Heated debate goes up in smoke

BY BRYAN STOKES II
Staff Reporter

October 18 saw a clash of senatorial opinions on the issue of smoking on campus. Campus physician Tracy Schermer represented a medical point of view, saying "Once you light up a cigarette and it burns, you have no control over where that smoke goes."

Student Co-Chair Ludi Bassegali '02 countered this idea, claiming "the inconven-ience to nonsmokers is not as great as the inconvenience to smokers," a claim refuted by Student Council President Nick Demet '02, who explained that "Second hand smoke is a severe health haz-ard, not only an inconvenience."

Thursday's meeting begins with a note on procedure. Senate rules prohibit voting on a new proposal within two weeks of its initiation without a unanimous vote to vote on this proposal. Therefore the pro-posal to ban smoking 20 feet away from buildings, which was dis-cussed at the previous meeting, will be withheld until the October 25 meeting, as will the issue of smoking in all campus buildings. In a straw poll conducted at the meet-ing, 12 members voted in favor of the measure, with only Vice Presi-dent for Student Life Ellie Erickson abstaining. However two ma-jor opponents of the proposal, Vice President for Academic Affairs Meheret Birr '02 and Senior Class Representative Winston Sale, were not present at the time of the straw poll.

It was agreed, therefore, by the senators assembled that these mea-sures will most likely pass, unless a great deal of senators change their votes in the span of one week. The official proposals will be presented this Thursday in writing to the sen-ate by Faculty Co-Chair Alex Meckown. These proposals are a ban in all college buildings and 20 foot away from buildings in a ban in all college residences. Due to Senate customs of maintaining a current handbook, any regulations on the smoking issue will not take effect until the spring semester ends in 2002 and only if it is ratified by President Robert Oden.

The Senate also believes that enforcement may be difficult, especially for rising junior and senior smokers who have been used to see SENATE, page two

DENISON AT KENYON

BY TARYN MYERS
Senior News Editor

"We wish we had somebody sitting in our corner tape recording our conversations," said Denison Student Body President Jon Rybka when he and six other members of the Denison Student Senate visited Kenyon's Student Council meeting.

He was referring to the presence of a Collageon reporter at Council meetings, because, as he said, "We don't have a media that is actively interested in our student govern-ment.

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Anthrax in Knox Co?

BY TARYN MYERS
Senior News Editor

Right now, many Americans are afraid to go to their mailboxes. What they fear is the latest tactic being used to create hysteria, anthrax. This bacterium is a member of the genus Bacillus with a gene that allows it to produce a toxin that damages the immune system, and this species is almost indistinguishable from non-le-thal species or strains of the same spe-
cies. The ironic thing, however, is that according to Professor of Biology Alan Storozewski, not too long ago, some strains of Bacillus anthracis (anthrax) used to be given out as vaccines in to microecology labs. You could order them from Carolina [Biological Supply]."

Storozewski and College Physi-cian Tracy Schermer discussed the dangers, reality, and misconceptions about anthrax in an infor-mative and humorous session in the ANTHRAX, page two

THE VILLAGE WEATHER REPORT

Toniight: Windy. High 75 °F, low 26 °F.
Friday: Rain and snow. High 44 °F, low 29 °F.
Saturday: Scattered snow showers. High 38 °F, low 20 °F.
Sunday: Partly cloudy. High 52 °F, low 33 °F.
Council: Discusses smoking with Big Red

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The Council took several polls in the course of the discussion. In terms of eliminating smoking altogether, there was a majority, but a significant number of students were in favor of keeping smoking on campus, especially near drinking areas.

**Council:**

**Big Red:**

"We've heard from many students that they are concerned about the effects of secondhand smoke, especially near drinking areas. What are your thoughts on this?"

**Council:**

"We understand the health concerns, but we also have to consider the needs of students who want to smoke. What compromise can we offer?"

**Big Red:**

"I think we should consider implementing a smoking area in a designated location, away from drinking areas. What do you think?"

**Council:**

"We appreciate your suggestion. We will discuss this further and come back to you with a decision."
21 years ago, October 16, 1980. In an editorial, the fact that October Break was shortened by a day was discussed. Administrators argued the reason for this is that if the break was kept at the customary 4-day weekend, classes would have had to start before Labor Day Weekend. Others wondered that students vacated the campus on these days. The editors argued that it was the students' choice whether they let it off.

21 years ago, October 29, 1970, A bill was introduced in Gambier Village Council to create a noise ordinance. It would allow authorities to issue warnings to students or other members of the community who had failed to heed earlier noise warnings. The bill was intended to raise awareness of community responsibility to individual rights. One possible reason for the excess noise was "the addition of the women's college to Gambier, which has also brought it with a curiosity, of sorts, which draws many more students and visitors, notably male, to the Village."

46 years ago, October 21, 1955, Kenyon's soccer team broke Oberlin's 42 game winning streak when they defeated them 2-1. They had not lost a game since 1950, when they were bested by Wabash. A rather energetic reporter described the Oberlin team saying, "they knew they were through, this was a real defeat in their eyes," Dr. Miller, one spectator, described the team's victory by saying, "This is the climax of what I've been waiting for seven long years."

Kenyon professors send help to Afghan refugees

BY JANNA KODITHAWUWAKU
Staff Reporter

Since the September 11th attacks, the images and stories of suffering and degradation coming out of Afghanistan have multiplied. A group of professors have come together to do something to help, however small.

The group, led by Professor of Religious Studies Vernon Schubel and including faculty members Shuchi Kapila, Lewis Hydz, Nurten Kilic-Schubel, Robert Benson, Claudia Eadinger, Joan Sienkiewicz and Royal Rhodes, is collecting money to be sent to Afghan refugees through the American Friends Service Committee. According to Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf, "Afghanistan is one of the most remarkably diverse places. In the house I was staying in, when they listened to the news, first they'd put it on in Persian and then in Urdu. It was that diverse even within one house, I met with a whole group of people in the village and everyone introduced themselves to me, I noticed that everyone had a different ethnic background and religion. Yet they co-existed peacefully in that village. This is what the real Afghani society is. It's what the Taliban is trying to destroy. Earlier in the century, before civil wars ravaged the country, Kabul was known as the 'Paris of Central Asia,' it was known for its universities, music, art and free discussion. If all these problems are solved, that's what the real Afghanistan could be."

The money that is collected will be used for relief through the AFSC's 'No More Victims' campaign. "During the Turkish earthquake relief, I worked through the AFSC," Schubel said. "The country is destroyed. Everything in it is gone. We just get appeals every week, and Afghan people are laying down."

"People are starving to give money to organizations right now because there are so many which are fronts for terrorist groups so this group isn't like that," he added. The AFSC has worked for over eighty-years to bring relief to people in various parts of the world. It is a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize and has been successful for a long time. In America, many times other organizations have not been able to access the areas. The group's motto marked "For Afghan Relief" will be placed around campus for donations. You can also take donations to Professor Schubel or Professor Nurten Kilic-Schubel at 331. 

Dr. Abdurrahman Sachedina, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Virginia, will be giving a lecture entitled "Military, Peace and Islam." A man respected in all circles for his work in not only the "Islamic Roots of Democratic Pluralism" project in the CSIS Preventive Diplomacy program which tries to link universal human rights and values and religion in the service of peace, will give his talk on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in High seas Auditorium.
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friendship, and theonation cannot
not refuse an individual friendship.
There are others Kenyon who, I'm
sure, are also friends with Mr. Ibaus.
I'm not sure whether I would follow him with leadership to support him emotionally, but he has no connection with the fraternity.

The Gilligan attempted to con-
tact other leaders, but the they were unavailable for comment.

The sexual assault and non genital allegations have also led Brothers United to reconsider its policies regarding
Student conduct, both sexual assault allegations and alcohol abuse.
In 1998-99, Twezze responded, one member of BU was charged and con-
vinced of sexual assault and, after that, suggested a policy that if any mem-
ber is charged with sexual assault, he is immediately placed on probation by the fraternity. He has since been removed. The policy was accepted.

BU: Member and advisor discuss reputation

Men's group formed

BY ROBBIE KETCHAM
News Assistant

The men of Kenyon College will soon play a much larger role in the prevention of sexual assault on campus, as they are being involved in selling Services Patrick Gilligan's wishes come true. Gilligan has created a new college wide organi-

tizaiton called "Men against Sexual Assault" to com-

bat what he terms a "serious prob-

lem on every college campus across the country."

The organization held its first meeting last Monday at noon in the Johnson Theater's presiding room. Five others were present, he reported, including three students as well as Profes-
sors.

"I think it's great," Head Coach and Track and Field Coach DuaneGY

knows that Gilligan's foresight is growing as the groups becomes established, hopefully doubling the attendance each meeting. The organization's goal is "to come together and teach each other ways to have an impact on the environment as an in-

dividual and as a group," Gilligan said. "As individuals, a coordina-
tive to support each other so we don't just go on our own. In a group, we can [sponsor events and organize activities support and] promote [positive behavior]."

"I want to organize some preventive efforts on campus that would be organized and orches-

taraized with the help of the community."

Men Against Sexual Assault (MASA) was established at Kenyon last fall by members of the fraternity. Gilligan is the coordinator of the group.

"I think there are a number of bad occurrences for group organizations there is a need for action," he said.

Twezze responded on Thursday, "We hear you, we're here to get an education, we're here to support the com-

munity, and that's what we're going to do."

"Anything of this nature, anything that happens like this, will cause a back-
lash. For example, the fact that when this happened... it was to the point where there were days that I felt that..."

"Because our association is on a national level and the fact that it was a black male and I'm a black male and people looked at me and wondered..."

"I think there's something to be said for these concerns, but it's not an indica-

tion of the atmosphere in the fraternity but the social atmosphere as a whole,"

Twezze and Ross differed on the issue of Kenyon's "stigma" and the image of black men and fraternity members at Kenyon.

"Our goal though is to change perception and stereotypes," said Ross.

said at Kenyon has gained the community's attention recently, fol-

lowing a lawsuit filed by Margaret Rose '03 alleging that the College was negligent in preventing such misconduct. Gilligan says that the organization is not a direct result of the legal action, and that sexual assault at Kenyon is less severe than at other schools. Nonetheless, he says, the pattern of misconduct at the College exists.

"I don't really know if we've get a handle on the real incidents of sexual assault at Kenyon," he said. "What the national statistics seem to indicate is that among women, 25% will report sexual assault during their college years. We don't have anywhere near that amount [of reported incidents at Kenyon]."

"No one in the College encour-
gaged to begin this. It was out of the blue. The procedure for such an organization is simple, that result is not good at all."

"I think that there are a number of bad occurrences for group organizations there is a need for action," he said.

Twezze responded, "We hear you, we're here to get an education, we're here to support the community, and that's what we're going to do."

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"I think there's something to be said for these concerns, but it's not an indication of the atmosphere in the fraternity, but more of the social atmosphere at Kenyon."

"The only good that can come out of the horrible events that have happened and the tragedy that's come from it is that we've seen a lot of sexual assault is the way we interact with each other. If we don't think that's true, then it's a great tragedy still."

Anthrax: Knox county on alert

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at a Common Hour lecture on Tuesday, "Anthrax: The syndromes of biological attack.

Although Knox County Hospital and the Health and Counseling Center are well prepared and alert on any anthrax situation, there are any day risks just as great do not in still as much fear in people. For example, the number of anthrax cases in the US last year was 20,000 deaths due to influenza. As the time of the lecture, only two people had died from exposure to anthrax. Slonczewski discussed the various types of weapons that now exist, including chemical, physical and biological.

She pointed out that "One af-

fect of a weapon can be kill people, but another aim can be to create fear," which is also a form of biological attack.

"I've worked with people who have been victims of sexual assault, and I've witnessed the dev-

estation that comes with sexual assault, and it develops a sense of ur-

gency to have preventative efforts on campus. It takes a long time and a great deal of hard work to recover following something like this."

"With this group, I hope that we can just lessen the number of sexual assaults by one or two inci-

dents a year. It's a very preventable form of trauma," she said.

"Kenyon Men against Sexual Assault will next meet Monday, November 5 at the Louis Dempsy Private Dining Room. Gilligan hopes to have meetings every two weeks after that."

"because—and this is not just for me, this is for all Kenyon students. It's not just me."

"As a fraternity, if there's a stereotype that there are just certain members of a fraternity that are not terrible. All students who are fraternity and students who are—pardon the term—anti-first, and in some senses I can see why, because there are some things that I don't agree with that is not necessarily in the public inter-

est. However, it's not our goal to dis-

associate as we people that... but we're supposed to get work done."

"that's what they portray and of which we're proud."

The guys in the fraternity can definitely be seen as having an agenda. Some spectable members of the fraternity use and gentlemen and they are not doing the things they're supposed to."

These two incidents may have potentiality on the security much more intense."I have heard the phrase that the fraternity have, that they're not interested on the part of the fraternity. People in general to behave differently a sexual situations. But that's not what's happening in this case.

Twezze welcomes this action, however, and believes it has positive results for the group of organizations. "I think that any time there's a number of bad occurrences for group organizations there is a need for action," he said.

"It's a small point and simple, but it's an important one, that I think any good organizations is going to do on itself and against each other. If we don't think that's true, then it's a great tragedy still."

The third type of anthrax infor-

tion about—that of inhalation of spores a result of being exposed to powdered weapons-level anthrax. The powder includes spores of Bacillus anthracis and is aerosolized.

"Once they get the long-term, it's hard to get rid of it."

Slonczewski said, "The chance of getting anthrax is also severe to normal diseases."

She said Schremer both pointed out that the is more is on this topic from things like smoking, STDs or TB.

One piece of advice Schremer had for the on the issue of spores, "It's not Cipro, don't take it! Actually, it's a of concerned parents have sought aid children to take antibiotics. This unnecessary antibiotic only more organ

strains of bacteria."

He also emphasized that people who come in contact with situations like one described by, "In Mr Merton, they had to be a team to a house. They enrolfed children and was called in, thinking it was tuberculosis. So part of it is that level of threat was increased."

Schremer also asked that for community be aware of the occur-

ning flu season and get medical help saying that this is something very different from anthrax in Gambicr and Knox County.
Diversions

October 25 - November 1

At Kenyon

Take a stroll down the path

Thurs, 25
Kenyon Connection: Colonel Catastroffe and his Louden Shotgun: Uncle Dan’s Tavern in Mount Vernon 10 p.m.

Fri, 26
Sports: Kenyon Volleyball Tournament, 4-6 P.M. Tomich Arena
Concert: Classical Guitarist David Burgess, featuring music of Brazil, sponsored by Gend Concert Series.
8 p.m. Brand Recital Hall
BFEC Children’s Series: "Hallowen Campfire" Decorate pumpkins, listen to stories & share campfire snacks. Children of all ages welcome ($2 for materials) call 427-5050 to register. 7:30 p.m. at the BFEC
Drama: Don Juan, by Moliere, translated by Thomas Turgon, sponsored by KCDC.
8 p.m. Bolton Theater.

Sun, 27
Sports: Kenyon College Volleyball Tournament 10 a.m. Tomich Arena
Sports: Men's and Women's NCAC Relays (Swimming) 12 p.m. Ernst Center
Sports: Men’s Soccer against Denison 2 p.m. Mavee Field
Sports: Field Hockey Regional Tournament Time TBA, Waite Field
Concert: Voice Recital by Jennifer Anderson Marcellana 7:30 P.M.
Film: Rosemary’s Baby, sponsored by KFS 9 P.M., Hoyle Auditorium
Drama: Don Juan by Moliere Bolton Theater, 8 p.m.
Columbus Shuttle: Drop off and pick up at Eastern Town Center, City Center, Convention Center/Short North and Ohio State Union. Freeregister and pay $10 for SAC by today. Shuttle leaves at 10 a.m. from bookstore.

Mon, 28
Daylight Savings Times Ends: fall back one hour at 2 a.m.
Sports: Field Hockey Regional Tournament Time TBA, Waite Field
Faculty Meeting 4:15: Brand Recital Hall

Tues, 30
Common Hour: Founder’s Day Convocation, 11:10 a.m. Rose Hall

Wed, 31
HALLOWEEN DAY
Sports: Men and Women’s Swimming vs. Ohio University 4 p.m. Ernst Center
Event: Halloween Monster Movie Marathon, sponsored by Hillel 8 p.m. Snowden Multicultural Center
Film: Halloween, sponsored by KFS 10 p.m. Hoyle Auditorium

Around Ohio

To Mount Vernon and beyond!

The Reel World

In Theaters Friday

13 Ghosts: A family inherits a spectacular old house from an eccentric uncle. There's just one problem: the house seems to have a dangerous agenda all its own. This promises to be one of the season's most action-packed-jump-out-of-your-seat thrillers.

Bones: Four kids move into a mysterious, decrepid building in a bad part of town to open a dance club. Twenty years ago, the house belonged to Jimmy Bones, a legendary protector and patron of the neighborhood when it was a thriving community. As the kids experience a series of strange and inexplicably terrifying events, they uncover an awful truth.

History Lessons: This film is a collection of lesbian genre cinema stretching from 1896 to 1969, year of the Stonewall uprising. Assembled as a collection of commercials, advertisements, newreels, World War II educational films and stag films, the piece shows medical films of different periods in an attempt to document the cross-cultural, time-transcending relationships of lesbians. The black and white film medium adds authority to the film and keeps it honest.

K-PAX: A psychiatrist diagnoses a mental patient and then attempts to help him by socialization. When the psychiatrist sees him in situations with others, he realizes that this mental patient has healing powers never before seen by the doctor. After developing a closer relationship, the doctor begins to rethink his original designation of the patient as less crazy, and more normal.

Venice Beach Politics: This B-movie is a TC favorite. Fresh out of its debut internet release this week, it's a magical journey through the Venice Beach social scene. Available only in short-film version, Venice Beach Politics provides excellent analysis of the beach scene, and of the relationships among those within it. Sunscreen will be impressed—it's likely to turn heads.

Aural Fixation

In Record Stores Tuesday

The Allman Brothers Band:.....The Road Goes On Forever Backstreet Boys:.............Greatest Hits David Bowie:...................I Dig Everything Chubby Checker:.............The Best of: The K-Tel Years Eric Clapton:...................There’s One in Every Crowd John Lennon & Yoko Ono:......Milk and Honey Lyle Lovett:....................Anthology, Vol. 1: Cowboy Man Gloria Lynne:....................I Wish You Love - Deluxe Box Set

Page Compiled by Adam Sapp. Email him comments and suggestions this week only at sapp@kenyon.edu.
Smoke Signals

Are the current smoking debates indicative of a larger problem?

It's no shocker that smoking kills, but Kenyon smokers may well have been shocked by the developments of the past week. Seemingly all of a sudden, their right of privacy--whatever you want to call it--in danger of extinction, at least inside the proposed 20-foot buffer zone.

Lost in the shuffle, however, are Kenyon's current smoking restrictions, some of which are only a couple of years old. Before we continue the push for more severe regulations, we should turn our attentions to how we deal or fail to deal with the current issues.

Current Kenyon policy prohibits smoking in all freshmen dorms, Caples and Mather. Yet, residents in halls of dorms such as Mather Wellness, many of whom choose to live there due to smoke allergies or a desire to keep smoke regulary out of their common rooms, hallways and stairwells to find smokers blatantly disregarding these regulations.

I've been in a few such scenarios. Quite obviously, the smokers--they are breaking a school policy. Yet, some must go to the non-smoking residents as well. In order for any smoking--or drinking, or noise, or academic honesty--regulation to be upheld, we must each take personal responsibility to see that it is carried out. If the consequences of violation aren't a sufficient motivator to do so, perhaps the regulation is not worthwhile.

One has to wonder at the inflammatory nature of many of the non-smoking regulation advocates' statements over alliusa in recent days. If they honestly felt their rights were being threatened and violated, why did it take a suggestion of the trustees, who visit campus only a few times a year, to get them and their issues to the light? Why did they wait until more than six months before the impending vote to begin to voice their discontent?

Setting aside the moment which side deserves to win the war, a simple fact remains behind the smoking debates. If Kenyon students don't feel comfortable confronting one another over such apparently trivial issues, and in some cases literally--vital issues, no amount of regulation is likely to rectify any of our troubles.

REACHING THE COLLEGIAN

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OPINIONS

BY JAMES LEWIS

Guest Columnist

I'd always taken pride in the fact that I had never been to a Kenyon party. Like nearly everyone else at the college, I claimed to look forward to the weekends, but to be truthful, I've always been lost on the weekends. Weekdays are more enjoyable for me, not because I have discovered my innate love of learning, but because they give me structure and force people to spend time with me.

At the beginning of this year, however, I started having gone to a Kenyon party was starting to wear thin. First of all, if you really seemed to care when I told them I had never been to a party. In fact, if they did form any opinion of me, they didn't get the impression of a virginal young woman who has come to Kenyon just to have this issue taken away. I thought they thought I was kind of bizarre. Imagine it. Then, I decided to start to see that my attitude towards parties was correct. I condescended them in my mind as being "inflated" and consequently of every sort of depravity. Yet, I had never had fun. Imagine I think something was wrong with that logic.

So, when I was sitting with some friends at dinner, and they were talking about the NIA party that was going to be thrown that night. Friday night, my ears perked up. I know a lot of the girls in NIA, and I absolutely adore some of them. I was not only good-tasting-tired of yhe "I've never been to a party, ergo I am better than you" persona, but I was also curious. When my friend said he might go, the last barrier fell. I'd have someone to go with me and rescue me if I did say something stupid. It was perfect. I was going to my first party.

I expected a small room crowded with people, I expected loud, but music. I expected alcohol to be flowing like the Euphrates from cup to cup to my good plain shirt. I expected everyone to be drunk and incapable of conversation. If there was any dancing, I would be shockingly indecent.

Okay, maybe that's a bit of an exaggeration of my expectations, but I certainly wasn't expecting to have any fun. I guess everyone sees where this is going.

So I revealed that to my great surprise, I actually had fun. All of you who guessed I was going in this direction take time out to pat yourselves on the back. Now that your arts of self-congratulations are done, I'll tell you again. Yes, I did have fun. The music was loud and bad, and people were certainly drinking. I saw some dancing that I wouldn't certainly not write in my notebook. This strange crowd seemed to revel in gyrating their hips and breast against my body, but that's another story.

But I did enjoy myself. Maybe this party was different from other parties, but alcohol wasn't as prominent as I thought it would be. Unlike some of the off-campus parties I had been to, people seemed interested in striking up conversations with me. They seemed interested in me as a person. Most touching to me was the warmth that people displayed when they saw me. While they were surprised to see me, all of people, at a party, they displayed genuine joy at seeing me. Those aren't just people that I'd known since the seventh grade, but people I hadn't seen since I'd been in their Clasrooms class last year. Pretty girls actually had words for me. I got that rare feeling that comes when I get the sense that I'm a part of something here at Kenyon, a part of a larger community.

And the coolest thing by far about the NIA party was the snacks.

I got pretty filled up on the cheese poppers and the Papa John's vanity pizza, and the cheesy bread, which were all free!

That evening was good fun because Kenyon现金流 grew different things. I could pretend I knew how to dance. I could also peel into the party area and the with a girl who lived down the hall last year. This party forced me to rethink my judgment of parties in Kenyon in general. Maybe they offer a good opportunity for people to come together. Maybe they offer a chance for the general public to face unwin.

Still, the party left me with more questions. Why is identity necessary? Can we have a good time drinking in moderation or at all? I know I did that night. Without all the good they bring these two groups different organizations like NIA allow underdrinking at their parties. Don't they have responsibilities sponsored by or registered with the College to hold the fight against underdrinking.

I guess, in retrospect, the greatest disappointment I felt about that party that it is indicative of the divide on this campus. There are plenty of people like me who don't have the opportunity to experience what I did that night, and it's not necessary because they're self-righteous. They just don't feel comfortable at big parties. It doesn't sound like Kenyon encourages the exact same efforts in providing entertainment for the residents as they do for those who enjoy parties. Why can't we community figure out a way to be more frequent? If all we do is figure out what we do, beautiful things happen, just as they did that day night for me.

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Come to visit. Bring a caserole.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Academic honesty still the top priority

We are all approaching a busy time of the semester, and the Academ- ic Affairs Committee would like to briefly address the issue of aca- demic honesty. Many of you may remember the talk given on this sub- ject at your Freshman Orientation. Perhaps you haven’t thought of the implications until now. However, academic honesty is taken very seri- ously at Kenyon. Not all students brought before the Academic In- fraction Board intend to violate the College’s policies, but even inadvertent actions can have seri- ous consequences. Likewise, the ways in which a student may com- mit plagiarism or otherwise violate the College’s policies are not al- ways clear or immediately comprehensible. We thereby en- courage you to seek the guidance of your professors or faculty advis- ors if you have any questions or concerns. You might also refer to pages 27–29 of your Course of Study Handbook for a more general clarification of these matters.

Kenyons’ Academic Honesty Policy

Good luck on your midterms!

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Community’s abandoned animals find shelter at Noah’s Lost Ark sanctuary

President Bush and others have told us to return to our nor- mal lives, but the animals at this facility still need to be fed, still need shelter, still need watering, still need medical care and still need the continued affiliation pro- vided by the owners. This charity is 501c3, USDA approved sanc- tuary and it needs help.

Please let me tell you about this no-kill sanctuary that gives a home to abandoned, abused and unwanted animals. Even though their stories may be different their needs are the same. Food, water, shelter, medical care and love are the common threads that run through this facility.

These animals are the lucky ones. They ended up here, where they do receive what they need even though the budget is stretched tight. There are still so many want- ing to be saved from lives of terror, so many that ask, "Please don’t forget me."

Winter is coming, and many things need to be done to get the animals ready to withstand the cold Ohio weather. The owners spend many hours a day working to keep everyone clean, fed and watered. During the few hours when they’re not doing that they are doing repa- irs, constructing new enclosures, running the gift shop and catching up on the office work.

Through tours of the facility, school children and the general public are educated each year about the plight of exotic ani- mals and the broader issues of animal endangerment and extinc- tion.

Innocent exotic animals that are born into captivity are being killed each year because people abandon them and they have no place else to go. Come look at their web site www.noahslostark.com and if you find it interesting, please share it with your family and friends. Please let the animals know they won’t be forgotten.

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Noah’s Lost Ark, Inc.

Collins deplores negligence of Security

Late Saturday night, I called Security about a girl screaming outside of Collins Residence. This girl was not screaming in a drunken stupor. She kept yelling things like "Stop it!" and "No!" She tried, "Somebody ** help me!"

I called Security, believing that I was hearing someone being hurt by someone else. I tried to speak calmly but with a sense of urgency so I could relay the infor- mation about this girl who was in distress. The operator did not seem that the situation was im- portant. He did not pay close attention to what I was saying be- cause he could not understand what the problem was. He felt that it was only someone joking around. Even if it had been a joke, they should be obligated to check on an emer- gency call, especially if a potential sexual assault is involved. Eventu- ally, he grudgingly stated that he would send someone to check it out. Security needed to react more quickly and with more urgency to what seemed to be a real emer- gency. Their unwillingness to react to this situation makes me afraid that if I ever need Security they will not be there to help.

Sarah Collins ’04

Smoking debate heats up

Smoking kills. Not only with cancer but also because of allergic reactions which cause more than simple sneezing and a runny nose. Unlike peanuts and dairy prod- ucts, which are usually labelled, cigarette smoke is forced on others by those who smoke. It is an unwanted violation of breathing space and of life itself. No matter what arguments you make on how much of a right it is to smoke, it impedes on the right to the liberty and pursuit of hap- piness come after it.

Before I take on smokers, I have to look at what it would take to make me smoke. I would have to be oblivious to the damage smoke does to my lungs and to my heart and also be unaware of the fact that there are people who have to carry inhalers and heart medi- cine with them in case they accidentally come into contact with smoke. I have good friends who fall into this category and so it is impossible to ignore the latter. My father is a surgeon so it is impossible for me to ignore the former.

If I became aware and de- cided to stick to smoking, I would have to be apathetic. I would have to have no care for my personal health, how I smell, and so forth. I would also have to have a total disregard for those who were of- fended by the presence of cigarette smoke and, above all, those whose reaction to it is lethal. I couldn’t ignore this.

The question at hand, though, is what should be done about smoking? Should it just be lim- ited to certain rooms? That would work except for the fact that those limits are broken. Live in a smoke- free hall that is inundated with people who smoke illegally in lobbies, halls and stairwells. Obvi- ously, this privilege to smoke has been abused and, as with driv- ers’ licenses, can be revoked.

Smoking is by no means a right. It is a privilege. For those of you who demand that right in the faces of those whose very lives you are depriving, for the sake of a stress reliever, I have the utmost contempt and pity. I feel sorry that you have no other way to deal with life’s burdens and I hope that you gain some respect for your fellow man before you kill him. 

Leeman Tarpole ’04

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M.M.M.

I'M SERIOUS, IT'S LIKE THE HOTTIP TOPS NOW.

WATCH IT, I'LL SHOW YOU A LOT MORE.

I'M THE GODFATHER OF THE WORKERS! DON'T-you- ever- 내-WORK!

I'M TALKING ABOUT SMOKING BASE...

I'M NOT RATHER KNOW TO MY MOTHER WHY THERE'S A Concourse Wheet, WORSE MY BED THAN A NODER WICKING ASSIST.

From the Depths of Ohio

Phoebe Cohen.
Hormeals gives generous helping of community service

BY TRACY MILLER
Editor-in-Chief

When asked to list dining traditions at Kenyon, the first thing that comes to mind for most people would likely be a delectable ARA-related comment. However, with the efforts of an ever-growing group of students and administrators, that all soon may change. Hormeals is a program that provides a nutritious dinner to underprivileged Mt. Vernon citizens on a regular basis. Begun approximately a year and a half ago, the Hormeals program originated as a social service on the part of several Mt. Vernon churches. "The idea really grew out of the Salvation Army's 'King's Table,'" said Kenyon Coordinator of Disability Services Erin Salva, who began participating in the Hotmeal program through her church. With a different church assigned to preparing the Hotmeal on a night of the week, they found themselves able to provide a meal nearly every night to Mt. Vernon residents.

Salva noted that the impoverished population in rural areas such as Knox County tends to seem "more invisible" than the poor in larger cities. "They're more transient as a population in rural areas; they may move from home to home ... They may not have transportation to get to jobs, and that's a big issue. There's really no opportunity to get a leg up because they simply can't afford the gas or the automobile costs to get to and from work. I've actually seen an entire family go through this.

Kenyon's involvement with Hormeals began last spring, but has steadily grown since that time.

"It somehow came up between [Kenyon Hillel Director] Michael Cooper and I, and Hillel got involved early on," said Salva. Cooper is a strong advocate of Kenyon participation in the Mt. Vernon community, including the Hotmeals program.

"The Jewish community believes very strongly in community service, and we as a part of any Hillel program to make opportunities for students to do this," said Cooper. "I learned Erin Salva wanted to participate in Hotmeals, and I asked if there was any way Hillel can help. We just care, show up and did whatever the students could.

Senior Margaret Scavotto found out about the Hotmeal program through Hillel last spring. She now organizes the new Kenyon Hotmeals program, which plans, cooks and serves the Hotmeal on a Tuesday evening each month. In her time with the Hotmeals program, she has found it to be a productive way to strengthen Kenyon's somewhat precarious relationship with the surrounding community.

"The first time I went, I think I noticed a little apprehension from both sides, just due to the different environment," said Scavotto. "I've made a lot of friends in the Hotmeal program. There are some kids, some adults, that come every week, who I look forward to seeing, and if they're not there, I worry about how they're doing. And they look forward to Kenyon students coming.

Scavotto, who will graduate at the end of the current semester, hopes to establish the Hotmeal program as a more permanent fixture of the Kenyon community. Hotmeals had a table at September's Activities Fair, where they built a dis-list of nearly 100 people, and their application to become a recognized student organization is pending. "I'd just like to make sure that it is keeping going at least once a month," Scavotto said. "And maybe we'll get some more money so people can provide a little bit better quality of a meal,"

Margaret Scavotto '02 and Erin Saunders '02 make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Hotmeal program.

Hormeals gives generous helping of community service

FEATURES

Shutt to spook out Kenyon

Ghostbuster Tim Shutt explores the paranormal at bonfire

BY AMY BERGEN
Staff Writer

On Tuesday evening at 9 p.m. in the freshmen quad, Associate Professor of English and IFHS Timothy Shutt will lose the coffee bottle, don topcoat and tails, gather a few cold but eager students around a fire and tell some of the legendary stories that lie behind (but not very far behind) the more romantic aspects of Kenyon tradition. Ghost stories are a staple actor of Caples, anyone?

The Kenyon ghost stories are "pretty much based on true events," Shutt said. Some of them have been made into better, more shapey stories over the years.

Perhaps the most famous recurring spirit is the young man who died on the railroad tracks in the Kokosing in 1905. Other ghosts have surfaced from the 1949 fire in Old Kenyon and events—some very recent—in Caples and the Acland apartments. If some details have changed, the elements of fear and quasi-believability have lingered in the Kenyon ghost lore.

"People are interested and people have experiences," said Shutt, who has heard from many students who claim to have had encounters with ghosts on campus. "Ghosts that are reported at Kenyon are usually not visible ... people report feeling a presence.

Other unusual "ghoststory-like" events—showers turning on, belongings being rearranged, and things going bump in the night—are reported from time to time. Although he does not deny that things occur beyond the ken of mortal man, Shutt admits that he himself only believes in ghosts "about a two on a scale of one to ten.

Shutt's first ghost tour was spontaneous. Some years ago "a former president at Alumni Weekend in May was trying to get people to leave after the cocktail party was over," Shutt recalled.

Douglas Campbell, a former student of Shutt's, suggested a ghost tour to get the alumni out of the house. "He volunteered me. I dressed up as a ghost and people liked it," said Shutt. Since then, the fascination with the paranormal and the enjoyment of well-told stories has kept listeners coming year after year.

"The appetite for [ghost stories] is really big. I'm not sure why," he said. Shutt's ghost tours of campus are immensely popular, and the tales themselves have taken on lives of their own.

[They've been in the Wall Street Journal, there's a lot of ink," Shutt said. The reader will be spared any other details at present—those who know all about haunted Kenyon need not written retelling, and those who don't will find out soon enough.

Ruben Smith

by Elena Bonomo

Sensible direction would be to "take it a subset of Kenyon community service organization."

Circle K, one such organization, works Monday nights at the Presbyterian church and Friday nights at the Gay Street Chapel. They have been participating a Hotmeals since last fall.

[Hotmeals really has different part of the community—"very poor that we don't offer any in other organizations," said Kenyon九龙 member Nancy Kukulan. "It offers perspective," said Scavotto. "It's really fulfilling—you only take a few hours, you know that you helped—it makes the difference between someone going to bed with a full stomach and an empty one.

To participate in Hotmeals, Kenyon students and organization can contact Scavotto, who is in Kenyon Hotmeals program. Kukulan with Circle K or Copper Hill. They can also come to 1st Presbyterian Church, Gaugregational Church, St. Vincent DePaul, 1st Christian Church and the Gay Street United Methodist Church, all of which are located in Mt. Vernon.

What is your favorite Kenyon ghost story?

"Caples."
—Adam Jackson-Sey

"The insomniac in Norton because he is in my bed."
—Hall Carleigh

"It would have to be the witch fairy."
—Ingrid Vinlor

"The ghost of the Actresses."
—Tim Shutt
Kenyon traditions give campus ‘sense of belonging’
First Day and Matriculation rituals change over time, but retain importance for College history

BY RACHEL KESSLER
Features Editor

"I think matriculation is a good tradition," said first-year congressional representative Tris Vaden. "We're bound by tradition at Kenyon, and I think that's something we shouldn't lose."

The year's Matriculation ceremony will take place Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in Rossie Hall.

For the past 160 years, Kenyon students have listened to the speech, signed the book and planted the tree. While such traditions help give Kenyon its unique atmosphere, does the actuality of Kenyon student really have anything to do with why Founder's Day and Matriculation boast such historic traditions?

According to Librarian and Information Technology Consultant Chris Bart, the idea of matriculation was born with the celebrated arrival of Philander Chase in 1824. Matriculation began instead with David Bates Douglas, the third president of Kenyon, in 1841. The first signing took place on July 17, 1841, with 29 students matriculating, including future U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes. Bart said, "Historically, matriculation means much more than it does today - students weren't officially until they matriculated. They had to pay their worth before taking the test."

The Matriculation book, which bears the name of many illustrious Kenyon alumni from Paul Fleischman to Kenyon Chancellor William P. Watterson, was present in the previous days of matriculation. "The book was probably intended as a measuring stick," said Barth, "some sort of goal for students to reach after several months at the college, before becoming a real student."

Barth said the book could also serve as an incentive for students to continue a solid academic performance even after earning their way into the book. "You could lose your standing as a student. In the days when you could see where students' names have been demoted, for some infraction or other, they could be reinstated."

"The book was the official record of who was in good standing." Several changes have developed in the history of Kenyon's Matriculation in the past decades.

"In previous years, signing the book was required for students," said Barth. "It's optional now. They also used to make students sign in alphabetical order. That made it a lot easier to find people."

One of the most interesting developments in the history of matriculation at Kenyon involves the participation of women. "The class of 1976 signed on October 30, 1972, exactly 28 years before this year's Matriculation," said Barth. "That was the first class to have men and women all sign together at the same time. Before then there were women who signed, but they were in a class by themselves.

Barth added, "Kenyon's official birthday is December 29, 1824. I can't think of a good reason why Founder's Day is in matriculation. I think that started under President Peacee."

Although signing the Matriculation book is the most popular custom on Founder's Day, other rituals take place as part of the ceremony.

"An especially important part of Founder's Day and Matriculation is the Founder's Day address, this year to be delivered by Professor [of Music] Camilla Cai, to whose address I look forward with great eagerness," said President Robert Odorn. While the address is usually given by a Kenyon professor, two years ago the current Lord Kenyon offered the speech.

In addition to the traditional Founder's Day rituals, initial plans for this year's matriculation included involving the first-year sing. Due to construction on the steps of Rossie Hall, the sing could not take place during freshmen orientation.

"We were going to do it [Matriculation], since all the freshmen are going to be in one place," said James D. and Cornelia W. Ireland Professor of Music Thomas Locke. "The plan right now is to hold the sing as part of the dedication of lower Rossie, and we'd like to tie in that dedication with the first-year sing."

Despite the fact that plans are underway to reschedule the sing, Locke does have some concern about its delay. "The first years are aware that they have lost something, but they don't really understand the significance," Locke said.

"I'm very interested in the first-year sing in terms of rehearsals. I'm fearful the class may have forgotten the songs. I think the success of this year depends on getting together to go through the songs. Otherwise the upperclassmen will blow them away because of their fanatical skills."

"Locke did add, however, "This was one of the more talented groups, and I expect that with one less rehearsal they would perform really well."

While some might argue that these traditions are outdated, Odorn stated, "I do not, of course, believe that Opening Convocation and Matriculations are like transsubstantiation that no Kenyon student is authentic if he or she fails to go through either of these rituals. But I do think that an important part of our sense of belonging and our sense of place come from these ceremonies."

Panel addresses nationwide domestic violence

BY ADAM SAPPI
Senior Production Editor

Dating violence has become a pressing issue across college campuses everywhere, and Kenyon is no exception. On Monday at 8 p.m. in Patric Lounge, dating violence will be the center of discussion as professors, local community actions leaders and students will assemble to talk about how it happens, why it happens, and what can be done to address the Kenyon community.

National estimates released this year by the Bureau of Justice Statistics shows that 1.5 million women and 334,700 men were raped and/or physically assaulted by an intimate partner last year. Locally, although no dating-violence-related cases have been reported by Judicial Board this year, Associate Dean of Students Cheryl Church said, "that doesn't mean it doesn't happen."

The reports that it is more common to hear about abusive relationships from a third party than from the victims themselves. For instance, the Office of Security and Safety reports receiving phone calls from concerned students about couples they hear is loud screaming matches in their lives. Also, Steele said that to her are situations where she hears students concerned about friends they are close to who are being abused by their partners.

Dating violence, both at Kenyon and across the nation, is a subject not defined by so many variables as it is by personal experience. In response to this, senior Becky Osborn, with help from Steele, the Crosier Center for Women and senior Shyla Myers, convened the discussion.

Sitting on Monday's panel will be Mary Hendrickson of New Directions, a leading local women's resource center, Associate Professor of Psychology Sarah Murnen, Director of Counseling Services Patrick Gilligan, Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology Ian Thomas, Professor of Women's and Gender Studies Laura Finks and Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science Lee Ward.

Osborn feels it is important for women and men to be educated in the dangers surrounding dating violence. She is hopeful that, by aming both sexes with education materials and resources, the occurrences will be less, and that when it does happen victims will know how to respond. She feels this session will be especially important for the women of Kenyon.

"In general, as a woman, especially at Kenyon, you need to be aware that you are almost always a direct target of male aggression or aggression violence in general," said Osborn.

"Women have been told they need men and cannot be safe without them. This fosters an ideology of dependency, so women feel even more unable to exist outside of a relationship... that why violence is accepted and tolerated by many women... because they have been brought up thinking they can't "make it" on their own."

Concerning dating violence at Kenyon, Osborn does not feel that the absence of numbers is a true indication of the situation... "I think the underreporting of dating violence at Kenyon may predominantly be due to a lack of awareness, definition of the problem, specificity, and basic acceptance that dating violence is what is occurring in a relationship. " said Osborn.

"Also, given the lack of commitment in collegiate dating situations, and specifically in relation to many of the random "hookups" that take place at Kenyon, definition of dating is difficult to pin down, therefore defining dating violence becomes even more difficult as a result."
Dances for competition are divided into bronze, silver and gold levels, and individual couples. In the Kenyon College Ballroom Dance Club (KCBC) competition team, there are four levels, from first to championship. The fourth level is also divided into silver and gold, and the last level is championship. The competition team consists of dancers who are talented in multiple dance forms. The dancers are placed in the appropriate level based on their skills and experience. The team members are chosen based on their ability to perform at the highest level. The competition team practices three times a week, and they perform in front of judges who provide feedback on their performance.

The Ballroom Dance Club takes first at Cornell

BY AMY BERGEN
Staff Writer

Kenyon's most untethered athletes have done it again. The Kenyon College Ballroom Dance Club (KCBC) earned a spot on the dance floor at the weekend's competition at Cornell University in New York. As a team, they placed first in the American Style Team Match and third in the International Style Team Match.

"This is the best the Ballroom Dance Team has ever done," said Sophomore KCBC president Ksenia Sokolyanskaya. "This is an incredible placing for us, considering the teams we were dancing against."

The Cornell event was an East Coast Regional competition, bringing teams from schools such as Pein, Cornell, Rutgers, Princeton and Notre Dame. Many skilled teams competed at the event.

"Considering that our team is so young, and our school is so new, to have more than one team [schools] competing, this was a great accomplishment," sophomore ballroom dancer Jennifer George said.

Kenyon competed in four different dance forms: Latin, Standard, Jive and Swing. The dancers were composed of five pairs, each with their own unique styles. The competition was held in a ballroom located in the Colgate University in New York.

"That means that we danced pretty much all of the dances: walts, tangos, foxtrots, quicksteps, Viennese waltz, Cha-Cha, rhumba, mambos, salsas, jive, swing and bolero," said George.

Kenyon College Ballroom Dance Club members celebrate their success at Cornell University.

The Ballroom dancing scene is constantly evolving, driven by the spirit of artistic expression.

"I think we were the most spirited team there," George said. "By the time we left, every school from the East Coast... we came just kept asking everyone where Kenyon was."

Kenyon is making a name for itself on the ballroom dance scene and is even more important to the community, Willoughby said, "everyone had a lot of fun."

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Staff Writer

World-famous guitarist David Gilmour has performed on four concert
venues in several U.S. cities and for prominent orchestral groups such as the Philadelphia Orchestra of New York and the American Chamber Orchestra. Now, sponsored by Kenyon's Gund Concert Series and the Department of Music, Gilmour will perform in Rossel Auditorium on Friday at 8 p.m. The concert is open to the public and admission is free.

Originally from New York City, Gilmour began guitar under the tutelage of famed Argentinean guitarist Manuel Lopez Ramos. Since then, he has earned a Bachelor's degree in music at the University of Washington, later receiving a full scholarship at the Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Italy. Gilmour later was given a teaching position at his alma mater and at the Cornish Institute of the Arts in Seattle. Also, for a short period he received periodical lessons from well-known Spanish maestro Andres Segovia. He has recorded under labels like the Musical Heritage Society, Athena Records and CBS Masterwork.

Gilmour has recently returned from a month tour in Europe with his new band and will be performing pieces from prominent names in Brazilian music. He will play two pieces by Ernesto Nazareth, who morphed the blocky tango beat into a kind of Brazilian ragtime rhythm. There are four selections by John Pernambuco, who was completely illiterate and never even finished elementary school, yet the music he made during the early 20th century is some of the best loved in Brazilian history. Also included are pieces by Antonio Carlos Jobim.

Gilmour's performance will fuse the sounds of Brazil's past and contemporary Brazilian technique and progressive works.

A Critical Eye

By John York
Guest Columnist

The songs you hear on the radio are not written by "artists" in up-and-coming New York apartments or jammed out in downtown Los Angeles bars; they are written by men you may have never heard of in Sweden, music labs. Before they even begin to write a song, they already have the target audience identified and have taken into consideration how the song will affect the chosen performer/figurehead's image. Max Martin, a failed Swedish metal disc jockey, upon realizing his band’s “Rock-A-Holic” was anything but, turned to destroying the genre that he could never successfully master. He and another music terrorist by the name of Rami have teamed up to form the unlikely duo behind the annoyingly catchy and unashably ‘bougeois pop’ tunes performed by Britney Spears, NSYNC, and the Backstreet Boys.

Are these men to blame for the death of rock? Simple answer: No. One man or one event could not possibly have brought down the movement that changed a nation and became a cultural phenomena. I think a quick recap of the decline of rock is called for. So far we have successfully killed itself in the late ‘70s and ‘80s. All you need to do is understand why I say rock began its slow death in the ‘70s is to turn on your local classic rock station. Sure, you’ll hear some Led Zeppelin and maybe a Cream tune or some Jimi, but there is a lot of mediocrity in between the actual classics. Too many bands with that patented bar room/ house band sound (think E-Rockspeedo) diatonic rock, but the real burning put not until on the ‘90s.

Motley Crue, White Snake, Poison, Ratt, Slaughter, Van Halen and the other hair bands whose names I can’t recall, produced a generation of music listeners to whom rock was an empty and unattractive wasteland of hair gel and pyrotechnic displays.

So why? Why is it so dominant on the Top 40? Why does every album off Rive Records go multi-platinum? Why has that genre indefinitely closed the door for another Zeppelin or Rolling Stones? Louis J. Perelman, the man behind Jive, the label of Britney Spears, NSYNC, Vitamin C, Joe and the Backstreet Boys, has closed the deal. His marketing scheme has targeted a buying bracket which doesn’t typically buy records but has more expendable capital than any other age demographic; middle aged, the so-called ‘empty nesters.’ And such ‘real bands’ will never be able to compete with the formatted pop hit machine. As anyone will tell you, the Top 40, and rack up unheard-of sales figures.

Is there any hope? Yes, but it rests on shaky ground. Though it seems unfathomable that a new artist will come to the rescue, rockers who are now independently wealthy and have already established themselves, are still in good stead with the major labels and are coming out with well played singles and well published albums. U2 and Red Hot Chili Peppers have come out with recent multi-platinum albums and with a new album on the way (I think) from Guns n’ Roses, all is not lost.

But also don’t forget that by the death of rock, I mean the death of rock on the radio and as a ‘popular genre.” As long as there are artists, the music will be out there. With the means of production getting easier for the artists to bypass the big labels and go straight to the public, who knows? Though rock is dead in an bit of an overstate, but it will be harder to find it, and forget the radio. Maybe it would be more accurate to say RADIO IS DEAD, but I’ll save that for another time.

Kenyon Film Society Previews

By Jonathan Keefe
Film Critic

To recognize the Halloween season, KFS follows up its pair of Hitchcock psychological thrillers with two classic horror films. First is Rosemary’s Baby, writer-director Roman Polanski’s (Chinatown) perfectly realized adaptation of Ira Levin’s novel. Considered by critics to be the best big-budget horror film, Rosemary’s Baby stars Mia Farrow (Hannah and Her Sisters, Superfly) as a clueless young wife whose husband (John Cassavetes, The Dirty Dozen) becomes involved in the sinister plans of a witches’ coven.

Although the acting is uniformly stellar—Ruth Gordon (Harold and Maude) won a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her portrayal of Rosemary’s elderly neighbor, who may not be as friendly as she appears—the real strength of Rosemary’s Baby is in Polanski’s subtle direction. Polanski builds the dramatic tension slowly, as Rosemary experiences increasingly bizarre events, from the strange death of a woman she meets in a waxroom to her suspicions that her neighbors may have special plans for her forthcoming child.

Rosemary’s Baby is an aptly titled “horror” film in the sense that it relies on its compelling story, rather than excessive gore or a gimmicky monster, to reach a powerful, terrifying conclusion.

Halloween, 10:00-15 p.m.
Higley Auditorium

Okay, so KFS couldn’t pass up this golden opportunity to get our drk on with the scheduled horror. Hence, we’re showing Halloween on Halloween. Although its reputation has been somewhat skewed by a seemingly endless series of lame sequels—the eighth installment of the franchise is slated for release in March—and countless imitators—Paranormal is also headed to theaters in 2002—there’s just no denying that John Carpenter’s original, tiny-budgeted serial killer film is genuinely scary.

Michael Myers has been institutionalized for fifteen years, at the behest of his older sister on Halloween night. On Halloween, 1978, Myers escapes from the care of psychiatrist Sam Loomis (Donald Pleasance), whose once-respectable acting career found him little non-Loomis work of note after he starred in this film) and returns to his hometown of Haddonfield, Illinois, to continue with his murderous agenda, which centers around Laurie Strode (the noble Jamie Lee Curtis). What makes the original Halloween superior to other cheap slashers flicks is that Car- tengy "survivors" are a perfect contrast to Myers—who wears a spray painted William Shatner mask—rather than the typical "cheats" that telegraph every supposedly scary moment. Still, there are many in-jokes that "30s horror films will enjoy, such as all of the "rules" broken by the three teenagers Myers stalks.
Persistence pays off, Lady spikers get win

Ladies down Earlham in four games, and sweep Oberlin to win first two matches of season

BY JAMES ROSENBLUM

Staff Reporter

After a frustrating season during which winning seemed a distant memory, the Kenyon Ladies Volleyball team’s enduring optimism was finally rewarded after taking down Denison earlier in the week, the Ladies beat Earlham and. Several premier matches led to the two wins of the season. The Wittenberg Tigers ended the Ladies’brief yet significant winning streak. Their record now stands at 2-17, with a 2-6 NCAC record.

The week started off with a home match against the Denison Big Red on Oct. 17th. From the opening serve, any fan could recognize that this was going to be an all-out war of epic proportions staged on the court. Game 1 saw a stormy affair with 5 ties early in the match. With the score tied at 11-11, the Big Red went on a mini-run, taking advantage of a few lucky bounces to take a 17-14 advantage. Aided by the serving of junior outside hitter, Jordan Camp, the Ladies stormed back and tied the score for a sixth time at 17-17. Kenyon held for a late game, and was trailing only 1-21-20, when the Big Red caught fire. Denison proceeded to go on a 6-0 run, and forced Kenyon coach Jennie Brueening into 2 timeouts. The Ladies made a valiant effort to recover, but dropped the Ladies’ favor, 30-23.

Game 2 saw the desire of the Ladies come out in full force. Eager to clinch the victory of the contest, they took the lead from the outset and never looked back. Several key points from senior keeper Maggie Stolz and junior of Camp and senior Karen Orr stalled the Ladies to a 14-10 lead and forced the Big Red into a timeout to try and regroup. Yet the onslaught did not stop. Sarah Wild came in and served the Ladies five straight points, sealing Demison’s fate. The Ladies outscored the Big Red 16-11 to take game 2, 30-21.

Game 3 rolled around, and just as it seemed Kenyon had gained momentum, Denison immediately snatched it away. Jumping out to a 5-0 lead and extending the advantage to 10 at 20-10, the result of several re-served points in Lady and Kenyon miscues, the Big Red were not going to go quietly. The Ladies tried to retaliate, only the lead went to 17-22 behind a pair of kills from freshman Maria Villagras. Denison was not to be outdone, outserving the Ladies 8-4 the rest of the way and taking Game 3, 30-19.

Game 4 saw the Ladies emerge and take a fast 5-2 lead behind some sloppy Denison play, and again the advantage swung into the Ladies’ favor. However, this was short-lived as Denison went on a lengthy run in which it seemed that they could do no wrong. Outscoring Kenyon 21-7 in this stretch, Denison quickly turned this game into a 23-12 score, forcing Kenyon’s hopes. Denison went on to win the game 30-19, and ultimately won the match, 3-1.

Despite the loss, several outstanding efforts were turned in. Junior Lori Arnold had 12 kills, 15 digs and a whopping 5 blocks, thus adding to her conference leading total, while Orr had 12 kills, 7 digs and 4 blocks. In addition, Camp had 8 kills, 15 digs and 3 aces, while senior setter Anna Novotny chipped in with 40 assists, thus giving the Ladies even more positives to build on. Sticking from another tough loss, one would not have thought that the Ladies would ever see the ball bounce favorably on their side. Then again, good things come to those who wait.

With that in mind, the Ladies began the evening stretching of 3 matches in less than 2 days, starting with an NCAC duel with Earlham College Quakers. The game was a makeup match from a prior forfeit by the Quakers. Originally, the game was a win in Kenyon’s favor, and the Ladies were out to make sure that it stayed that way. The Ladies rose to the occasion, battling through a tough 4 game match with Earliham, coming out on top for the first time this season 30-22, 29-31, 30-27 and 30-15. Proving to the NCAC that they were down and not out, and ready for any challenge. They finally grasped that elusive W that so often evaded them.

Kenyon’s offense was outstanding in this match as the Ladies outlasted Earlham behind Camp and Arnold, who each posted double digit marks in kills (Arnold with 12, Camp with 11), and also Novotny, who registered 50 assists.

The weekend was not over, as Kenyon would later rack up another win, this time against the Oberlin Yeowomen, and another loss, to the Tigers, on October 20th. For the Ladies, this would be their 3rd and 4th contests in 4 days. However, they showed no signs of letting up, much to the dismay of Oberlin, who the Ladies soundly trounced in three games, 30-13, 30-28, 30-16.

Again, solid play came from Arnold, who posted 13 kills and 3 blocks, and senior, more experienced Sarah Wild, who served up 5 aces. Thus, each match was brewing and the Ladies were looking to sweep the weekend against the jigsaw pieces of the conference, the Wittenberg Tigers. Unfortu- nately, the Tigers had other ideas.

The Tigers put a damper on the Ladies’ party, handing in Ladies a 3 game loss (50-13), 17, 30-18, with Arnold taking the way with 8 kills and 5 blocks.

The endurance of this team is to be recognized, and was in that mind, because they were twice in the conference, in Ladies have qualified for conference tournament in November, which magnifies to significance of those wins. The Ladies will try to continue their winning ways by hosting a four team tournament this weekend. Games are set for the Ladies at 6 and 8 p.m. Friday and 12 and 2 p.m. Saturday, thus giving you all chances to catch a glimpse of this team on a roll, and to give farewell to Anna Novotny and Karen Orr, who will wear Lady Kenyon colors for the last time at Tomsch Arena.

Lords Soccer ships Wooster 3-1, claims place in upcoming conference tournament

BY JEREMY SUHR

Staff Reporter

On the strength of two goals from senior Kaila Moyo, the Kenyon Lords soccer team dismissed Wooster 3-1 Saturday afternoon, claiming another road victory and one of four spots in the post-season North Coast Athletic Conference tournament. The Lords entered the match stillsmarting from a 2-0 home loss to Ohio Wesleyan University, which snapped a five game winning streak. Said Moyo, "everyone in the team knew the importance of the game. We had stressed it over and over that we needed to rebound and take three points from Wooster." Kenyon started the match intent on attacking, and dominated early play, outshooting Wooster. A goal by junior Tyler Perkel broke free down the left and knocked in a cross toward senior Charlie Rich, who brilliantly turned the pass and dribbled the ball past of Moyo, who fired a shot into the back of the net. The teams entered the half with Kenyon leading 1-0, and after the break Kenyon looked eager to add to its lead. In the 60th minute, Perfect led the Wooster keeper with a shot from the left, only to see Rich cut off from Rich, but the shot was palmed over the crossbar. Then, just moments later, Perfect was again in control of the Wooster defense, collecting a long ball played over the top with only the keeper to beat. Unfortunately, the Wooster keeper pulled out an incredible save, and sophomore Dama Mougula’s shot from the rebound went just narrowly wide of the far post.

Seemingly revitalized by the save, within a minute Wooster went for a way to equalize, as Chad Sturgeon scrambled home a goal after a failed clearance from the back for Kenyon. Said Coach Dan Lawless, "of course I was concerned when Wooster equalized—goals always feel like—but give credit to the players. They responded immediately and regained the lead." Indeed, less than two minutes after Wooster evened the match at one apiece, junior Matt Caso was fouled just outside the left corner of the box. On the ensuing free kick, Cass then served the ball toward the goal, behind the head of Moyo, who headed the ball down to a driving Rich who acrobatically flicked the ball past the Wooster ‘keeper. Despite leading 2-1, a Lords win was far from secure. With just 15 minutes remaining, first year goalkeeper Colin Blanche spared Kenyon with a clutch save off a corner kick, leap- ing for the ball high over the keeper to collide with him midair, forcing him to dive across the face of the goal to smother the loose ball. Five minutes later, however, Moyo put the result beyond doubt.

Perfect won a free kick just left of the box. Just having re-entered the game after aggravating an ankle injury, Moyo stepped up to the ball. "Initially," said Moyo, "I was thinking about setting up Dama on the free kick. However, after scrutinizing the situation again, I saw an opening at the near post." Pouncing upon the opening, Moyo struck a dipping, curving ball that tucked in just below the upper left corner of the goal. Kenyon now enters NCAC leader Denison at Moore Field Saturday afternoon, and the Conference tournament losers for them because Kenyon beat Ohio Wesleyan yesterday with a 2-1 finish, and the NCAC and earned the rights to host tournament. Moyo said, "it feels good to have qualified for tournament... Saturday is definitely the last game on Moore field for the season. We hope to end our season on a high note."
Women’s Soccer loses last two, looks to next year

BY AMANDA OZMEN
Staff Reporter

The 2001 soccer season started off well for the Yeomen, but as the fall season came to a close, the Yeomen’s season took a turn for the worse. Following their 5-1 win over Wesleyan University on Wednesday, Ohio Wesleyan went on to beat Allegheny 3-0 and will enter the NCAC playoffs ranked #1 in the conference and #2 in the nation. This competition, senior captain Katie Norain said, "resulted in a lot to look at the score. It looks like much of a game it was. Or, on the other hand, look at the score. We are one of two teams in the region to come out of the conference with at least a share of the title."

This refusal to give up early was going to be the turning point in the Yeomen’s season. The Yeomen and the Lords pushed through another hard defeat on Saturday, as they fell to the Wooster Lady Scots in overtime 2-1. Coach Jen Scanlon described the match as "probably one of our best performances of the season. It was definitely the most exciting game of the year. Both teams were in need of a win, to have a shot at the last playoff spot. Wooster could advance if they beat us at least by 2 goals, and we had a chance if we won in regulation and Hiram upset Wooster in a 45-43 overtime. There was a lot riding on this game and our kids rose to the challenge."

In the first half it seemed that it was anyone’s game, with excellent performances from both teams. Unfortunately, 30 minutes into the game, Wooster was able to penetrate the goal with a shot fired just under the crossbar and just over junior goalkeeper Maureen Collins.

The score held at 1-0 down to the last minute of the game, which Scanlon described as "completely indicative of what this team is all about. We are down 1-0, the game is almost over, our season is almost over and we still play our hardest and keep going after it. We come really close to scoring on a breakaway with 45 seconds left, but the keeper makes a tremendous save. Nevertheless we still don’t quit." With 20 seconds remaining, junior Brooke Johnson was awarded a free kick, and with 11 seconds left on the clock freshman Amy Gross was able to hit it up with an amazing goal.

Prior to the game, head coach Vince Arduini had been worried more about Oberlin’s pass offense that had averaged more than 300 yards a game. However, it was Oberlin’s running back Travis Gowan who won the Yeomen’s best offensive weapon. Despite coming into the game with just 71 rushing yards on the season, Osman Senior Andrew Collins for 209 of the Yeomen’s 419 rushing yards on the day.

Oberlin opened the second half with two more touchdowns in a five and a half minute span to extend their lead to 31-7. Soon after, the Yeomen responded with an offensive drive up to the Yeomen’s yard line. Miga ran the ball in and the Lords supplemented their touchdown with a two-point conversion to bring the score to 31-15.

Both of the Yeomen touchdowns were the product of Oberlin’s ground offensive, as were Oberlin’s three scores in the final quarter. Kenyon senior Andy Pilley’s 8-yard touchdown reception was the Yeomen’s lone mark on the scoreboard in the 4th quarter.

The game marked the return of Pilley, who had been out of the lineup since midway through the season. The Yeomen certainly welcomed one of their offensive leaders back, as they caught eight passes for 86 yards. Another key performance was given by Miga, whether for 192 yards despite playing the entire game with a two-inch metal nail lodged in his foot, which he stepped on in the Oberlin locker room, and not realizing what had happened until the 4th quarter.

After the game, the normally optimistic Arduini couldn’t find many positives to describe the Lords’ day. "Oberlin did a good job; we didn’t play well. I’m not embarrassed to lose to Oberlin, I’m embarrassed by the way we played." It became apparent that the warnings from the previous week that the Oberlin team had received an influx of junior college transfers had an effect on the outcome of the game.

"They’re a much different team than they were years ago," said Arduini. "And it showed." Senior defensive back Kris Cheney agreed, saying "Oberlin is that good. In fact they’re better than the Denison team we played to 30-7. However, they’re not good enough to beat us 53-22. Oberlin has done a lot of work in building their program in the past two years, and I think we see them continue to improve." Arduini hinted Kenyon’s inability to raise itself up to a level of competitiveness as the primary reason for the losing coutn the season has taken.

"The only game we’ve really competed over the course of a whole game," Arduini said. "I don’t feel like we competed [against Oberlin]." We have to compete better.

Cheney concurred, "Yes, I think we lacked the intensity that they had. I’m not sure exactly why we lost it, but you could tell it wasn’t there." While Arduini stressed that the Lords need to improve the intangibles, what is evident is that the Lords have hit the low point in their season. Standing at 0-6 and the bottom of the NCAC, the Lords’ next face off is against the Bowsher of Ohio Wesleyan, who were ranked 18th in the country last week before being defeated by Wittenberg.

Everybody plays to win, but perhaps, as Arduini instigated, the Lords simply need to go out and prove to themselves that they can compete. We have to have ownership of what we do as a team. The bottom line is you have to go out there to compete and give as much as you can, as long as you can, as hard as you can, from day one to the end." That end, meaning the end of the season, is in sight for the Lords, who have road games against OWU and Thiel before finishing the last two games of NCAC, which could be the East Earlham and Hiram at home. Against Thiel, the Lords will face an opponent who they beat last year, and the losses last year to the three other teams remaining on the schedule were all by eight points or less.

"We have enough to be competitive. We can’t control our opponents, we can only control how we play, and if we do that and it’s not enough [to win] then we do," said Arduini. Arduini seemed optimistic, "I think there’s a good possibility [of winning]. If these two [Thiel and Thiel], I don’t think we’d have much motivation to play. We believe we can win, but things just haven’t worked out yet. I think all of us are playing well as a team would be rebouncing from Saturday, that’s what I look for us to do.

Whether the Lords have enough to win remains to be seen. As a team, the future of a team is defined by how they act when their backs are against the wall. The Lords have four more changes to define themselves, starting Saturday."
**Ladies Field Hockey loses small to Big Red**

**3-1 loss to Denison brings record to 5-11 overall, 3-9 in conference; Ladies look to regroup on Saturday**

**BY TEDDY SYMES**
Staff Reporter

The Kenyon Ladies Field Hockey team concluded their regular season last Tuesday after traveling to Granville, Ohio to face longtime rival Denison University. Plagued by injuries and battling to try and end a two-game losing streak, the Ladies fell to the Big Red 3-1. The Ladies record now stands at 5-11 overall, and 3-9 in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC).

Starting goalkeeper sophomore Tamar Chalker, injured with a sprained shoulder and senior tri-captain Emily Cole, troubled by an injured Achilles, traveled with the team to Denison but only to watch from the sidelines.

Chalker, injured in last weekend’s loss to Ohio Wesleyan, was replaced by junior midfielder Sarah Wasserman. Wasserman, despite not practicing as a goalkeeper since last spring when she spent only a half week playing the position, stepped in to make thirteen saves in the Ladies’ last two games. Giving up her position at midfield and posting a save percentage of 78 percent in the cage, Wasserman said simply, “this has been an interesting week for me.”

The Big Red of Denison, beaten by the Ladies in overtime earlier in the season, were in the mood to take a little revenge on their home turf. Applying pressure from the start, Denison took the lead early in the first half when Denison forward Karen Lancaster capitalized on an open shot and slipped one into the cage.

Looking to try and rebound, the Ladies defense attacked Denison forwards and fed the ball downfield. Senior captain Lindsey Jones, freshman Julia Wickham and a number of other forwards helped spark a series of attacks into Denison territory. Finally, a nice pass by senior defender Erin Maturo found its way to sophomore Annie Hooton, who fired a shot into the Denison goal and put the Ladies on the board.

Denison, well trained and looking to catch a break from Lady defenders sophomore Susanna Franzer and Maturo, continued their pressure but to little avail. Lady defenders exhausted themselves but got the job done in the first half. Wasserman’s efforts in the goal, making a series of crucial saves, and the Lady defenders’ continuous pressure held the Big Red scoreless for the rest of the half.

At the half, with the teams tied 1, Kenyon came together on the sideline, tired and worn from Denison’s increasing pressure. With a win seemingly far in the distance, the Ladies regrouped and took the field again.

In the last half of the second quarter, Denison’s offense, like a well-oiled machine, continued to find possession and let go a series of strong shots. Kenyon, with a group of substitutes and starters, struggled to move the ball away from their goal. Nine shots to Denison forwards resulted in no goals, enough to give Denison the win.

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**Ladies Rugby take hard loss from OWU**

**PETE COLLIER**
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It was a sunny Saturday afternoon sore for the Kenyon women ruggers this weekend, as they dropped two matches against division power-house Ohio Wesleyan University. In only their second home game of the season, Kenyon failed to harness the positive energy it used in a 27-7 defeat over Oberlin last Saturday.

In the opener, OWU played hard from the first blow of the whistle and knocked ahd the Ladies early. Playing clean and efficient rugby, they managed a convincing win against Kenyon’s starting squad.

The second game, highlighted by many substitutions, had a similar outcome as the sun continued to shine on the Bishops. As they had in the first contest, OWU controlled the direction of the ball by keeping it away from Kenyon’s strongest weapons.

The Ladies’ inability to get the ball in the hands of their quick and explosive players proved to be a deciding factor throughout the day.

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**Team Baer chews up Team Wolf to win soccer title**

**BY JEREMY SUHR**
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After a weekend of heated alumni exchanges, replete with animation and other special effects, defending intramural soccer champions Team Baer squatted off against Team Wolf Sunday afternoon in this season’s Championship Match.

The atmosphere at the match was intense, as Team Wolf enjoyed the vocal support of dozens of supporters, who often broke out into spontaneous howling, chanted the Team Wolf Pledge, and chanted the Team Wolf Mantra. “The Wolf men stand up high, let that be heard!,” chanted Team Wolf as they stood behind their line of Wolf men.

Nonetheless, Team Baer dominated early on, with senior John Hollard scoring twice in the first ten minutes. However, Team Wolf found itself down 2-0, but rallied back to tie the match at two goals, enough to give Denison the win.

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Lord ruggers bang heads with the big boys of Bowling Green’s B side; lose in second half

BY JAMES LEWIS
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On Saturday the Kenyon College Men’s Rugby team expected to face the C D team of Bowling Green’s rugby program. The teams are both, while the Kenyon College rugby team is certainly competitive, it would never measure up to Bowling Green’s A team, which is ranked ninth in the nation and is going to reach the national final four. Even the B team might’ve been a stretch, as they are nothing less than the A team. So yes, it is probable for Kenyon to lose to the C D team.

Prof. were thrown to the wind Saturday, when instead of the C D team, the B team of Bowling Green showed up. Instead of rolling over and dying dead, the Lords came roaring back in the second half, playing their game. They relied on their speed and athleticism, and they did it all. Captain Merril ‘02 distinguished himself by scoring a try in the ten half and Ladi Ghesquiere converted the kick for two.

The Lords got off a kick toward the Bowling Green goal on Saturday. That effort and Bowling Green’s return came roaring back in the second half. They controlled the game, taking advantage of their physical strength and superior conditioning.

The Lords lost the match 24-7. Kenyon’s men were not satisfied with their valiant effort, however, and expected more of themselves. Ghesquiere said that Bowling Green was "still a team we couldn't beat."

Merril did acknowledge that they were a tough opponent, calling them "the toughest team we played all season."

Alon Avdi ‘05 said of the Bowling Green players, "each of them was as wide as a bus with legs like trucks."

Still, there were bright spots in Kenyon’s performance. Jake Greenup ‘02 distinguished himself on the defensive side of the ball, picking up key tackles throughout the game. Teddy Symes ‘04 had a great first effort as a new member of the rugby team.

Dave Rowland ‘02 confirmed this analysis of the game: "They were generally larger than us. We have a small team, but we did a good job playing with them." He also went on to compliment the forwards, saying that "they had a lot of heart."

The Lords’ next game is this Saturday against Muskingum at home. John Hep ‘02 gave his personal guarantee of victory.

"We’re gonna beat ‘em on the field, and then off the field at the druck-on..."

Friday Night Lights ... Hieger’s Game of the Week

9-0 Danville Blue Devils advance to regional playoffs

BY JOHN HIESTER
Staff Reporter

In this, the last week of the season, fire, frost, I did get a clear understanding of what the playoffs might bring for our favorite central Ohio teams. After half an hour investigating the Ohio High School Athletic Association website, I was still lost in a sea of conferences, divisions, and regions. It was just a once, but I started to pin the price of data on the screen one must see the Danville Blue Devils are the area’s only team that will play in the post season. Before I go any further, a brief explanation of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSSAA) playoff system is in order.

Math like the NCAA, the OHSSAA divides all of the state’s 16 divisions into divisions based on a school’s enrollment. There are six divisions in total, and each division is divided into geographical regions. Superintendents on top of the entire picture are the conferences, which occasionally blur regional and divisional lines. At the end of the regular season the top eight teams in each region advance to the state playoffs. The teams from the state playoffs are then narrowed to the state championships. Geographically it makes sense to keep the conference intact, because these schools are closer to each other than any other schools of comparable size. Such confusion is the way things work in rural Ohio.

Even though they are the smallest school in the conference, the Blue Devils are leading the Mid-Buckyeye conference. However, that isn’t what’s important in the playoff picture. The playoffs are based on ranking within the region.

The ranking system the OHSSAA uses much like the NCAA Bowl Championship Series system, where a team receives points based on how they are also based on how the other teams they have played fair against other teams in the state. For Danville this is good, because they get more points by playing schools from larger divisions, which they do all season long.

Currently Danville is seeded number two in their region’s bracket, playing to win a week seventh seeded team at home on November 5th in the first round of the regional playoffs. The home field advantage against a weaker team traditionally spells success.

Sorry you confused ‘em? Let’s just get back to the basics. Danville is currently 9-0 with a good chance of going 10-0 on Friday when they visit Mid-Buckyeye conference rival Johnston (3-6). An unbeaten season will certainly be good enough to get the Blue Devils into the regional playoff in fact even a loss will probably not keep the Devils out of the playoffs.

So this week’s “game of the week” is the undefeated, playoff bound Danville Blue Devils versus their Conference rival Johnston. The Blue Devils are coming off of two stellar performances, both at a conference and individually. Last week Danville wingback Ryan Colpyen ran for 249 yards and four touchdowns on 21 carries in a 79-13 victory over Fredericktown, and last week. Iowa QB Dave Colpyen who was the star, completing 15 of 22 passes for 232 yards and four touchdowns in a 41-26 win over Utica.

You knew the Blue Devils are rolling, and they use Friday’s game as a dress rehearsal for the playoffs. It should be quite a show.

The game is at 7:30 pm at Johnston High School. To get there, take I-71 South from Mt. Vernon US 62. Take 62 West into Johnston (about 25 miles). Once in Johnston turn left onto S. Oregon Street. The school’s address is 401 S. Oregon Street. As always admission to the game is $3.

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Driving to Walmart: Seeing is believing

BY ADAM SAPP
Senior Production Editor

In the city of Mount Vernon "fast food" has become a bit of an oxymoron. Instead of taking minutes to pop into "Vernon" and grab a quick shake, burger and fries, it takes half an hour, and that's if the restaurant is not busy upon arrival. The reasons for the delay is not something most Knox Countians, nor Knox students, are used to dealing with - road construction.

In the plans, since May of 1994, the Co-Operative Avenue strip, home to most of Mount Vernon's national retailers and fast food establishments, is undergoing expansion. From its former two and three lane width to its expected five-lane width, this $4 million dollar construction project is garnering a lot of attention from local business and city officials, and most of it isn't positive.

"Our business has decreased considerably since the paving began," said Co-Operative Avenue Arby's Restaurant Manager and Mount Vernon resident Brandi McCoy. "Our daily receipts [totals] have dropped by about a quarter from what they were last time this year." As reported by both Co-Operative of Mount Vernon's Village crew, McCoy says that the ability to hire new employees is "slightly slim." "We've not hired anyone," she said.

The same story is true for fast food neighbor McDonald's. Manager Kelly Walker describes the situation as "pretty grim." "We've seen a definite impact because of the paving," said Walker. "It's ugly. It's a definite inconvenience - it's an operational nightmare."

In fact, Walker, a Mount Vernon resident, even changed her own shopping habits in order to avoid the Co-Operative Avenue mess. "I've switched stores," she has said. "Since I have returned to shopping at Kroger's since they moved, but there was a time when I had to start shopping at Big Bear because it was easier. I just never wanted to turn left on the road... it was a nightmare," said Walker.

On the other side of the road, where construction could begin as early as next week, restaurants like Wendy's and Jake's have yet to see a heavy downturn in sales. "The paving affected our sales a little in the first three weeks," said Jenny Fields, Assistant Manager of the Co-Operative Avenue Burger King. "But actually since then, our sales have increased now. We are anticipating a decline in sales when they switch over, but as for now, we are just taking it one day at a time."

As for Jake's, representing a different type of restaurant - one that is less dependent upon fast fare, eco-oriented service - the construction is being taken with relative ease. "Our business is down a little, but not the full scale, the high traffic time for our business," said Jake's Assistant Manager Brian Webb. "Our side of the road has been torn up yet too, so it will be interesting to see how it affects us."

It's not only eating establishments that are located on the road, and the two largest retailers in the area, Big Bear and K & M, report that their sales have not been negatively affected among them McDonalds and Wendy's. From fast food area never looked back.

When in 1992, the Columbus-based Glidden had torn up undeveloped land on the East side of Kroger's, it initially thought the growth would continue so quickly, "It was no real plan, it just grew," said president of the Knox County Shopping Center, Robert Dublin in a interview. And now, Walmart, Aldi, Dick's Sport Food, Gay Steakhouse, Mod Rod's Sampe, The People's Bank of the South, the list goes on.

So the question remains, how did it get this way? In the early 1950's, the local Mount Vernon Radio Station WMVO (now 93.7 WQIO) stood alone on Co-Operative Avenue. It was surrounded by a handful of trees. Not until 1962, when a local dairy farmer sold 120 acres of land, did development begin. It took the form of Knox County's first strip mall, the Mount Vernon Shopping Plaza, which opened with new Kroger's, B&H, Evans and Pope Jobs, among others.

In 1965, First Knox National Bank opened its doors on Co-Operative Avenue, where it currently stands today. First building then showed after the mid '60s and did not pick up again until the 1980's. Downtown Mount Vernon was congested, and a lack of parking made taking a trip down town not exactly a wonderful experience. The building of Kroger's in 1981, which the company occupied until only four weeks ago when it moved to its current location in the Shoppes Plaza, began the Co-Operative Ave. growth boom.

After Kroger's three neighboring buildings built across from the store, and in 1983, Knox Community Hospital went up at its present location across from Pizza Hut. Restaurants also started showing up in the 1980's.

"We've got a great deal more confidence than we had only a few years ago about the success of our efforts to preserve the special rural character of the College and surrounding areas," said President Rob Oden.

So we're going to stay on the road, the road parallel to Co-Operative Avenue. Current plans to add another Knox County Office building is by local developer Doug Givens. A proposal plans to develop a whole new subdivision in that instance, which the building is unlikely to stop anytime soon. The question that seems to remain is... will the new 21st street even be enough?"