Local resident banned from Campus

MCG SHIPLEY
Staff Reporter

Students attending a party before Phiting at the Acland Apartments last Saturday night were witness to a dramatic scene at the Beta Acland as at least five Kenyon Security and Safety officers and a Knox County Sheriff’s Deputy showed up to deal with a Gambier resident who was trespassing on College property.

The Office of Security and Safety was alerted by the residents of Acland 107C, members of Kenyon’s Beta Theta Pi, at 10:42 p.m. On Saturday night, Joshua Farley, 22, entered their apartment unauthorized, according to Dan Werner, director of security and safety. Students called security because of rumors of Farley’s criminal record and because he had apparently threatened a friend the previous weekend. Rumors about Farley’s criminal record have since proved to be unfounded.

“I had heard that [Farley] had been making threats to other students and trying to start fights, amongst other things,” said Yancey Edwards 99, who was at the apartment. “The residents of the Acland had heard about this guy… They felt that it was best if we called security, we had heard that he was wanted for questioning by them.”

Daniel Gajewski 99, who was also at the apartment, said that he and several other football players blocked the door to prevent Farley from leaving once security was called. “With six men, all weighing 260 plus pounds, blocking the door, [Farley] stayed inside,” he said.

Several security officers responded quickly to the “call, most of them running quite fast,” according to Gajewski.

“About five minutes [after the call], security arrived,” said Edwards. “It seemed like the entire security staff had come down to Acland.”

Werner explained that four or five officers responded to the call initially. “We weren’t overreacting,” he said. “We didn’t know what [Farley] was up to at that point.” Several officers were at Peirce for Phiting, so they were able to get to the Acland quickly, he said.

After arriving at the Acland, security officers called the Sheriff’s department and requested support, according to Werner. Once he arrived on the scene about 10 minutes later, Sheriff’s Deputy Dave Mertlik ran an information check on Farley; he found no prior arrests or outstanding warrants.

Werner then warned Farley that he would be arrested for criminal trespassing if he was found on campus again. The deputy escorted Farley to his residence in the Meadow Lane “Pizza Hut” apartments. He was not handcuffed, and he gave the deputy “no problem,” according to Werner.

Werner said that Security and Safety was interested in talking to Farley because he had been seen in several College buildings, including Ernst Center, residence halls and apartments. “We wanted to talk to him, to find out his story,” said Werner. “We were primarily interested in him because of his lack of respect for boundaries… What got me was his gall, he… just kicked back watching TV in a strange’s apartment.”

At the Acland on Saturday, a student told an officer that Farley had threatened him and a friend with physical violence in the Lewis Lounge the previous weekend. The student later filed a witness report stating that Farley had asked them if they “wanted to brawl” and had threatened to “crack some skulls.”

Additionally a Village resident reported Farley to Security and Safety in late January because of rumors circulating about him.

However, Werner said that there is no reason to believe that Farley presents a danger. Several searches of national databases by both Security and Safety and the Sheriff’s department have shown that Farley has “no criminal record whatsoever.” Werner said that rumors about Farley’s criminal record in Colorado appear to have been largely self-generated, based on his interviews with Farley.

“It’s kind of a fine line, because we want the campus to be opening and welcoming, but students are my primary concern,” said Werner. “Rest assured, if we find him again, he will be arrested for criminal trespassing.”

Ernst set to be renovated

BY TEDDY EISMEIER
Staff Writer

Fresh from the completion of Kenyon’s new athletic facility, the college is set to begin a new round of construction on campus at the end of this academic year.

The opening of the KAC has left the Ernst Athletic Center vacant, and starting the end of the academic year preparations will be made to convert the old athletic center into a dining facility for the 2006 school year. This latest addition to Kenyon’s plans for campus development will allow for the major renovations to Peirce Hall in the coming year.

Although the plans for the conversion of Ernst have begun to firm up, the actual construction will not begin until later in the school year. During the first stage of the work to be done on Ernst, called “a rough in” in the major utilities necessary to convert Tomich Arena into a kitchen facility and dining area will be installed. Before the initial installation of new water, gas and electric fixtures can take place, there is still some athletic equipment to be moved and some offices to be relocated to the new athletic facility. According to Tom Lepley, director of facilities planning with the College’s Maintenance Department, the kitchen area will occupy roughly one-third of Tomich Arena and the rest will be used as a dining space. The construction firms hired to work on the project will work between June and August to get this temporary dining facility and needed utilities functional. Ernst will then serve as an interim replacement during the renovation of Peirce.

During the preliminary planning of this project, the administration also

Ladies clinch post-season birth with win

BY EMILIE KASER
Staff Reporter

After struggling through the middle part of the season, the Kenyon women’s basketball team finally hit their offensive stride last Saturday, tying their single-game scoring record with a 98-40 victory over the Oberlin College Yeomen.

“We were able to control tempo at both ends of the floor”, said Head Coach Suzanne Helfert. “We played very aggressive defense, and I think it carried over to our offense. We shot the ball very well from the perimeter and converted several transition baskets.”

The Ladies posted several sea- son highs against Oberlin: 21 steals and a shooting average of 57.4 percent from the floor. Five of the Ladies scored in the double digits to accomplish this feat. Guard Hall- ary Gowins 08 had a team-high 19 points, with guard Megan Sheasby 06 scoring 15 and guard Brittany Clark 08 scoring 14. Alisha Montes 08 chipped in 13, and Katy Zemeh 06 added 11.

“I think that the game provided our team with a lot of renewed confidence in our offense,” said Katie Woods 99. “And I think we can score. Now we just need to go out and attack the other teams we have left to play like we did on Saturday.”

“Confidence is such a large factor in pressure situations,” added Helfant, “I hope the confidence we gained at Oberlin carries over into the next two weeks.”

The Ladies returned home to host Ohio Wesleyan University last Wednesday night. The winner of that match-up could earn the No. 4 seed and home court advantage in the first game of the upcoming North Coast Athletic Conference tournament.

“If we think we all especially ex- cited for the OWU game right now because it’s another important league game,” said Wooden. 

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The Epitome of Kenyon

Mr. Kenyon, Erik Tahl ’96, and Mr. Kenyon, Stephanie Black ’06, pose after their conversion at Phiting Phiting.

Kevin Gacke

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Village Council dilates splitting Village Inn property

BY SEAN RYAN

Among many items in a lengthy meeting Monday evening, Gambier Village Council discussed a zoning proposal that could pave the way for the College to help open a restaurant in the shuttered Village Inn.

The issue at hand was a zoning variance needed to approve splitting the lot on which the Village Inn and the adjacent residence sit. According to Dave McConnell, Kenton’s chief business officer, Stew and Mary Ellen Schaefer, the owners of the property, wish to retain ownership of the house next door at 106 Gaskin Ave, while selling the Village Inn building at 104 Gaskin Ave to the College. In order to do this, he stated, the buildings must be on separate lots, not the same lot as it is now.

A zoning variance would be needed, according to Councilman because the lots, when separated, would not meet Gambier’s requirements for size and setbacks.

The issue, however, quickly became more about who was submitting the application rather than the content of the application.

Several council members objeced that, though the Schaefers are the only people who can legally ask for a lot split, and although they were the ones who signed the application, the application was accompanied by a cover letter from Kenyon. Vice President of Finance Joe Nelson, and the check for the application fee was drawn from a Kenton account. The cover letter explained that if the lot split was to be approved, the Schaefer’s were interested in selling the Village Inn building to the College.

The situation led to discussion about whether Kenton employees, or employees of any business, could vote on issues such as this impacting their employers. Council member Andrea Cuba passed an article to Law Professor Ken Lane during the meeting about an Ohio Ethics commission ruling in Athens, Ohio, home of Ohio University, that said that university employees on that city’s Council could not vote on issues regarding the university. Cuba went on to say that the interested someone from the ethics commission to speak at the next meeting on this issue during the open forum period. Two members of the council, Liz Forman and Tom Stamp, work for the College.

Council found that they could not object on the pressing that existing because a notice of such an action needs to be sent to adjacent property owners at least 10 days prior to a meeting and posted publicly at least seven days in advance. Neither of these things had been done prior to the meeting.

Village Council did ultimately agree that it was the Schaefer’s application but felt there were still questions about the fee, especially since they had not paid the application fee. They requested that the application be withdrawn and submitted without any fee to McConnell. As a result, McConnell withdrew the application, removed the cover letter and check and re-submitted the application on behalf of the Schaefer’s for a $125 payment for the application fee.

After the meeting, McConnell confirmed that the Council is interested in purchasing the Village Inn with the ultimate purpose of bringing someone in to run it as a restaurant. McConnell, though, reiterated that the lot split is needed to let this plan go forward.

McConnell said that although the College would not be buying the Village Inn with Joe and Margaret Gaskin, who also run the Middle Ground Coffeehouse and have talked in discussion with the Schaefer’s about some form of arrangement in this space, no agreement had been reached and the College has not considered a space upgrade of this property except that they would like to pursue.

At the beginning of the meeting, College: Township Fire Chief Larry Cullison spoke. Cullison explained that the department had 375 runs last year, the second highest in the past five years. Eight Kenton students are among the volunteer firefighters, according to Cullison.

When asked by council what sorts of changes he noticed, Cullison said there had been a "fairly significant spike" in overdose/narcotic (OD/narc) runs, with 20 by last year. There were 15 in 2004, 12 in 2003 and right in 2002, according to a report prepared by Cullison.

Cullison noted that there were four OD/narc runs each of the last three months of the year, compared to two in the three months of the summer combined. This caused Cullison to believe these runs are "directly related to the students." However, Cullison noted that students are not the only persons who are transported for this reason.

Cullison also stated, "The use of drugs is on an increase," including crack, cocaine, methamphetamine and heroin.

Cullison did not state whether this was among the Kenton student body or the population in general, however. He also stated that 80 to 85 percent of the runs were categorized in emergency transport to the hospital.

Council asked Cullison if the department might look into generating a free ambulance service. Cullison said it was not desirable to him to charge for the service, as council members noted that if there were new buses, because of the current arrangements, any medical supplies needed for a patient are replenished for free by the hospital.

Also during the open forum, Mitchell Dean-O’tong of East Brooklyn mentioned presented a letter to the council.

The street light in front of her house has burned out, and she originally asked the Village to replace it with a new one. Prior to the meeting, Mayor Kirk Emr and Village Administrator Rob McDonald decided that the interests of first priority is the maintenance of the standard 16,000 lumen light in front of her house and shaded the Village for taking into consideration the problem of light pollution.

Eventually, Council concluded that the area had so few lights and was such a busy area that the light needed to be replaced at the exact 16,000 lumen level. Council also agreed that they would like to keep lower levels in the Village, but this was not the case to start.

The council also approved the 2006 Gambier budget. According to the budget document, the general revenues are projected to total $596,037, with $733,762,12 available general expenditures are budgeted at $724,850, an increase of nearly $100,000 from 2005. The budget was approved unanimously.

Council also approved two expenditures outlined in the mayor’s report.

Emr explained that the state of Ohio would be making a detailed maps of the entire state at a one-inch pixel resolution.

However, in conjunction with the planned storm water utility, the Village would need to sign only one more document to finalize the arrangement with Circular Wireless. McDonald also said that the Village would make sure the placement of the cellular antenna would not damage the zinc coating of the water tower’s interior.
Raccoon Stew brew’n in Danville

BY DAYLE BAUGHMAN
Senior News Editor

On Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, nearly 750 people gathered in Danville to experience a local tradition that pre-dates all of the students and many of the faculty of Danville College. The 61st annual Lions Club Raccoon Dinner drew crowds from around the state, some even from Dayton and Versailles—to the Saint Luke’s Community Center for Taste of country tradition.

In 1944, a Danville resident and member of the local Lions Club chapter, Clyde Banbury scheduled a dinner with the Lions held in his basement. Banbury decided to play a prank on his guests and withheld the menu until they had arrived.

It was then that he realized that raccoon was to be the main dish. His guests liked the dinner so much that it was made again in the Lions’ kitchen the next year. In subsequent years, members of the local community wanted to join the Lions’ dinner, and it was eventually made a public event held in honor of the Lions Club’s charitable work.

According to Pat Crow, a Danville native and president of the Danville chapter of the Lions Club, the Raccoon Dinner has both changed and stayed the same in its 61-year tradition.

"It was originally a stet event," Crow said. "In 1986 it was changed to a co-ed event, and was opened to everyone." Shortly after the Raccoon Dinner became open to everyone, so did the Lions Club, which started admitting female members around the same time. Once women were allowed to attend the dinner, it became a family event, which Crow says was the biggest single change in the event’s 62-year history. Crow added, "I think mostly we’ve changed the menu, though.

The menu has changed since the first dinner in 1944. The menu now includes ham as a main course for those who wish not to eat raccoon.

Although there are other choices as a main dish, most people will eat the traditional selection. This year volunteers cooked and served more than 200 raccoons, which equals about 600 pounds of meat. The raccoons are bought from local trappers who sell the skins and freeze the meat for use at the dinner.

"We’re very careful where we get our meat," said Crow. "We understand this isn’t a USDA choice meat, and so we take every precaution. Some of the people cleaning the raccoons have been doing it for 40 or 50 years.

Many of the those in attendance have been coming to the Raccoon dinner for years. Rent Van Houts, of Mount Vernon, has missed only one Raccoon Dinner in the last 35 years. "The only reason I missed [the Raccoon Dinner] that year was that my boy was diagnosed with leukemia that day," Van Houts said.

Van Houts and Winklowski disagreed on what raccoon tastes like, saying beef and pork respectively, but they both agreed that the dinner was "delicious as usual."
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Why the drunken charade?

BY SARRINA LEICHTER

Guest Columnist

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The purpose of this piece is not to chastise those who choose to drink on this campus or to condemn the choices of those who don’t. The purpose is to bring to the attention of the members of this student body the fact that for many of us, Plogging is not the jewell and brilliant celebration that the college and the organizing committee intend it to be. Thinking about this year’s Plogging, I think not of the mask of the flapper girl or the poiseo’s eyes beautifully worn by a few students but the mask of intoxication that I believe was worn by too many. Plogging is meant to be a week-end far from ordinary but I fear that what it has become—like so many other weekends on this campus—is an excuse to “get wasted.” When classes end on Friday afternoon, the drinking begins. On weekend evenings there are fraternity parties, block parties, apartment parties, private and public parties, all providing alcohol. If there is one mistake on this campus that is not in danger of becoming extinct, it is the weekend drinking scene. Why then, on the one night of the year when the college spends $15,000 to give its students a spectacular evening, do we transform our ball into a drunken masquerade? What does it say about us if we can’t, for one night, enjoy each other’s company while sober or that we make students who choose not to drink feel uncomfortable? Or even worse, that a night given by the college as a gift to each of its students could become a night of such debauchery that some of us feel disgusted from going?

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**KMS slashes its way into Kenyon**

**BY TOMMY FETER**

Staff Writer

With adventures in place and auditions already under way, a new performing arts group has hit Kenyon with a stab into the heart and raucous laughter. The Kenyon Musical Theatre Society is ready to add itself to the already-populous list of student-run theatrical organizations on campus. Their first project will be a full-length production of *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*. Sophomore Michaela Kenyon '79 in the role of the wondrous barber and his meat pie-making accomplice, Ms. Lovett. Performances will be held at Nickels 06, Emily Hankey 17, Leah Braverman 19 and Aileen Caldwell 19 last semester while performing *Lady Be Good* in the musical Theatre Workshop. Braverman, now the society's head of publicity, recalled the post-rehearsal dinner that starred the group. As they discussed their shared love of musical theater and frustration with the lack of opportunities for performance outside of the administrative workshops. "It got to the point," said Braverman, "where one of us jokingly proposed that we should start a group, but the two of us got really into the idea."

Since "a Kenyon Musical Theatre Group" previously existed on campus but was forced to disband after breaking the ice in the Hill Theatre, the women realized their organization, the Kenyon Musical Theatre Society, to avoid unwarranted confusion. After securing support from Kenyon's music and dance and drama departments, they agreed to produce *Sweeney Todd* at Nickels' suggestion. Nickels, the society's organization, is comparing the musical to string tragedies of the Elizabethan and Jacobean era for its use of multi-faceted characters. KMSophetoreast least one bay that includes a chorus, and Sweeney Todd fiddles the bill. As Nickels noted, "The chorus in [the show] is extremely important, commenting on the action rather like the chorus in a Greek play."

Kenyon has taken on much of the construction of the show herself, along with the music department's involvement. "It's an opportunity to do something great," Nickels said. "I think this is a great experience for me."

Though the group encountered difficulties while trying to obtain the Hill Theatre, they were able to push the scheduled performance back by two weeks, the preliminary plans for the show already drafted. Nickels is quick to praise the "very talented cast," although she noted that "few more goys" would still be welcome. "Sweeney Todd is scheduled to be performed April 27 and 28 in the Hill."

**Kris Kim Bang Bang**

(Friday, Feb. 10, 8:00 p.m.)

An unexpected crime from last year, *Kris Kim Bang Bang* is an end- lessly clever and frequently hilarious send-up of the pulp mystery genre. Writer-director Shane Black, who created the Lethal Weapon series, does a great job of uniting the world of the Hollywood crime-fighters back in the 1980s and '90s. The film playsfully pays tribute to (and makes fun of) everything about the genre and its in- hands plots, the subtext women, the tough-guy machismo, and all its other excesses.

**Kris Kim Bang Bang** stars Robert Downey Jr. (Wonder Boys) as Harry Lockheart, a pulp private detective who has had quite the career as an actor to trade capture by the police. He finds himself in contention for the role of the "Cigar Guy," and though a bit of a stunt (Nicholas Cage) turns up dead, the three of them find themselves in a real life murder mystery. Of course, this sounds like the plot of numerous other movies, but it's kind of the point. Downey's frequent voice-overs mock some of the more stereotypical elements of the story, and the script builds on great one-liners that you'll find yourself quoting long after the most the out-of-tune movie of 2005.

**The Maltese Falcon**

(Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:00 p.m.)

One of the most revered film noir's of all time (and frequently reprinted by Kenyon students), *The Maltese Falcon* is a classic tale of murder and de- ception. Directed by the legendary John Huston and based on the mysterious and even more legendary Humphrey Bogart (Cagliostro), it is the story of tough-guy private detec- tive Sam Spade and his search for a priceless work of art. Sam Spade's troubles begin when his partner is mysteriously killed while following the man that they were sent to investigate. The woman who hired them for the job has disappeared, and Spade is left with nothing of the Maltese Falcon, a one-of-kind statuette. A mysterious crime kingpin (Sydney Greenstreet) is also after the statue. The art of, of course, a variety of means in the plot, and the story continually keeps you guessing.

Valentine's Day planning, according to the Zodiac

**BY RYAN MERRILL**

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Gemini (5/21-6/20)

Consider the facts of the life, whether you're in love or not. Talk about your feelings and make a decision. Offering your ideas is important. Try not to show off. Some of the rest of the world is interested in what you did.

Cancer (6/21-7/22)

Today you will recover something from the collective unconscious, but after a moment's reflection, you will toss it back. It looks disgusting. Probably not even sanitary.

Leo (7/23-8/22)

After much deliberation, you decide to make a wise long-term investment in something that brings you great congratulations. In time, this stuff will pay for itself. Did you see into the Blue Man? Paul Walker found you like, gold and cocaine and a cannon with his UAG. It's only a matter of time before you do as well.

Virgo (8/23-9/22)

Ignorance is Bliss. Think about it. No, write—Don't.

Libra (9/23-10/22)

Today, in a fit of sheer boredom, you will write the definitive compendium of all the uses for twine. It will survive the fall of our Empire, be smuggled out by monks, and then become one of the great texts of our Neo-Classical Civilization, revered in mosques from the Uranyad to Spain in the Abbasids of Persia.

Scorpio (10/23-11/22)

One day in the near future, you'll find an ancient Indian arrowhead outside today. At last, that's what your roommate says. It looks more like a cup to you.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)

Today, love will come when you least expect it. Now go.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19)

Someone will approach you with an idea today. Stay away from it.

Aquarius (1/20-2/19)

Today's day to make friends into FUN-due.

Pisces (2/19-3/20)

Today you're going to skip over a lot of funny writing to look at what matters to you, you selfish jerk. Go back and read every word of this article.
KAC makes seniors healthier

BY ZACK ROSEN
Guest Writer

It's 6 p.m. and you've dominated the elliptical and given the treadmill a run for its money, only to face even more daunting challenges: the walk to Peirce and the question of what to put in your stomach when you get there. Should you reward your hard work with a greasy meal and ice cream or balance your workout style with something more wholesome? With the opening of the Kenyon Athletic Center, more and more students seem to be choosing the latter, which has become some- what easier with the introduction of AVI as our new food service. The combination of the two makes some people call healthier because we have the opportunity to" stated Charlie Baldwin '09. However, while admitting that people are attracted to the KAC at present, he predicted "in two months, KAC attendance will be down 50 per-

cent," and could theoretically take the motivation for healthy eating down with it. Freshman Elizabeth Meyers, who remarked that though the KAC-inspired frenzy has made her eating habits slightly healthier, she still would not object to creat- ing a shuttle system from the north end of campus, confessing that "the unmotivated remain unmotivated." In others, however, the KAC's size, atmosphere, and tendency to be- come a social mecca has instilled an enthusiasm for keeping health issues in the front of their minds. "I really like it there, it makes me want to go exercise," said Meredith Blake '09. Shelley Howard '09 agreed, excited to have a "sensible body" to show off on spring break. Not to mention that it is clearly a new place to see and be seen.

Through sweaty starismatter conversations or post-workout group dips in the hot tub, everyone still seems to be catching a healthy men-
tality from one another.

Joel Sherman '08 commented, "I know one friend who didn't work out once last semester just because they were waiting for the KAC to open. Now they're going four times a week. Between Arramack's bad food and Ernst's one treadmill, I don't think people were that inspired to work out last semester." But there still lingers the question of whether the KAC will just promote an in- digence of previous vices. "I never went to Ernst, but I go to the KAC five times a week," said freshman Lazey Lee, only to admit later, "But I can't eat Kenyon treats now!" Most students, however, seem to be mak- ing positive changes or continuing to be as healthy as possible. Freshman Emmett Duff, a self-proclaimed lackluster exerciser, confessed that he lives with "Since I started going to the KAC, food has never tasted sweeter. AVI and the KAC make a good couple." Hopefully, this future- tion will continue to sculp happy, healthy Kenyonites.

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Sex & the Country

SHOCK & LIPLOCK

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Guest Writer

I've seen it happen at parties, apartment parties, casual gatherings and even in the Safe Rides van. Two girls, probably friends, roommates or sorority sisters, get drunk enough to show you a little party trick they invented, and as you peer at them with half-assed Greek language, I have party tricks too, but mine usually involve playing with a lighter or knowing all the words to that fast-paced REM song. These girls, let's just call them "beer-beaters," picked up in their formative years the idea that guys think it's sexy when girls make out, just as long as the aforementioned girls don't actually go home with each other. So every weekend they decide to show off little bit.

"Hey everybody," they announce, "look what we can do." Mouths locked, arms thrown around waists or necks, the body language screams, "Oh yeah, you like when we make out. Look how forbidden we are. Spring break whoooowhoohoo!" The lien usually goes on for so much more then a minute or so, just enough for people to break out cameras or at least take several cell- mental pictures. Their experiment with homophobia-sensationalism complete, the girls then return to their boyfriends or boy-prospects, satiated in the knowledge they have done something wicked with their nights.

However pretty the girls in question, there is something inherently off- ensive about these alcohol-induced tattoos. It reduces sexuality, something many struggle with their whole lives, to little more than an attention-grab- bing device, doomed to easily as Udgs and shed as quickly as a Phallic dress. And even I, with no knowledge of Women's and Gender Studies, bristle at the idea of "gay behavior" being treated as spectacle. Most people don't treat their sex lives as spectumry, no matter how much the medievof will I've kissed my fair share of guys, even at Kenyon, and I have never (okay, rarely) felt the desire to be cheered on by a crowd.

That said, if God decreed a sudden end to straight-guy-on-guy action, I would be a little sad. The alternative dating scene here is nothing short of abysmal, so some part of me welcomes even the slightest hints of gayness. And if that gayness should come from two freshman girls who think that makeout will earn them a front spot in the login, maybe I should just keep well enough alone. Maybe someday an exhibition will lead to curiosity, and then experimentation, and who knows what. Every new addition to our gay scene counts, no matter where it comes from.

Maybe these girls that kiss at parties will kick off a revolution, breaking the lines of gender and sexuality until Kenyon becomes single-handedly responsible for the new sexual revolution. Shock your Mama will be a monthly event and the Pops Drag Ball will be held as frequently as a class dinner. Brav will burn along side uncomfortable home-brews and Crotier will go through so many free condoms that it will gain a new corporate sponsor and be rechristened "The Trojan Centers.

Maybe, in a perfect world, Kenyon girls will gain some of the girls, adventurous spirit and decide that they too want to show off. We could have AEs kissing DKEs, Beta going home with Psi-Oz, hall-cast in morning. Two average-looking straight guys will dabber over each other in an old Kenyon dance floor, surrounded by Zetas who wave dollar bills and smoke cigars. Or maybe Kenyon can reclaim its title of Most Promiscuous Col- leges, previously owned by Pennhous magazine in 1995. Maybe Kenyon will ascend to heights of sexual freedoms that haven't been seen since that time Allison Janney felt up Laura Hillenbrand while Paul Newman played piano and watched.

If the only thing standing between Kenyon and sexual utopia is a six-pack of Zona and a regressed pact in a Bushnell double, maybe I shouldn't care so much. I remember from Beer and Sex that kissing is a mostly safe behavior and that it's really hard for one guy to get another pregnant. Still, though, there is a difference between genetic experimentation and falsified gras for attention. If two girls are making out solely for the purpose of getting a guy's attention, they might as well go home and practice making love in their body pillow. Twice as exciting and half as public, and much less offensive for all involved.

Senior in the Spotlight

Billy Callis

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Whether rocking out with the Marquis de Ralts, serving as a staff member on the Kenyon College HIKA or promoting Amenity, senior Billy Callis finds joy in his work.

Callis is a man of many trades, yet one particular activity seems to resonate as one of his best experi-

ences. When asked about the many activities that he has been involved in during his four years at Kenyon College, Callis did not hesitate to begin the discussion with his involve-

ment in the Marquis de Ralts. The band's "raucous lyrics, crushing riffs, foot-tapping rhythms and balls-to-the-wall attitude" are exactly what Callis expects of the band, according to Callis. It is these "crushing riffs" that bring students all over campus, from the Horn Gallery to Peaks parties, to rock out to the tunes of Marquis de Ralts. Yet, Callis' musical abilities extend past those displayed with the band.

Recently, Callis has discovered his talent as a DJ. For the past two years, Callis has DJed private parties as well as the Phi Kappa's "Hedonism party," the Ballroom Dance Team's "Snowball" and the Swim team's annual "Shack Your Mama" event. And even as the end of his Kenyon College career approaches, Callis is scheduling upcoming DJ events for WKCO.

While music is a large compo- nent of Callis' life, he also stands out among his fellow students as a frequent Kellin participant. Callis finds it "interesting and very valuable to be able to communicate frankly

with people about the confusions of Jewish identity." His participation in Hillel events, particularly open discussion forums, has allowed Callis to get his voice and opinions heard around campus.

One would assume that as a member of Marquis de Ralts, a DJ and a member of Hillel, Callis would have little time for any other extracurricular activities. But that assumption is incorrect. Currently, Callis also serves as a second-year staff member of HIKA, which he describes as "a fun atmosphere...very interesting." He also has the experience of what some of Kenyon's best writers and visual artists are producing." He also works as a community advisor.

With all of Callis' participation at Kenyon College, he stands out as a senior in recognition. So, what is Billy Callis in the spotlight?
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Fiesta Mexicana: spicing things up in Mount Vernon

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So where’s the best place to go out to eat in the area? Ask any Kenyon student, and I bet he or she would reply with one word: Fiesta. Fiesta Mexicana, located at 308 West High Street in Mount Vernon, is a popular choice for our Hungry Monday column. The restaurant offers an authentic Mexican dining experience. I had heard about it all year—when the swim team was going out to eat there, friends exclaiming that it was worth it. So I thought I would stop in for dinner, especially since it is one of the best dining options in town.

Fiesta Mexicana is located near the Kenyon campus, and it is particularly popular among students. The restaurant offers a variety of dishes, including tacos, enchiladas, and mole. The menu is extensive, with options for vegetarians and vegans. The atmosphere is casual and welcoming, with bright colors and lively music. The waitstaff is friendly and attentive, making the experience enjoyable.

Fiesta Mexicana is a great place to go for a quick bite or a more elaborate meal. The restaurant offers a variety of options, including takeout and delivery. The food is fresh and delicious, with a focus on authentic Mexican flavors. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week, making it a convenient choice for students on different schedules.

In conclusion, Fiesta Mexicana is a great option for students looking to enjoy a delicious Mexican meal in Mount Vernon. With its friendly atmosphere and delicious food, it is a must-visit for anyone looking for a taste of Mexico in our area.
Ladies hold own against stiff competition

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Lords basketball take first KAC win

BY ERICK TAFT
Staff Reporter

The Kenyon mens basketball team picked up its first win of the season in a close 80-72 victory over the Hiram College Terriers on Tuesday night, 72-63. The Lords were able to get out to a quick start against the Terriers, which they were able to maintain. At times the game seemed out of reach for the Terriers, including a 17-point Kenyon advantage with 7:10 minutes left in the second half. The Lords are now 6-15 overall and 3-9 in the North Coast Athletic Conference. The Terriers would not give up, however, and went within three points with less than a minute to play. Chase free throw shooting helped seal the lead for the Lords, who were able to pull out a nine-point win. Matt Formato '06 scored 30 points and went 4-6 behind the three-point arc, leading the team to victory. The Lords were also helped to their win over the Terriers by Tyler Rhem '06, who had 16 points and 7 rebounds.

This win was special for the Lords not only because it was their sixth win, which broke last year's record, but also because it was the Lords' first victory in the Kenyon Athletic Center. Formato was happy with the victory but noted there was room for improvement in the win. "It was great to finally get our first win in the KAC. We did a poor job defensively as a team, but we didn't let their top scorers play well, so that was a positive," said Head Coach Matt Ciroc.

The win was rewarding. The guys have played hard, it's time for them to see the benefits of a win.

Unfortunately, the Lords were not able to build on their victory over the Terriers to win the men's division 1 momentums, losing to Earlham College on Saturday 70-60. The Earlham game was tough, note Ciroc. "We played our best defensive game in a while and really executed offensively. Earlham had a couple guys making some key plays throughout the game that we didn't control." Formato added that the team had a few lapses offensively that cost them. "(Against EARHAM) we started strong but we didn't do a good job of rebounding or hitting open shots." The Lords look to improve their NCAAC record on College Saturday at Oberlin.

Lords start postseason

BY DANIEL PRAGER
Staff Reporter

The Lords swim team faced two very worthy opponents this past weekend in the Penn State University National Invitational and the John Hopkins University Blue Jays. The Lords lost to Penn State; 174-95 before defeated Johns Hopkins 130-97. The Ninety Nasio rank in the top 25 of Division I, Johns Hopkins is a top team in Division III year after year. The Lords, according to David Delhart '06, "simply have to lose the game to Penn State. He performed." Delhart added, "Although we did not beat them the team put up 95 out of 60 seconds in a season times. It was an all-around great performance." The team put up their best length for the season. The team that put the pace for the meet in the first event. Delhart with Joey Goossen '07, Matt Harris '09 and Jimmy Berger Weber the 200-yard medley by putting a season best-time of 1:53.33. Two events later, Matt Christian '08 went the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 1:42.06. This time was a season-best for the Lords, and it provided a base for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III championships.

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With contributions from many underclassmen, our experience was a high expectation for their post-season competition, beginning today in Canton, Ohio, at the NCAAC championships. My performances last weekend put me in a good position and for the team as a whole. morale was high going into training and I was in the KAC. I wouldn't really have asked for more."

Ice hockey starts cold

BY JESS OPPENHEIM
Staff Reporter

We are doing pretty well, said Alex Kim '06 of the Lords. We are starting to win, but we are coming in first, and we don't even have a coach, so we have to beat our record to our best on our record to our best. But now we have a coach and we have to do it with a coach. Alex Kim '06 of the Lords. We are starting to win, but we are coming in first, and we don't even have a coach, so we have to beat our record to our best on our record to our best. But now we have a coach and we have to do it with a coach.

The Lords lost to the Northern Kentucky University 1-0 Tuesday night, dropping their record to 3-4. The team is led by Will O'Keefe '07, Ryan Bailey '06 and Steve Skubel '08. Joey Farnard '99 leads the team with 13 goals and four assists for 17 points. O'Keefe and Skubel both win, both with five goals. O'Keefe has 12 points, and Skubel has 15 points.

"Farnard has been incredible," said O'Keefe. "The numbers he's putting up are amazing, and they're making me the most impressive by far for the fact that he's a first-year. He's even helped coach some practices. He's indispensable.""The Lords have had some impressive wins over their season—including a 10-0 massacre of the Oberlin College Yeomen, another defeat of the Wooster 9-3 and a 9-4 win over the Wittenberg University Tigers—and some tough losses, including a 9-8 loss to Denison University Big Red, whom the Lords look to defeat this upcoming Sunday, February 12th.

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Two boys will be facing in front of the 2750 crowd on Saturday, looking to come up with the next. The game is huge, said O'Keefe. "We should have beat Denison last time. We were very close, and we believe we could put the Lords' record at 500 and quality for the players."

The Lords are putting forward an improved defense and better offense. Head Coach Hettinger and Mike Schupp '09 and a hard hitting defense led by Ryan Bailey, Gannon Kimmel, and Alex Kimm '09 have done a good job. O'Keefe is "brilliant awesome" at goal, according to Schnapp. "He's even held on his head for one second," said O'Keefe.

"Il'd be great if we could get as much support as we had for our last game against Denison," said Kimm. "We really appreciate the support."

I guarantee a good game," said Schnapp.

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