzmianok. She commented that the conference was a wonderful opportunity to "learn about other young well-educated people who are interested in politics."

"Overall, I enjoyed the conference," said Bernstein. "I especially enjoyed the end, where we saw two professors get into an intellectual fight about Marxist economics. It was the first time I've seen an intellectual fight between professors.

"It was really good," added Zhurauliova. "It was a really useful experience of public presentation. There were a lot of interesting presentations both in my section, Art and Culture, and in others I visited. Because I came from a Post-Soviet country, Belarus, it was interesting for me how international scientific community interpret the past and the present of post-Soviet bloc which was the major form of the conference."

Professor Sundaram said that she was quite happy with the presentations the students gave at the conference.

According to Zhurauliova, Sundaram encouraged all the students to participate in the conference and gave out all the information.

"[Sundaram] helped a lot with the preparation of the presentation," said Zhurauliova.

According to Sundaram, Bernstein, Kuzmianok, Lucas and Zhurauliova "did a wonderful job" and maintained the Kenyon standard of excellence. She concluded that the conference attendees from other schools were "smarmass in their praise of the performance of Kenyon student."
Preserve everyone's right to life

BY BRIAN STOCKS II
Editor-in-Chief

By the time this column sees the light of day, a woman in Phoenix will no longer deserve community grounds. Should we say the theater?Jen Baughman, Colby Mara.

The trench this column sees the light of day in Phoenix will no longer deserve community grounds. Should we say the theater? Jen Baughman, Colby Mara.

BY BRIAN STOCKS II
Editor-in-Chief

The trench this column sees the light of day in Phoenix will no longer deserve community grounds. Should we say the theater? Jen Baughman, Colby Mara.

The trench this column sees the light of day in Phoenix will no longer deserve community grounds. Should we say the theater? Jen Baughman, Colby Mara.
American men are trained from early childhood to react with cliché, a famous behavior list that tried in February, told the troops at the beginning of the first Gulf War "to make 'em see you come in a big way." The soldier in uniform does not paint an image of Jesus from scripture. It is hard to prevent the Leshonian Christianity because there was no such thing as Jesus' time. And Jesus' teaching about the family, who he treats, is also a problem. 

When traveling in Arizona during Spring Break, I saw a scene with three of the most generous individuals of Jesus at their back doors: "I God. 2. Family. 3. USA. Are you ready to meet Jesus?" It stayed with me for the remainder of the spring as I talked about it with some students. It was easy to ridicule. The United States cannot be a test of Leshonian Christianity because there was no such thing in Jesus' time. And Jesus' teaching about the family, who he treats, is also a problem.

The image of Jesus from come is: It is a cultural value forced into a religious context that no place for it, it is a cultural image of God forced into a specific religion that explicitly rejected the one from that one that Christians pray to: When masculinity, power and privilege are associated with only positive values by Christian ministers, it makes such ministers suspect. Is the Leshonian Christianity? And is the Leshonian religion that they adhere to, a faith that takes our cultural values and glorifies them, a faith that turns Jesus into a wolf in sheep's clothing? The values debate in this country is, in fact, a fight over the image we have of Jesus.

So if drilling in Alaska isn't the solution, what is? It's simple: equality. REQUIRING SUVS to have the same miles per gallon standard that cars have. Currently, federal regulations require that cars manufactured as of 2010 be driven to at least 27.5 miles per gallon of gasoline, while SUVs only have to do 20.7. In a ten year period—the amount of time it would take to make the Alaskan oil available to consumers—3.6 to 6.7 billion barrels of oil could be saved. That's slightly more than the highest projection of economically recoverable oil that can be gained from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and the best part is that this method would actually save Americans money: $45 billion a year, to be exact.

We are living in a crucial time. If the Bush administration and big oil gets their way, Alaskans will not be a refuge for wildlife but a polluted wasteland. There will be no more Outbound Tours trips to the Arctic Refuge for your kids to participate in. America will lose one of its last frontiers, we will lose a natural treasure, and the animals and people that depend on the refuge will lose their home. Write your Congressmen and President Bush, and take a look at what else you can do to help at the National Sierra Club's website. As conservationist Daniel Canfield put it: "Just as we would not flood the Grand Canyon for hydropower or cap the Great Salt Lake, we must not drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to be exact."

REACHING THE COLLEGIAN
Office: Class Tower on the top of Vanier Hall's main directory. 
Mailbox: The Kenyon Collegian, Student Activities Center, Gambier, OH 43022
Business address: PO Box 832, Gambier, OH 43022
Web site: www.kenyon.edu/collegian
WWW Address: http://collegian.kenyon.edu
Phone number: (740) 427-5308, Fax: (740) 427-3179
The opinion pages of the Collegian are open to all issue relevant to the campus and the world at large. The opinions expressed in the page only belong to the writers. Columns and letters to the editors do not reflect the opinion of the Kenyon Collegian staff. All members of the community are welcome to express opinions through letters to the editors. All letters submitted for length and clarity. The Collegian is not responsible for any requests to republish letters. Letters must be typewritten and must not exceed 500 words. The deadline for letters is Tuesday of the week before publication. The Collegian reserves the right to publish any submission. The views expressed in this paper are not necessarily endorsed by the Board of Trustees of Kenyon College.
America's angry conscience is not forgotten

TOD HORNIK
Acting Editor

"He who makes a beast of himself will get no pleasure from being a man." This quote, by the great Dr. Samuel Johnson, opens Hunter S. Thompson's Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, a more-than thirty year-old require for the American dream that is shocking in its relevance to modern times.

On a commentary track recorded for the Criterion Collection DVD release of Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, Thompson's former fiancée and the film's producer, Leila Nakash, asks him to clarify why he chose that quote to preface the story. He explains an angry response that sounds reasonable. Considering that the commentary comes from an unfiltered, and wildly demented man, who had trouble walking, speaking, and even eating, it's easy to realize just how much pain being a man. Last month, at the age of 67, Thompson's pain was too much, so he ended it like a beast, killing himself moments after ending a telephone talk with his wife, Leila. Thompson died the way he lived, on his own terms. His writing career was seemingly founded on tearing not only the lips of journalism, but also the fabric of civilization. When Scorsese's Monthly wanted Thompson to be assisted by a photographer while shooting the film by himself, Dr. Hunter, he demanded that little known abstract illustrator Ralph Steadman accompany him. Once Steadman arrived in Kevin, Dr. Thompson's wife brought him from mail order service —sources this company with mice and threw them out of their car if Steadman could make it to the drop zone. Then they did a story, Thompson is said to have shouted before driving away.

In less than a week, Thompson's death opened up a floodgates of heartfelt tributes and fond memories to his genius from fellow journalists, cops, and even the occasional inebriated fan. One man who stood out was Hunter Thompson's role in the deaths of the prominent journalists of our generation. In an interview conducted by the HBC Dr. Thompson commented that during an effort to cover a press release in the 1970s, he ended up signing more autographs than Hunter Carter, a presidential candidate at the time. One can't help but wonder if that's why, although delirious to the observer's perches, the Thompson needed for his writing, might not have been a welcome side effect. By making himself Dr. Hunter S. Thompson, the man created a voice you could trust, because there, there was at least one journalist on the scene you could trust.

When I first heard the news of Thompson's death, a man my closest friends and I adored throughout high school, I had no idea how to react. He was the kind of person who we thought it was in our best interests to become —more for the honesty and lack of tolerance for those in control than for the truly bad boys. I'll notice in the tribute to Thompson that many of his contemporaries think that in the past years he died into a joke that his generation cannot appreciate. I doubt, solemn pleasure from how untrue that is, how often I hear my friends quote their older rebel and the conclusions with which my roommate said that Rolling Stone's tribute is in its best issue in years.

In 1964, before he became Dr. Hunter S. Thompson, a young freelance journalist travelled to Ernest Hemmingway's house to find out why his literary idol committed suicide in the face of his belief about masculinity and the futility of surrender. Rather than criticize Thompson or lose faith in him following his death, I think that this generation will continue this pilgrimage, and visit Thompson's Woody Creek estate in search of his own answers to the same questions he had for his hero. People may copy the insanity in daily misunderstanding of his message, but they will find its truth and passion a hope so great, so applicable, so full of need. That's the least we can do for someone like Hunter Thompson.

Egypt is a crucial ally

BY LOIRA PACHET Staff Columnist

Though keeping up with the constant updates on the war on terrorism is a daunting task, while researching its recent developments, I have come across a lot of information both about the effectiveness of Egypt as an ally and the threat of certain groups as potential enemies. Not only in there not a huge focus on Egypt as an ally, but also not enough information about the ways in which certain groups within that nation have contributed to and shaped the current foreign relations between the U.S. and the Middle East in both positive and negative ways.

Egypt's current president, Hosni Mubarak, is a supporter of U.S. foreign policy and is just as committed to destroying the threat of terrorism and restoring peaceful relations in the Middle East. However, Mubarak is not popular among many groups in Egypt, namely the Islamists and the Muslim Brotherhood. Both of these groups are opposed to Mubarak's cooperation with the United States and stavies to unite certain U.S. policies, the Islamists are not supporters of him and would like to see the President thrown out of office.

Another Egyptian group opposing Mubarak and the United States is the Muslim Brotherhood. Responsible for the bombing of the tour bus of Germans mentioned earlier, the Muslim Brotherhood is mostly made up of Islamists and has been commonly linked with this same terror group as al Qaeda and Hamas. There is no evidence as of yet that the three groups have actually met with each other, but their beliefs and strategies are the same, and they all support each other and work towards the same goals. The Muslim Brotherhood is a group that President Mubarak must keep a close eye on if he wants to maintain the presidency and the stability of the nation, at the Muslim Brotherhood is violent, determined and extremely passionate about their Islamism views.

Even though my knowledge about the relations between Egypt, other Middle Eastern nations and the United States is still quite limited, it is probable that the United States continues to give massive quantities of foreign aid to Egypt, Mubarak naturally will continue to be friendly and help us in the war on terror. While this is a good thing for the U.S., it is unfortunately for Mubarak because he will only keep on losing popularity among groups in Egypt. It is not unfair to say that one could potentially foresee Mubarak being forced out of office or assassinated unless he maintains a delicate balance between loyalty to Egypt and loyalty to the U.S.

Though the Egyptian role in the war on terror is a huge topic to tackle, it is crucial to know at least basic information as Egypt has played, and continues to play, a significant role in the current war on terror.

OPINIONS
Thursday, March 31, 2005

This summer...

Take a course or two...

For more information about summer classes, check the course catalog or visit the Registrar's Office.

• More than 900 courses
• Accelerate your degree program... or get back on schedule
• Complete general education courses
• Complete a two-semester science course sequence in just 12 weeks! Biology, Chemistry or Physics
• Affordable tuition
• Day and evening classes
• Easy admission and registration

Check out our course schedule and download a visiting student application at www.csuohio.edu

Or call toll-free
1-888-CSU-OHIO

Make the smart choice this summer... choose...

Cleveland State University

Cleveland State University is an AT&T sponsored program. MRTV produced 04-00110
Professor writes up Woman
Abuja Woman is a challenging journey into life and story

BY LIZ SEIGLE
Staff Writer

"Storytelling has been my commodity," says visiting Assin- ton Professor of Drama Frances Tanglao-Aguas, the playwright and director of Kenyon drama department. "Watching the upcoming production of Abuja Woman is a thrilling thing for me..." Tanglao-Aguas is based in Baguio and a part time professor of Abuja Woman.

Flagged by a childhood shadowed by economic strain, dictatorship, military upheaval and depression, Tanglao-Aguas experienced great suffering during her youth. From the Philippines to Nigeria, Spain to London, and finally California—nothing sexual in her background. She has longed to experience simple pleasures such as watching films, having a life, and understanding the limits of her capabilities, testing her spirit.

Due to Tanglao-Aguas' seemingly perpetual relocation from one country to another, however, the playwright never truly has the freedom to understand her people. She had begun to connect with. He attributes, however, that writing allows him "to explore more their character, to get to know them more through the circumstances I may give them." Furthermore, through writing, he is introduced to allow these characters from all over the world to each other.

Such is the case with Abuja Woman. One character was inspired by Tanglao-Aguas' best friend in Nigeria and the other was fabricated, a result of hearing a neighbor in the Bay Area calling for her daughter, to do errands in the early morning. He says, "(in writing), I can share my vision of a world that I prefer with the world that we have." Tanglao-Aguas admits that he almost had to forget was the playwright so as not to have his role as writer overly impact and influence his role as director. The reason for this, he says, is "because the director's job is to illuminate the story on the page to an audience as clearly as possible." He goes on to add, "(in writing), the playwright is, of course, free to take the details for granted because I am aware of everything. He is sure to ask the actors as often as possible, "does this make sense to you?" I write to connect with people—to share with them who we are seen in the world or within my own mind." He maintains that both he and his work much ended up with to complete with every performance; each chance he is given to have his vision be seen and heard helps polish the product.

His job as director and playwright, he says, "is to give fellow human beings a chance to be in awe of other people, and hopefully that sense of awe will translate into a sense of curiosity about other people. Abuja Woman should be seen through a lens of openness to the differences that exist among our friends, our neighbors, and those from opposite ends of the world. Through his work, Taglao-Aguas wants his audience to "attempt connections with people for different from themselves."

Abuja Woman, written and directed by Professor Tanglao-Aguas, will be presented in the Bolton Theater at 8 p.m. on April 7, 8 and 9.

KENYON FILM SOCIETY WEEKLY PREVIEW

**Control Room**
Friday, 8:00 PM
Highly Auditorium

Seline Nonjum's Control Room is a documentary about the perception of the American war in Iraq. However, unlike most films dealing with the hot button issue, Nonjum looks at the war from the other side, focusing mainly on the coverage of Al-Jazeera television news. It is a rich narrative, perspective which makes the film stand out from the glut of films dealing with the war and its aftermaths that have been made in the past couple years.

One of the best aspects of Control Room is the rela- tively unbiased way in which the film handles the contro- versial issues it raises. Nonjum professes some reservations and offers alternative perspectives for her audience to consider, rather than preach to them. Certainly, the perspective that Al-Jazeera, routinely portrayed in this country as a "terrorist mouthpiece," has given "no great comfort to" Al-Jazeera, as Nonjum relates that Al-Jazeera, routinely portrayed in this country as a "terrorist mouthpiece," has given "no great comfort to" Al-Jazeera, as Nonjum relates that Al-Jazeera, routinely portrayed in this country as a "terrorist mouthpiece," has given "no great comfort to" Al-Jazeera. It has never, the film claims that it is an Arab network.

Nonjum said that it is an Arab network that is unlike most films dealing with the hot button issue, Nonjum looks at the war from the other side, focusing mainly on the coverage of Al-Jazeera television news. It is a rich narrative, perspective which makes the film stand out from the glut of films dealing with the war and its aftermaths that have been made in the past couple years.

**Bus 174**
Friday, 8:00 PM
Highly Auditorium

An intense and haunting documentary, Bus 174 retells the story of what happens when a homeless young Brazilian man takes an entire busload of pass- sengers hostage. He initiates a standoff with police that lasts all day and ultimately ends in tragedy. All being broadcast on live television, Director José Padilha combines that shock- ing television footage with interviews with people who had watched the film.垫利查's career documentary has the ability to keep you on the edge of your seat all the way up to its shocking and sober- ing conclusion.

At the same time, this is a very intelligently made film that understands the complex social workings that underline tragedies like this one. Padilha's documentary has the ability to keep you on the edge of your seat all the way up to its shocking and sober- ing conclusion.

If you know better than to end a sentence with a preposition, if you do not... EVER split infinitives and if you know when to use "its" and not "its", it will be fun.

The Kenyon Collegian has, for years, prided itself on the quality of its writers and their ability with words. Kenyon College has done well the same about its marvelous students. Thus, we can logically deduce that there are all sorts of capable writers in hiding out there, just waiting for The Collegian to give them a unique opportunity they will never, ever regret.

The Kenyon Collegian.
"We're above where you eat."
MTV offers idiotic vice

Sun and sin never mix... especially on nationally broadcast television in March.

By GIOFF NELSON
Humor Columnist

"What happens in Cancun stays in Cancun." A few days ago, the cliché was once again uttered by MTV's Vanesa Minnillo to urge concerted yelping of the Spring Break game show to truly let loose. Well, Vanesa, I would imagine that what happens in Cancun probably does stay in Cancun — unless, of course, it's happening on national television. In that case, what happens in Cancun probably won't be staying there at all. In fact, your parents will probably wonder why you're dancing and grinding, sandwiched between 50 Cent and Lloyd Banks, as MTV considers you an appropriate response. And yet, despite the obvious consequence of embarrassment, many of the college students are still drawn to the yearly call of spring break debauchery, and MTV has considered it a mission to journalistically document the proceedings. By offering a variety of shows and specials, MTV's "Spring Break" week has a little something for everyone. And seemingly, anything is possible in Cancun.

Jimmy Fallon, who was advertising his new movie Fever Pitch at the time, blatantly attacked a pinta that refused to break even as his efforts grew more and more furious. He was probably still pissed at whoever made him do that movie Taxi. A quick aside: how does acting end in these movies? Do they not even read the scripts or is this just the consequence of losing a Super Bowl bet to Jerry Reuss?

Sort of explains how Nic Cage ended up in National Treasure. Back to Fallon — the MTV Spring Break crowd went wild as he continued to obliterate the pinta. I was appalled, but unlike the Spring Break set, I hadn't been drinking tequila all morning, which surely would have made Fallon's debauchment of a traditional Mexican celebration absolutely hilarious.

Next was a spring break dating show where a female contestant had to choose between three "available" spring break guys. First of all, "availability" doesn't exactly seem like a scarce quality on spring break. I'm sure this girl was not driven to go on the show, because there were simply too many guys in committed relationships in Cancun. "Vouch, Vanesa, I looked and looked but all the guys at Senor Frogs were just too into their girlfriends to pay attention to me.

The kicker to the show was that the girl's father was helping decide which guy she should end up with and the three guys that MTV's producers picked were clearly aimed at giving this man a heart attack. The first one looked like a cruiser version of Deniro at the end of Taxi Driver, with an even ramer Mohawk and a cut off flannel shirt. The second guy admitted to sleeping with four girls in one afternoon and basically gave the Dad a look that seemed to say, "Everything I know about women I learned from a rap video." The final eligible spring break guy was a dreadlocked guy, scratch that, a dreadlocked man who didn't look a day under 35 and had to be somehow affiliated with Lil' John and The East Side Boys. You could see this girl's father panic with their three faces and try to assess which one would be less likely to commit murder on a first date.

He must have known that he couldn't help his daughter because no matter which guy he chose, the proctology did not look good. It was sort of like a spring break Sophie's Choice. He had that same pained look on his face that everyone gets right before Kris Vanout Reaves has dialogue in a movie where you know he's going to be bad but you're just hoping it doesn't go too terribly. We call this managing risk, which in Keane's case means avoiding the words "whoa" and "dude." In the end the dad elected to eliminate the 35 year old Eddie Boyt look-a-like in the hopes of carrying out any "seek, seek, g-

At this point, in sheer pity, I had to turn off MTV's Spring Break and return to the color realities of Ohio in March. And even though we don't have girls in bikinis, a beach or anyone from the G Unit crew I think we have some advantages on Cancun. Well at least one distinct advantage, what happens in Gambrill definitely stays in Gambrill.

DO YOU HAVE AS FOR OUR MANY Q's?
THEN AS WE WANTS YOU NOW PLEASE. HORNICK or WEISS are the e-mails. Now's the damn time. Food? Thanks. We appreciate you reading this far.

A list of movie sequels on the level of their predecessors

By DAVID JACOB
Film Critic

To all of you Gay Shorty fans who wanted to know, yes, The Godfather, while certainly one of the classic sequels worthy of watching:


Back in the Hare (1999) for the 100th spurt. And, the "Go Ninja, Go Ninja, Go!" number by Vanilla Ice is musical cinematic at its finest.

9. Lethal Weapon 2 (Richard Donner, 1989). Richard Donner kept all the best parts of the first Lethal Weapon. We don't care, things exploding for no reason and Mel Gibson's mullet. This installment of the series also made sure that P Background for the load, weirdly stuckick Leo Daidentention things exploding for no reason?

8. The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (Peter Jackson, 2002). After the success of The Fellowship of the Ring (Jackson 2001), Peter Jackson takes his epic story to a new level. Sir Ian McKellen and Christopher Lee's fantastic performances are complemented by the CGI-designed Gollum, and the climactic battle at Helm's Deep which ranks among the greatest battle scenes of all time.

7. Evil Dead 2 (Sam Raimi, 1987). Original director Sam Raimi and his dim, this hilarious odd classic is one of the most entertaining sequels ever. How many heroes has the guy in the suit all of their possessed head and replace it with a chairman in order to kill the dead? What more could you ask?

6. Terminator 2: Judgment Day (James Cameron, 1991). This was not a sequel for all time. Arnold Schwarzenegger with the perfect campaign platform: future

instincts who are reprogrammed by their intended victims to save mankind make the best governors. The chase scene with the oil truck was enough to win my vote.

4. Kill Bill vol. 2 (Quentin Tarantino, 2004). Though lacking in the flowing blood and humanity of the first Kill Bill, Tarantino's follow up shows why he is a masterful director. In Volume 2 is a masterful tribute to classic kung fu movies and spaghetti westerns. Uma Thurman proves that she can fight with the best of them.

3. The Empire Strikes Back (Irvin Kershner, 1980). From the opening battle on the frozen planet to Luke's epic showdown with Darth Vader, Empire is arguably the best
**The best of *Times* arrives**

by KATY COSSE

Staff Writer

"It's a great experience—to see how you push yourself past your own limits, how much you can memorize in how many hours a day." Beth Kozlowski, '05, speaks of her last months at Kenyon—complete with two sets of exams—with a mix of surprise and stress familiar to any senior. Unlike her performance with the weekend's Old Times centers around the memory wars of a life and a life, and how we use them later.

"About how long was the version that we had to memorize, and how are they anyway?" she says. "Is that change okay? Can we find the truth behind memory, and how much of what we remember is true?"

Kozlowski plays Kate in Harold Pinter's 1970 work. She is a London woman with no nerves, who settles down and married to Dedeley (Gould Delmott '00). Dedeley is an "unfortunately named, oddly bigotted," who, as Delmott notes, "has pretty much when stopping anybody attention all to his wife."

This marriage is drawn back into itself with the arrival of Anna, Kate's old flame from the glory days of her twenties. Anna, played by Emily Callison '06, Kate... for very funny reasons.

"I have returned to glory in the past," Callison says. "I want Kate to reveal me to her... so I'm not so much as do... But [Delmott's] version of Kate is so different from mine," she says, "that we are both, in a sense, battling each other over who knows her better."

Anna's war stories lead to a war of sorts when she and Dedeley begin to draw over their memories, over the possession of the truth and of Kate herself.

"They're trying to prove whose version of the past is right," says director Sarah Griswold '05. "There's a lot of lying going on."

"You are the question of what's true and what's not," says Callison. "We can manipulate memories... we take those memories and use them against one another."

For Kozlowski, the biggest challenge was discerning why Kate, with the most of her finest lines of all "She's the lady one who knows the truth, but is she just guiart? Or is there another?" The question is a common one when performing Pinter, and she cautions "The concept of the first..." (quote insert). With Pinter is assuming every line has a subtext. Sometimes it's just what she feels.

Kozlowski did not originally think out the notoriously different playbill, but took on the role when she presented it. "Professor Merley had handed us the script [for Old Times]... and since someone hands you Pinter, it's such a challenge, you can't really say no to it.""}

**Senior’s film offers scares, laughs**

by JESSIE SALTZ

Staff Writer

With ghosts, grave robbers and grisly murders, *Undertaker* packs a lot of fright into twenty minutes of black and white film. The movie is the senior thesis of Dan Neidecker, who wrote the script, and Zach Roach, who directed the piece. (Alston Roper '05) is a young woman in the nine- teenth century who has just moved to a small, rural town with her aging father (David Livingston '05).

While attempting to plant her new garden, she is approached by a strange man, who ominously warns, "Nothing will grow there. Before you can begin to enervate the... the longing... the guilt..., I know the thing. I feel it's the best... tool I've got."

"It's a big house game, really," says Delmott, "except with really big stakes like losing your wife. That's how we're trying to approach the action of the play— as a game. Hopefully, that'll make more sense to the audience."

"As an act," says Kozlowski, "you are focused on the story you have pictured and you let the overlying themes come out of that. Sarah has been really helpful with that, in making things clearer than others."

Griswold credits some that care with the size of her cast. The small cast is "great" although it allowed her to be bippy, she was able to be more involved and didn't have to worry about juggling too many people.

"There is more responsibilities to one another [in a small cast]," says Callison. "You depend on each other, more. There is an intense listening that comes after a lot of rehearsal... and it's really fun when you hear a line, one you've heard a hundred times before, and suddenly hear another meaning in it..."

Then your next line changes because of that, and then you go for this very new conflict on stage.

"Working with Sam has been fantastic," says Delmott. "When I sat down to read the play for the first time, I got twenty pages in and thought, 'I have no idea what's going on in this thing,' and to rename it into this little gothic domestic drama, to have the audience understand what we're going on about with Emily and I are arguing about in every verse, is one of the toughness challenges I've faced at Kenyon. I credit our success at that... finger crossed, to Sarah."

---

**PAID ADVERTISEMENT**

**IS YOUR PROFESSOR USING THE CLASSROOM AS A POLITICAL SOAPBOX?**

This is a violation of your academic rights.

The use of classrooms for political indoctrination is a violation of students’ academic freedom.

The 1940 Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure* declares: "Teachers are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subject, but they should be careful not to introduce into their teaching controversial matter which has no relation to their subject." (This clause was reaffirmed in 1970.)

If you are not taking a course whose subject is the war in Iraq, your professor should not be making statements about the war in class. If the class is not on contemporary American presidents, presidential administrations or some related subject, there is no educational or professional reason to be hammering President Bush.

We do not expect our doctors to impose their political opinions on us when we go to them for treatment. We should likewise not be assaulted by the political prejudices of professors when we attend their classes to get an education.

If your professor is abusing his or her teaching privilege or is confused about the professional obligations of an educator please contact us.

---

Support Ohio Senate Bill 24 --

The Academic Bill of Rights sponsored by Senators Mumper, Watchman, Jordan & Cafes

Students for Academic Freedom

Contact information: Sara Dogan 202.393.0123

WWW.STUDENTSFORACADEMICFREEDOM.ORG
Softball wins three in a row, settles in at 8-8

BY WILL O'KEEFE
Staff Reporter

The Kenyon Ladies Softball team brought their record to 500 (8-8) today with a double header against the Wilmington College Quakers on Tuesday afternoon. Since returning from their spring break trip to Fort Meyer, Fla., the Ladies are 3-1, their only loss coming at the hands of Baldwin Wallace. The first game of the double header was an outstanding game in which the Ladies pulled it out in the bottom of the tenth inning.

The team went into the meet against Wilmington with a mission. Said sophomore Olivia Tucci, "Last year we lost two games to Wilmington, so we definitely came into these games fired up to get some payback."

Down one run in the sixth inning, sophomore Annie Brobst came to the plate with sophomore Kaye Zrodjeski on third base. Brobst managed to run out an infield hit allowing Zrodjeski to score tying run. The game was scoreless until the tenth inning, when the Ladies found themselves down two runs. With only one out, they headed the bases. Brobst came up big once again as she hit a ball down the left field line, clearing the bases with an inside-the-park home run.

On the defensive side, sophomore Ashley Morrison pitched the final five innings of the game, allowing three runs on six hits. She was then replaced by first-year Stephanie Hempminger who pitched the final five innings allowing two runs on three hits.

Said Tucci about the first game, "even though we were down in the bottom of the tenth, we refused to be defeated and never gave up. I think that really shows the heart and determination of our team."

The second game of the day was completely different from the first due to the length of the earlier game. This one was called after the fifth inning due to darkness with the Ladies leading 6-4.

The Ladies came out firing in this game as they scored all their runs in the first two innings of the game. The scoring was led off with a home run from Tucci, followed up by a two-run triple from senior Dana Halacki. In the second inning the Ladies continued their offensive with RBI singles from Brobst, junior Megan Sheasby and Halacki. Wilmington did not score until the top of the fifth inning, which ended up being the final inning of the game.

Sophomore Sarah Estner pitched all five innings for the Ladies allowing one run on seven hits. Senior Allison Diegel was happy with the performance of the team, saying "In the past, we would be satisfied with one win and rarely come through with the sweep, but the team this year isn't satisfied with 500. We want to go to NCAC playoffs again, and our desire to do so is evident."

The Ladies hope to extend their three-game winning streak when they head out on the road to take on Marietta College. "We have a very strong team with a lot of depth," said junior Jeney Glasser. "It's going to be an exciting season."

---

Kenyon lax off to rocky start

The Kenyon Lords lacrosse team is off to a disappointing start this season, as they have posted a 2-4 record which includes three losses in a row. The Lords fall to Whittier College on Tuesday in front of a home crowd, with a final score of 14-7.

Following an early Kenyon lead on goals by junior Sam O'Neill and sophomore Adam Lucas, Whittier tied the game at three by the end of the first quarter. Though tied once again going into the second half of the game, the Lords' only managed to put the ball in the net twice following the break.

Sophomore Luke Larson had three goals and an assist and was aided by junior Joel Harvey and sophomore Sean Wheeler, who each had a goal and an assist in the game. Goalkeeper senior Dave Neiman and first-year Charlie Brookdick amassed eighteen saves to Whittier's sixteen, but their performances in goal were not enough to prevent the loss.

The Whittier game was preceded by a game against undefeated Hamilton College on March 26, in which the Lords gave the Poets a bit of trouble before finally succumbing to them by a score of 9-6.

The Poets came out strong, scoring three goals in the first period, but allowed the Lords to catch up, and the teams entered halftime closely matched at 4-3. However, Hamilton again came out ready to play, landing three goals in the third period to Kenyon's one. Though the Lords came back on two fourth period goals by sophomore Sean Wheeler, they were matched by Hamilton's point for point.

Next up, the Lords take on Ohio Wesleyan University at 12 p.m. on Saturday and at Wittenberg University on April 6 for a night game.

Ladies lacrosse falls short at home

The Kenyon Ladies lacrosse team narrowly missed taking their season record to 4-1 last Saturday, as they constructed a late rally only to fall to the College of Notre Dame (Maryland) by a final score of 8-7. Kenyon scored six points in the second half to keep the game interesting right until the end.

Coming through for the Ladies in a big way was junior Kaye Bell, who scored two of the six second half goals, four total in the game, and also put up assists. Adding to the late-coming offense was freshman Amanda Drummond who had two goals and an assist, and sophomore Julia Simon, who started the second half rally with an early goal.

The tough loss followed up a dominating win against Seon Hill University on March 23. Seven different Ladies scored in that game, led by Drummond with five, Bell with three, sophomore Lauren Greene with three and first-year Amy Zimmerman with two. The offensive drought did not mean that the defense could rest, as they kept Seon Hill to a more thirteen shots on goal, with senior goalie Maggie Robertson stopping eight of those.

Over spring break, the Ladies went 2-1 in competition in Texas, taking down by 10-9. The last win was an 11-10 overtime victory and defeating the University of Dallas 14-2. The loss during the excursion came in the outing against Colorado College, who kept the Ladies to a mere 5 points to their 18.

The Ladies will next host Ohio Wesleyan University on April 2 at 1 pm.

Outdoor track makes debut

Last weekend, both the men’s and women’s outdoor track teams traveled to Cedarville University to compete in the first meets of the year. The Lords managed a number of top ten finishes, allowing them to move up for eighth place with University of Rio Grande and the Ladies took fourth place, with four top ten finishes.

Senior Dan Silverman scored three points for the team by taking seventh place in the javelin event, with a throw of 418.7 meters. The rest of the scoring was done in the running events, by senior captains Tyler Newman in the 400 meter steeplechase, where he placed third, in the same event, junior Robin Multiple took fifth place, so that the team gathered ten points from one event.

Other top finishes for the men included first-year Andy Berger in the 400 meter dash, who ran in 53.25, good for eighth place, sophomore Aliy Cousins and junior Andrew Hammersack, who finished in ninth and tenth place respectively, first-year Hannah Hulitop who finished fourth in the 400 meter hurdles, and sophomore Rich Belfiore that ran the 5000 meter race in 15:40.24 to take ninth place. The 4x100 meter relay team added four points to the team’s total score of 25 by placing fifth.

The Ladies were less successful against the same teams but followed the same trends, scoring only five total points. Junior Jordan Anthony finished fifth in the 800 meter steeplechase, the highest placement of the day for a Kenyon Lady. Junior Jeri Quilty and sophomore Arianna Rose took ninth place in each of their races, the 5000-meter run and the 400 meter hurdles, respectively.

Both teams will see action next at the College of Wooster Invitational on April 2.
Men's and women's tennis teams take to courts

BY SARA KAPLOW
Sports Editor

The Lords and Ladies teams have been busy so far this season, establishing 5-4 and 2-2 records respectively. Both teams faced Baldwin-Wallace College on Tuesday with winning results, as the Lords defeated the Yellow Jackets 4-1 and the Ladies won by a score of 6-3.

The teams headed into spring break with a 3-1 record, with wins against Walsh Col- lege, University of Chicago and Rose-Hulman College and a defeat at the rackets of the University of Toledo. The Lords took down Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBA) on March 7, winning four of the singles matches and two in the doubles field for a final score of six matches to PBA's three.

Senior Borko Testic, the team's number one player, led the team by defeating PBA's Paul Segodo in singles and then teamed up with senior Mike Herrick to defeat the number one doubles team. Senior Joe Freeman and first year Sean Stewart each defeated their opponents in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2 and 6-0, 6-2, respectively.

The Ladies also took on Palm Beach Atlantic during the break, but fell to the Sailfish 5-4. They started off slowly, losing the top three matches. The only top three lady to take a set was senior Stephanie Cohn, who took the first set but then fell to PBA's Meghan Wede- geld, 6-1, 6-4. The second half of the ladder proved strong, as senior Emily King, senior Carlie Looney and first year Meredith Brown defeated each of their foes. The team also succumbed in doubles, with number three Cohn and King defeating Amy Conner and Anna Orr.

A few days later the two Kenyon teams took on St. Thomas University and North- wood University, with each team defeating St. Thomas but falling short against Northwood. The top two men's singles players, Testic and Herrick, won in straight sets, and fourth-ranked senior Brian Tausman took down Iles-Turnquist 4-6, 7-5, 10-8. Against St. Thomas, the Lords pulled off a win in the doubles portion, with the team of Herrick and Testic defeating St. Thomas' Francisco Alvarez and Tiago Cerri, 9-7.

The Ladies had no trouble breaking St. Thomas, with a shutout score of 9-0. Not one of the St. Thomas women won a set against the dominating Kenyon team, which went on to fall to Northwood by the slim margin of 5-4. While the top three ladies fell in straight sets, the bottom part of the ladder kept the team in the game, with Brown, sophomore Lauren Troy and junior Erica Lundburg taking their games in straight sets. The Ladies went into the doubles competition tied at three games each, but only pulled off one win, as the team of Troy and Lundburg took the number three game, 8-2.

A nimble Lords tennis player sends the ball back towards his opponent in a recent match. Both the Lords and the Ladies have begun their seasons, with the Ladies compiling a 2-2 record and the Lords a 3-0 record.

The men had more trouble against Northwood, going down 9-0. Lacking the leadership and skill of Testic, only one Lord managed to win a set, as number four raked senior Jon Greenberg put up at 6-4 set against eventual winner Fabri- cio Correa. The overwhelmed Lords also went 0-3 in doubles, and returned to Kenyon with split results.

Both teams face Hiram College at home on Thursday.

Lords take on Floridian teams during spring training

BY MARC STEINER
Staff Reporter

The Kenyon Lords baseball team spent their two weeks of spring break in Sarasota and St. Piers, Fla., but it was not just for fun and sun. The Lords went on a serious team on their trip south, winning the Sarasota Spring Classic tournament and leaving with a 10-4 record before starting league play against Hilmar.

The team was led by pitcher Michael Coe, who was named to the All-Tournament and NCAC pitcher of the week. The Lords' offense was also formidable. The team scored over seven runs a game during the tournament and was led at the plate by sophomore Brandon Hobsherry, first-year Shane Milburn and junior Zack Burns, who were also elected to the All-Tournament team.

The spring games served as an opportunity for a surge and talented first-year class to mesh with the majority of returning players. As for the squad's chemistry, "I'm going to have to approach the upcoming season from a different perspective," tenth year head coach Matt Burdette said. "With this much depth and with a host of newcomers, there's a lot of room for the unknown to creep in. However, there is a good deal of talent, and if it develops and matures as expected, then good things are in store for this young team.

Much of the incoming talent will focus on filling in the pitching staff, where the Lords have been an offensive oriented team, and while this squad looks to strike a better balance, the team looks to rely on their three all-conference players: senior Nick Sussman, and juniors Matt Manzuczyk and Tyler Kraftyanagh. Sussman, last year's offensive MVP, will again be asked to jump-start the Lord's from the leadoff spot, where he hit .423 and posted a remarkable .511 on-base percentage in 2004. Manzuczyk will return to the three-hole in the Lord's lineup and continue his assault on the Kenyon College record books, where he already owns the College's single-season record for most hits, doubles and runs scored. Kraftyanagh adds another reliable presence to the Kenyon batting order, but is regarded more for his strong defensive play behind the plate.

Kenyon appears to have improved exponentially thanks to the growing experience of the team's key returning players and an influx of young talent. The team will likely soon eclipse last season's win total of thirteen. "Good things are in store," says Burdette, "but it seems to be a rallying cry for the up-and-coming squad, and their non-conference success in Florida bodes well for a continued upswing."

Upcoming Baseball Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>April 2</td>
<td>Oberlin</td>
<td>1 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 3</td>
<td>Oberlin</td>
<td>1 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 6</td>
<td>Lake Erie</td>
<td>2 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 9</td>
<td>Wooster</td>
<td>1 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 10</td>
<td>Wooster</td>
<td>1 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 12</td>
<td>Cedarville</td>
<td>4 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 14</td>
<td>Capital</td>
<td>4 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April 16</td>
<td>Cask Western</td>
<td>1 p.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Home games are in all caps

Steve Kline
**Lords keep the streak alive, win 26th NCAA title**

**SPORTS**

Thursday, March 31, 2005

BY SARAH KAPLOW

For the 26th time in 26 years, the Kenyon Lords claimed the highest honor in Division III swimming, taking home the 2005 NCAA American swimming and diving championships. The streak is the longest consecutive championship streak in college sports, and record-holders were high going into the culmination event held at Kope College in Holland, Mich.

"It's a lot bigger than any one of us, or the team, so we try not to compare ourselves to it," said senior Rachel Hunt. "It's an incredible accomplishment, and is becoming more and more immeasurable as the years go on."

Record-setting senior Elizabeth Lord elaborated on this premise, as he said that "The 25 earlier titles were won by previous teams. This year's team wanted our first title."

With a final score of 556 points, despite lacking competitive divers, the Lords tremendously overshadowed rival Emory University, which came in at a far second with 404 points. Neighboring Denison University, and members of the NCAC, the division in which Kenyon competes, came in fifth with 240 points, following Johns Hopkins University and William & Mary.

Breaking in eleven events, including the men's only event of 400 yard medley, Rhythm, the Lords were in control of the competition for almost the entire weekend. Despite a disappointing disqualification in the 200 yard medley relay, which ended their streak of 26 straight relay wins, which put the Lords down by a few points, they quickly rebounded and were up by over 100 points on both sides.

The Lords won the first three events of the competition, beginning with the 200-yard freestyle relay, in which the team of junior Andreszyk, Duda, Hunt, and junior James Sorry and senior Toni Ashby clocked in at 1:27:73. The next event was Rhythm's first of the meet, and in a time of 4:22:95, set a new NCAA record in the 500-yard medley, beating Kenyon's own alum Marnie Countryer's 1980 time by five seconds. In the same event, first-year Alexander Cant made his NCAA championship debut, swimming to fifth place.

In the 200-yard individual medley, other teams could not avoid the Kenyon swimmers, as they made up six of the field of sixteen swimmers. Led by Duda, in first place, who also won the 100 yard butterfly, the Lords took one fourth, sixth, ninth, tenth, sixteenth and thirty-first place. Each team looked forward to their second relay title of the day, with the ten-time of 3:18:26. The first day ended with Kenyon leading Emory 175-138.

"It was definitely weird being in my home pool for the national championships," said Gessell, "especially having the rest of the team with me."

The second day started off on a sour note, as the Kenyon relay team was disqualified, after appearing to win in the 200 yard medley. Instead, Emory took the top three, but Rhythm helped the Lords rebound with this win in the 800 yard individual medley. However, it was followed closely by junior Tavis Eason in second and then by Gabriel Rodrigues, who placed fifth. He appeared to send the Lords in the right direction, as Rhythm's win was followed up by Duda's second title of the meet. With a time of 49:38, Duda led the field, with Ashby and Hunt following him in fifth and sixth respectively.

Rhythm's swimmers, Duda, Zarin and Gessell were then sent back through the team in the 100 yard breaststroke, taking the top two spots in the podium with times of 1:00:55:02 and 1:00:56:22, respectively.

The last two events of the day saw Hunt win second place in the 100 yard backstroke and another win for a Lords relay team. Seniors Paul Korman and Ben Hugos led the way, along with Ashby and Hunt, took home the title in the 800 yard freestyle relay, beating second-place Washington University by nearly 51 seconds. However, as the day came to a close, the end of the second day, Emory was far behind in points, trailing the Kenyon swimmers by 197 points.

Rhythm again started the Lords' third day off impressively, beating his own record set with a time of 1:14:39 in the 400 yard freestyle medley. Despite the late-in-the-game effort, with a time in the first-place finisher by John Michael Northcutt making his debut and taking tenth. The final few events were relatively quiet for the Lords, as they did not win another individual title until the 200 yard breaststroke event, which would only be lead by two punch by Zarin and Gessell Again. In the relay, they took first place, with Gessell trailing by less than half a second at 2:00.07. First-year Alex Stokx and senior Will Wakefield also participated in the event, placing eleventh and fourteenth respectively.

The event was Dave's favorite of the competition, and both he and Goya appreciated having an opportunity to reconnect with their teammates. "That was the first time I felt like I was actually racing someone," said Zarin.

To wrap up the win, the Lords' relay team (Duda, Berger, Hunt and Ashby) took the win in the 200 yard freestyle relay in a time of 1:39.40. The win finished off an incredible weekend for Kenyon, though the team and fans expected nothing less.

"We won," said Hunt. "Holding the national championship trophy is absolutely euphoric."

---

**Lady swimmers fall just short, settle for second**

**SPORTS**

BY MARCO NUNO-VELHELAN

Staff Reporter

From March 10 through the 12, while most students were engaging themselves at spring weekend and spring break, the Kenyon Lady swimmers team was competing in their 22nd NCAA Championship meet in Holland, Mich. Kenyon women's swimming, with twenty NCAA championship titles in 22 years, has long been considered the pinnacle of success in women's collegiate competition. However, with this kind of legacy clinging to its suite, the team has had to fight even harder, constantly buffing off the ever-increasing competition, as teams try to put an end to the dynasty of Kenyon swimming. This year the Emory University Eagles were able to do just that.

Kenyon took one step down the podium that weekend, as they took home a second place as a 1-0-5-3 finish in the national championships. In third was Denison University with 1396, St. Mary's College (257) in fourth, and fifth Michigan State.

Entering the third day of competition, Kenyon swimmers had nothing to lose, but they also didn't have the tools to make a serious run at Emory.

"If you look at the meet from the 2008 season you don't have the tools to make a serious run at Emory," said Kenyon Head Coach Jon Kormann.

"We've had some great swimmers. John Manrique, the Kenyon swimmer of the year, and Joni Rastelli, a 1995 Kenyon graduate, was served NCAA Coach of the Year as head coach of the Eagles. With remaining performances in the three meets preceding Nats—we're charging our NCAA 50 and 100 yard backstroke, and swimming a great race in the 200 yard freestyle, which placed third—our program is in a good position."

The meet's closing ceremonies, which were held Monday morning in Park City, Utah, included the team's first national championship. The team was honored for their second-place finish in the National Championships. The team was honored as the team that had competed the longest and best in the nation.