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Though Gambier Village Council members celebrated a significant drop in water usage from previous years at a meeting on March 14, Gambier water overall situation remains a work in progress.

The cost of water in Gambier has proven problematic for the past several years, and though the village has had three different Village Administrators and three different mayors in the past six years, the situation is now beginning to show signs of improvement.

According to Mayor Kirk Emerett, when he campaigned for the position in 2003, multiple problems existed with water. "There had been no taxes in rates for several years although our costs for water purchased from Mount Vernon went up each year," he said. "Further, 90%-95% of the water we bought from Mount Vernon was not being billed by the village, due to water losses, defective meters and billing problems."

Since then, according to former Village Administrator (VA) Jim Lenleth, Gambier has contracted with Mount Vernon for its water supply. Prior to that, Kenyon supplied the village with water from Wells College's property. "Somewhere along the line," said Lenleth, "someone from the College said, 'We're a private entity supplying water to the public,'"

The contract with Mount Vernon established that Gambier would install its own water line to be part of Mount Vernon's water system. Mount Vernon, as the water supplier, annually increases the water rates and thus the amount of money that Gambier has to pay. When, as Emerett said, Gambier did not raise student resident water rates, the village was left with extremely high water bills. Emerett said that the Mount Vernon water department "ran[es] rates each year at the same amount our charges are increased."

Council will vote next month to approve this year's water rate increase. Likewise, Gambier pays to cover "increased costs and wages" for Mount Vernon's waste treatment plant, and Village Council will vote to approve the 2% increase in sewer rates at next month's meeting.

However, the disparity between village and city water rates is merely one component of the larger problem. Leaks, especially long undetected ones, have been a major factor in the high water costs that the village has accumulated. In 2001, the Collegian reported that the old age of the pipes were causing the leaks, and "Despite several repairs to severe leaks, water pressure is forcing its way through new locations on the pipelines and, in turn, wasting water."

In 1993, according to statistics from the Ohio EPA, Gambier used 75,000 gallons of water per day. However, by 2004, then VA Lenleth stated that the village was using around 400,000 gallons per day, when a major leak was discovered outside of Matter Residence Hall which was losing 100,000 gallons of water each day, according to a 2004 Collegian article. Though the leakage problems have cost the village thousands of dollars in the last five years, improvement is still an ongoing process. At last week's Village Council meeting, current VA Bob McDonald noted that several leaks had been discovered and fixed in the past.

Kenyon joins WRC

BY KATE HILLMAN
Staff Reporter

President S. Georgia Nugent signed Kenyon onto the Worker Rights Consortium on Mar. 9 after Kenyon United Students Against Sweatshops (KUSAS) lobbied for its approval. "I think [Kenyon's] having joined is one of the greatest things to happen at Kenyon in the past four years," said KU- SAS member Nadia Reiman '05. The WRC is a non-profit organization, created by colleges and universities, to improve conditions for sweatshop workers. "The WRC lobbies, the organization's purpose is to "assist the enforcement of international Codes of Conduct adopted by colleges and universities. The Codes are created to ensure that companies producing clothing and other goods bearing "fair trade" or "sweatshop-free" labels actually meet fair labor standards in their global supply chain," according to the WRC's website.

According to Reiman, it is "difficult for schools in avoiding sweatshops, because basically all companies use them." Instead of only signing on to the WRC, "We recognize, along with our affiliates, that many schools directly profit from women, men, and children around the globe who manufacture clothing in sweatshops. To bear an institutional logo," said Reiman. "We're Kenyon students [demanded] that our College accept responsibility for the conditions under which their licensed apparel is made. To accomplish this goal, we are asking the College to sign on to the WRC."

Senate debates drinking culture

BY SHEA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

"We are here today to talk about the drinking culture at Kenyon," Senate Co-Chair Meredith Fitch said at the April 7 meeting. "This is something we need to change and that people know we need to change."

"We really need to come up with a way to change the way things are around here," Fitch said. Senate President G. Georgia Nugent agreed that the solution needs to come from the student body.

"I feel all of us agree that some kind of crackdown is not a successful way to go. In the face of that, just fix it is not going to work," Nugent said.

Independent representative Andy Vaught agreed students need to take a leadership role in coding what can be done. "We need to look at ourselves a lot before we decide how we can fix this school, if we can even do that," Vaught said.

Sophomore Tucker Cottingham presented one student-led option to the Senate. He suggested creating a group called Student's for Students that could serve as an open forum for discussion about drugs and alcohol.

Cornthwaith said there is a gap between students and the administration, and that students are afraid to go to the counseling center to ask questions about drug or alcohol abuse for fear of getting in trouble.

"I think this would be an effort to bridge that gap," Cornthwaith said. "I think we need to just get down to helping students."

Professor Yang Xiao suggested that the administration need to create more on-campus activities. "I think we need to still do things to offer them more things to do than just drink and party," Xiao said. "He added that Kenyon needed to under go a cultural revolution. "Reform is difficult, and cultural revolution is especially difficult," Xiao said.

Faculty co-chair Alex McConkey suggested legislation needs to be crafted to deal with this issue. "I think that some serious policy changes need to be considered," McConkey said. He suggested that the college should forbid keg parties and underage student attendance at parties were alcohol is served. Senate Council President Nick Xenakis disagreed and said the students need to take responsibility.

"The responsibility is going to be on students to change the culture, and only Kenyon," Xenakis said. Ashley Fitch, the off campus housing representative, said students have a skewed idea about what side-effects responsible drinking can have. "People think it's okay to pass out, okay to throw up because they don't want to get themselves or friends in trouble," Fitch said.

Giovanetti suggested that students may be more willing to seek help if they know their parents will not be notified. "People were fine dealing with the responsibility for things, but they didn't want their parents to know," Giovanetti said.

Nugent said that if this is a great student fear, then perhaps the administration should look for other alternatives. "May be one alternative would be having to ride with security and seeing the stickiness of the problem," Nugent said.

The Senate will meet again this Thursday and the following Thursday to continue its discussion.

Weather or not

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Saturday: Sunny High: 64°F, low: 48°F
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Nugent, under standing the gathering this wrong, Residence.

KUSAS member Kristi Evestrand '07, the process to get the administration to sign onto the WRC has been too long and drawn out. We have worked hard for two years and only recently pushed through to success thanks to Don [of Students Donald] Good putting pressure on the administration.

KUSAS member Dana Boer '07 agreed, saying she was "en-ergetic" when she found out Kenyon had joined. "We had been making considerable progress lately — but to find that we were actually making progress...was surreal. Our campaign—after nearly three years of work—was successful." Omahan said she was closely involved with the project. "I first became aware of and involved in this process during the last half of 2005," said Omahan. "I worked closely with KUSAS, President Nugent, and other members of the College’s administration in gathering information and best understanding WRC, its program, and its processes." KUSAS’ lobbying was pro-longed as Nugent attempted to understand more clearly why Kenyon should join the WRC.

"A colleague of mine at Prince-eton told me I greatly respect and who had taken the lead for that universi ty, in considering these issues of work-er’s rights did express preference for the Part Labor Association, an organiza tion allied to the WRC," the WRC, said Nugent. "That led me to just want a clearer understanding of the situation."

The FLA, like the WRC, is a non-profit organization that is de-voted to promoting international labor standards. According to Reiman, the FLA is run by corporations that give companies a "heads up" before they visit factories.

"The WRC does random checks," said Reiman. "In the past, the FLA has been biased and hasn’t given fair reports.

However, Nugent said signing onto the WRC was a complicated process. "There were many angles that needed to be researched," she said. "One of the reasons that decisions in college set-tings may take so long is that one wants at all costs to avoid unintended consequences. For example, in this case, I wanted to understand fully what the impact on the bookstore would be. One positive aspect of this process is that because we felt we had fully done our homework, we were able to commit with conviction."

I believe that signing onto the WRC is an extension of the College’s contribution to make just and fair society," said Omahan. "Not only is the College being a good member of society, it is being a good role model for students as they consider their own relationship between com-munity and action in their lives."

According to the WRC web-site, Kenyon is one of 135 schools that have become affiliates, Oberlin College, and The Ohio State Uni- versity are among the consortium’s members.

However, Associate Professor of Economics William Melick is curious about the WRC’s mission. "I do not know much about the WRC and my specialty is not labor economics," he said. "It may be that the situation in tex-tile production in third-world countries resembles the coal company town.

Only one employer operates a garment factory and that employer uses its market power to exploit the employees. In this situation, the Worker Rights Consortium, with its ability to encourage the employer to offer higher wages—or equivalently better working conditions—can help correct the inefficiency."

"But there is another solution," Melick continued. "If one firm is making large profits by exploiting the workers, then it is not clear why other firms are not attempting to enter the country to also exploit the workers. If other firms enter, they will bid up wages and the problem is solved. So, in what may seem to be a perverse solution, the answer is more exploitation that will increase wages and improve conditions."

"It may be the case that local po-litical leaders are keeping other firms out and demanding kickbacks from the one firm that it lets in," Melick said. "If this is the source of the problem, then the solution might also involve the Worker Rights Consortium working to expose and eliminate such governmental corrup-tion. However, a quick glance at the WRC’s Advisory Board suggests that it is at least plausible that the WRC is more concerned about pre-serving jobs in the industrial world than creating jobs in the developing world... The WRC appears to be...in favor of a ‘living’ wage. This position is likely to do more harm than good in the developing world."

Aaron Harley ’08 thinks that Kenyon’s having joined the WRC is a positive development for the school. "Although ‘sweatshops’ are an unfortunate reality, that doesn’t mean we have to accept it," said Harley. Robert Greaves ’08 is skeptical of the new policy. "If we assume these ‘sweatshops’ are abusing workers and not paying marginally better wages and then take away their business, we and hundreds of other colleges take away the jobs of thousands of people who now must look for more dangerous and lower-paying jobs," Greaves said.

Jack Finfrock, manager of the Kenyon Bookstore, said that Kenyon signing onto the WRC makes busi-ness easier for the bookstore, which spends about $300,000 per year on items with Kenyon labels.

In the past, Finfrock said that although Kenyon ultimately decided purchasing policies, the Bookstore had to be careful about what they bought from. Finfrock believes the WRC will be a more "self-protecting policy. We’re relieved. It takes the burden off of us. To be, it’s not just political, it makes things easier."

Finfrock said that because of WRC dues and other anticipated fees, prices on Kenyon products may increase about twenty-five cents per item.

Stephanie Hemmingson ’08 is not opposed to the possible price increases. "I think kids here can generally afford to pay a little extra for their clothes," she said.

VILLAGE RECORD

April 6 - 12, 2005

Apex, 6:59 a.m. — Underage student attempting to purchase alcohol at Village Market.

Apex, 7:24 a.m. — While checking for vandalism, Officers questioned students about using drugs in Leonard Hall.

Apex, 7:11 a.m. — Student feeling threatened by other student at Gambier Grill.

Apex, 7:26 a.m. — Vandalism to vacuum cleaner and lire extinguisher partially discharged at The Library.

Apex, 8:12 a.m. — Report of vehicle being driven recklessly in area of Ohio Library. Sheriff’s Office was notified.

Apex, 8:16 a.m. — Theft of item from Office of Residential Life at Grand Commons.

Apex, 9, 12:23 a.m. — Students using drugs behind Bexley Apartments.

Apex, 9, 2:15 a.m. — Unregistered, kegs found behind the Delphi Lodge.

Apex, 9, 6:35 p.m. — Report of person attempting to buy alcohol at Gambier Delti with fake ID. They were advised to notify the Sheriff’s Office.

Apex, 9, 7:03 p.m. — Students using drugs in room at Old Kenyon.

Apex, 9, 10:21 p.m. — Student reporting strange message on answering machine.

Apex, 10, 12:50 a.m. — Vandalism broken window at Hanta Hall.

Apex, 10, 1:49 a.m. — Vandalism broken light globe at Bushnell Hall.

Apex, 10, 5:20 a.m. — Vandalism obscene painting at the Art Barn.

Apex, 10, 12:07 p.m. — Report of vandalism to room door at McBrice Residence.

Apex, 10, 3:30 p.m. — Vandalism water balloons being thrown at house in Village Ohio.

Apex, 10, 9:40 p.m. — Medical call regarding student injured in bicycle vehicle accident.

Apex, 10, 4:55 a.m. — Vandalism to door at Link House.

Apex, 11, 8:40 a.m. — Suspended vehicle towed from campus.

Apex, 12, 8:49 a.m. — Suspended vehicle towed from campus.

Apex, 12, 1:48 p.m. — Underage possession of alcohol at Mathur Residence.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to editorial error, information reported last week about the men’s track team was incorrect (Track improves at Wooster invite," Apr. 7, 2005). The article said that the 400-meter hurdles was the team’s only individual win of the day.

Due to staff error, there were several mistakes in last week’s obituary for Colín Boyarski ’08 ("A friend to all," Apr. 7, 2005). Luisa Boyarski was identified as Colin’s mother, in fact, she is his older sister. All statements attributed to "Mrs. Boyarski" were actually those of Ms. Boyarski. Finally, Brian Keister ’08 was identified as a pledge of the Delta Phi Fraternity. However, he is no longer a pledge.
Student Council makes budget decisions based on policy changes

BY ANDY CLAIFICE
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This week, Student Council returned to its set agenda and held its biannual meeting in which it approved the Business and Finance Committee’s (BFC) budget allocations for student organizations in the fall semester of 2005. Such meetings have traditionally been held closed to the public and press, but the Collegen was allowed to attend on the condition that no quotes be used or atributed from the budget portion of the meeting.

The approval session went smoothly, with Student Council Treasurer John Lejuck, ’05 percenting each organization’s requested budget and granted funds, which are currently available for viewing on Kenyon’s public door. Sixty four percent of all requests were granted for next semester, an increase from forty percent for the same semester. However, the increase also reflects the fact that both Philander’s Fall and Summer Send Off take place in the spring semester. Approximately $48,000 will be available to organizations next semester for supplemental budget applications, and Student Lecture ships was also granted a Co.Spon sorship fund of $10,000 to help other groups bring speakers to campus.

The budgets reflected a few minor policy changes, specifically in the case of competitive student groups like Model United Nations and Mock Trial, a class of groups that received several weeks’ worth of consideration from Council this year. The BFC’s former policy was to fund only one out-of-state trip for each group each semester, plus any number of in-state trips. The new policy funds only three trips per group, but to anywhere, in state or out. Specific groups of note include Kenten Film Society, which received money to restore Wednes day night showings. However, KFS will have to forgo showings on nights when other groups are hold ing film festivals of their own.

Also under scrutiny was first-year orientation program Beer and Sex, which is expected to receive an overhaul of both content and imple mentation in light of the recent and potentially alcohol-related death of Colin Boyarski, ’05. Council also discussed athletic clubs, such as Women’s Rugby and the Squash Club, and whether fund ing for and oversight of such groups could be moved under the auspices of the new Center for Field, Recreation and Athletics once it is open. Since the FDR does not officially open until November, such a shift would not be seen until the next spring semester at the earliest.

In other business, Student Council President Nick Xenakis, ’05, took a moment at the begin ning of the meeting to mention the need for potential changes to the campus drinking culture and em phasize the importance of the stu dent body in making such changes. “The apprehension need to take on the responsibility of being role models, of being leaders, but that responsibility has to translate into understanding and practice,” said Xenakis.

First-Year Council President John Choefer also brought up a proposal for a light with a plaque dedicated to Boyarski to be erected in the field where he was found. Other Council members were supportive, but the field is privately owned and so may not be possible to place the small monument.

Water: After years, village’s aquatic predicaments linger

CONTINUED from page one the past weeks, including leaks near Peirce Hall and the Wilson Apartments as well as the fire hydrant outside of the Gambier Community Center, which was losing 200 gallons each day. McDonald also discussed additional water company that has “more sensitive equipment than Underground Utilities,” the village’s current leak detection provider. Though Underground Utilities will continue to monitor meter usage and the water tower for Gambier, Aqueline will survey the whole town and will enable McDonald to have easier access to information about possible leaks. McDonald also mentioned the possibility of eventually replacing the old pipes with plastic ones.

However, Leathe, whose contract as VA was not renewed last July, believed that monitoring leakage is not the most cost-effective way of dealing with Gambier’s water problems. “One of the things that I’ve always felt strongly about is that we pay pretty high water rates, and I know there’s a place you can go online and it shows the water rates for the whole state, and we’re paying some of the highest water rates.”

To deal with the water rates, Leathe has said that gaining independence from Mount Vernon’s water system and using water in Gambier are essential. “We’re beholden for this line [to Mount Vernon’s water system] forever... Think of the money we’ve spent on Mount Vernon that we could have had here.”

Though Kenyon does not act as a water source anymore, it does still have a working well that is used for irrigation, and Gambier itself could look to using wells for water, according to Leathe. “If Gambier would drill a well... then we could produce more than enough water every day to meet each day’s need.”

Council member Liz Freeman was quoted in a 2001 Collegian article as saying that Gambier has one of the highest water rates in the state of Ohio, and we sit on an aquifer. The irony of it all. "Other small towns and villages in Knox County and the surrounding Ohio State University through the Ohio Water Resources Education Project, use ground water for their own public water services, including Centerburg, Danville and Fredericktown.

Currently, the village is focused on reducing the amount of leakage in the current system. Eimett said, “Rob McDonald, our VA, has instituted a concerted program to monitor for and repair leaks and to replace water meters. Our goal is to get our losses down to 20% or less by the end of the summer and to keep them under 20%.” He estimated that water loss was around 39% at the time of the March Village Council meeting.

So it’s spring, and the year is almost over. Love is in the air. You’ve waited all year, but you can’t quite gather up the courage. You don’t dare to make your move yet. Or do you? Every day you walk by those stairs to Peirce Tower and look up just slightly and wonder: what could have been?

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Center for Fitness, Recreation
Roof, walls, windows close to completion as

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With the roof and walls nearing completion, the basement filled with essential machinery and an interior taking rugged shape, the new $60 million Center for Fitness, Recreation and Athletics (FRA) remains on schedule for a fall 2005 opening. “We know it’ll be complete before second semester [next year],” said Clerk of the Works Tom Lepley. “We’re hoping for mid-fall, we’re really hoping for early fall.”

According to Lepley, interior progress was somewhat stymied during the winter by a failure to complete the roof before the drop in temperatures. Currently, a final layer is being applied to the roof to prevent leakage around the structure’s many skylights. The structure is almost enclosed, with approximately twenty percent more glass and trim remaining to be installed on the exterior walls.

Concurrent with construction, decisions are being made concerning the hours and security of the FRA, according to Special Assistant to the Dean of Students for Student Facility Development Dong Zipp.

“Access to the FRA is now being discussed by an advisory group,” said Zipp. “This committee includes faculty, staff, administrators, students, Gambier community members and alumni. We are discussing all the issues you have raised in terms of who can use the facility. A definitive decision has not been made at this point but will be coming soon. As for security of the building, all users will be required to have a College ID. This will enable the Kenyon culture and will allow the effective monitoring of such a vast space.”

A staffed information desk will prevent unauthorized access to the “athletic portion” of the FRA, which includes locker rooms, indoor track, arena, fitness and weight (and indoor tennis), according to Zipp. This desk will act as a “main control point” according to Lepley, preserving the first floor area for students and other authorized users of the facility. “The public, when they come to see a basketball game, will go up the monumental stairs or up the elevator and will be up above and we can see where they are seated,” said Lepley.

There has been some discussion of possibly opening the facility up to members of the Gambier community, however, a final decision has not been made on this issue.

Aside from security issues, the advisory group is also considering the possibility of extending the hours during which the facility will be open.

“The advisory committee is in the midst of discussing this issue and will make a recommendation as to the appropriate hours of operation when the building opens,” said Zipp. “These hours can certainly be adjusted as we adjust in the facility, live in it for a while and see how and when it is being used.”

Amidst this decision-making, a significant number of materials-based decisions have been made which will affect the maintenance requirements of the building, as well as the functionality of the facility. According to Lepley, precautions were taken to ensure comfort for the athletes, while also utilizing materials which would remain intact without constant attention.

One example of this can be found in the tennis courts and the overlooking tennis area. The walls of this area are specially designed with small holes and a fiberglass backing to deaden sound from the recirculation and spectator noise. In addition, the windows, manufactured in Germany, are “open solar,” which prevents too much light from entering the room on a bright day.

“These are a computer design for this place on the planet,” said Lepley. “That the angle of the sun when the axis hits it, it reflects it back.”

The FRA also has a system of underground ducts, which will blow warm, dry air onto the glass surfaces in the pool and track areas. "What we are hoping for, and they put a lot of effort into this, is that this will never condensate no matter how cold it is outside," said Lepley. "And with this air, it actually keeps a warm sheet of

FRA to boast numerous state-of-the-art materials

Staffed information desk, soundproof walls and anti-fogging system among innovations in new facility

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and Athletics preparing for fall administration mulls security, access policies

Several tasks remain for the construction team prior to the fall opening. Interior walls, and large panes of interior glass, which will augment the open nature of the FRA, need to be installed. Large quantities of ceramic tile, which will line the pool and stairwells also need to be added to the building. The use of tile in the pool, rather than paint, will permit the 1,000,000 gallons of water, which will be drawn from a non-potable College well, to be drained and refilled every ten years, according to Lepley.

The advisory panel is also continuing to undertake the task of testing and selecting equipment to occupy the 12,000 square foot fitness area. According to Zipp, between 100-200 pieces of equipment will be purchased for the space.

"The demonstration sample pieces of equipment that we have tested have been very helpful in realizing what equipment is good and what equipment is better," said Zipp. "Students, faculty, and staff have provided some great feedback on each piece throughout the past two years. This information will be used as we move to the next step in our process of equipment selection."

Can you read this?

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The housing lottery is in full swing, but a few on campus do not have to participate. Many organizations on campus receive "special-interest housing," which allows them to select rooms near the rest of the campus. For the upcoming school year, seven groups will be living in special interest housing. These groups range from the sorority Zeta Alpha Phi to Multicultural Student Athletes.

The groups who will definitely be living in special interest housing this year are Sangha, a Buddhist Spiritual Group; student volunteers for the Fire Department, Multicultural Student Athletes, upperclass women, Zeta Alpha Phi IV, International Students at Kenyon and The Ward Street Journal. These students were assigned housing based on their academic needs and their class standing.

The Sangha group will live in Bexley 115. The student Fire Department volunteers received a double in the Wilson Apartments. Multicultural Student Athletes will live in three doubles in Manning.

Chair of the Housing and Grounds Committee Steve Hinds '06 explained, "We look to see if the organization had special interest. They had to be approved by the students and the student senator, but with regular students nearby it poses an interesting problem. (See "Special Interest Housing and sub-free housing reduced to single floors," opposite page.)

Students interested in special-interest housing submit a proposal fort their housing and are expected to follow it. If a group says in their application they are expecting to hold several all-campus events throughout the year, they are expected to do as much. If they don't meet those expectations and present housing, the students will lose their special-interest housing status for the group in their future years.

In that respect, special-interest groups have much more of an incentive to keep up their end of the bargain, such as bringing something to the community. The group's rehabilitation could be more analytically in terms of assessing the legitimacy of a group's claim to special-interest housing."

"I would love to see more groups apply for special-interest housing in the future," said Dean Barbuto. It does a great job of bringing people together with similar interests. If anything, it certainly makes group meetings easier.

Large enrollment brings off-campus housing, more living space

"Kenyon has become very popular recently, with lots of qualified applicants," said Dean of Residential Life George Barbuto. "It's wonderful for the school, but it becomes a huge housing problem. Up until the last minute, we're never sure if we can house everyone who is accepted."

The enrollment crunch at Kenyon has forced the College to resort to last-minute measures to house students, including buying more housing space and allowing students to live off-campus.

Because of overenrollment, the College bought the Lumen House last summer, so named because it was purchased from Appalachian Public Market. It was a necessity, not something we wanted to do," said Barbuto of the College's decision to house four students there.

According to Bexley Apartments CA Meredith Farmer, the College is sending e-mails to seniors and juniors over the summer, offering the option to be granted off-campus living.

Off-campus housing is a complicated issue, according to Barbuto. "It is a relatively new thing," he said. "There are only two or three students who lived off-campus — seniors, or students with special circumstances such as the deaf and hard of hearing. We need to be cautious to Columbus in order to work.

"Kenyon was established as a residential college," said Barbuto. "It's my objective as Dean of Residential Life to see that all students live on campus."

Officially, about 30 students live off-campus, mostly in the Duff Street Apartments or "Milk Cartons," according to Barbuto. A common misconception, Barbuto said, is that the Milk Cartons belong to the College. In fact, they are privately owned. He added that the only reason he knows about it is because the cooperative landlord.

For the upcoming year, Barbuto said that already nearly 20 students have been allowed to live off-campus. "We may grant a few more, it depends how enrollment goes," he said. "We want to be in a position where we're not granting off-campus housing at all."

Generally speaking, the students we let live off-campus don't necessarily cause the problems," said Barbuto, "that's that their main purpose is to have more parties, this may be true, but some want more space."

Barbuto said that the College was turned down by the Co-operatives for 2009. "It calls attention to something — there's a lot more students living off-campus than we want," said Barbuto. "The College does what it can do in terms of protecting students, but it becomes much more complicated during the vacation period, that's not ours, even it's in the close proximity. The College can react to the students living in a cool room, but we are limited to what happens beyond their borders."

Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Jenifer Murnen '04 said there is space for those who want to live off-campus. We save like two thousand dollar over the course of the year, and we get parking."

Karen Chen '06 also applied to live off-campus. "I liked the idea of having my own apartment," she said. "The apartments on campus feel like glorified dorm rooms. This will be our first actual home. She listed many features that they were looking for which only a fully functioning apartment could have.

This gives the College more overage for regulating the number of freshmen on campus, although Murnen said she has no idea how the College plans to divide the space. "We are looking into both off-campus and on-campus living."

If permission is granted, the students must realize that they have a greater responsibility to the campus community," said Barbuto. "It ramp up the responsibility from the students' perspective."

It raises the question of whether the College is doing this because it was brought up by students or because it is a good solution for all students."

"I can always go over to the [Freshman] quad," said Barbuto. "It's a well-lit area, we have enough room for everyone on campus, with some flexibility."

The coming class [class of 2009] should be significantly smaller than the previous two."

Because of the large size of recent freshman classes, there have been problems squeezing freshmen into the allotted fresh- men living spaces. Many members of the freshmen class were sent-welcomed among upperclass halls, such as the second floor of Statter. However, Eric Rosen '06 said that he didn't really believe it was a problem. "It is a good solution for the situation that you might see at other schools. Without a significant drop of student sophomore, junior or senior year, we lose flexibility and it becomes hard to accommodate."

Barbuto added that it is not the same as taking a particularly hard major or not being able to take the classes you want. "It's a good solution for the students who don't want to live in a triple, or a single, or insist on living South."
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Alan G. Goldsmith Memorial Prize—Natalie M. Mirak, Seth Franklin Bernstein, Catherine Elizabeth Papai

American Chemical Society Award—Emily Kathleen Rains

American Chemical Society Junior Award—Mark Steven Geiger

Ashford Memorial Award for Excellence in Dramatics—William Hart Idaheak

Biology Award for Outstanding Service to the Department—Toskhan Janail Marvz Cooper-Staclton

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Carl Diehl Prize in Greek—Robert John Gynnes

Carl Diehl Prize in Latin—Benjamin Stone Teets, Allison Marie Fisher

Carl Djerassi Award in Chemistry—Christopher Charles Wager

Charles Singer Williams Prize in French—Lacey Lynn Worth, Jennifer Rae Ratnerman

Chemical Rubber Company Chemistry Achievement Award—Jodi Stanley Beckett

Chinese Prize—Gina Tice Zimmermann

Curis A. Seelcht Award—Grace Elizabeth Murray

Dalton Fellowship for American Studies—Elizabeth Ann Harmon

David B. Perry Community Service Music Prize—Gilberto Jesus Espinoza

David B. Perry Senior Award in Music—Timothy Kern Caretta

Denham Satchell Memorial Award—Kasep Fauns Dhuan, Sarah Harrison Rodgers

Doris B. Crozier Award—Nicholas Alexandre Westervelt, Niki Desis

Dorothy E. and Thomas C. Jeggla Prize—Alexandra Gavin Lodge

E. Malcolm Anderson Cup—Nicholas John Xenakis

Edward Harvey Prize—Jessica Marie Dvorak

Elie H. Johnson Prize—Ariel Oscar Heffer

Elmer Graham Scholarship—Kelly Patricia Burke

Eppa Rixey III Memorial Scholarship—Travis Philip Brennan

George B. Ogden Prize—Christopher Michael Hench

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George Herbert Mead Award—Carla D’Angelo Marko, Gayle Jeanette Christiansen, Elizabeth Collins Yon

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Humanitarian Award—Andrea Lin Dedmon

Italian Prize—Rachel Marie Miller, Rebecca Joy Steffy

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James E. Michael Prize in Playwriting—Nelie Glenn Zinza

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Japanese Prize—Jennifer Alissa Colby, Anna Holliday Welton

Jeffrey S. Williams Memorial Award for Integrative Study in Psychology and Economics—Rebecca B. Don

Jess Willard Falkenstein Award—Olivia Leigh Yacca, Gabriel Rodriguez, Dana Halski, Berko Tecic

Joanne Woodward Trophy—Sarah B. Gitzen

John Chestnut Memorial Award—Sean Joseph Byrnes Franzblau

John Crowe Ransom Poetry Prize—Elizabeth Ann Divis

Jon L. Williams Prize for Neuroscience—Tyler John Newman

Margaret E. Leslie Prize in Art—Megan Spindel Thomas

Margaret Mead Award—Thomas D’Urse Schlesinger-Guidelli, James Ryan Hawken, Joshua Lee Mabra

Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award—Aaron Theodore Sammel

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Maxwell Elliott Power Prize—Emilzie Katherine Dwyer

Molly R. Hatcher Prize in Women’s and Gender Studies—Angela Lynn Arrodahl

Muriel C. Bradbrook Prize—Marta Maranda Evans

National Conference on Undergraduate Research—Amy Elizabeth Aloe, Emily Vanessa Roth

Paul Newman Trophy—Andrew Vaught

Paul Titus Economics Prize—Christopher Charles Wager

Peterson Prize in Art—Rebecca B. Don

Philip Wolcott Timberlake Freshman Award—Timothy Stephen Miller, Lacey Lynn Worth, Jessica Ashley Freeman Slade

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Psychology Prize—Emily Elizabeth Nishoka

Reginald B. Allen Prize—Jan Ma

Richard F. Hetlinger Award—Christopher Michael Bench, Meredith Ann Farmer

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Robert Bowen Brown, Jr. Prize—Andrew Peter Vroede

Robert Daniel Memorial Scholarship—Elizabeth Ann Lopatto, Matthew Block Biedlningmayer

Robert H. Hallstein Memorial Award in Art—Rachel Erin Tisdling

Robert L. Baker Memorial Prize—Rebecca Joy Steffy

Russian Prize—Seth Franklin Bernstein

Sigrid Lanzarth Memorial Prize—Richard Scott Bartholomew

Simpson Prize—Andrei Lin Dedmon

Solomon R. S. Kasper Prize in Mathematics—Joseph M.C. Neilsen

Spanish Prize—Elizabeth Walton Capron, Nadia Reitam

Stuart Rice McGowan Prize in American History—Katharine Touchton-Leonard

The Dance Prize—Shannon Mackenzie Donald

Thomas B. & Mary M. Greenslade Award in Music Performance—David Alexander Flaherty, Courtney Erin Snow

Virgil C. Aldrich Prize—Scott Andrew Brown

William A. Long Memorial Award—Carmen M. King

Wycoff A. Sword Memorial Prize in Art—Niki Deiss
Students put “bee” back in BFEC

BY MAX THEILANDER Staff Writer

In a remote corner of a field near the Brown Family Environmental Center sit two inconspicuous white boxes resembling mail stands that probably go unnoticed by most passers-by. Upon closer examination, though, one notices adjacent buzzing sound and may observe the comings and goings of bees. These boxes, now home to roughly 12,000 bees, are the newest addition to the BFEC.

The project was conceived by Richard Marinos ’07 when, while purchasing some honeycomb at a grocery store one day, and decided that it would be fun to keep bees at Kenyon. Consulting with Jordan Professor of Environmental Science and Biology Raymond Heithaus and Program Director for the BFEC, Iliana Laron, Marinos and Ellen Herbert ’07 worked out the sitting school funding and other project logistics. Erin Salva, Kenyon’s Disability Coordinator, liaised the students equipment and gave advice derived from her own beekeeping experience.

Early in March, Marinos attended a conference at the College of Wooster, hosted by the Tri-County Beekeeping Association. Next, he and Herbert went to the Agricultural Extension office in Mount Vernon, where they learned of a beekeeper in Darlington—the son of the former Knox County bee inspector and himself a keeper of well over a hundred hives. The students purchased two pounds of California honeybees for roughly $100, and brought the bees back to Kenyon.

The first couple of weeks the bees are in the hive is the worst time because they’re not used to their location, they’re not attached to their home, and there’s a huge risk of them flying away and setting up house somewhere else,” said Herbert, bending over the hive wearing an old green flight suit and protective head cover.

The students expect the bees to feed on flowers at the BFEC as well as at a nearby soybean field. Marines and Herbert will be on campus this summer, but most of their work won’t come until late summer.

“The bees don’t require much maintenance over the summer; over the next couple months we’ll just be checking on them, and then around August we’ll be having our big honey collection,” said Herbert.

They do not know how much honey they can expect to collect in August, but what is collected will be sold to the Kenyon community. After the honey harvest, the beekeeping operations will continue, and the bees will be fed a solution of one part sugar and one part water during the winter.

The students said that they hope to eventually make their project more permanent, possibly establishing educational programs on beekeeping at the BFEC next year, both for local children and for Kenyon students.

“We’d really like to involve freshmen students who would be able to carry on the project when we’re not around,” said Herbert. “We’d like to see it become more of a club and a long-running organization,” said Herbert.

On the other hand, if there is no one to take care of the bees after their current keepers graduate, the students may donate them to a local 4-H club. Up until a few days ago, Kenyon’s beekeepers had experienced few problems with the project.

“There’s only a slight risk of being stung. The bees have not been aggressive,” said Herbert. “They’re really really docile,” said Herbert.

The latest challenge, though, is the most troubling: a scourge of varroa mites, parasites that attack and kill honeybees.

“They can cause a lot of your hive to die off, but that’s something we’re currently worried about, but hopefully we’ll be able to solve it soon and have a good honey harvest,” said Herbert.

A stitch in time for New Directions

BY JENNY LU Features Assistant

Yarn, knitting needles, movies, and popcorn sat on the stage at the Crosser Center Charity Knit-In from 12-6 p.m. last Saturday, when students spent the afternoon knitting hats and scarves to donate to the New Directions Domestic Abuse Shelter of Knox County.

Every year, New Directions holds a Christmas party for the needy. The shelter accepts donations year round for presents to give away at the party. “All of our work will be donated for this cause,” said Crosser Manager Cathleen Woltering. ’05. “The Knit-In is inspired by our sisters’ knitting group and their desire to help put their passion and talents for knitting to work for a good cause.”

“I volunteer at New Directions, where a lot of the children didn’t have winter clothing like hats and scarves as I figured it’d be nice to donate it to them at the Christmas Party,” said Laura Hoss ’07, who will be the next Crosser Manager.

All of the yarn was either purchased by the Crosser Center or donated by crafters, who showed up with a variety of colors, weights, and loops. Participants brought their own knitting needles, but the Crosser Center also provided needles for those who needed them. Hoss estimated having 20-30 scarves and 5-10 hats by the end of the knit-in.

Woltering explained that the Knit-In didn’t take place prior to this past winter because “with the manager switch at the semester and the re-launching of Stitch and B—, we figured it would be better to give the participants a few weeks to feel comfortable with the newly acquired knitting skills before being asked to knit for six hours.”

Features Brief

On Tuesday, April 19, Kenyon alumni Stephanie L. Landisman ’87 will speak on “Orioles and the Holocaust” at the Auditorium at 7 p.m. The lecture will be sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies and Kenyon Hillel and the Holocaust Council.

His lecture will follow the legal responses to the Nazi-era trials. Landisman stressed that these “tricky and complicated” cases were also present in the later generations. As an example, he cited the 1990 case of John Demjanjuk, a Christian guard who was convicted for crimes committed at Treblinka death camp and charged with being the notorious “Ivan the Terrible.” According to Landisman, despite Demjanjuk’s war crimes, evidence was later produced that Demjanjuk was definitely not the alleged Ivan.

These cases have led the halls of justice to prosecute anyone else,” said Landisman. “They can’t deal with criminals because the process of justice has been destroyed. This signals the rise of big claims — it’s not a fair corporation. It blinds you to what is really going on.

“You can say that the Holocaust is more than fifty years behind us and no longer relevant,” he continued. “But there are so many places Cambodia...Rohmam...Rwanda...They... They all had their process recently. It follows the same patterns of thinking big and looking on what’s really on the table.”

A Religion major and a graduate from Harvard Law School, Landisman said that the case he loves to talk about, Kenyon, particularly those under Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies Joseph Reisman, marked his interest in the challenge the justice system faces. “I worried about and argued about certain problems posed by the big historical events of the century,” he said. "The wonderful thing about Kenyon is that it gives you the tools to address big and difficult problems that we see and understand and reflect on in life.”

"The big speech will be mostly from a historical angle. Those students will be challenged to think about the core values and things...students at Kenyon today in the world, and then the usefulness of intellectual study in addressing a problem," he said.
Although I often disagree with Dean Nugent, I do think that his comments during the recent letter exchange were less than appropriate. It is time to set the record straight. Those of us who have been critical of钮/ent's approach believe that the college is acting in its best interest by following a clear and consistent approach to alcohol-related issues. We believe that a strong, proactive approach is necessary to address the problem of alcohol abuse on campus. We also believe that the college's recent actions show a commitment to addressing this issue and that we should support the college in its efforts to do so. 

To our critics, we would like to point out that we are not trying to impose our own agenda on the college. We are simply trying to ensure that the college takes a clear and consistent approach to the problem of alcohol abuse on campus, and that we are held accountable for our own actions. We believe that this is in the best interests of everyone on campus, and we look forward to working with the college to achieve this goal.
Stript flix: Good? 

Comics-made-movies are mixed blessings  

ERIN ELLWOOD  
Staff Columnist

They are along standing part of American culture. They tell stories of heroes and villains, of lives lost and lives saved, of victories and defeats. But as a well-worn phrase goes, if it takes hours of enjoyment, it is likely that someone had to work for it. Even for those who disagree, there are countless hours of enjoyment and imaginative ideas for those who enjoy what the stories have to offer.

It is not true that Marvel or DC will be closing their doors any time soon. It’s not the pages themselves that are disappearing, but rather that the highly original stories and characters of the comic book world are slowly falling against a background of Hollywood glitz and glamour. In the words of Chris Miller, "the movies being made now are consumer-destructive non-talgia, bastardizations of comics we love."

With the recent rash of comics-turned-high-grossing movies, some of the printed medium’s finest readers are getting lost or turned off by the line work, lime light, and comic book brilliance. Are they really worth the price of admission? Do some of these films actually make the movies the comic book fans? Let’s look at the story about a woman who seems to wear clothes to the local sex shop and then make the story just plain bad.

This is not true if there haven’t been very good movies made out of them. Some of Batman and X-Men movies have done an outstanding job staying true to their original forms. Andy Ciancio ’05 agrees that “the Spiderman and [early] Batman movies preserve the original characters pretty well I think. Overall, for the most part, the series has done a very good job of preserving the phrase of their main characters.”

So why haven’t ‘all’ of the comic book movies done well as of yet? Well, in some cases, the comics just aren’t very good. Many of them are not thrilling or exciting to their highly individualized nature of experience from person to person. Says Caitlin Warkins ’06, "Horrible win a movie that stayed true to the original story and characters, but it made for a lousy movie because it’s the kind of comic book story—but that can only appeal to certain people instead of the wide audience a movie requires.”

Not all comic books, as well as those that hold the rights to the original stories and characters, need to be more direct when choosing to adapt to film. The characters can be sent to the silver screen and which should remain on shelves. When the movies are good and exciting, they can become a way to draw more fans to the film and comic book industries, but when they are not, they make no sense material book look" according to Rachel Armstrong ’05.

Of course, there are those who disagree, and so sit idly by as once they’ve signed a movie deal for their comics: they get involved in the film making process. American Splendor, Spider-Man, Sin City, and Spider-man are all excellent examples of the potential that the creator(s) had input at every step of the way. If some of these projects turn out well, others seem to reflect recent reviews. According to the Dark Holder’s violent and blood filled story of the intertwining lives of some of Basin City’s more "unusual" denizens, was the recipient of some bad reviews from both book fans and the movie industry. It was very true to the original characters and dialogue—most of the lines in the movie were actually straight out of the comic itself—so some believe this helped the movie and some say it hindered it. Comics and movies are two completely different media and as works in one will not necessarily work in the other. But what value can there be in making good loved characters and changing the stories that made them into something that is almost unrecognizable? "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" and the latest Batman movies did this and left fans, as well as new comers to the characters, highly disappointed. It is expected that the movie plotslines will reflect the comics, as will the casting of the originals—that an inherent effect of the transition from print to screen—but just because some things need to be changed does not mean that everything must be changed.

Despite the rare success rate of comic book movies, there is one situation where merit was present. The attention Hollywood is paying to one of America’s oldest pastimes, comic books, is gaining more respect and new fans. The unformed masses are slowly changing their opinions about comic books by a hugely formed reading industry. Comic books are gaining more respect and new fans. The unformed masses are slowly changing their opinions about comic books a home, a home is that is growing among people all over the world. It is perhaps in the case of exploring the many facets of the American dream as I Scott Fitzgerald.

Rachel Armstrong ’05 agrees and adds, "the comics themselves are good enough to make the movie work, seguing for owling, and I think that the media attention to comic books has actually really helped in both bringing attention to a new readers to the books and in making them a respectable outlet for writers like Joe Jason and Ord and Scoot."

So while Hollywood is busy planning their new slew of comic book movies, I would like to commend Watchmen, The Fantastic Spider-Man 3, Batman Begins—and even Spider-Man 2, for the job they are doing in making comic adaptations about don’t forget to see the stories you grew up loving. Says Warkins ’06, "the source of the comic book story is a great thing, if you finish the comic and leave the theatre with the same feeling of awe and appreciation for the story and its characters I think that both the authors and the directors have done their jobs well.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Kenyon Collegian 11

Dear Editor,

While I disagree with almost everything Bryan Stokes has to say about the Terry Schiavo case, I do applaud his willingness to include the death penalty in his discussion. However, if he is indeed interested in preserving a "conservative edge of life," to borrow the phrase of the Reverend Jan Wiltz, he would do well to focus not only on the actions of the judiciary, which account for a tiny percentage of life and death decisions, but on those of the legislative, executive, and regulatory bodies as well. Decisions are constantly being made, about who shall live and who shall die. When, for instance, certain standards are lowered, family planning information is denied, health insurance is curtailed, and manufacturers are allowed to market hazardous products, etc., deaths, sometimes many thousands, result, and occur disproportionately among minorities, the young, the poor, and children. Mr. Stokes would profit from studying primary source material in the cases he so-called "right-to-life" movement does decide to focus on, and he might find that these heart-reading decisions, which that movement wishes to paint in stark, inflammatory and polarized terms, are in fact reached through painstaking thought, investigation and soul-searching. The efforts of that movement to discredit an independent judiciary and the system of checks and balances should be viewed by every American with great alarm, as it is nothing less than an attack on the rule of law.

—Margaret Honick ’07

All athletes deserve recognition

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to your article in the Collegian from April 7, 2005, titled "Track improves at Wooster invite," in the article you write of many team members’ top 10 finishes but fail to include all top 10 finishes. If you choose to write about the top 10 finishes in a track meet, it’s only logical that you include the results of all of Kenyon’s top 10 finishers. Taking to do so is very much like baseball: if during a game, Ader and Rodriguez are two home runs and Williams hits one and the article on the game reads, "The team had a total of five home run in the game—Ader and Rodriguez each with two." It is true that there were 5 home runs in the game, but Williams was left out.

I finished in 7th place in the shot put, Andrew Haacke in 5th in the men’s 100 meter dash, Anna Farcy 5th and Lauren Grant 5th in the Women’s 100 meter dash, Lisha Gagnon placed 7th and Karime Black placed 9th in the 900 meter run, Sadeh Cohen and Chelsea Dittman placed 6th and 7th in the women’s 200 meter dash respectively, and Marli Weeh and Andrew Haacke finished 6th and 7th respectively in the men’s 200 meter dash.

Additionally, you wrote, “Both men’s and women’s teams took first place in the 4x 100 yard relay," but you went on to say, "the rest of the 4x 100 meter handrel, saw the Lords’ only win of the day." This previous statement is incorrect in the Lords also won the 4x 100 as you previously stated.

As Editor in Chief Emeritus of the Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School’s Clarion-Clarence newspaper, I am a first hand person who has covered space limitations. It was this the way in your article, perhaps you should have only covered the Lords and Ladies top five finishers and stated your reasons for doing so. Only listing some of the many top 10 finishers shows an editorial bias and is rude to those athletes left out, especially since the athletes represent your institution.

—Susan Jacobsch ’07

Village Council attacked unfairly

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to various assertions made by Jim Jere in the Collegian 134. First, a short side article "Village Council attacked unfairly by their constituents" was published. I would like to inform the reader that this is not the case of the Village Council and its members. The Village Council has done its job with dedication and made efforts to improve Village life.

1. I find this deal is done and nobody knows about, "Mr. Lemke's comment about a possible 'swap' of the Wiggins Street School and the Village Community Center property, has no merit. First, the new elementary school is not a swap, and is only until a school is in a new location, second, the new elementary school building is privately owned, and is not in the public interest."

2. The idea for the Community Center's land is a potentially valuable source of water is under the jurisdiction of the Mayor's Water Group, formed in the spring of 2004. There is no conflict in building playing fields or a well field. It should be noted, however, that the idea of drilling wells and providing our town with water is an extremely expensive proposition.

3. "What was one of his campaign issues? He didn't have a damn thing," Mr. Lemke's comment about Mayor Lath's campaign issues. While the Village was without an Administrator between July 1, 2004 and October 1, 2004, under the Mayor's supervision and administration, Village employees repaired leaks accounting for more than 90 percent of our missing water. Further, aggressive water leak detection and repair is an ongoing activity, as Villagers still note as they travel our streets. While this may seem little to oil of our water, significantly increased water rates, it is an impressive step toward making our water program self-sustaining, something mandated by law. The Mayor campaigned on this issue, and the Village Council has acted on this issue.

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Gambier resident and Village Council Member
Jay Cocks shares his Hollywood life

Jay Cocks is a two-time Oscar nominated writer and producer with a long and prominent history of working with classics. The former FQS president and member of the class of ’76 worked as a film critic, producer, and writer. He is best known for his interviews with famous figures. Cocks has been a critic for over 30 years, his work has been published in many periodicals such as the New York Times, The Atlantic, and The Village Voice among others. His first book, "Hollywood," was published in 1985.

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Beyond touting horns

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This is a guitar. Okay.

BY KATIE COSSE
Stall Writer

This Sunday, April 17 at 7 p.m. at Brandi Rezidal Hall, Ethan Peterson ’16 and Will Miller ’06 will perform a selection of classical guitar pieces as part of Peterson’s senior recital. Peterson, a Psychology major with a music minor, will play a selection of works including pieces by Renaissance composer John Dowland, early nineteenth century composer Mauro Giuliani, and a German piece by August Barreus. He started playing when he was thirteen. Miller will be singing also in this dual recital, featuring pieces by Robert Schumann, Morton Lauridsen and Vincenti Bellini.

Peterson began work on most of the pieces at the beginning of the school year, though some come from his senior year last. While he feels the pieces have a “nice range of moods,” Miller noted he faced a combination of difficulty and enjoyment.

“I usually choose pieces from those my instructor recommends,”

Peterson says. Out of those, he chooses to refine and perform the pieces “that a guitar can sound things in lacking and that enjoy playing.”

Peterson has been playing guitar since he was thirteen and has kept with it ever since. “I’ve always had naturally good hand-eye coordination, so learning instruments were usually the only ones I had trouble learning,” he said. He started playing trumpet for a while in high school, but it took too much time away from the guitar.

Coming to Kenyon, Peterson was set on a double major in psychology and music, but later decided “to focus in music to sound art.” He supplemented his individual lessons by playing with others occasionally and recently played concert band, “which actually was in our own town.” They played at this year’s Jamnesty.

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Abuja shines through obscurities

A review of last week’s world premiere at the Bolton Theater

BY ADRENNIE BORIS
Theater Critic

As I sit in the center section of the Bolton Theater, I know that everyone around me had heard plenty about the world premiere of Abuja Woman by visiting Professor of Drama Francis Tsegah-Agus. And we had come to see what all the fuss was about. Tsegah-Agus wanted no time in showing us.

Before the houselight dimmed, we saw Dr. Samra’s mother, a traditionally dressed Nigerian emmeger from her bedroom into the twentieth century. Los Angeles. The world of the stage and the world of the audience began to merge, and Samuel seemed about as surprised as we were to hear the dead rising from the grave and continuing from the walk above the stage. Momentarily fooled by the noise, he proceeded to draw inescapable chalices to the floor on his feet. Huh?

The first three minutes of Abuja Woman served as a tableau for the entire play. We saw a manefully designed and constructed set, well-cast actors who were alert and engaged in their onstage work. But there was a problem. Noone—from the characters to the audience—knew what on earth was going on. So, where could we get from here?

Joint, we began our journey. First, we look in every element of Abuja Woman’s ensemble. William Marshall’s set amazed us with its complex, three-story representation of daily block, a construction headed by Amy Rosenthal ’06, Tom Cooper ’05 and Lily Moore-Cull ’07. Perhaps most impressive, however, was William Adesheke’s ’05 remarkable lighting design. For his senior thesis in drama, Adesheke designed a set as sophisticated and artistic as it was practical.

Soon, most of Abuja’s cast hit the stage from every which way—literally. We met who square their absurdist space with Samuel. The character was a very challenging role played with a graft of sly humor and real dramatic success by Gregory Browne-Nedelski ’05. Most notable of the others is Dr. Elita Susana Kamaran, an aging Indian woman played quite movingly by newcomer Rosalind L. Bacon ’05. Bacon played Fata with an uplifting demeanor that was heightened in the absence of words.

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Talented Lady softballers try to put pieces into place

BY HI Li

After two very impressive wins at home against conference opponents Herron College last Saturday, the Lady won again in their next two consecutive matches against Allegheny College on Tuesday. 

Eisner was hit by a liner to right field by Sara Easen and first-year Stephanie Hemmingsen and excellent play in the field with the Lady's trademark hitting ability, Kenyon ended game one with twelve hits, led by senior Dina Hackley Kenyon's lead off hitter shared the spotlight at the plate with three sophomores teammates Sara Schoenbohm, Ashley Morrison and Amy Thurm, who had two hits apiece. The Lady came away from game one with a 7-2 victory.

Game two was also a hitting showcase for the Ladies, who came away with a 16-9 victory. Victoria's hot hitting in game one carried over into game two where she came away with eleven hits. Junior catcher and senior Alison Diegel also came away with three hits. Game two ended early at the bottom of the fifth when Schoenbohm nailed a two-run triple and followed up by scoring on a ground out by Glaser.

Although flashes of greatness showed through against Herron, the Ladies could not quite put it together against a strong OWU team Tuesday afternoon, and OWU came away with the conference win, Morrison said. "We played solidly in the field, but at the plate we definitely struggled, unfortunately against a pitcher that we knew we could hit." The Ladies had an uncharacteristically poor hitting game, allowing OWU pitcher Claire Larson to throw six innings with no hits, two walks and two strikeouts.

After being run ruled in game one, which only lasted six innings, taking an 8-0 loss, the Ladies came back strong in game two. Of the turn around, Morrison said, "We jumped on OWU starting in the first inning and definitely got some confidence back in our hitting." Kenyon did seem confident at bat after crossing the plate four times to take a 4-1 lead over the Battling Bishops. The Ladies had ten hits in their second and third game, however, when their hitting game came back to life, the fielding game began to falter. Kenyon had a difficult time in the field with two errors on the day, allowing the Bishops to score six runs in the fourth inning. The game slipped out of the Ladies' hands when it was called due to lack of daylight.

Although they suffered two unfortunate conference losses, the Ladies' confidence remains strong. Sophomore Annie Brobst said, "The losses against OWU were pretty devastating, especially getting run ruled in the first game. But like Coach [Stephanie] Vanas says, "We have 24 hours to be mad about it, then we have to put it behind us and play our game again." Kenyon faces their next opponent, local rival Mount Vernon Nazarene, today in a double header at 4:00 pm, and then travel to Meadville, Pennsylvania on Saturday to face another conference opponent, the Gators of Allegheny. "We feel as though today's match up against Mount Vernon Nazarene will be good preparation for Allegheny, as the two team's have similar styles: nothing flashy, with solid skills all around and good pitching." Monday is still confident in her players as they prepare to face Allegheny, saying, "Allegheny is a good team with a good pitcher. We have knocked them out, as they were the team only that was able to sweep us in conference play last year. They are a lot younger this year, and we will use our experience to our advantage. I have no doubt that we have the talent and ability to take two from them. With strong confidence and the ability to be the complete package, the Ladies control their own destiny as they continue this week.

Ladies' lacrosse remains a conference contender

BY MARIO NUNO-WHELAN

This past weekend the Ladies lacrosse team suffered a loss to St. Vincent College in a non-conference road game in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. In the second half, half buried in which the Ladies outshot and scored evenly with the Bears, St. Vincent's early lead and uncompromising defense was too tough to undo, and the Ladies held on to win 49-35. This brings the Ladies a overall record, still 0-1 in the NCAC.

In the second half we re- alized that the game was "just over and we could make a comeback," said first-year Amy Zimble. Kenyon started to connect on the field, offense and defense, and we started to play how we should have from the start." In the first ten minutes of the game, the Bears were able to pull to a 2-2 lead and by halftime, with a six point cushion at 11-5, knowing the Ladies to play catch-up in the second half.

The other team had one or two key players we who had trouble adjusting to on defense," said junior Allie Riedman, "especially in the first half. One of these key players was Shoko Akasuki who managed to drop nine points in eight goals, three of which were in the first ten minutes of play. Determined to get back into the game, the Ladies came out of halftime looking like the team that upset Seton Hill a few weeks earlier. "I think the issue in the first half was that we were not playing our own game, we were playing the game SVC wanted us to play," said first-year Amanda Drummond. "When we turned on our own style, they did not have a team that could come out and we were able to rebuild on our field confidence."

In the second half, the Ladies put up 26 shots against the Bears' eighteen, and drew even with them at eight points, but were not quite enough to undo the lead St. Vincent forged in the first half. The biggest problem in the game was that the ball has been critical to their earlier wins.

The instant we started feeling confident on the field and playing to our strengths, we were able to make a dramatic come back," said Drummond. "Saidly, it was just a little too late for us to save the game.

What seemed to have played a crucial role in the direction of the game, the Ladies agreed, was their efficiency to capitalize on the draws. "Draw control has been a huge issue lately for our team," sophomore Luke Larson has fifteen goals and four assists, junior Brad Harvey has eleven goals and two assists, junior

Ladies' lax motif late comeback but falls to St. Vincent

BY JON PRATT

Last night the Lords' lacrosse team was down by a score of 4-1 at halftime against nationally ranked Ohio Wesleyan University. In the second half, the Bishops went into attack mode, scoring six goals in the third quarter and six more in the fourth quarter, making the final score 16-2. The Lords' loss makes them 1-3 in the NCAC.

"OWU has a good amount of depth and athleticism," said head coach McWilliams. "They are favored to win the conference [and they] have one of the smartest offensive players in the conference, John Schlegel."

Schlegel proved himself to be unstoppable by scoring four goals and producing three assists against Kenyon.

Despite the loss, the Lords' lacrosse team remains among the top teams in the conference. Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster and Denison. The Lords won two consecutive games last week and yesterday Kenyon sophomore Sean Wheeler was named NCAC player of the week. On April 6 Wheeler aided the Lords' 13-11 victory against Wittenburg University by scoring three goals. On April 9, Wheeler propellled the Lords to a 16-9 victory against Washington University by scoring five goals. Wheeler has fourteen goals and eleven assists so far.

At the moment, Kenyon's defense appears to be their weakest link. Statistics show that the Lords fall behind their opponents in the average number of goals per period, 69-77 and saves per period, 112-113.

"We still have some defensive lapses," said senior Dave Neiman. "But we're trying to minimize those through intense practices."

Other than the performance against Ohio Wesleyan, Kenyon's offense hasn't had any trouble scoring. No fear, sophomore Luke Larson has fifteen goals and four assists, junior Brad Harvey has eleven goals and two assists, junior

Sean O'Neill has eight goals and four assists, and freshman Nate Fitchard has eight goals and nine assists.

"Our offense really started to click against Washington and Jefferson," said Larson. "We all started playing as a unit. It was nice to see us put just a lot of points on the board."

On April 16 Kenyon plays at Muhlenberg College at 1:30 p.m., and on April 20, Kenyon will play their third conference game at College of Wooster at 4:30 p.m.

A member of the Kenyon softball team watches as the ball flies off of her bat as her teammates watch from the dugout. The Ladies lost to Ohio Wesleyan University twice on Tuesday, but look forward to upcoming games against Allegheny.
Track teams travel to OWU

BY MARC STEINER
Staff Reporter

If you have to bring your Agriculture, our track teams have raced Wooster Scots, then con- sider the Kenyon Lords to have conversely passed with flying colors and taken a mulligan.

The Lords interspersed potent batting and sharp pitching with a few moments to pull out more than one victory in the four-game se- ries with Wooster. Even a simple victory against the nationally ranked Scots is something to build on, but a hittters' taste was worse, the team's month by their mix of excellent and sub- par play.

Aiming for at least a split in the series, the Lords paired opposed ends of their pitching staff against Wooster, pit- ting their four starters against Wooster's first, third against Wooster's second, their third against Wooster's third and their first against Wooster's fourth. Thus, the first game pitted Wooster's ace Jon Oliver against sophomore Dan Shelley. The strategy paid off in a resound- ing success when Shelley nearly matched Oliver in a 6-0 pitcher's duel. Shelley pitched a complete game, giving up only two earned runs. Shelley used good control of his breaking ball and a variety of pitches to throw off the Wooster lineup.

Asked about his strategy and mindset on the mound, Shelley responded, "I started them off with breaking balls, tried to get ahead, throw some fastballs down the line, and throw the slider for strikes to get into their

Tennis Lords win two, take third place

BY KEITH CANTANO
Staff Reporter

The Lords took their four match winning streak and three straight shutouts into last weekend's Great Lakes Col- leges Association Tournament at Greenscille, Ind. and came away 2-1 in three matches to improve their record to 10-4 with a respectable third place showing in the event.

The Lords first took on the Albion College Britons on Friday in a quarter-final match and walked away with a 7-0 vic- tory for their fourth consecutive shutout. Senior Burko Tesic played as the number one seed in singles and defeated Albion's Jason Ryan 7-5, 7-6. Second seed sophomore Sean Stewart bounced back after losing the first set against Hope's Jake Marshall 4-6 to record a pair of dominating performances of 6-2, 6-1 to take the match. Senior Joe Freeman played as well as the third seed and defeated Albion's Neil Foster in straight sets 7-6, 7-5.

In doubles against Albion, Tesic and senior Mike Herrick fell to Foster and Ryan 9-7, but were picked up by their team- mates, as Freeman and Stewart paired to Beat Marshall andBrandon Still in the second seed. Juniors Brian Siegling and Matt Haugen teamed to beat their opponents 8-4 in the third seed.

The Lords' impressive vic- tory advanced the team into a semifinal match later that day against the host DePauw University Tigers. The Tigers played well on their home court and handed the Lords their only defeat in the tournament. At his familiar number one seed, Tesic took a point for the Lords with a 7-6, 6-4 victory over Tiger Evan Webster. Although Stewart and Freeman fell at the number two and three seeds, Herrick posted a 6-3, 6-2 win over DePauw's Donald Pearson at the fourth seed. Freeman and Herrick gave the Lords a win at the number one seed in doubles 8-4, but the Tiger competition proved too strong at home for the lower seeds as DePauw took the point and the match 5-2.

Although Danison's Randy Rodgers and Kevin Newman beat Tesic and Stewart at the number one seed in doubles, the second and third seeds were able to secure the victory and knock off the Tigers in a tough effort. The Lords will once again be on the court the week of April 14-15 and will head off to play two matches at DePauw on Friday and Saturday.

A senior Lords tennis player keeps his eye on the ball in practice recently at the Glenn Athletic Center. The Lords are in action against Case Western Reserve on April 16 against Case Western Reserve.
BY LAUREN GRENZE
Staff Reporter

The women's tennis team returned from Granville this week with the number one seed of the Big Red. Denison, the number eight seed in the nation, toppled the team in all but one match-up. Despite the only upset coming from first-year Paige MacDonald in the sixth spot from Oberlin, the team is working hard in excited anticipation for the rest of this week's competitions.

This week held three straight games for tennis on Tuesday, yesterday and today. Despite the physical and mental demand, the Ladies feel prepared for the challenge. Junior Melissa Harrison explains, "The overall tone of this week has been fun. As a team we have been working on how we can work together and support each other for some very important upcoming matches. In practice we have worked on match play—play 'til you're beat' against each other—as well as various drills to improve our match play. Our team is very deep in level of play, which is beneficial because everyone is able to get competitive practice against each other." On a close knit team, she says, "Everyone plays an important role both as an individual player on the court and as an athlete in training to step up their level of play.

Yesterday and today's matches against Oberlin and Oberlin-Corning are no Kenyon against two very strong programs. Currently, Oberlin has an impressive 13-2 overall record and has made a strong showing in the NCAC, while Oberlin-Corning has a 6-6 overall record against some very stiff competition.

Although the Ladies did not qualify for the Midwestern regional, the season still holds the possibility of excitement in the form of the NCAC tournament. "Basically, we're looking at some very close but good matches, which prevented us from going to Madison," said Harrison. "We're just practicing and hard and confident that we can turn it around in our favor in our upcoming matches."

Ladies' team falls to nationally ranked Denison

BY CHARLIE ALLFINDER
Sports Columnist

When one thinks of the terms academics and sports, one doesn't necessarily put them hand-in-hand. However, that seems to be Kenyon's goal. I'm not saying this is a bad goal, but it's extremely difficult to achieve when you have two coaches and professors who think that their class or their sport is more important than anything else. I'm the典型; I've been on both sides.

Looking for colleges as a junior in high school, I was trying to find a place where I could get the best academic experience in a place that was fitting for me. I was also interested in the athletics program, for I was an athlete in a high school. Coming from California, it's hard if you're not the best to get into a good school and be able to play sports, at least in the California schools. Those of us who have the chance to play sports in high school are the lucky ones.

When playing tennis for Kenyon, I put down that I had an interest in playing college volleyball here and was selected when I received an email from the coach. I knew that I was getting into a very good academic school, but I didn't know what the athletic department was like. I was surprised when I first received my first email as I realized how much coaches demand. As the season progressed, I realized how much time was taken away from my schedule with all the demands of academics and sports. The athletic setting turned out to be a lot more demanding than I had expected. I envisioned a team where all the athletes loved to play and they were out there to do their best. I envisioned a coach who, even if there were failures along the way, would still be behind their players no matter what. I wasn't surprised. We all know that everything is either done by the coach's clock or the professor's clock. I didn't realize that one wouldn't necessarily always understand or agree with the other. I thought that it was realized that academics were first and that we needed to get work done above all. This isn't saying that at Division I schools that this should be the case, this is just not what I thought would happen. An exception of a class running late or having to leave early for a class didn't seem to be good. In the end it seemed like we got punished for being in class, which is not the reason for being in college.

The good thing about all this time spent is that most of us learned amazing time management skills. Then after the season was finished, spring season fell around several months, late. To me, spring season should have been a time where you house your skills and work on your essentials. It shouldn't be pressure all over again. Your coach shouldn't be able to have you for hours every long and then you miss out on conditioning which set the NCAA. I knew it made me mad when practices would turn into nothing but playing. Especially when I thought that spring season should be less serious, in the sense that everyone should still try their hardest, but it's to make sure our skills don't get rusty before summer. Then came summer work-outs. Hey, all of us have busy summer schedules doing internships, jobs or summer school. Then to add workouts on top of everything is just hard. These students who work full-time during the summer or who have internships for forty to fifty hours a week and then have to do summer school on top of everything must never rest. Then when someone has chosen to work at a summer camp, before the workouts schedule has been given out, where the type of work required is unable to be done and is told that it's too bad for them and they should have thought of this before.

That's not cool. If you know in March that you'll be working in a summer camp and then are told in May that you have to do everything in a pocket everyday or every other day, are you just going to dump your summer plans for that? No one should have to do that. It should be understood that if you are getting exercise, one way or another, you will still be in decent shape for the season to come.

I was a rancid hand this past summer at a camp. I was in charge of feeding, tacking, grooming, catching, turning horse and caring for twenty horses. An average boy, horse weighs 45 pounds! An average western saddle weighs 25 pounds! An average horse or pony weighs several hundreds pounds. I'd say you'd be in pretty good shape by the end of it. Not to mention when all of it is done at a high altitude. If I think, I'm wrong in saying that this is a bad equivalent, then say it, but I think that those student-athletes who hear this kind of job should be considered keeping them as active, not disloving the workloads.

Academics here at Kenyon are hard enough to begin with, but putting a sport on top of it can make it all that much harder. I'm not saying that those students who participate in athletics have any more free time. I'm just saying that maybe everything isn't seen in the right perspective. Yeah, it's not always cool that athletes can miss classes more than normals due to games, but then they have to make up all the material that they've missed. Trust me, that's not an easy thing to do when you have more than one class.

It seems to me that professors and coaches need to work on a better system of understanding in order to help those student and athletes who are on a daily basis. Neither should put their activity above the other. That's a really hard thing to happen, but the student-athletes are here as students first, and that shouldn't be forgotten. Yes, there will always be exceptions to this, but I think it's something that should be kept in mind.

In NCAA Division I, football they are talking about adding a 12th game to the season. Both the coaches and the players say that they enjoy having a bye week. Maybe coaches and professors need to make sure that their demands aren't being too hard on those student who they have.