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Serendipity brings Kerry to Kenyon

BY ALLISON BURLEY Staff Reporter

On Feb. 16, the senior class announced Kenyon's 178th graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 20. Of his decision, Kerry said, "I am honored that the students at Kenyon asked me to speak to the 2006 graduating class. I'm really looking forward to it."

The head of the Democratic Party in Ohio contacted President Nugent's office earlier this year about arranging a visit by Kerry to the Kenyon campus this spring, explained Assistant to the President Kathy Lake. "We looked at the options and decided to propose that he visit during Commencement and deliver the address. . . . He responded that he would be delighted to accept the opportunity."

The College is delighted to have him as well. "It's not only an indication of Kenyon's stature," explained Lake, "but also a recognition of the importance of Gamer's story from the perspective of student leaders, professional workers, including the president's office, who then submit the formal invitation.

However, explained Senior Class President Hans Wong, complications involving the incompatible schedules of potential speakers and other setbacks left the senior class without a speaker at the beginning of this year.

- "Getting Kerry was pure serendipity," said Wong. "We were without a speaker, and the clock ticking down to graduation. The College received a call that he was interested in speaking at Kenyon, and we jumped at the opportunity for him to give the Commencement address."

Most seniors shared the excitement. "I could not have been more excited to hear that Senator Kerry was going to be my graduation speaker," said Kate Barney '06. "The fact that such a man and prominent politician recognizes Kenyon's and Gamer's commitment to standing in line on Nov. 2 instead of making a change to make this a better environment. The three questions that the facilitators asked the students in the focus groups, I think it would have been a more successful event if Kenyon was at Kenyon that are important to you?"

2) What would you like to change?

3) How would you connect life in the classroom with life outside the classroom?

In addition to the random sampling of students from the general population, members of student groups such as Student Senate and athletic teams are being asked to connect with members of the focus groups to gather responses to these community-oriented questions.

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Relating that individuals tend to focus on the negative aspects of the campus, the focus groups were structured around these questions which hoped to find aspects of the college that were positive and ways that other aspects of the campus can change to make this a better environment. The three questions that the facilitators asked the students in the focus groups were:

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Senior Exercises in Studio Art
Senior Exercises in Studio Art begin their exhibitions on March 20th and will continue through April 15th.

Mock trial advances to Nationals
BY DAVYNE BAUGHMAN
Senior News Editor
A semester of work came to fruition over the weekend of Feb-
uary 17, 2006, as both Kenyon College Mock Trial teams, num-
bers five and six, took part in the regional competition held in Hamilton County, Ohio. Due to their scores, team 690 advanced to the silver national competition, which will be held in Minneapolis, Minn. March 17-19, 2006.
It was an incredibly appar-
tant that team 690, which finished 10th at the competition, would be participating in the national tour-
nament. "Once we figured out our records at the awards ceremony, we all thought 'We've completely done with Mock Trial for the year,'" said team President Eddie Rice. It was not until after the results from the regional competition came in that Kenyon was granted a spot, or a bid, at the Minneapolis tournament. The Ohio State Uni-
versity, who originally had Kenyon's bid, sent teams to the Hamilton regional and Bellermaine regional. At the regional tournament they garnered three bids to national tournaments but could only accept two bids, so they gave up their bid from the regional, thus giving Kenyon a trip to the national competition.
"It was a surprise for team mem-
bers to learn that they would, indeed, be advancing to a higher level of competition," Rice said. "When we heard that we would be going to national we were all shocked, but very happy," Rice said.
Although only one team will be moving on to national competi-
tion, Rice said that neither team was happy with their performance. "The regional definitely surprised us," Rice said. "Both teams thought they were going to do better than they actually did." Although the teams were not completely pleased with their performance, Rice said that their scores at the regional competition reflected their success at other invitational tournaments that the team attended throughout the year.
"If you look at the records from our past invitational tournaments they are almost the same as we get at regionals, about a 4-4 record with many close rounds," Rice said.
The team attended several invitational competitions in the first and second semesters including trips to Cleveland, the University of Pennsylvania, and Cornell Col-
lege. They also held two scrimmages at Kenyon, with other Ohio teams.
the scoring at Mock Trial competitions is somewhat complex. Each team is composed of two sides, a prosecution and a defense, and each of these sides takes part in an equal number of trials over the source of a competition. For each of these trials, two judges compile a score for the teams by combining scores for individual team mem-
bers' performances. The winning team has the highest score on a given judge's ballot. Because the two judges score independently of one another, it is possible for teams to be named the winner by one judge and the loser by the other. Teams, then, win a given round by being named the winner by both judges and lose if both judges pick the other team as a winner. If a team loses one ballot and wins one ballot, the round is considered split. The number of ballots each team wins or loses is tallied, and this becomes a tie-breaking factor if two or more teams have the same record. The team with the better record is the winner of the tournament.
690 had a combined record of 4-4 over the four rounds of the regional competition. 690 lost to Miami 995, who took second place at the tournament, and Weber State University 310, who went 6-2 and took fourth place, and beat Ohio State University 306 who origi-
nally had Kenyon's bid to national, and Ohio Wesleyan 856.
Team 691 finished the tourna-
mament with a 3-4-1 record, beating Earlham College 951, splitting ballots with Bowling Green State University 506, winning one ballot and tying another with The Ohio State University 308 and losing to Ohio State 309. Kenyon 691 was only a combined 2 points behind those teams that they met in com-
mpetition.
In each round, the two judges also pick the best attorneys and witnesses from the trial. Wit-
nesses and attorneys are ranked one through five and given points correspondingly. Those that rank first are given five points, those that rank second are given four and so on. These points are tallied, and the participants with the highest point totals are given outstanding witness and attorney awards. Two members of the Kenyon mock trial team won awards for their out-
standing performances. Rice won an outstanding attorney award for his efforts, and Charlie Croter 99 also won an outstanding attorney award. Each was one of twenty competitors, out of the hundreds present at the competition, to take these honors.
This has been a somewhat trying year for the team, which was formed in 2004. Off the 14 team members, only eight of them had previous experience. In fact, the team was adding new mem-
bers as late as October of 2005, in preparation for the regional com-
mpetition. Many of these members were taught in a relatively short time the ins and outs of mock trial competition.
Circumstances will continue to challenge the team, which will have three weeks to prepare for the competition. The two weeks immediately preceding the tour-
nament consisted of Kenyon's spring break, meaning that mem-
bers of the team will be scattered throughout the country or region. The team will have a hard time meeting to prepare.
According to Rice, the team is spending their final week on campus getting everything in line for the tournament and will continue to communicate via e-mail during the break. Rice said that the team will be relying on the independent work of the team members to make sure that their case is ready for the competition.
The independent effort of the students who participate in Mock Trial at Kenyon is one of the keys to the team's success. Although the team does not have a coach and the members have not stayed the same from year to year, the team has managed to advance to national competition in the second and third years of its existence.
"We always have a good group," Rice wrote. "Those with more experi-
ence have taught those with less, so it works out." Alex Bender '08 believes that the team has done a great job with limited resources. "Kenyon mock trial is like Rudy from that movie Rudy," he said. "We are the classic underdogs. Our team is a totally self-maintaining unit that persevered through thetridge that was regional, and we made it to the big game. Everybody has performed well this year, and I think national succes is going to be any different. I'm proud of what we've done this year."
Depending on how the team does at the national competition, they may have the opportunity to move on to gold nationals, where they would vie for the chance to become a national championship to Kenyon.

Corrections
Due to staff errors, in "Senate imposes Good Samaritan policy" (Feb. 23, 2006), Dan Werner was quoted as saying, "Do they know who they are? Do they know what day it is and do they know who their inner circle actually do? do they know who they are, do they know what day it is and do they know where they are." Due to staff error, in "No, we can't ignore underaged drinking," (Feb. 23, 2006), it was reported that there were 47 alcohol-related injuries in the hospital. The number was actually 17.
Due to staff error, in "Tracking a track record" (Feb. 20, 2006), Andrew Hannamack's name was misspelled; it was spelled "Hammond"; Zack Rosen's name was misspelled, it was spelled "Zakk."
The Collegian apologizes for any inconvenience.
Model UN brings home hardware from Harvard

BY DAVID BAUGHMAN  New York Times Editor

On February 16, 2006, the Kenyon College Model United Nations team traveled to a five-day tournament held at Harvard University.

Ten members of Kenyon's Model UN team, along with nearly 2,500 other students from around the world, took part in the largest Model UN conference in the United States. Kenyon's team took the role of Venezuela for this conference, and each of the ten members of Kenya's team represented Venezuela's interests in a different mock UN committee.

According to Captain Sean Lyons '07, the team did very well at the conference. "I was impressed with our team, because we had some inexperienced members at the conference and they were debating ingeniously in committees of 200, 300, 600 people," said Lyons. "Our team did very well. Lyons pointed out with awe "they didn't do as well as the team that won." Chris Tucker '08, team liaison, believes that not many people realize how important the Harvard conference is. "It's really huge," Tucker said. "At Harvard, there were 3000 delegates. That's kind of mind-blowing. However, the setup was flat," Tucker said. "The setup was flat. The team was unable to compete because of frustrating problems that happened before the tournament. According to Lewis, the team filled out the appropriate forms to have a check cut for the tournament and destroyed the check before they arrived at Harvard. This check was never sent, though the College told the team it had been. When the team arrived at Harvard, the fee included several hundred dollars in late fees. When the team arrived at Harvard and tried to register, they found out that their entrance was never received and that they were not going to be able to take part in the conference. They were able to contact Kenyon, who faxed a copy of the check and thought that but one of the team member's father's had to provide his credit card to guarantee that their entrance was never received. Despite their problems with funding, the team is not blamable for the problems. "The people in the SAC office are wonderful, and they didn't fault of their own, things slip through," said Lewis. "I'm glad to have these experiences, they are definitely things that I'll pass on to other members." While the members of the team are looking back on a successful season, they are also looking forward to the upcoming year. Tucker said that he believes it will be necessary for the team to decrease the amount of turnover that the team experiences from year-to-year. "We need to keep people on the team," Lewis said. According to Tucker, saying that keeping members was crucial for consistency's sake and that it takes a lot of work to train new members. "We literally spent the first five or six months trying to improve the team, and it's only a small group that they're going to be able to get up and go out on their own by the end of the year."

Tucker and Lewis both agreed that the team would be a huge success in the future and that Kenya's team would be a huge success in the future. Lyons hopes to get more funding for Model UN to support the team's success for the next few years. "A team is usually able to fund itself by making money off of concessions," said Lyons. He also pointed out that to start your Model UN career at huge conferences could be a nerve-racking experience. However, he pointed out that one of the problems Kenya's has is that all of the conferences are far away from campus. She also said that the Kenyon delega- tion had given her a good idea: holding mock conferences of committees at Kenyon. Lewot pointed that two other schools in Ohio that have Model UN teams, and that it would be to Kenyon's benefit to have scrimmages with those schools to help prepare for actual competitions.

Lyons is hoping that the Model UN team can return to its former glory. As he pointed out, the team won the Harvard Conference in school year 2000, in five years of existence.

Kerry: Inspiration

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"Kenyon and the Gammai com- munity are nationally known for its tenacity in trying to vote for John Kerry," explained Brian Rothenberg, Communications Director for the Ohio Democratic Party. He also ex- plained that the precinct in Gammai is in the top 5 percent of all Ohio precincts in voting for Kerry. "It's safe to say that Kenyon College is Kerry country, John Kerry is coming to say thank you."

"The Ohio Democratic Party couldn't be more excited for the gradu- ating students of Kenyon College," he added. "It is a good indication that a long line is going to be worth it."

However, the clear political emphasis of some conferences could be potentially polarizing aspect of Kerry being the commencement speaker. The Senior Class Committee was initially wary of a speaker who would be highly politicized, since graduation should be about class solidarity before our farewell and not an election event," said Wong. "While Kerry is a controversial figure, I think we will have a meaningful com- memoration address that everyone can appreciate."

Overall, most felt that the honor to have Kerry was not a partisan one. "Kerry's visit is a sign of the national reputation Kenyon has attained from the president's endor- sements to political persuasions on Election Day 2004," said Keith Caniano '08. "Although I did not vote for Senator Kerry, I believe that his speaking for Kenyon and the Class of 2006 to have a sitting US. Senator and former presidential candidate deliver the commencement address." Wong also described some indi- viduals who had the opportunity to speak to Senator Kerry as not a literary figure but emphasized the feeling that Kerry can leave the campus with an equally important message. "While Kenyon has a very prestigious literary history," she ex- plained, "in my opinion, we don't have so many people who are regularly recognized for their work. Having Sen. Kerry reflects the kind of politically active and socially conscientious people that we aim to be." Seniors generally expressed a similar faith in Kerry's speech that they'll "be able to appreciate for a commerce move- ment speaker. "I have heard Senator Kerry several times," said Barney. "He is a dynamic, strong speaker, so I am sure he will deliver a moving message."

Underclassmen as well, although the event is not meant to be a political one, said that they will be excited to hear "somehow not be the ability to hear personally share the excitement of this event. Those I am thrilled to see students in such a nationally well-known figure feels that Kenyon is worthy of such a visit," said Rebecca Youkhawg '09. "Regardless of my views on Kerry himself and his agenda in choosing to speak at Kenyon, I know that will be a great public service for the school, so that makes me excited. I hope to read his speech online after I am back home in Nashville."

Senator Kerry shares the feeling of honor and has these words to share with the student body: he is looking forward to "meeting some of the most dedicated and talented young people who will be graduating from Ken- "in the fall," he said. "I do believe that the world has shown the kind of political activism that makes a real difference in our country, and I hope that Rebecca has learned to appreciate the full potential of the student body that came out to vote in such record numbers in 2004 that polling places stayed open into the night. No matter who you are, or how you voted, what motivated you to get out and vote, what matters is that Kenyon will be heard, and that our students let their voices heard. Your passion and in- volvement is an inspiration for very many Americans."
Sex & the Country
The Facebook and "it's complicated"

Ah, the Facebook. Exploring a new level of campus communication, this cyber community allows us to track the weekend escapades of old friends, wait with bated breath for the acceptance of new ones and publicly display our marital status from "single," to "committed" to "it's complicated" to "in a relationship." If one were to use the last two options, they'd have to create a Facebook profile and be who they are. No doubt, this is the epitome of modern relationships, but it is also a great opportunity for the students to share their experiences. This column is about those experiences and what they mean for the future of relationships.

Recent food and toiletry thefts have tainted students' idealized view of the Kenyon community. The security caddies that students leave unattended in their bathrooms and the food they leave in communal fridges have recently been regarded as free for the taking. Kate Guerin-Calvert '08 and Katie Heinman '09 are just a few of the students whose possessions disappeared from Mather and McBride residence halls. At the beginning of this semester, Kate Guerin-Calvert '08 noticed her food missing from the Mather kitchen freezer. When the thefts first began, she noticed small amounts of food missing: the occasional frozen dinner or ice cream sandwich that disappeared each week. Soon two or more frozen dinners vanished, along with half of a box of frozen waffles. In one extreme case, she attempted to triple-bag her food, with the outermost bag secured tightly with a knot to discourage anyone from stealing her food. She also initiated all of her food. Yet that attempt failed to stop the thief, for someone still managed to break through the bag and eat the unopened food.

With all of this dishonesty, it seems that Guerin-Calvert is merely "irritated" would be an understatement. She is angry. "This is relatively expensive and time-consuming, since I have to schedule more frequent trips to Kroger than I might otherwise," Guerin-Calvert said. According to Guerin-Calvert, this person is taking more than half of her food supply each week. In a recent interview, she mentioned her anger due to this situation, for it is not only costing her money and time, but it is costing her "parents money, who work over sixty hours a week so that she can go her classes." Overall, she now finds it difficult to trust her fellow Mather residents.

Guerin-Calvert also noted that the caution that Kate Heinman is taking has decreased. Heinman's roommate believes that she has over "$50 worth of toiletries stolen from the short-side McBride bathroom." At first, Heinman was not sure if this was a prank. However, her roommate has noticed this trend, and they have been trying to figure out what is going on.

In addition to the petty food thefts in Mather, residents of McBride recently noticed that their toiletries had disappeared. Freshman Katie Heinman reported that she had over "$50 worth of toiletries stolen from the short-side McBride bathroom." At first, Heinman was not sure if this was a prank. However, her roommate has noticed this trend, and they have been trying to figure out what is going on.

The Facebook has certainly changed the way we view relationships, and it has also changed the way we view ourselves. The "it's complicated" status is not just a reflection of our relationships, but also a reflection of our society. The idea of a "single" person is no longer acceptable, and the idea of a "committed" person is no longer realistic. The Facebook has changed the way we view ourselves, and it has also changed the way we view each other.
After Hours Coffee House gives night owls caffeine, study space

BY JAMES MILLER
Staff Writer

This past week, the After Hours Coffee House doubled its availability to students, thanks to the combined efforts of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and the Archon Society. Now students can enjoy a warm cup of coffee from 12 to 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

Ping Laf, ’08, who runs the After Hours with Ian Gant, ’08, attributes the rise of the program to the lack of hang-out spots on campus past midnight. “A lot of people sleep deep at 12,” he declares. Just for fun, let’s look at the results of a head count performed this past Monday evening at the Grand Studee Lounge, a notorious if not popular late-night work room. 9:30 a.m. – 35 students. 12:30 a.m. – 25 students. 2:30 a.m. – 20 students.

Carry the one, extrapolate the data, now calculate the uncertainty introduced by the half a dozen students47). Some students strew about the Grand Ballroom, and multiply that by arbitrary factor X for the ratio of students who prefer pulling all-nighters from the comfort of their dormitories, and let’s see what we get.

That’s a lot of bloodshot eyes.

After Hours aims to fill the gap where the rest of campus lies dormant, so give students a place to hangout and study away from the drudgery of dorms and computer labs. The volunteers weeds the deal with a warm cup of Joe and friendly conversation. The warm atmosphere of three corners—its plush leather chairs and dark wood furniture—offer a much-needed escape from textbooks, essays, and the Heart of Darkness, the one book that every student is guaranteed to read at least twice.

Though the After Hours Coffee House originated in mid-October, the idea is not being abandoned. The event hearkens back to the temporary late-night service that upperclassmen may remember as The Vault. This precursor also ran under the direction of A&D, but its creators only intended the project to tide students over until the opening of Middle Ground in late 2003.

When students met to design a program that would be (A) run entirely by students and (B) serve a greater good, memory of The Vault resurfaced. They wanted to create an additional social scene, recalls Ian Gant, ’08, but one that would better the community.

So, in addition to offering students coffee, hot cocoa, and the occasional doughnut option, the Alpha Delta Phi coffee house collects the profits from these sales for an annual donation to New Directions International. The program has already raised close to $200 this semester alone.

The numbers can only get better now that the Archons have taken up the additional two weeknights. Kenyon College, convinced by the program, has also put in partial financial support for the program. Before long, the After Hours Coffee House will seem an indispensable campus institution.

Recap:

After Hours Coffee House
Week 1: Monday-Thursday
(12 a.m. to 2 a.m., Tuesday-Friday, for you picky types.)

The Kenyon relationship

A 12-Step program

BY KIRSTEN REACH
Senior Features Editor

In response to Jennifer, I’ve talked to my friends about real dating at Kenyon. With the obvious lack of local restaurants and concert venues, there’s little hope of actually “going out.” This campus has an amorphous definition of what qualifies as a date, but is simple: A date is aangling, and every relationship is different, so this will vary in order and may skip some stages entirely. Remember: the first step is admitting you have a crush.

1) Facebook stalking—you check out whether he’s single, see which movies you both like and whether he’s ever heard your favorite bands. You might get his screenname, and perhaps more. If you begin putting up messages that include your inside jokes or song lyrics from bands you both like.

2) Meeting his roommate nonchalantly—always a good idea. If the roommate provides some insight into your common romantic interest, you’ll be grateful, and if things go well, you will know whom you’re scaling.

3) Meeting at a party—you both agree that you’ll be at a specific party, and you take the time to look terrific. You can dance with him, you may talk to him, you may even leave the party with him—but only to walk home together. Chances are, if this is headed for a real Kenyon relationship, you’ll spend a little time with him and find a reason to leave before it goes any further.

After Hours Coffee House

FUTURE

- After Hours Clubhouse
- After Hours Karaoke
- After Hours Bar

Alternative: Coffee date at Middle Ground—you talk for an hour or so about mutual friends, extracurriculars, favorite professors, and maybe even your families. This is when he comes off your computer screen and becomes a real, live human.

4) Studying together—it might sound a little ‘00s, but if you have a class together, it’s a great excuse to be alone together (or in a small group, though you’ll have to stick it out till the others leave).

5) Nap—you’re both sleep-deprived, he’s online, and you want the chance to try out cuddling. This could be entirely platonic, or it might be a chance to make out (just feel a bit of sexual tension). Things get a little blurry after this phase because every relationship varies. Some people aren’t as cuddly as others, and they might go for later stages before this ever occurs.

6) The mix CD—is this when you’re really starting to demonstrate interest toward someone? At Avenue Q, “Sometimes when someone has a crush on you, they give you a mix tape to give you a clue.” The songs can’t be too sappy or you’re stepping over the line, and it has to demonstrate the range of music you’re interested in. And if you’ve talked about certain songs with the other person, these have to be on it. As in, so say, “This CD is specific to you.”

7) Late movie—it might be an actual date to KES or to the Mount Vernon theater, but it could just as well be in his or your dorm room. “Hey, I downloaded [insert artist or both of your Facebook profiles here], do you want to come over and order some food from the Grill?” Yet, you can finally combine the smuggling stage with something you can discuss afterward (and not the lines in total) for cheesy bread (I know, it’s from the Coop, but at a bargain price). Request the movie. This is probably the point where you kiss, if you haven’t done so yet in other stages.

8) Staying the night—it’s a bit of a leap, but it could be more, this stage usually occurs when you’ve stayed up all night talking, studying, or “watching” that movie. Six-hour talks are crucial.

9) Friend-hating—your best friends are. But your best friend who’s currently dating the person you’re interested in. It can be awkward.

10) PDT—at least one of you is. But if he still has not shown interest, you might consider trying to get it out of him. This is also the point when you can end up with a new Facebook status, and you begin to hear the campus’s opinion of your dating decisions.

11) Friend-hassment—the moment you get married with the other person and you want to know your relationship is completely approved by your friends.

12) Break-up—is when the relationship has gotten serious. However, the parents, you might realize you have to go back to school knowing infinitely more about another one. Of course, if it goes poorly, you’re in for a whole new 12-step program.
AVI Critique

This semester marked a change at Kenyon College with repercussions for student interaction, activities and results. After much debate, during the fall, the Kenyon administration decided to replace food company Bistro with local group AVI Foodservices Inc. Many changes to the service are new food choices, menu and presentation. Concerns from students and faculty with this new service included the expense of more variety, the number of smarter options and the quality of the food.

Another noticeable change is the number of food choices. The new international table brings variety to food in quality and culture, bringing in meals from across the world. For the first time, students have an on-campus location, allowing them to prepare eggs however they want. A constant grill for lunch and dinner offers many traditional options (hamburgers and veggie burgers), giving students reliable fallback options other than the seemingly infinite Sub. However, change is never perfect and students have found plenty of flaws with this new service. Remembering AVI’s mission statement about fostering student relationships, not noticing a lack of comments cards, we wish to offer some feedback.

1) The food in the hot line seems to be left over and running out, leaving students annoyed and underfed on the weekends.

2) Prices still increase more attention than Bistro. While we can understand that this could be due to their size differences, Bistro can make life easier for students who live North. Equal dining options, no matter their locations, should be a part of the college experience.

3) The hours have been changed, but for the better? It seems there is a definite discrepancy between when students want to eat and when food is available. A recent petition led to expanding breakfast times and seems proof that, for all of AVI’s pros and cons, its administrators are still willing to listen from students if students are willing to voice their concerns. Those in charge have made it clear that they are always ready and willing to talk with students, in turn should have something to say, whether positive or negative concerns.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

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AVI Staff Editorial

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Another noticeable change is the number of food choices. The new international table brings variety to food in quality and culture, bringing in meals from across the world. For the first time, students have an on-campus location, allowing them to prepare eggs however they want. A constant grill for lunch and dinner offers many traditional options (hamburgers and veggie burgers), giving students reliable fallback options other than the seemingly infinite Sub. However, change is never perfect and students have found plenty of flaws with this new service. Remembering AVI’s mission statement about fostering student relationships, not noticing a lack of comments cards, we wish to offer some feedback.

1) The food in the hot line seems to be left over and running out, leaving students annoyed and underfed on the weekends.

2) Prices still increase more attention than Bistro. While we can understand that this could be due to their size differences, Bistro can make life easier for students who live North. Equal dining options, no matter their locations, should be a part of the college experience.

3) The hours have been changed, but for the better? It seems there is a definite discrepancy between when students want to eat and when food is available. A recent petition led to expanding breakfast times and seems proof that, for all of AVI’s pros and cons, its administrators are still willing to listen from students if students are willing to voice their concerns. Those in charge have made it clear that they are always ready and willing to talk with students, in turn should have something to say, whether positive or negative concerns.

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Students eat and evaluate with AVI

Emile Galbi '06 - I think it's worse. They tried to fix the thing that wasn't broken and didn't do the things that were. The fruit is never that ripe and they have vanilla ice cream for three weeks—never chocolate. The times they are open are difficult too—they don't open on time and close early, or sometimes you can't even see them going to be open till a certain time but they close the international section early or something like that. They stopped having hummus every day and when they have it, the hummus is not that good. There also isn't variety with the bread and the soup they have it's not that good. They don't have weekend extend anymore. On a positive note, there are definitely good desertappings, but I still miss chicken nuggets and patties. The pre-made vegetables either hate or choose them - can't we just have steamed vegetables? Sometimes the international salad station is pushing it like when on German day they just move the hot dogs over and start a fried potato so they won't give you half the international option, you just give you the whole thing - what if you don't want half?

Natalie Melk '06 - I feel that first of all it's very many vegetables and too little sustenance (basically, they don't have any meat). I feel like a kid. If we're going to have vegetables, I'd prefer if we had steamed vegetables—I appreciate the variety with international but not the quality, I miss the pasta bar, and along with it I've lost all the good tasters for stirs fry. I will say that the desserts have gotten better. My sis has definitely gotten bigger—AVI should buy me new pants. Sometimes the soup is good but other times it's like fish soup. big broccoli broiled chicken. I really miss the chicken and chicken patties. I REALLY miss penne. Bring back Penny. Not Cheerio!

Kris Magnussen '07 - AVI was much better than ARAMARK for the first couple of weeks, but then there was a drop-off. Overall quality is better but the selection isn't as good. I think that every night I can get grilled seasoned vegetables, but they need more occasional. I have twomajor biases. First, they need to bring back chicken and beef for the stir-fry station. My biggest gripe is that they don't have the plastic disposable cups. If students were slaughtering the typical expectation fine, but they're plastic and have a glass, not sympathize. It's worse for the food choice, but overall, AVI is better. The food just tastes fresher.

Will O'Krofe '07 - AVI is way better. I like all the international food but I miss the chicken patties and chicken nuggets. I like the international food because it gives a lot of variety—always interesting to go and look and see what they have every day. I'm not a picky eater, but I like it. The setup is easier to deal with; you don't have lines out the door to the Great Hall of Peter on average.

Steve Wiggins '07 - I like AVI better than ARAMARK because they provide delicious veggies almost every single day. There are a lot more options—for the most part you can go in there and find something you want. For example, this week was Marini Grass so they had the whole gumbo thing going on. I can't think of anything I miss from ARAMARK besides Perigots. A lot of people miss them too—they were so good!

Ben Peterson '08 - The criticism are not agree. They've done a good job with making the other options a lot better, like with the desserts and grill options. I miss chicken patties and beef stir-fry. I have heard that they neglect Good, but I don't ever eat there so I would not know. The Pot is great as always, but I always sum up the peripherals are better, entrees are not.

Dan Rees '08 - I don't like AVI. I liked ARAMARK much more. The meal quality has severely declined, as has the bread selection. There are less ice cream flavors, but a better ice cream bar. I like the International station in Peter, but that is pretty much all. I think Curt has decreased in quality even more than Peter's diet. I don't like things like the International station, extended salad bar, stir fry, etc. not what it used to be. Anyways, I think, ARAMARK, it's a handle name for a company.

Mario Stathis '08 - I believe that AVI is doing a good job of serving the needs of the international students. They have appropriate some of the international students and asked for recipes and we can expect to see a few international foods. I think they're well suited to serve the international food. They are trying hard and we appreciate it. I think that overall the food has improved a lot and I believe that they are doing a very good job of serving the purpose from the comments card.

Abi Barnes '09 - I feel as though AVI is still in the transition phase and is in the process of adjusting the students needs and preferences. I'm still a little skeptical when I cannot find a cup and need to go to the trash blaring from the plasma TV on the wall. I'm not a big fan of the styrofoam cups either and I feel like they are not very consistent with what food they put out. Some people say that the lettuce is sometimes dirty, too.

Kayla Cornish '09 - I don't really like AVI—I think most of the good changes were aesthetic. I don't think there is much variety in the kid's food—cooked vegetables, barbecued or fried chicken, and that's it! They took away the pizza in Gym, which I really liked. The soups they have every day don't seem to be cooked as well as they were. I'm not too picky about what I eat but I still am not a fan.

Catina Secret '09 - I think it's exactly the same food is school food is school food. The salad bar in Peter is definitely better, but Gaud is anything worse. I feel like they put all their eyes and effort into making Peter pretty—the exhibition stuff at Gundargame. They also got rid of the good tea. I had no problem at Gaud eat every night but now I always go to Peter. I miss having pastries every day at the stirs-fry bar; like that they have banana nutella now. The Rice Krispy treats are awesome but the Apple Jack treats are just scary. They have love 60 at the stirs-fry bar, and the lettuce is about 120 times better.

Do you have an opinion about AVI?

Write the Collegian a Letter to the Editor!
Oscar predictions

Saturday will bring the 78th Annual Academy Awards, and like the rest of the awards show, most of the actually take place on. Though most of the winners will be announced from the movie theaters, for the first time, the show will be broadcast live on television. Below are the predictions and preferences for the biggest four awards. We give you the five, the proof, the movie buffs.

BEST DIRECTOR

Dennis Dróżdziel (Out of Sight, The People vs. Larry Page) - His role in bringing the story to life with a hard-hitting, yet humorous approach.

Ellen Giguère (The College Film Critics Club) - Her ability to create a memorable and engaging story.

Ryan Marquardt (The College History Colossus, well-versed in movie goers) - His understanding of the current landscape of movies.

BEST ACTRESS

Angie Lee, Brok luk - For her performance in a role that demands a range of emotions.

Kerry Washington, Brok luk - For her ability to convey vulnerability and strength.

Merrill Bennett Miller, Cape - For her nuanced portrayal of a complex character.

BEST ACTOR

Philip Seymour Hoffman, Cape - For his transformative performance in a role that requires a deep understanding of the character.

Michael Douglas, The People vs. Larry Page - For his realistic and compelling portrayal.

BEST PICTURE

Brok luk - For its unique and innovative storytelling approach.

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Antlerland's new album Branches

BY PHILLIP THOMPSON

Staff Writer

Antlerland's debut LP, Branches, fell from the sky not like the tree limb that crashed your Jenta in South Lot, but like the feather from Forrest Gump, fluttering here and there, landing next to an idol (myself).

This band has come out of nowhere (hail Portland, OR!). Founded in 2002 under the moniker Invisible, the trio vowed for a name change that says “goodbye” to all the jocks that could make a joke about being invisible and “hello” to ideas about and giving that band a chance. John also studies a debut for Sound Family Records, a nascent Seattle label appearing to have only Antlerland signed at this time. Regardless if this band is a folk ensemble or piano-tipped debut for both band and label.

Branches is gorgeously layered, its variety of heartstring-tugging chords are played on conventional, heartstring-tugging instruments that make nonsense (piano, guitar, etc.). There are some flaws, but conventional narratives, too. Experience the chiming and automatic gloomplop, the sensual, follicly bumpy, the fizzy, transcendent xylophone and the deeply designed, though prone to malfunction. Apple laptop computer.

Past Modest Mouse ab. country, Wisco western pop and San Diego-orchestrated Americanas, Branches has a sense of American identity. It evokes vast spaces, long car rides and country musicians with scary teeth. It couldn't have been made anywhere else, except maybe Montana.

But one thing that distinguishes this debut from the above mentioned is the poor rock guitar noodling. Track one, "The Love of a Countryman," opens with a triumphant three-minute and five-second-long build-up that sounds like a shadow in the sky. "First Breath After A Coma," before vocalist Chris Larson's monotonous delivery, is sort of almost going to sing this song again.

Feel how the piano-driven "Now Is" makes you want to hold hands and sway on a hulperful while "Maybe We're Still Running" takes off like a driver in the country on a sunny day with the windows down. Brighter Rays' bows like Modest Mouse's "Float On" while tracks "Out Of Their Screen" and "Make Nothing Happen," jubilantly wind down the album in a manner that is ecstatically nonsense. It's the hidden track that kills me, though. Hidden tracks are for pop-punk bands. They are gimmicky, unnecessary and subtract from the cohesive statement of the body of work that constitutes a LP. The three minutes of silence that divide one punk instrumental from another on the eleventh track of Branches shows a lack of curricular sense, and begs for an explanation as to why this song could not have been cropped to the first five minutes and buntin seconds.

I do not understand how Antlerland managed to land the best album cover art over ever. Let's be honest, they decided to go with two instead of changing up the indie punk label Antlerland CD case as a sign of your youthful and music taste, (and keep eye for good design), you can proudly display a full record sleeve.

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BY JESSICA FREEMAN SLADE

Staff Writer

I had hoped to write a complete review of the hit movie "Juvenile," which was not marred by my geographic proximity to the playroom or my deep respect and admiration for the film's writer and director, Professor MacLeod. However, as the central female character Meredith says, "If I told you the truth about my life, you'd really think, you'd be important for the rest of your life." After the performance Friday night, I left the theater, baffled in both its cause and reason for bringing Juvenile back to the Hill and my experience of being witness to a performance that was so rich and driven, the script was at such convoluted odds.

There is much to praise in this past weekend's production. It has been moved from off-Broadway to Northwestem and back to the Jenta campus, the unabashed inspiration for the play's juvenile College. The performance is exceptionally attractive and realistic, part of the senior thesis of Meredith's April "06. The set, beautifully designed by Visiting Professor of Drama Hugh Lester, could have been an enormous triple to hands in hands in hands in hands and its specificity of set dressings, from underbilled to a pointer of The Big Lebowskis, is a most daunting and visually exciting performance. The authenticity of the set, however, did not distract me from the blatan artificiality of the four characters at the story's core. Not only are these characters lacking defined and believable objectives, but they lack the best thing about mainstream depictions of college students: they never get stared enough to laugh at themselves and realize how dumb they actually sound. The premise of the story would have worked much better as a broad dark comedy, as wicked and weird as The House of Yes. Instead, MacLeod goes off on multiple meandering and didactic tangents, taking all the fun out of what should have been a brief silliness and comedy logic.

The talented actors do their best to overcome the text's unwieldiness, aided by the subtle guidance of As- sistant Professor of Drama Daniel Kramer. Following up on last year's Measure for Measure, Kramer accords his exposition in a smart and easy language, willing to direct roles and challenge audiences. Mac Bunzel '06 and Pat Shaw '06 performed admirably as Brodie and Henry, reveling in their own insanity while it is directed at internet porn or getting laid for the first time in years. Bunzel made Brodie a lovable fortieth and Shaw's gentle nervousness carried Henry enormous sympathy, something difficult to find in a play that centers on having a threesome with the next girl next door. Claire Fort '07 also shown as Angie, making the most out of a character that is, at best, a constructed cartoon for the moral development of the other three.

It is in senior Liz Jacobson's perfor- mance of Meredith, however, that the script's fundamental flaws become painfully apparent. The casting of Jacobson, an inherently sympathetic and intelligent actress who rarely takes a wrong step onstage, was an attempt to make the utterly unbelievable Meredith, a character with whom the audience can empathize, Jacobson worked admirably in the role, yet seemed forced to ignore the instincts that swirl her, so well in last semester's Twelfth Night. She does her very best to bring some humanity to this idea of a character, but it was not enough for me to ignore MacLeod's poor construction and painfully unatticized dialogue. This is a hard thing to explain for the audi- ence member, I know these actors to be some of the most talented and professional on Kenyon's campus. Why, then, were they given such an unwieldy and problematic script to work with? I had to wonder what exacly the rationale was behind choosing this play for our current season. A play debtors, campus references left and right, impossible to stage in the Bolton and altering only four scenes for modern actors, seems the antithesis of the challenging last time not taken on by the student actors.

I found myself wondering how Kenyon students could make this work. Would the audience really be engaged by a plot dictated by the production? "What else is there to do?" Was it meant to send us home with self-analy- sis, worrying about what exactly the students on stage! (Do we sound like that? Do we direct that. MacLeod seems to think so, given her reputation as a wonderful teacher in her playwriting courses.)

By referencing Kenyon locations and popular college culture, MacLeod strives for authenticity, which is spec- radically achieved. However, in the opinion of this theatre-goer, there is a great difference between authentic and emotional truth. This play was some lacking the latter, and I felt unsure of its function in the dramatic season this year.

Premiere Theaters

Movie Schedule for March 3-9

Aquamarine
5:00, 7:10, 9:20 (also at 12:40 and 2:50 on Sat/Sun)

16 Blocks
5:20, 7:30, 9:40 (also at 1:00 and 3:10 on Sat/Sun)

Ultra Violet
5:30, 7:30, 9:30 (also at 1:30 and 3:30 on Sat/Sun)

Eight Below
4:30, 7:00, 9:30 (also at 1:30 on Sat/Sun)

Date Movie
5:15, 7:15, 9:15 (also at 1:15 and 3:15 on Sat/Sun)

DooGAL
5:10 (also at 1:10 and 3:10 on Sat/Sun)

Madea's Family Reunion
7:10 and 9:20

Curious George
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Pink Panther
7:00, 9:00

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Ladies take match against Wittenburg, win 8-1

BY CHARLIE KELLEHER
Sport Editor

"The win was great," said Erica Lundberg '06. "We really needed this win, especially such a big one after losing to such tough teams right at the start of the season. I think it will give us a lot more confidence and motivation for the matches to come."

The Ladies tennis team picked up their first win this past Friday against Wittenburg University, defeating them 8-1. Kenyon is now 1-4 so far this season.

"It is great to win so solidly against a team who gave us trouble last season," said Head Coach Scott Thielke. "The first win is nice, and after playing four nationally ranked teams to begin the season, this was welcome.

The Ladies won all their doubles matches. Ashley Kri-winsky '07 and Sallie Crawford '09 played at the No. 1 spot and defeated their opponents 8-3. Meredith Brown '08 and Molly Yost '09 played at No. 2 and won 8-2. Kara Basler '06 and Erica Lundberg '06 were the No. 3 seed and in a close match won 9-7.

"Well, it always feels great to win whether it's a clean sweep or just by one match," said Kri-winsky. "A win is a win. It was also great to finally win one. As the match progressed I had confidence in my team that they would all be great, and they were."

The Ladies didn't slow down after the doubles matches, losing only one of their six singles matches. Kri-winsky played at No. 1 and defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-0. Crawford was defeated at No. 2, but Melissa Harwin '06 came back and defeated her opponent at No. 3 6-0, 6-2. Paige MacDonald '08 at No. 4 won 6-0, 6-2. Yost and Alexis Marino '09 played at No. 5 and No. 6 and won 6-0, 6-2 and 6-1, 6-3 respectively.

"We're working on gaining mental and confidence during match play and not getting down on ourselves when we're losing, which is very hard to do when you're out there on the court with no one but yourself to keep you pumped up," said Lundberg. "I also think the team has a lot of talent, but it's a very young team (with six freshmen), so we just need experience playing matches."

Lords defeat 7-0 Wittenburg, ranked 28 in FILA Poll

BY CHARLIE KELLEHER
Sport Editor

"Wittenburg has always been one of the stronger teams in the conference," said Head Coach Scott Thielke. "We were very focused and didn't allow nerves to play a role in the match."

On Friday night, the Lords tennis team defeated Witten-burg University 7-0, which put them at 6-3 overall. The Lords are ranked No. 28 in the FILA Division III poll. They started off the night winning two of three doubles matches. Sean Stewart '07 and Greg Sussman '08 defeated their opponents 8-2, playing No. 1 doubles. Daniel Becker '09 and Alex Laporte '07 played next at No. 2 doubles and won 8-2 as well.

"The key to being successful in dual matches is preparation," said Rob Alef '09. "It is so important to practice well in the week leading to the match, eat well leading up to the match and sleep well the night before a match. If we can do this as a team, then we should be successful in the final couple of months of our season."

The Lords swept the singles matches. Stewart played at the No. 1 spot and won 6-0, 6-1. Alef was next and defeated his opponent 6-0, 6-2. Sussman played at No. 3 and, with losing a set, he still won 6-2, 0-6, 6-3. Laporte played at No. 4 and won 6-2, 6-1, and at No. 5 was Becker, who defeated his opponent 6-0, 6-1. Justin Greenlee '09 played in the last singles match and won 6-0, 6-0.

"In every match, we try to send a message, regardless of whom we play," said Greenlee. "We want the reputation of being a no-nonsense team. The more 7-0's we put up, the better. We have set our goals very high. We can't relax if we want to meet them. If we can build on the first half of our season, we'll be ready."

Over spring break, the Lords head on a trip to the Caribbean. They compete against North-wood University on March 12. Their next home match is on March 22 against Ohio North-ern University.

"I think the whole tennis team is really looking forward to our vacation in the Caribbean," said Alef. "We've been planning it for so long and we just wanted to seal off our first seven matches with a decisive first conference win. Now, it's all about relaxing for eight days before we have to come back and go to work."

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Hockey team finishes third in Tourney

BY ALI KITTLE
Guest Reporter

Starting goalie Sonnenfeld seconds this optimism, adding.

Third place is pretty damn impressive if you think about where we're coming from in just a year. Hopefully next year we'll have more opportunity to play, and we're only going to get better.

Changes implemented this year by O'Keefe include resetting ice times, which run about $185 for 90 minutes. "It is amazing to see someone so dedicated to organizing and supporting the program. It's a huge struggle just to get on the ice," said Zabek.

Not only have more practice times been arranged, but the team has been able to play a full season of games. In contrast to past years. "My freshman year, we played five games, but we were never all that serious. This year has been so much better just because there is a league now and we have teams to play," said O'Keefe.

In the upcoming years, the team intends not only to increase school participation, but also to hire a coach in an attempt to create an even more competitive team. "I see two realistic changes coming in the next four years: a coach and a fairly regular practice schedule. That's what it's going to take if we want to take it to the next level," said Rob Galloway '09.

This year's top scorers include Joey Funtan '09, who led the team with 23 goals, followed by O'Keefe with 17 and Zabek with 13. Kenyon lost to the tournament champion Denison University in the first round of the playoffs, 9-8, and beat Oberlin College to become the second seeded team.

"Playing hockey this year was one of my favorite freshman experiences. The boys have great chemistry and were a lot of fun, and I can't believe I actually played in a real game, even if Will wouldn't let anyone hit me," said Alex Roland '09. "I can't wait to play again next year."

The Kenyon Collegian

Lords break losing streak, defeat Denison 15-11

BY DONOVAN ORTEGA
Staff Reporter

It had been 29 years since the Kenyon College Lords lacrosse team had beaten Denison University, and with the Big Red's 2006 squad coming to McBride Field with a national preseason ranking of 14 by Lax com, a Kenyon victory did not seem imminent. History was thrown aside on Saturday, and the Lords handled an overconfident Denison club 15-11 to start off play in the North Coast Athletic Conference a perfect 1-0.

The first quarter featured a slew of scoring that had Kenyon taking a 6-5 advantage into the second period. The aggressive offense displayed in the first quarter was replaced by staunch defense in the second quarter with Kenyon managing three goals while Denison could produce just two. Largely responsible for stopping many of Denison's scoring chances in the second period were confident play from goalstender Charles Flockeer '08, who turned many would-be Denison goals into saves. As the second quarter came to a close, the scoreboard had Kenyon leading the highly ranked Big Red 9-7.

In the beginning of the second half, the Lords came out firing just as they did against Michigan University a week before, putting up three unanswered goals by Brad Harvey '06, Luke Larson '07 and Sean O'Neill '06 to give the Lords a five-goal lead.

"I thought the turning point of the game was probably when Brad Harvey cleared the ball and somehow managed to split two Denison defenders and score early in the third quarter," said midfielder Scott Wheeler '07. "That put us up by 4, and we just carried that momentum through the rest of the game."

The deficit did in fact prove to be too much for Denison to handle, as the Big Red was frustrated the rest of the way by Kenyon defense led by Flockeer's excellent goal tending. He collected dangerous loose balls around the net all day once even racing from between the pipes to midfield to intercept a long Denison pass.

"If Chazy keeps making big saves and our offense keeps on producing like they are, this will be a very successful season," said Wheeler.

The game ended with a score of 15-11, and the Kenyon faithful got to see their team and cheer on the Lords' sideline pushed out onto the field to mob their teammates after the definitive upset. The Lords may have snapped up an unsuspecting Big Red team, but they will no longer have the luxury of surprise for the rest of the season.

"We are pretty confident after the win," said Flockeer. "But it is in the past. The only way we can assure people that we are for real is showing up to every game with the same intensity that we showed for Denison."

The Kenyon Lords lacrosse team will be traveling to Florida to play three games over spring break and will be back in action at Catholic University on March 25.
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Ladies end streak at NCAC Championship

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Kenyon women's basketball tri-captains Kaye Zezah '06, Megan Sheasby '06 and Lindsay Madaras '06 bade a bittersweet farewell to their collegiate basketball careers last Saturday as the Ladies watched their season come to a close. They dropped the North Coast Athletic Conference tournament championship game 68-54 to the Denison University Big Red for the second straight year.

"Saturday's loss against Denison was tough," said Liz Narducci '07. "But beating Wittenberg twice in a row, and once on their court, is something I will always remember."

"Obviously, it's extremely difficult to lose the championship in back-to-back years," added Head Coach Suzanne Helfant. "These have all been very close, hard fought games against Denison, but we didn't have the little extra at the end. I'm very proud of the way we played, just disappointed in the outcome."

After a convincing 52-37 victory over Wittenberg University in Friday's semi-final match-up, the Ladies never found their footing against the Big Red in a game strikingly 'reminiscent' of the 2005 championship.

"I'm not exactly sure what happened," said guard Hillary Gowins '08. "We didn't play the best basketball we could have, but whenever we would start to get a run going, Denison would find some way to counter it. It was frustrating."

Kenyon kept the game close in the first half, down 32-25 at the break, but Denison had a 17-5 run to open the second period, extending their lead to 15 at the 11.20 mark. The Ladies charged back with a string of three-pointers to cut the difference to 58-52 with 4:44 remaining. They could not surmount the Big Red's remarkable 70 percent shooting from behind the arch, as Denison held the Ladies at bay and remained in the lead for the rest of the game.

Helfant echoed Gowins' sentiments on Denison's tenacity. "I think Denison was able to answer every run we made," she said. "We would put together several possessions of good basketball, and they would come right back at us. Denison shooting 7-10 from behind the three-point line in the second half was hard for us to overcome."

The Ladies finished the season with a 21-7 overall record, 11-5 in the NCAC. Zezah, Sheasby and Madaras have been an integral part of Kenyon's program. Over the past four seasons they have helped the Ladies improve from a 10-15 record for the 2003 and 2004 seasons to back-to-back 20-win records in 2005 and 2006.

"I believe their leadership will be most missed," said Helfant of the Ladies graduating class. "They transcended all lines and were respected by everyone."

"There is no real way to measure how much we will lose when Megan, Lindsay and Kaye leave," added Gowins. "I will miss them as teammates, but more so because for the past two years they have given us all so much—they have not just been teammates, they have been truly selfless and wonderful friends."

Baseball starts strong, sweeps the Alice Lloyd Eagles

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"There are great expectations for this season, and it was definitely a great feeling and a bit of a relief to open the season with four straight wins," said Head Coach Matt Burdette. "Our players really hold themselves to a high standard, and to come out of the gate and do well was very important to all of us. I thought we played great defense all weekend long."

The Kenyon Lords baseball team, fresh off one of the best seasons in their history, swept their weekend series against Alice Lloyd College Eagles this past weekend. The Lords combined timely hitting and solid pitching to win all four games (7-3, 4-4, 12-4, 15-10).

Their first victory of the season took as extra inning, but a team effort led by pitcher Michael Cox '06, who struck out five and walked two, and Chris Yorlano '08, who had a two-run double, helped the Lords achieve victory.

The second game of the series featured Geoff Buller '09 on the mound. He had eight strikes, backed by two hits from both Carlishe and Shoemaker '07 and Chad Rothschild '07. The game turned into a key third-inning rally where the Lords string together three hits, which turned into three runs. This gave them a 5-4 lead from which they didn't look back. The rally was led by Brandon Holsberry '07 and Matt Marcinczyk '06.

In Saturday's first game, Alex Kerr '08 gained the win for the Lords as the relief pitcher. He went scoreless in five innings and only gave up two hits. In the third inning the Lords had nine runs on ten hits, with two doubles from Marcinczyk, Holsberry, Marcinczyk and Shoemaker all had three hits. Marcinczyk scored three runs and Holsberry and Shoemaker both scored two. Shoemaker had four RBI, which put him in the lead for the Lords.

"Our pitching staff has the chance to keep our team in every game, regardless of who our opponent is," said Alex Kerr '08. "I think we're unique in the sense that we have a lot of good young talent that can learn a lot away from our veterans. We need to play our game and not get ahead of ourselves. We need to focus on one game at a time. If we can do that, I can see our team being very successful."

The second game on Saturday was a high-scoring game, as the Lords scored 13 runs in the first three innings. Nine of these runs were scored in the second inning alone. Kerr picked up the win for the Lords again as he went four-and-a-half innings in which he only gave up two unearned runs. Blaise Milburn '07 had three hits, two runs and three RBI. Roth- schild contributed two hits and three RBI. Both Brad Reynolds '07 and Jake Calcici '09 added two runs.

With the win the Lords picked up where they left off from their 2005 season, when they finished with a program best record of 21-12. The Lords had five returning players chosen on the 2005 All-NCAC team, and Burdette was chosen as the conference's Coach of the Year. His 2005 club broke the College's single-season record for team batting average, slugging percentage, on-base percentage, runs scored, hits, and runs batted in. Over the break the Lords will play four games in Florida. Their first home game is against Lake Erie College on March 21.

"The rest of the season will be challenging, but I think we are up to that challenge," said Burdette. "If we can stay healthy and focused I believe we have a shot at doing some great things. We have great leadership, plenty of talent and we expect big things, so hopefully everything is regards to the season will fall in place. I think our focus just needs to be on getting better. If we make our goal to be a better team each and every day, chances are we will have the success we want."