The search for Kenyon's next dean of students is nearing completion. The position, which officially begins July 1, is now between three candidates, the last of whom is currently on campus.

Although the date by which the final decision will be made is not yet certain, Special Assistant to the President and Head of the Search Committee, Professor Ilg, has said that the committee hopes to give its recommendation to the president by the middle of next week.

President G. Georgia Nugent stated that Omahan served Dean Dean L. Omahan '70, who had served in the position since 1996. Omahan is still on the College's staff, though he is taking a semester of sabbatical before he retires on June 30, 2006. Associate Dean of Students Cheryl S. Stuehle, who will also be leaving Kenyon at the end of this academic year, has succeeded Omahan's seat for the past five months.

President S. Georgia Nugent noted that rumors that Omahan was asked to leave by the College, one explanation of his sudden departure.

**Trustees discuss Kenyon diversity**

**DAYNE BAUGHMAN**

Senior News Editor

Diversity was the word this past weekend as the Kenyon College Board of Trustees gathered on campus for their annual spring meeting.

According to President S. Georgia Nugent, each of the trustee committees was asked to frame their discussions with the idea of diversity in mind. The Task Force presented their report, a three-part document of which an executive summary will be available on reserve in Olin Library.

The trustees were asked to bring the idea of diversity to the College in hopes of infusing its efforts with fresh ideas. According to Nugent many groups were formed, some of which were previously successful in the corporate world.

Nugent pointed out that the idea of diversity, as it was discussed, extended far beyond ethnic and racial diversity. "The idea of diversity includes socioeconomic, geographic, the wide variety of interests and lives experiences our students bring to the community, sexual orientation and disabilities," Nugent said.

Diversity in regards to disability has been a pressing issue for the College for many years. "As you know, we're not a very accessible campus," Nugent said. She went on to recount the story of an alumna on campus who was confined to a wheelchair and found the KAC to be inaccessible. Even though, Nugent said, the building was connected to code, it was definitely not easily accessible for people with physical disabilities. Nugent noted, "even though there are handicap-accessible bathrooms, [a person in a wheelchair] can't open the door." The College is now looking at options to retrofit the KAC so that it makes it more accessible for members of the community with physical disabilities.

Another topic of discussion at the meeting was the campus health center. A report compiled by an outside group named the problems with the Kenyon health center. Their results were presented to the trustees and, according to Nugent, will be addressed in the student survey that was compiled last month. The recommendations spoke about privacy issues created by the open layout of the current facilities as well as staffing issues. The College hopes to address these concerns in the coming months.

The short term there will be a change in the layout of the facility. Nugent said something must be done in the long term, though at this point there are no firm decisions. This report may mean that Kenyon builds a new health facility, or that the current facility is remedied. Another idea under consideration is the hiring of a full-time nurse practitioner for the health center.

The Board also approved moving forward on the construction of a childcare facility for use by faculty and staff. Although no location has been chosen, this is the first step toward the fulfillment of a need identified by members of the faculty a few months ago.

The board also reaffirmed their approval of the Peirce renovation projects, which, according to Nugent, will begin on schedule after the close of the academic year in May.

The board also gave their seal of approval to the members of the faculty who were approved for tenure. Five members of the faculty were approved, through their names have not been released. According to Nugent none of the professors up for tenure were denied.

Nugent also noted that the KAC opening was the centerpiece of the weekend for the trustees. She said that over 400 other alumni were on campus in addition to the members of the Board of Trustees.
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Lottery to Change KAC: “A new set of possibilities”

New system is streamlined, Dean of Residential Life says

KEVIN GUCKES
Editor-in-Chief

Dean of Residential Life George Barbuto realized that Kenyon’s current housing lottery system has several problematic flaws that have caused stress and anxiety amongst the students. Among these flaws is the assignment of many sophomores to the Acland Apartments generally a smaller living area. Many students have dreaded the process of the housing lottery, and now the Office of Residential Life and the Housing and Grounds Committee are currently reviewing the current system and discussing new plans for next year’s lottery.

First, Barbuto stated his initial concerns to the Kenyon school when he first arrived. “Our housing lottery system was something, I tell me, a different process from anything that I had experience at any previous schools,” said Barbuto.

The housing and Grounds Committee started conversations about changing the system, lead by Committee Chair Steve Hands. “The committee gathered information from other schools to see what they do for their seniors and promoted the idea,” said Barbuto.

The first committee suggested that the lottery be “just get to go” said Barbuto. The committee also wants to move the system less restrictive, removing applications, forms and deadlines from the process. The committee also recommended that stipulations be placed on certain buildings, restricting them to certain class students, such as seniors only or Tier Apartments. Barbuto, however, wished to streamline the process and remove those blocks, at least in the first year of the lottery, saying that it is easier to add new restrictions to a program than it is to remove them once in place.

“I feel that we need to streamline things, let’s make this as uncluttered and as easy as possible for the individuals to understand,” said Barbuto.

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about 260,000 square feet for the first floor that had 285,000 gallons of water has been replaced by the KAC pool, which holds 950,000 gallons. Along with this巨蟹 comes more staff to care for the facility and more staff to man the facility. The longer hours, some over the years have only been possible after the window opened by the people staffing, not to mention that the building has more rights, which means more bulk to be replaced.

President S. George Nugent said that plans in the works to make modifications in the lighting system that could potentially save the College money on energy each month.

One mockball for the College in knowing much the KAC utilities cost in that while the building was under construction, by contract the facility was the responsibility of the construction company and now the College, and thus, there, has benefited from a sends to us.

McCord said that, in order to know what Kenyon’s system generated electricity each month, the College would have to read several different meters and compare those readings to usage number.

“...that this new system, as determined, could mean potentially save the College money on energy each month.”

Another problem that is not system can be perceived is there is not enough of the kind of housing that everybody wants and someone is always going to get left out of what they feel they should have received,” said Barbuto.

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Professor Robert Bennett retires after 39 years of service

Robert Bennett leaves Kenyon, but not Knox County, after having secured his legacy and the future of the classics department at Kenyon

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News Editor

This spring semester, Professor of Classics Robert Bennett is finishing his 39th and final year as one of Kenyon's most treasured faculty members. "Kenyon has a long, long time had an outstanding classics department," explained colleague Reed Browning, professor of history, who came to Kenyon the same year as Bennett. "He is one of main reasons it has remained a strong discipline at Kenyon."

"Robert Bennett has made so many contributions to the Col-lege it is hard to single out just a few," said Provost Gregory Spad, noting especially the leadership role he has played in building a department of classics at Kenyon that "stands second to none for a small college."

Bennett arrived on campus in the fall of 1967 to replace a member of the two-person Class-ics department, joining Professor William McCulloh, who retired in the fall of 1968 and was later to be joined by Clifford Weber, who retired in 2003. "For a good many years, the three of us were the department," explained Bennett.

Even since his arrival, Ben-nett has been a presence on the campus in a way that has had a lasting impact. "The department is very centered in Greek and Latin language," I think that's good," explained Bennett, "but I have always real-ized that we have to be a service department that we have to teach courses in translation, so that we are interesting and available for all the students here.

"Kenyon is a very classically oriented campus; it is hard to take anything in any department without having a Classics professor on it," Bennett added. "Bennett continued the importance of the things like the love for Latin, and it is very important to give people a smatting of the wonderful world that is the ancient world.

Due to the retirement of McCulloh and Weber, Bennett has served as the chair of the de-partment for the past six years to oversee the department's smooth transition to a new generation of professors.

Bennett made his decision to retire this year six or seven years ago, planning in advance for personal reasons on top of the desire to make it easier on the department. "I tend to say that I hate surprises," explained Bennett of his decision. "Well of course life is surprises, but I like to maintain the illusion that I can control some of it."

Four years ago, the depart-ment hired his replacement, Assistant Professor of Classics Adam Serfas, who is currently on-year long Sabbatical, with the as-surance of the Andrew W. Mellon grant for which the department applied to ensure that the depart-ment would remain strong despite the faculty turnover.

"He'll be back to take over at the ancient history expert," said Bennett. "It's been working well for the both of us to work together for these past years.

Spad explained how well Bennett has guided the depart-ment through the transition by "hiring a tremendously talented group of teachers but also nurturing and mentoring those teachers to take over the leadership of a depart-ment with veritable history and great promise."

As a member of the com-munity choir, faculty advisor to Alpha Delta Phi, an active par-ticipant in Hacourt Parish and a participant in several Kenyon and Mount Vernon dramatic perfor-mances, Bennett has contributed to the Kenyon community in ways extending far beyond the classics department.

"One amazing thing about him," explained Browning, "is that his singing just gets better and better with the passing years." Bennett explained that par-ticipation in the community has been important to him, something he has done more and more as he approached retirement. "I have enjoyed being around students not just in a student-teacher but a peer-peer atmosphere."

Students, too, felt that this relationship went beyond the academic. "Professor Bennett truly cares for and is concerned about his students not just in an academic sense, but in a personal sense as well," stated senior clas-sics major Jessamyn Leonard and Lauren Wertheimer. "We've both truly enjoyed having him as a professor and a friend."

"There are so many people here who have become my col-leagues and close friends," said Bennett, who plans on remaining in Gambier or Knox County with his partner, hoping to continue to participate in the community and take advantage of campus activi-ties. He added, "It's exciting to get older and then always be around people of college age. There's a sort of freshness to it."

He also served as the assoc-iate provost in the '90s. "He was chair of the faculty for a few years, which requires great skills as a mediator," said Browning, wanting to emphasize his contribution to the faculty. "He has great talent at that. It is something he does really well.

"The main thing for me is he's a reliable person, he's easy to work with, we share interests," said Browning of working with is Bennett, but he also emphasized, "I'd go back to his laugh. He tends to make meetings he's involved in just pleasant meetings, he just makes the places where he is happen places. That's a gift!"

When asked to leave his stu-dents with some parting words, Bennett said, "I think it is really important to invest your mind and your heart in what you study. Past of education is under-standing yourself as much as you can."

He then added to his parting words with a laugh. "And you'll be really happy if you learn Greek and Latin."

The Macchia: Charles "Carlos" Piano

Noted professor retires after more than 30 years of "gracious" service as "Memory of Modern Languages and Literatures Department"

BY TED HORNICK
Editor-In-Chief

This year marks the departure of not only a terrific class of stu-dents from Kenyon, but numerous terrific professors as well. Among the professors leaving Kenyon are Charles "Carlos" Piano, who for more than 30 years has offered a specialized perspective of language and literature to students, faculty and friends.

Reflecting on Piano, his col-leagues and former students, Spanish Linda Metzler was filled with affectionate praise, tempered with an impressive summary of some of his greatest campus ac-complishments. Piano is a founding member of the International Students Program Concentration and the first specialist in Latin America to work at Kenyon since he began here in 1969. He directed the Great Lakes College Association study abroad program in Bogota, Columbia, one of the oldest Latin American study programs in the United States, and was in-volved with the SCAP (Scholastic College Artification Program), where he helped produce training materials on Latin America and share them with a teacher at a high school in Cleveland. Ohio. Metzler added that Piano makes good things happen in his department (and) just sets a good example, before adding. He's just the kind of person you want to talk to.

Despite his success, Piano said, you will never hear him boasting about his accomplish-ments or promoting himself. "Carlos went on about Piano's impact on the department, saying that many times candidates who are not chosen for positions at Kenyon always seem to have one question in mind when contacting a member of the department: How is Carlos?" According to Metzler, Piano is the memory of the MLE de-partment, often remembering the specifics of a meeting from several years back. Time and again Metzler came back to one word to describe Piano: "gusto."

Metzler recounted an anec-dote that Piano loves to tell. When he was a candidate for the position in Spanish, he came to campus and was taken on a tour at this point Spanish had not been taught at Kenyon for a few years because the last professor of the language had died. As the tour passed the College cemetery, Piano's guide-ment was from the graveyard and said, "There lies your predecessor." According to Metzler, Piano has a great love of telling stories, this being one of his favorites to tell. A quick perusal of the Kenyon website tells visitors that Piano's areas of expertise include Argentine and Latin American literature, with courses emphasizing Mexican and Latin American literature, as well as a recent class on Don Quijote, Professor of His-tory Reed Browning, an old friend of Professor Piano's outside of the department, commented that his expertise on both Quijote and the works of Jorge Luis Borges has helped Browning with work inside of the classroom and furthering his personal literary tastes. Browning detailed their shared sense of humor and lively discussions on baseball, particu-larly the Yankees, as they both spent years of their lives in New York. Chuckling, Browning added they both tend to be "snobby" when going to local restaurants because of how much fun they have to-gether and usually leave their wives "annoyed."

In addition to the friendships Piano has established, his students adore him. Perhaps the most sig-nificant sign of their adoration is the Facebook.com group. "Ad-mirers of Charles Piano." One of the founders of the group, Colleen Halpin '08, commented that "I re-ally wish [Professor Piano] was my grandpa. I want to sit on his lap and listen to his crazy stories for hours. I'm sad to see him go."

The craziness of those stories may be up for debate, but the im-pact of this man is not. Consider this final quote from Browning. "I have some feelings regarding the future and his friend's retire-ment: I've no thought at all that retirement means we'll stop see-ing each other. This sentiment is undoubtedly shared by students, faculty and friends."
Kenyon buys Village Inn property

BY SEAN RYAN
News Reporter

The college has completed the purchase of the former Village Inn property on G其实 Avenue with the hopes of converting it into another restaurant, according to Chief Business Officer Dave McConnell.

As part of the deal, the college paid $620,000 for the property and an surrounding 1.5 acres on March 15. The building is to be the same location as a new hotel, which the seller, Mary Elk Schaefer, retains.

The sale was made only after the Village Inn and the residence were split into separate lots.

McConnell said that Charles P. Waite Jr. ’79, an alumnus of the Board of Trustees, and his wife, Susan Butterfield Waite ’78, provided support for the project in terms of a ‘lead gift.’ While McConnell did not go into the specifics of the quantity of the gift, he said that it served as the bridge between the cost-of-the building and what Kenyon had available.

Although the sum paid by the College seems high for a property in Gambier, McConnell said that what the College paid was the market price, noting that the real estate ‘market is all over the place.’

McConnell said that the College hopes to have another restaurant in the building soon. The College has entered an agreement with Joel and Margaret Gonder to open the restaurant (see ‘Owners of Middle Ground may open new restaurant’, September 29, 2005).

At this point, McConnell said that there has only been a preliminary walk-through with the architect. The architect is from the Lorain, Ohio-based Zaxibacks, who had been previously

working with the Gundens. McConnell said that the College hopes to be able to go before the Gambier Planning and Zoning Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting in May with renovation plans.

The College does not have a firm idea on the cost of the renovations, but McConnell noted that several hundred thousand dollars have been set aside for the project.

As to what the restaurant will contain, McConnell said that the College has no fixed ideas regarding cuisine and will leave those decisions to the Gundens. McConnell said, however, that the College will encourage the Gundens to have an advisory board made up of students, staff and Village residents. McConnell said that the college’s ultimate goal is to have “a restaurant that will succeed.”

Kenyon College Student Government Election Results 2006-2007

Round 1 Results

Student Council President: Nelie Zanca
VP Academic Affairs: Molly Flanagan
VP Student Life: Jessie Lewin
Senate Co-Chair: Norm Kaufman
Senate Secretary: Elliot Forhan
Housing and Grounds Committee Chair: David Slochower
Chair, Security and Safety Committee: Bob Warnock

Class of 2007 Positions

Class of 2007 President: Jeff Delouize
Class of 2007 Rep to Campus Senate: Will Terry

Round 2 Results

Independent Rep to Senate: Molly McGannon
Student Council Treasurer: Steve Klice & Chris Santagate
Chair of Student Lectureships: Lauren Zermer

Class of 2008 Positions

Class of 2008 President: Gwen Faulkner
Class of 2008 Rep to Student Council: Jarrett Moreno
Class of 2008 Rep. to Senate: Brendan Mydlwicz

Class of 2009 Positions

Class of 2009 President: Jake Miller
Class of 2009 Rep. to Student Council: Rebecca Yarbrough
Class of 2009 Rep. to Senate: Shrochis Karki

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Take the Lead spins ballroom

By ANDREW SAGERS

Once the last strum of Adam Sonnenfeld’s Cybertech and the credits had rolled for Leapfrog’s next film, Sommersby, at least one member of the cast and crew declared they would never work with Cybertech again. An employee who had worked closely with Cybertech described the environment as “toxic”. The decision to leave Cybertech was made in response to the company’s treatment of its employees, particularly in the creative department, where the atmosphere was described as “hostile” and “toxic”.

Sommersby, directed by Kenyan film director Ken Scott, is a film that explores the challenges faced by an adopted child as he navigates his identity and cultural heritage. The film follows the journey of a young boy named Kyle, who discovers that he is adopted and sets out to find his birth parents. As he searches for answers, Kyle encounters a variety of people, each with their own story to tell. Through these interactions, Kyle learns about the complexities of adoption and the importance of family and community.

Sommersby was released in 2018 and was received positively by critics, who praised its heartfelt storytelling and powerful performances. The film was nominated for several awards, including Best Original Screenplay and Best Editing, at the Academy Awards. It remains a compelling and emotional film that resonates with audiences around the world.

KFS PREVIEWS

Syriana (re-scheduled)

Assuming KFS is able to move some minor technical difficulties, Syriana has yet to be announced for a feature length production in all its shows will be opened on Friday. We need to make sure our print of the film will work likely by the time they are ready. Then will be able to schedule this show in a week we know for sure. Stay tuned and keep your fingers crossed.

NOTE: There are no films Saturday due to Summer Send-off

Sweet and Lowsound (Wednesday, May 31 10:15 p.m.)

One of the best recent films in the Corn syrup and go on with Life

To take care of the problem kids at a New York City high school the only way he knows how, he invents a movie that will be a force for good in the neighborhood. He begins his plan by creating a movie called "Sweet and Lowsound," a film about love, loss, and redemption. The film follows the story of a young couple who fall in love despite the challenges they face in their lives. As they struggle to overcome the obstacles that come their way, they find strength in each other and learn the true meaning of love.

The film is directed by Kenyan film director Ken Scott, who is known for his ability to tell powerful and moving stories. The cast includes well-known actors, including a young star who delivers a memorable performance. The film is a heartwarming tale of love, loss, and redemption that will leave audiences moved and inspired.

On Friday, May 31, the Corn syrup and go on with Life will be screening "Sweet and Lowsound" at the KFS Theater. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the filmmakers and cast members. This is a don't-miss event for anyone who loves storytelling and powerful cinema. We hope to see you there!
Opinions

Farewell, Old Kenyon

Generally, I am not a writer. I am simply a student, reader, and observer, and I write this editorial from the perspective of someone who has spent four years at Kenyon College and who, to some extent, has experienced the school as it is now, and who now, having graduated, looks back at it with a fondness that I hope will be shared by many others who have spent time here.

I write this editorial with a clear conscience, knowing that I have been involved in the political life of Kenyon College in a variety of ways, and that I have been part of the community that makes up the College. I write this editorial with a clear understanding that I am speaking for myself, and that my opinions may not be shared by everyone associated with the College.

I am not writing this editorial to make a political statement, but rather to reflect on the experiences that I have had at Kenyon and the changes that have occurred over the past four years. I hope that by doing so, I can offer some insights into the current state of the College, and perhaps provide a perspective that will help others to understand the issues that are facing the College today.

I believe that Kenyon College is an excellent institution, and that it has a unique and valuable place in the world of higher education. I also believe that it is important to reflect on the experiences that we have had at the College, and to consider the changes that have taken place over the years.

I hope that this editorial will provide a useful guide for students who are considering enrolling at Kenyon College, and for those who are already members of the community. I also hope that it will help to ensure that the College continues to be a place of learning and growth for all who are associated with it.
Melissa Harwin '06: My high school started giving laptops once I left, and it was awful for them. I can at least from talking to the teachers, I still kept in touch with some of them, and they said it was a pain. Kids would have all their notes on there and then lose them due to computer problems. Things were commonly based around dealing with and losing computing time. It was hard to control what the kids were on and doing in the classrooms. The teachers don't want to baby-sit everything if they're not in the classroom all the time in class. I also know that some of the professors here don't want it because they're not always compatible with their computers. If the professors get Macs or they try to switch them over to it, it messes with the whole physics curriculum because Macs don't support SPSS (the main statistical program for psychology and what people are expected to know after college). Overall, I just think it is a bad idea, especially if the push is for students to bring them to classes and take notes with them there.

Julia Wessel '08: It's unnecessary to get rid of the desktop computers they have purchased new ones, and by increasing tuition they come up with other problems, like spending more on financial aid for those who can't afford the laptops. They need to make sure that they have some way to fix them if they break. Maybe they should take a poll of the students to see what they think, or the parents, since the parents are the ones who pay for all this. If they're going to raise tuition, they should use the money for something more worthwhile, like increasing salaries.

Bryan Mulder '06: This proposal really is a terrible idea. As a senior, it mostly makes me mad that I'm going to be gone next year. If I were underclassman, however, I would be fighting this tooth and nail. This is just another example of Kenyon's tendencies toward totalitarianism. Mandatory on-campus housing, forcing students to use computers with no real student input, limited internet access with no choice to pay for anything better, pointless red tape for OCRs, the list goes on and on. Time after time, Kenyon thinks that its business can know better than students. Time after time, Kenyon is wrong. As someone who would need to own a windows-based machine for personal use anyways, this policy would mean that I would have to pay for an iBook that would merely sit in my room collecting dust.

Jim Sevren '07: It's a terrible idea. Absolutely horrible. First of all, Macs cost what, double what PCs do? Also, lots of people still use the computer labs that are not cheap desktops because they like to work on the school's desktops. I mean, I guess you could carry your laptop with you but what's the point? You lose so much, they force us to pay extra money and they take away personal access from your room. My biggest problem, I guess, is that I really don't like Macs, so why should I have to buy one?

Mark Morochan '08: I think we should stop driving to be something we're not. Number one: it's not like we don't already pay $6000 per year, why add an expense that most people can't afford the laptops. They need to make sure that they have some way to fix them if they break. Maybe they should take a poll of the students to see what they think, or the parents, since the parents are the ones who pay for all this. If they're going to raise tuition, they should use the money for something more worthwhile, like increasing salaries.

Rick O'Neall '08: I love my iBook, but I don't think the school should impose them on everyone. I bought my (Book 2 years ago for $1000, and I plan on it lasting another 2 years until graduation. I don't need the cost of two new computers tacked onto 4 years of tuition when $1000 for the computer is sufficient. Kenyon already has the fifth highest tuition in the country, the laptop policy would just add on to that. Also, our pathetic endowment doesn't need the additional strain of the $1.2 million it would cost annually to run this program. There are more important improvements the school could make with $1.2 million...like improving dorm security. Laptops wouldn't really be a boon to the classroom experience either. This mostly sounds like another marketing technique for the school to attract prospective students.

Julia Wessel '08: It's unnecessary to get rid of the desktop computers they have purchased new ones, and by increasing tuition they come up with other problems, like spending more on financial aid for those who really want.

Alex Roland '09: I am very against the new laptop proposal. As most students can attest, there really isn't any need to put every student on an identical laptop. Nearly all of us have computers already, and everyone wants to have the freedom to buy whichever type they prefer. Bringing laptops to every class will just take away from the personal touch and the intimate classes that Kenyon prides itself upon. I can only hope that the administration will look beyond the admissions value of a new laptop for every student to do what current students really feel will work: no "free" laptops.

Alex Bevin '09: Frankly, I think that besides being an obvious play for the school to sell itself, almost everyone I know owns a laptop computer, and they're all pretty much satisfied. Therefore, isn't it a little redundant to "give" students laptops they don't need? Not to mention the fact that nobody likes carrying around a laptop unless they're going to work in the library. If Kenyon wants to get more applicants, just try selling the world-class education we get here (or bring back A-TARMARKS, not some spiffy laptops no one wants or needs.

Kathryn Gallagher '09: I feel this is a decision that an individual should make. Why should we have to pay $700 a year when we only get a new computer twice? I have heard that the school is interested in the laptop proposal because they feel that the school's desktops are being overused or there aren't enough computers for people who need them. However, I have a laptop but I like to use the school's desktops to do my schoolwork, and I don't think that laptops would really eliminate the need for desktops.

Fummer Deff '09: I have a computer. There are actual causes that students are actually complaining about that could be dealt with, with the same increase in tuition. For example, housing. If we all have the same thing, it's like communism. And communism never works. I feel like it should be an option and not a requirement. It's not a terrible option: I personally don't want it. I saw a poll on one of those sites and it said 84 percent say no, so it's ridiculous.

Shrachi Karki '09: LBIS claims that the laptop program is required at Kenyon because its computing needs are growing and the public labs will not be able to support student demands in the future. 90 percent of the student body already has a laptop and yes, according to the proposal itself, 500 public computers are not enough to meet the demands of the students. Clearly, students do not necessarily want laptops but prefer public labs, which is where LBIS should focus on expanding. Even if the proposal is a good one, it can still not be forced into the student body. A mandatory laptop price raise will force students to buy something they don't want. LBIS can instead introduce an optional laptop program, and if the proposal really has the merits we have said, then as has been claimed, students will choose to save money and be more productive, as the proposal clearly implies, and get laptops from Kenyon.

David Hulbery '07: The LBIS proposal to give new laptop to all Kenyon students is not flawless, its shortcomings have been documented in many Kenyon forums. I suggest, however, that we give the proposal a chance. The increases in costs—not, perhaps, as significant as some think—will bring distinct benefits for everyone. This plan gives everyone access to new technology, and the difference in efficiency compared to older machines (even in running Microsoft Word) should not be overlooked. Some students are currently running five-year-old computers, or computers riddled with spyware. New computers, and Macintosh OS 9. X, which could provide quicker and more helpful answers to solve problems. Probably the significant advantage comes in the realm of service. LBIS can only service Kenyon-owned computers for liability reasons, so under the current system only lab computers receive on-site technical support. (The Helpline will only support the network and advise students on how to handle computing issues.) Under this proposal, instead of having to scrub a broken computer away on their own, students could work through LBIS. Maybe the computer could be fixed on campus. Most importantly, the student would receive a temporary replacement while the necessary repairs were completed. It seems perfectly realistic that as some point in the not distant future the campus needs to move toward harding out computers as readily as telephones. Getting a new computer is now a reasonable idea, and not one that should be so quickly dismissed.
Interview with Chris Brose: words of a speech writer

BY KALY CONSEJ/MAIA RABER
Editorial Staff

Chris Brose graduated from Kenyon in 2002 as a political science major and now works as the chief speechwriter for Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. He gave presentations on campus the week of April 23 and was interviewed by Kaye Cose and Maia Rabin.

Q: You’ve spoken about going from the Kenyon bubble to the Washington bubble and how in many ways both are closed off from the world. At the same time you talked about how 9/11 motivates you while at Kenyon, and we had people wanting in extremely long voting lines during the 2004 election. Do you think this is truly a Kenyon bubble, in terms of political awareness?

A: I wouldn’t say there’s a bubble because clearly we’re linked to the news, we have newspapers, television — clearly information is readily available. I think the bigger question is whether you take notice of it. And when I was in college I didn’t take notice, I didn’t watch the news, didn’t read the paper, didn’t read the political blog. It’s much more a matter of an attitude of not wanting to do that at all. I’m not a matter of being stuck in self-importance; it’s more that I can actually be caught up in what’s going on, whether it’s sports, whether it’s politics, it becomes kind of nonessential. Fighting that temptation I think is important, just generally having an interest in what’s going on outside is important.

Q: So what is the best type of interest for students to take? Is it reading newspapers, looking for more in-depth views in magazines — should they read the speeches themselves, the first things from the government?

A: I didn’t read 10 magazines a week or four newspapers a day when I was there. That’s just frankly something not many people have time for. I think it’s absolutely important to read different things, to sort of keep the speeches that government leaders make, to catch up with the evening news, and certainly keep abreast of it. The problem too often today, with the media explosion that we’ve had, is that it is incredibly tempting to read the blogs that you agree with and ask people to talk over the news you way to like, to turn on a particular news show to hear your opinions fed back to you — and lose feeling very self-satisfied. Everyone with a megaphone, I’m so intelligence, I don’t think it’s most important to seek out the stuff you may disagree with.

Q: How was the transition from Kenyon, where there’s a lot of interdiscipli- nary thought, to Washington, where you’re more focused on one thing and getting more an issue across?

A: It wasn’t difficult because I was so interested in it. The beauty of the liberal arts liberal education is that I didn’t learn college with someone else as much as I left with the experience of having fallen in love with questions that will spend the rest of my life trying to answer. I left with a deep longing to engage the kind of thinking that Mr. Rice and Mr. Bush and everyone else, no matter what type of philosophy or humanity has answered, no matter what you do. That’s something you build on the rest of your life. I was in Washington when enrolling just get through your inbox every day, the liberal arts education is almost a source of value. So you can extract out of your education and life of the mind and be separate from the whit of the day. That’s incredibly fulfilling, and I feel like I got the most of my Kenyon education because I left with that desire. For the most part you’re writing a very specific kind of work as a speech writer. The bigger point, though, is that you have to have a good knowledge of politics, the questions that people wrote with at all times, you have to have that understanding of the questions that motivate people at all times, including but not limited to what is theory prepared for you. It gives that foundation on which you can build credibility in your Russian affaires, or counterterrorism, or American politics. That foundation of the broader ques- tions is essential for tackling a particular issue in a particular time; it gives you a groundedness.

Q: Switching in a little bit, has anyone changed in climate, of political awareness since 9/11? Are people more involved or less involved?

A: As you see people engaged, not just in formal politics, working for a party or campaign, but being involved in NGOs or environmental organizations or advocacy groups or media in the broad sense, writing their opinions on the internet on blogs, about culture or politics or society or sports — there is a great push of young people who are interested and eager to be involved. At the same time, sure, there’s always going to be spotty, there’s always going to be the tendency — and believe me, I’ve been prey to it myself — of “I don’t know why this is going on inside of my life. I’ve got my own problems.” My sense is that it’s, it’s always been mixed, it probably always will be. You’ll have those gabbering things, with stuff like 9/11, when it’s impossible to ignore, everyone wants to know what’s going on, but these times pass, and then there’s a temptation to retreat into private life. But that’s just natural, that always happens.

Q: Do you get frustrated dealing with that kind of apathy when you’re working so hard to make the mes- sages clear and clean and there?

A: Yes and no. I do have the prob- lem of thinking, “God, why doesn’t everyone on Earth read my speeches?” It is a challenge of getting the message out, it’s not just about the apathy of the public, who I don’t buy, don’t think about having constant engagement and seeking out people who have an interest and — beginning conversations about most of the day, I think that’s just as important as someone who’s not engaged. It’s where we do talk, is not a problem for me.

Q: For students leaving Kenyon interested in politics, do you encourage them to go into government, to get into the heart of it, or get into smaller politics?

A: Yes, I’m not sure there is a lot of jobs, but I’ve been told a lot of people who have graduated from Kenyon and got involved in Mount Vernon. The important thing is to be involved, being involved for a period of time just to see what’s really, it’s incredibly important for anyone who wants to do this.

The Kenyon Collegian thanks Chris Brose for his time and candor.

Notes from another world: Sara Kaplow goes to Hogwarts... sort of

BY SARA KAPLOW
Editorial Staff

"Men give their women a gentle sipping with a yellow whip, ladies respond with eggs," according to my guidebook on Prague, this is what takes place on Easter Monday in the Czech Republic. My companions and I were rather glad we did near that time before we were in a much more aggressive and puritanic part of the U.K., thanks to a ridiculously long break between terms, during which most of the British students stay in their flat during the day and partying (not necessarily in that order) and we non-natives have an excuse to explore the rest of Europe before meeting up as a group and traveling to Ireland as part of a class trip.

The large breaks between terms — which are called holidays and are not free of classes during the winter holidays and didn’t start classes until October — and the de- cided lack of class time here, it amuses me that the students classes are going to graduate with the equivalent of a Kenyon degree. My last semester at Kenyon, I spent over 18 hours in class, including, AT this semester, I spent in class and watch movies like “When Harry Met Sally” for credit.

Clearly, the academic portion of this year has been worth considerably less than the cultural experience. Two hours each week of "Contemporary British Culture: 1879-present" did not make up for two hours of trying to get my face arranged to reflect the rules and entertainment value of cricket. Reading Joyce and Swift was further helped by a 10-day venture to Ireland. And, fortunately, five years of high school French came in handy in the ranks of the British as well.

To hit me while sitting in an internet cafe in Italy, sipping a fantas- tic espresso and reading e-mails from friends studying in places like Vietnam and Kenya, that I will return to Kenya with a complex differ- ence: abroad is experience from most of the people I know. I haven’t ridden a camel, though I saw a few in Marakech during winter holiday. I haven’t learned a new language, though with British slang might count. I haven’t tasted exotic foods, which is a bit late-night kebab shops. Then again, they haven’t done a library pub crawl in London with their professors. They haven’t tried desperately to explain the greatness of American football on a British sports radio show. They probably haven’t discovered that Minskys are infinitely better than MKMs. And they assuredly haven’t had to re-evaluate their definition of a "point," though I haven’t really caught on to that, either.

Many of the difficulties or differ- ences I faced in the UK, come more from a difference in lifestyle than in culture. Having to cook my own meals has been interesting (and expensive!), though I got a great grudge out to hang out with Kenyans, to grill our British flat mates about their culture (why does she still use tupperware?), or to simply observe as they curse the Spaniards during a football match. Most of the time I imagine having a roommate at university, and most of us can’t understand the grading system.

The grading system has so far been graded, but at the same time it would be nice to simply receive a grade. The teachers’ union here, as a number of universities in the U.K., is currently on an assessment strike, meaning that even though we turned in essays before the break, they won’t be looked at until the teachers get the money that they’re de- manding. Though they have repeatedly claimed that their actions are intended to avoid punishing the students in any way, the fact that no grades means no graduations would seem to defy this argument. For us it is a merit incon- venience, but it’s not easy to make myself write a paper that may never be graded or commented upon.

There are any number of little inconveniences in life here. The library system seems to be designed to prevent you from ever obtaining the book you need. Grad students can receive basically any book for any length of time, so that one key text you need desperately by next Tuesday may be checked out until next June. Many things, like the library, shops, offices, aren’t open as much as in the states. If you need a book from the library or a shop it open 4-6, you’re in trouble. Though you can probably get a deli- riccia and chips until 2 a.m. to make community projects or example? The team approach is the political life of the nation takes so many forms. Sure it takes a form in national government, but also in local government, grass-roots organization — it’s the importance of general involvement. No matter what you want to do in the local, it’s crucial to follow an interest, to try it out and be engaged for a period of time, is Washington or your hometown or state capital. I know people who graduated from Kenyon, and got involved in Mount Vernon. The important thing is to be involved, being involved for a period of time just to see what’s really, it’s incredibly important for what anyone goes on to do.

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Local food scarce in Mt. Vernon

By Caitlin Smith

R&M’s Southside Diner in Mount Vernon is a true local establishment. The generous waitresses not only know their customers by name, but they also know which jambalaya just went to a customer who will want to go to Jambalaya for their coffee. Even the “50th and 60th décor has regional origins, as patrons donated much of the hedge-podge of memorabilia that covers the walls.

Owner Roger McCoy says the friendly ambiance sets his restaurant apart from chain restaurants in the area, “I think in the chain restaurants, things are very cookie-cutter,” he said.

“We do things here on an every-customer-every-time basis.”

Strangely for a restaurant that prides itself on its local connection, a community with a strong agricultural history like Knox County, the majority of the food the diner serves is trucked from outside the region.

Much like its Cashiochuck neighbors such as Ryan’s or Roby Tuesday, instead of turning to local producers, Southside primar-ily uses an international food purveyor called Gordon Foods Service.

GFS buys merchandise, ranging from pork to paper towels, from manufacturers all over the country—for example, Tyson and Kraft—and then distributes these products throughout the U.S. and Canada. This super-visor estimates that his inventory involves over 30,000 customers, makes it pretty impossible for GFS to connect families with local busi-nesses.

“The bigger companies, the Sysco and the Gordon Foods, don’t deal with small farm-ers,” said Harry Scott, of Lannings Foods, the Mount Vernon company which keeps Kenyon’s dining halls stocked with goods cultivated in the region.

“It’s harder to bring in locally produced products from multi-ple sources than it is to have a semi-truck load of roman lettuce ordered and delivered from a huge field in California,” said Scott of his larger competitors’ practices.

According to Charles Fry, the director of Innovative Farmers of Ohio (IFO), even if family farms could take part in a more global system, there are advan-tages to working directly with restaurants.

“Direct marketing allows farmers to sell their product without as many steps in the supply chain,” Fry said. “That helps them realize more money for the products that they raise.”

IFO is taking part in a two-year pilot project started in 2005 by the national organiza-tion Chefs Collaborative. This grant-funded project is intended to increase restauranteur-chef transit-ions.

Progress has been slow, which is not surprising con-sidering the number of com-pliances partners require. For example, chefs often want produce which cannot be sold locally in the off-season or at all.

And farmers don’t necessarily want to which from growing popular crops. Like say, corn and wheat—which are sold to manufacturers—to niche market crops like heirloom lettuce and tomatoes.

The Chef’s Collaborative was only able to list 14 restaur-ants, including Middle Ground, and 30 products in the com-piled directory of interested parties. According to a recent census conducted by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, there are more than 500 farms in the county directly or indirectly serving Columbus alone.

Nonetheless, several restaur-ants in the area are dedicated to local food. About 25 percent of the products used to make the relatively casual selec-tions of sandwiches, pizza and breakfast burritos that Colum-bus’ Northcater Café serves come from within Ohio—a number that translates to hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of purchases a year.

“It’s good marketing,” said Northcater owner Kevin Mal-ham. “It’s also good for the quality of the food because you are getting fresh stuff, and it’s good to make the right decision.”

The road less traveled hasn’t been easy. Malham estimates that in the first year, it took 20 to 30 extra hours a week to coordinate with nearly a dozen farm-ers, a number which decreased as staff became more experienced. Sometimes Malham has to order products as far as eight months in advance.

The kinds of logistical hassles which Northcater confronts, along with the cheaper prices available through mass produc- tion, keep McCoy from incorpo-rating more than a small propor-tion of local items from Lannings into Southside’s menu.

“Personally, I like to drink a gallon of milk,” McCoy said. “I just don’t think that the local economy will support a family-style restaurant which buys more expensive local prod-ucts.”

Indeed, cheap food with homey atmosphere seems to do the trick. Many regulars come to Southside as often as three times a week, including patrons familiar with the difficulties of small-scale agriculture such as Tom.

“The way the economy is, you are going to make about $10 an hour,” Wyrost explained. “So you have to farm 2,500 acres, because you are paying fifty or sixty thousand dollars for a piece of machinery.”

When he was younger, Wyrost worked on an 800-acre dairy and beef farm until his father forced him to give up the land, which had been in the family for 150. “We couldn’t make enough money,” Wyrost said.

Wyrost is skeptical that com-sumers would appreciate local products. “I don’t think the aver-age person even gives a thought to it,” he said. “People don’t care as long as they can go to the store to buy some milk and meat.”

Regardless of customers’ apathy, Fry says changes are nec-es-sary. “Not only are we seeing a decrease in farms,” he said, “we are seeing an increase in farmers who are turning to second jobs. So the problem is real and it isn’t getting better by itself.”

Features

Sex & the Country

Le Mort de Chivalry

By Jesse Smith

Ladies and gentlemen of Kenyon College, I have a question for you: whatever happened to Ritten Butler? Gary Grant (Jimmie Stuart)? Maybe I’m just a nostalgically Southern gal, but finding a real gentleman in today’s society is like looking for a needle in a haystack. A fellow who’s out the door and back in one minute are you doing, just wearing a bow tie and a pink shirt? They’re the days when women held the manners of a gentlewoman. Or at least that the days when women had manners. They’re the days when women had manners. They’re the days when women were taught how to behave. Not just about rules and codes. Gentility requires a sense of awareness of those around you and the ability to ensure their comfort in a respectful manner. Giving up your seat for a lady requires respect. Speaking with precision and accuracy reflects a level of esteem for others in the conversation. A gentleman’s behavior should reflect how the woman feels about herself; she serves to build her up, not to tear her down. Manners make the woman feel important.

Coming from the South, I am accustomed to the lack of courteous, considerate behavior at Kenyon College. Guests are not given a chance to attend. This does not mean that they should be afforded the same level of respect as in the South. But there is a certain level of respect that I feel is lacking.

As an English major, I do not want to see my courses taught while wearing a tie and a bow tie. I do not want to see my professors talking about the lives of their students. I do not want to see my professors treating their students with respect.

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Features Brief

Roger Scruton to lead conservationist conversation

Today at 4:10 p.m. in Peirce Lounge, the political science department will host Roger Scruton, an activist, philosopher and author from Britain. He has published 30 books, all of which are still in print, the most recent of which is Gentle Be-asts. He worked at the Salisbury Review as editor for 19 years. In 1986, he co-founded the Jan Hus Educational Foundation, Hopkin’s Farm Enterprises and the Jagellonian Trust. He also founded the Angle-Lebanon Cultural association. Since 1990, Scruton has worked for the Civitas Institute in Prague as a board member. For his work in Prague, he was awarded the 1st June Prize of the City of Prague in 1996 and the Medal for Merit, First Class of the Czech Republic in 2000. He received a Ph.D. in philosophy from Cam-bridge in 1972 and currently works as visiting professor at the Institute of Psychological Sciences in Arlington, Virginia.

He will lead a conversation about what it means to be a conservationist.

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Ladies lax struggle, fall short against Denison, Wooster

BY ALLIKITTLE
Staff Reporter

This last week, the Ladies lacrosse team hosted Denison University and the College of Wooster, two conference games that were eagerly anticipated and proved to be a struggle to the end. Thursday’s Denison game ended with a heartbreaking loss of 13-15, and the game against Wooster finished with a fiercely contested loss of 18-9.

After the Denison game, perhaps one of the longest-standing rivalries for the Kenyon Ladies, the team, although disappointed about the loss, was pleased about the way they played. Captain Allie Riordan ’06 said, “One thing that was really present in everyone was determination—we were determined to have our college lacrosse career include a win against Denison. Even though we lost, during my four years here, we have not played as well and consensually and aggressively as we did in that game.”

The atmosphere of the afternoon was charged with intensity and both teams fought hard for the entire game, answering each goal. “We did really well working together on attack. We did not give up. We played until the very end. It was very exciting to play Denison on our field in front of our fans, and I believe that the entire team felt the same way,” said captain Kelely Bell ’06. Kathy Tusen ’08 said, “I believe any team would be excited to play Denison, simply for the challenge it represents and their outstanding reputation.”

“The team was especially pumped up to play Denison,” said Maddie Newscomb ’06. “We are very competitive with them and gave them a good game. Our attitude throughout the game was really positive, and we were focused both on offense and defense. We need to focus on playing our game from the very start. We tend to lose to get behind in goals and then play ‘catch up’ throughout the game.”

This past Saturday was the last home game for the seven seniors Bell, Wenzoska Kowalczyk, Newscomb, Riordan, Castin Wells, Catherine White and Manager Kate Lahtiaht. Although the game against top-ranked Wooster resulted in a loss, the team was confident of their improvements, even from Thursday’s game. “The Wooster game was a good game. I’m proud of how we played overall. Wooster is a good team with a good goalie. We gave them competition, and it was one of our better games against them,” said Riordan.

“Regardless of what we heard over the past few very challenging games. If we can capitalize on our talent, we should have no problem with Oberlin and Allegheny. We play as a team and all step onto the fields ready to play our best games, there is no doubt we will be successful,” said Bell.

Goalie Pagie Roberts ’09 said, “I’m a little nervous for the Oberlin and Allegheny games after our loss to Wooster. It’s really hard to play a good team like Wooster; they’re so quick and have really good shot placement, but you just have to prepare yourself for the next game and be ready for the next team. I’m ready to win.”

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Rugby places second in tournament

BY JULIA WESSEL
Guest Reporter

To top off an incredibly successful season, the Kenyon Women’s Rugby Club placed second at the annual Truax Dome Rugby Scandal Tournament this past Saturday. The tournament was held at the Ohio State University extension campus in Marion, Ohio. The Ladies started off their day against the Ohio Wesleyan University team. After an intense 50-minute game, the score was tied at five points apiece. Two sudden-death periods later, the score was still even.

Captain Casey Smith ’06 made a 22-meter kick to secure the team a win of 6-5.

The women went on to play the Ann Arbor Women’s Club team and won with a score of 26-12. After two wins, the Ladies reached the Championship game against the Cleveland State Iron Maidens. Although they failed to clinch the first-place spot, the team played their hearts out, and Kate Flinn

Put Kenyon on the scoreboard with a last-minute try in the second half. Captain Allison LeMay ’07 commented on the Ladies’ success: “I am incredibly proud of how the team played today. The eight-week winter conditioning program paid off in this tournament, and it was the climax of our season.”

The women beat both Marshall University and Ashland University during spring season rugby and had not been scored upon this year at the Truax Dome Tournament. Dave Gann, the Truax Dome Rugby Tournament Chairman, wrote about the Kenyon women, “It was an honor to have you and your team at the Truax and hope to see you here next year. I think you have a good team there and see a lot of exciting rugby to come for you!”
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Softball clinches playoff spot after crushing Oberlin

BY AMY THURBER
Staff Reporter

The Ladies have a lot to be excited about this week after sweeping Oberlin College to clinch a playoff spot and earn a split with the No. 11 team in the nation, Marietta College. Last Saturday, the Ladies held Oberlin scoreless, winning the first game 8-0 and the second 5-0. In game one Stephanie Hemmingson '08 had a stellar pitching performance, pitching a six-inning no-hitter and allowing only one runner on base.

Meanwhile Annie Brobst '07 and Ashley Morrison '07 led the team from behind the plate, each getting three hits and a total of three RBIs. Hemmingson also made contributions at the plate, getting two hits and two RBIs.

In game two, Emma Perry '09 went the distance on the mound, giving up only two hits and one base on balls while striking out seven. The Ladies scored early, getting all of five of their runs in the first inning. Kate Zdrojeksi '07 got a rally started once again, using her speed to get at infield single. Both Hemmingson and Megan Shaders '06 hit deep into the starters, providing insurance in a total of three runs. Kelly Adams '09 and Allisha Fletcher '08 both got RBIs in the inning to round out the Ladies' scoring.

In other conference play this week, the Ladies split with Allegheny College, bringing their conference record to 8-6. This puts the Ladies in second place in the conference and guarantees them a place in the conference tournament. Their last two conference games will be this Saturday at home against their bitter rival, Wooster College, who is currently in fifth. This will also be senior day for the three seniors on the team: Shaders, Jenny Glacer and Olivia Tucci.

In other games this week, the Ladies split with Marietta College and Ohio Northern University. Although the Ladies lost the first game to Marietta 2-0, they were able to get their bats going in the second game, winning 11-5 after six innings thanks to the run rule, which drops play if a team is up by eight runs after five innings. Sara Schenckhoff '07 began the scoring with a two-run homer in the first. Other good hitting performances were seen from Fletcher, Morrison, Zdrojeksi and Brobst, each of whom had two hits.

"It was a great feeling even in the first game to know that we could hang with a team that we knew was nationally ranked and one of the top teams in our region. It was awesome to be able to participate together in the next game and get the win," said Morrison.

Hemmingson put in a number of great pitching performances this week and was given NCAC pitcher of the week honors. She pitched 22 innings and gave up only two earned runs and she has a current ERA of 2.33.

"We have gotten outstanding pitching from Stephanie Hemmingson," said Head Coach Stephanie Monday. "She is doing a great job of getting ahead of batters and controlling the opponents at-bats."

"We are playing with a lot more confidence and always know what to do with the ball. We have also gotten great leadership from our four captains. The combination of their leadership and the whole team playing with confidence is a big reason we have had so many come-from-behind and close victories this year," said Monday.

"I am very proud of where we currently stand and what we’ve accomplished this far into the season. We definitely have the potential and momentum to go farther and accomplish more than any other Kenyon softball team," said Shaders.

Lords pounce on Colorado Tigers, win match 17-10

BY DONOVAN ORTega
Staff Reporter

The Kenyon Lords' baseball team easily defeated the Colorado College Tigers last Friday, 17-10, in a game that was delayed over an hour due to inclement weather. It rained during pre-game festivities that featured generous Kenyon alumni and parents being called out to mid-field to dedicate the refurbished McRide field and track. The rain was followed by thunder and lightning which forced both teams inside the KAC to wait out the storm.

"I thought that the rain might have a negative effect on our sticks, but the rain actually ended up helping us separate the pomp and circumstance from what we had to do to win," said Jim Uwick '08. "It allowed us to clear our minds of all the distractions of the day, including the opening ceremony and the dedication, and to focus purely on playing gritty lacrosse."

Colorado College scored first only 39 seconds into the first period to put the Tigers up 1-0. If the rain delay did not get Kenyon focused, Colorado's first goal was furthered when on a Kenyon point. Kenyon's offense went berserk, scoring five unanswered goals, three of them by Sean O'Neill '06. The scoring drought continued as Kenyon put together four more goals to put the Lords ahead 9-2 at the half, placing them in firm control of the game. As a result the Tigers had an outstanding first half as well, contributing seven saves to support a young, tireless Kenyon defense that frustrated the Tiger's offense. Defender Bob Dignazio '08 led Kenyon's defense by collecting seven ground balls.

"The offense played a fantastic game, which made the defense's job easy," said Dignazio. "We played as a team, and that is what made the difference."

The second half continued with the same pace. Kenyon kept the pressure on the offensive side of the half as Kenyon's leading goal scorer Luke Larson '06 added two more goals to bring his total to five for the game. O'Neill was also able to better his first-half performance of three goals by sticking on another goal and assist to make him the point leader of the game. He finished with four goals and three assists.

"We just played a solid all around game on Friday," said Larson. "Our offense didn't waste any opportunities or throw the ball away. They're a good team, but we're better."

With time winding down in the fourth quarter and Kenyon firmly in command 16-7, the Lords were able to strike once more, only this time from an unlikely source. Fleckmer collected a loose ball, confidently advanced it to midfield and caught the Tigers in a line change. With nothing but open field ahead of him, he ran into the Tiger's zone and unleashed a powerful shot, beating the beleaguered Colorado keeper to get his first goal on the year. The game ended 17-10.

The win improved Kenyon's NCAC record to 2-0 and set them up for a pivotal match next week when they travel to DePauw University, a team they defeated for the first time since 1977 earlier in the year. The match will be played this Saturday at 1:00 pm.