Gambier Grill incidents raise concern

Two recent incidents bring calls to Sheriff's office, courtroom; alumna involved in one scuffle

BY TAYK MYERS
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Collegian Staff

"It was a dramatic moment. They turned the music off at one point, so it was like 'the party's over.' It was an impressive moment.

This is how Dave Donadio '03 described the scene at the Gambier Grill last Friday night. According to Donadio, a brief scuffle occurred between a person who was not associated with Kenyon or the staff of the Grill. Donadio described the event in detail, saying, "I didn't see the whole thing, but basically all the sudden, you could hear some shuffling around. It started to get loud, and then some glass was broken. Everybody stood up at that point and started looking. From what I saw, I wasn't sure if it was the chef or whoever, the guy at the door who was grabbing this guy and pushing him towards the door. The guy was sweating a lot, you know, like 'Get off me, mother****, get your hands off me!'"

"It was really loud," he continued. "The news sense part of you sorts of gets up, and you want to see what's going on, find out what's happening, but then there's the other part of you that's like, 'Don't stick your head out in a bar fight.' Basically, from what I heard afterwards, it had been a townie who had wanted to bring in his underage girlfriend. They'd said no, and he'd gotten really pissed and started throwing punches." Donadio said that the incident did not escape the attention of those present in the restaurant. "Everyone immediately turned and looked," he said. "It was kind of a showstopper. I think afterwards the chef had a bloody nose, and you knew it had been violent. It was hard to see, because there were a lot of people in front of it. It didn't last that long, but there was a lot of broken glass, and it was serious."

A copy of the Sheriff's report for this incident was unavailable at the time of publication. The Security log for the incident reports an "altercation ... involving non-students at 1:05 a.m." At the Grill, however, Donadio said, "There were definitely [members of the] sheriff's department there."

Jonathan Palmer '03 also confirmed that law officials were contacted about the incident. "I arrived after the fight took place. When I arrived at the Grill, a couple of police officers were outside talking to some guys." Kenyon's office of Security and Safety was not immediately contacted about this incident. As Director of Security & Safety Dan Werner explained, even though the building is owned by Kenyon, because it is leased to an independent party, it is technically considered off-campus. As a result, he said, "Our policy is unless the [Sheriff's] deputies call us for assistance, we don't see VIOLENCE, page two."

GOP sweeps local, state races

Republicans take control of Senate, add to House majority

BY BOBBIE KEITHAM
Senior News Editor

"It was a very good day to be a Republican in the United States yesterday," Knox County Republican Chair Ken Lane said with a chuckle on Wednesday, one day after his party swept every local election with at least 60% of the vote.

Republican victory proved the theme of Tuesday night's races, as the GOP continued its hold on statewide seats, including a comfortable re-election of Governor Bob Taft, increased its slim majority in the national House of Representatives and regained control of the United States Senate. State Issue 1, a drug treatment initiative strongly opposed by Taft, was soundly defeated, and the two candidates for the Ohio Supreme Court most supported by Republicans, incumbent Evelyn Stratton and current Lieutenant Governor Maureen O'Connor, won by comfortable margins.

While Lane said he expected the Republicans to keep their hold on county government, where GOP control has been the norm in recent years, he added that "the margin [of victory] was much higher than expected.

In the two races exclusive to Knox County, Republican Margaret Ann Robb defeated Democrat Michael Crouch for county auditor with 60% of the vote, and Republican ELECTIONS, page four.

Kenyon community honors Murray

BY BRYAN STOKES II
News Editor

In the wake of a decision by Vinton County Common Pleas Judge Jeffrey Simmons to sentence Gregory McKnight to death by lethal injection for the murder of Kenyon student Emily Murray, the Kenyon community has started the process of remembering Murray's legacy.

Of Emily's best friends Mallory Mays said that Murray's friends, "there is the only good thing about the trial being over is that we can focus on the way she lived and not the way she died," said Dean of Academic Advising Jane Martinelli, one of several administrators who attended the trial in support of the Murray family, "and I thought that was really good and so did the Murrays."

Two years after Murray's disappearance on November 3, 2000, her memory is still carried on by friends, family and classmates who recall her as a caring and loving person. "I sat on the stand and was facing the prosecution, and behind the lawyers sat Emily's parents and family—friends from Kenyon—and Kenyon faculty," said Kate Murray '02, a former roommate and friend of Murray who was called to testify before the Vinton County Court. "What was evident was that Emily was more than a victim of a horrible crime, she was a Kenyon student, a daughter and sister and a best friend. Anyone who had the chance to meet her doesn't need to be told how amazing of an individual she was. And nothing I can say in a few short words can explain what her friendship meant to me."

Former President Robert R. KENNEDY

OLD TIME RELIGION

One of Gambier's evangelists preaches to Kenyon students on Middle Path amid the falling leaves. Recently he has been speaking against the death penalty and abortion practices.

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respond to the Gambier Grill.

The building at 100 Brook-
yn Street that houses the Grill was purchased by Kenyon on Feb. 15 of last year and has yet to be
used. A representative of the Vil-
dage Dei, the Corrigan family
has operated the restaurant since 1978. The College is currently
leasing the space to Tom and Lisa Buchman, who operated the Village Inn in Gambier until it
closed its doors in May of last
year. The Buchmans have en-
trusted the Grill to Noble Jones, who works for them at the Inn and now serves as the General
Manager of the Grill.

When asked to comment
about the fire, Jones told the Col-
legian, "Regarding the incident
last Friday, we have no comment." This is not the first such inci-
dent that has occurred at the
Gambier's newest restaurant. On
Oct. 20 of this year, the Knox
County Sheriff's Office was con-
tacted about another incident that resulted in a violent outbreak at the
Grill. According the Sheriff's In-
cident Report, it involved Brian
McConnell '98, who was on cam-
pus for Family Weekend. McConnell, who is currently a resi-
dent of Cincinnati, allegedly got
into an argument with Mark
Wolfe, a local resident. The scuffle
involved Wolfe's girlfriend, Kelli
Ham of Fredericksown. Accord-
ing to the report, "Ham advised
that McConnell hit her when she
was trying to break up a fight be-
 tween McConell...and her boy-
friend." None of the parties involved
could be reached for comment. At-
torney Jim Giles of Mount Vernon,
however, has been hired to repre-
sent McConell in this case. McConell contacted Giles only recently, so Giles does not know the specifics of this case as of yet, nor has he had an opportunity to look over any of the reports for himself. He did say, however, "As far as I can tell, the whole thing is blown out of proportion, and my client is not guilty of what he is accused with...I don't think he's guilty of anything other than be-
ing in 's stroke with somebody else who wanted to be in a scuffle
with him." With two similar events hap-
pening in the same location, the question is raised as to why these
skirmishes are taking place. When
asked about this, Donadio said, "I have no idea. This is the only time
I've ever eaten there." Lisa Salk '03, who was din-
ing with Donadio at the time of
the incident last Friday, said of the
"That's the first one I've ever heard of." She suggested that the reason these events could be oc-
curring at the Grill is "Maybe be-
cause it's new." Werner sees no pattern of violent events forming, and he reemphasizes the fact that Seu-
rity and Safety had not even been aware of these incidents.
"We haven't had big problems
with the Grill," he said. Echo-
ing Giles' worries about the fight
involving McConnell, Werner
said, "I'd hate to see a couple of
incidents like this blown out of
proportion." Indeed, Assistant Professor of Drama Jonathan Tazewell, who was also present at the time of the incident on Friday, said that "It
just lasted less than 60 seconds, may-
be a minute and a half."

Donadio himself agreed that the
consideration of these events should be approached cautiously, saying, "It's difficult in a lot of
these cases to figure out what re-
ally went on."
The Collegian as it appeared on November 1, 1973. (in the black-and-white, newly installed Director of Development Mr. Treleaven unveiled his plan for the campus, including turning Rose Hall into a theater and building a new theater near to the Hill.)

### Old Bank opens as black box

**BY AMY BERGEN**

The Black Box Theatre in the old bank building opened for performances in the beginning of November, and students and programs studying for more performance space lost no time in filling it. Last night, actresses and oral historian Ali-Tombe Kambon performed her monologues "Black Diamond" and "An Extra Line of Molasses" in the theatre, and this weekend will be used for an evening of one-act plays performed by Kenyon students. It also hosts GREAT and Stage Fenius rehearsals.

"The idea that this space will serve the same purpose as the KC," said Coordination of Disability Services Erin Salva, who helped bring Kambon to campus. "I love it because it’s bigger than the KC," said Tina Vaughan '03. "It’s a flexible space," added actress Mary Tuomanen '03. "The KC definitely tells you what you can do and can’t do."

The stage is simple, with black walls and folding chairs and performers on the stage itself. "It’s exciting to think of what can potentially be done," Tuomanen said. "For instance, during an interval between scenes, the audience files out to sit. When they return, the stage is in a different place and the sets are in a different place."

The building’s setup and the large space allow for greater flexibility of movement than perhaps any other Kenyon space.

Spatially, it easily accommodates a disabled performer, such as Kambon. Witness to Kambon’s one-woman performance also appreciated the building. "The theatre space is wonderful," said Professor of Religious Studies Miriam Dean Otting. Dean for the first event shows a strong, accomplished actress... showing what is possible."

Backstage, the building provides office space for Salva, who moved her office there from the SAC. The main benefit, she said, is "that we’ve taken it back and we’ve given it a bit more privacy and a lot more space. Students who want confidentiality in dealing with disabilities can find it here. The SAC was a little crazy."

Salva’s facilities backstage include a conference room, available for organizational meetings and an "adaptive technology resource center" with "tapes, headsets and a wheelchair-accessible computer. She moved the computer from the main floor of the library. "We’ve got a way to go in terms of making the technology portable," she said, "but it is a start."

Students can, and do, use the computer room to study, although the monitoring, is not with the amount of activity out there [onstage]. if that will be a quiet space.

Both Salva and various performances working with the building setup.

"Logistically, some things don’t make sense," said Salva, "like bringing a performance to the bathroom."

Students also mentioned this as a concern. The stage area is between the audience and the bathrooms in the hallway. Tuomanen’s staging suggests, however, that both stage and audience can be relocated. When the round of performances takes off, and Tuomanen hints "when we get an actual lightboard," the space can only become more alive.

### Council continues to examine allstus use and abuse

**BY JAMES LEWIS**

Staff Reporter

Student Council directed most of their attention this week towards problems within the school. Chief Larry Carrie listed forward an informal proposal which provided for different ways in which the allstus decision could be altered. These ideas included a message board on which people would post ads such as those asking for rides and selling items, and a discussion board where people could post their thoughts about this system subject under a subject heading. Carrie was ill with a viral cold and unable to provide specific questions for the council and promised to refer to LBIS. Carrie indicated that the moderator might be responsible for monitoring abuse and subsequent taking privileges from people.

Another issue was the timing of any legislation which would reform allstus. Carrie said that LBIS wanted to take action on this as soon as possible. She pointed out that in order for any of the boards to be effective this needed to be implemented as soon as possible so that students would get used to using the boards. In order for the Senate to pass any legislation that would have effect on next year, they would have to receive it soon. All legislation has to be reviewed two weeks prior to the vote on it. When asked about monitoring of the potential discussion boards Carrie confirmed that they would be on-monitor and that basic requirement of free speech would be respected. College rules governing sexual harassment and discrimination would remain in place however.

Under the plan presented by Carrie to the Council, there was the chance, that students would continue to exercise the allstus privilege, although only for College business. However, they would be limited to a certain amount of e-mails. These e-mails would be monitored by someone employed by the school in order to determine whether they were College business.

Several Council members pointed out problems with the system. Vice President for Student Life, Kelly Gallagher pointed out the problems with a time delay in e-mails being sent that would occur because of the monitoring, and chair of the Safety and Security Committee Velvik Kumar '04 pointed out that allstus may not be able to send out after a specific time because the monitor would go home for the night.

At the end of the discussion, a straw vote was taken to determine Council’s feelings about the proposal presented. Eight members of council voted favor, four against and two abstained.

### Alstus bandit speaks

**BY JAY HELMER AND ROBBIE KETCHAM**

College Staff

"For the next few weeks, there will be maintenance work on dorm lighting. They are poorly configured and waste a lot of energy, and we will be changing the setup. Unfortunately, we'll be closing off several stairwells and blocking hallways to do this. Sorry for the inconvenience, Calvin Rose, Kenyon maintenance."

This recent allstus was not from maintenance, however, and for that reason the allstus committee* decided not to inform the campus of the alstus location.

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Confidentially is a huge concern. It is always tough to talk about allstus and abuse... and to write about it. It’s hard to talk about. It’s hard to talk about not having a safe space to talk about it. It’s hard to talk about it.

*\[Note: The problem was not with alstus security, but with changes to the email system.\]*
Elections: Taft re-elected, Republicans to Senate

CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE: can incumbent Bob Wise defeat Democrat Donald Thomas with 51 percent of the vote, keeping the County Board of Commissioners exclusively Republican.

Our county was based on a series of labor defeats world County Democrat Chair Bill Eggen, "and with three members of the same party on the Board of Commissions, that loss here does not mean it can be done. We need a Demo- crat on the Board, a voice from another party, another philosophy. But, the voters have spoken; they wanted the people who are in there now, and they make the choice.

Lane believes the voters supported Wise and fellow Republicans due to the strength of the candidates and what he believes to be human nature some good candidates," he said, "which is not an attack on the demo- crats, because they ran some good candidates here. We didn't do as well as we could in getting our message out, and politically I think more people in Knox County need to get with the Republicans can view point on a national scale. And that trickers down to the county level."

The Republican candidates for the Statehouse and council did well Tues- day night, with incumbent Republican Representative Thom Collins defeat- ing Democrat Howard Hoffman with 57 percent of the vote in the General Assembly, and incumbent Republi- can State Senator Bill Harris keeping his position by defeating Democrat Jack A. Campbell with 72 percent.

"I'm very honored ... that so many put their trust and confidence in me to continue working for them," Harris told the Collegen. "It's time to get to work to continue making a difference in this great state."

On the statewide level, Knox County matched the rest of Ohio in supporting a Republican sweep of elected officials, including a strong re-election victory for incumbent Republican Governor Bob Taft. Taft grabbed 65 percent of the nearly 14,000 people voting in Knox County, easily besting Democrat Timothy Hagan's 29 percent and Natural Law can- didate John Eustrian's 5 percent.

Statewide, Taft collected 58 percent of the vote, with Hagan trailing at 38 percent and Eastman with 4 percent.

"We've got an elephant stam- pede," Taft told supporters at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Columbus, quoted in the Columbus Dispatch. "We made some Ohio history and national history today."

Eagon cited Taft's large eco- nomic advantage—spending around $12 million on the campaign—as a factor in the outcome. "The Republi- cans have more money," he said. "When you have 12 times as much money as your opponent, to me that's [too much]. Spending $12 million on the campaign for governor is obscene."

If Taft doesn't more this term, it won't be good, because he didn't do much in his first term. All he did was win this election.

Voters also sided with Taft in overwhelmingly opposing Issue 1, a statewide initiative that would have mandated treatment rather than jail time for some first and second-time drug offenders, as well as provided for the Tender's second recall before after undergoing the treatment. In Knox County, 75 percent of the electorate opposed the motion, with 69 percent in opposition statewide.

"Issue 1 is less than a doodle," Gey, Bob Taft said at a rally on Tuesday, quoted in the Dispatch. First Lady Hope Taft, described by her husband as the proposal's "Pub- lic Enemy No. 1," said Ohio sent "a message to a few people who thought that their will and their money could buy Ohio Voters. We told them Ohio is not for sale."

However, "anyone, being honest, would tell you they were surprised" at the national outcome, said Lane. "Even looking at preliminary polls, we wouldn't have said it was going to be close, but it was a surprise." Lane described with punds who report the Congressional election as a referendum on Bush, saying that instead voters are "tired of the gridlock, when nothing can get accomplished. They want Republi- can candidates to continue with their programs.

"I'm excited to be able to be on offense," future Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MD) told the Associated Press. He said GOP pri- orities will include a new Homeland Security Department as well as tar- geted tax cuts to help the economy.

He added that Bush's judicial nom- inees could expect speedier review.

However, Kentucky Professor of Political Science John Elliot said that a single party majority in both houses will not mean that all legislation gets fast-track approval. "President Bush will now have an easier time dealing with Congress," he told the Collegen, "but no one should underestimate how much the Senate will change. He will still face major resistance to his domestic policy goals."

The media coverage has over- played how surprising these results are," continued. "The House re- sults mean that the Republicans continue to hold the small majority that they have held since 1994—it's the fifth consecutive House election with essentially the same result. President Bush obviously gambled and won in campaigning so exten- sively and helping push a small shift to the Republicans in both Houses."

Kenyon gets involved in election

BY ROBBIE KETCHAM
Senior News Editor

Despite a cold drizzle that continued throughout the gray after- noon, Gambier and Knox County garnered its average voter turnout rate on Tuesday, with around 45 percent of the electorate turning in to polls.

"It's better than past years, I think," said Margaret Chor, an election worker for College Town- ship for around eight years. As of 2 p.m. Tuesday, around 60 people who had voted in the township, she said, with a steady stream of people to the Gambier Commu- nity Center to cast their ballots, that depends on the weather, how many people come out," she said, "and also on the issues on the ballot. And this isn't a presiden- tial election, so I think turnout is going to be lighter, but this year there seems to be more people than in the presidential two years ago.

"It seems like a fairly steady flow of people in Gambier. We're look- ing at the Gambier poll registra- tion, which had attracted around a 30 percent turnout by 2 p.m. the numbers increase as the turnout rate, and explained that, unlike in more urban areas, after-work voter surges rarely oc- curred in the village. "Most of the people live and work in the area," he said, "so we don't see any jitters at 4 o'clock or anything like that."

Among the Gambier voters Tuesday afternoon was Kenyon student Carey Keeler '03, who said she voted because "it's really important to have everybody partic- ipate in the election process." Carey Keeler students were able to keep track of election results at various gatherings around campus due to a freshmen election party sponsored by the Political Science department, which was open to departmental majors.

"I enjoy it a lot, though the Poll, Sci. Faculty and majors can get to- gether to talk about issues and politics outside of the classroom," said Carey Keeler.

Questions and Issues Results

Proposed amendment State

Issue 1: N=67%—Yes (59%)—No (41%)

Knox County proposed sales and tax: 3.25%—53%—No—47%
THE KENON COLLEGEAN

Performance remembering Kristallnacht comes to KC

BY CRYSTAL CHINN AND LINDAY WARNER

Collegian Staff

Sunday, Hillel will sponsor a performance by pianist Claudia Stevens in remembrance of Kristallnacht, the night of Nov. 9, 1938, when Nazi soldiers attacked Jewish civilians in Germany. Although the program is a specific commemoration of Kristallnacht, Hillel's goal is to recognize the Holocaust in its entirety. Stevens will begin her tribute at 7 p.m. in Brandi Recital Hall.

Stevens, a professor at the College of William and Mary, is the daughter of Holocaust survivors and performer. "An Evening with Madame F." is a work inspired by the life of Holocaust survivor Fania Fenelon.

"Stevens' performance will depict the struggle and moral dilemma of Fania— a classically trained cantant singer and musician from Paris—who was forced to leave her family and her career at the onset of World War II."

Stevens will perform a recital of music from the 1930s and 1940s, including works by Schumann, Mendelssohn, and Brahms. The program will also include a film showing of the documentary "Night Will Fall," which captures the oral history of survivors of the Holocaust.

Suffice it to say, Stevens' music and the film are a moving tribute to the resilience and strength of the human spirit in the face of adversity. The performance is not to be missed.

KFS PREVIEWS

Wes Anderson Week conulates sharp humor, whimsy

Rustmore

Friday, 8 p.m. Highfly Auditorium

The second film in "Wes Anderson / Owen Wilson" week is also the second collaboration of the two producers, and is a complete delight. Following Bottle Rocket, the comedic duo produced Rustmore, already a classic of college comic. Rustmore is a perfect medium for the group, as it is released online. The group has over 75 members, but only 40% of the group can be truly hilarious.

Schwartzman plays the role of Mike Fischer, a 10th grader at the tumultuous Rustmore Academy, who believes that everything he lives for is on the campus of his school. Though he does poorly in all of his classes, Max controls a great number of extracurricular activities, including the French Club, the Debate Team, the Calligraphy Club, the Bombardment Society, and the Trap and Skeet Club. Rustmore Academy High School is an up and coming school in the history of Wes Anderson's career and his music, which is always on the up and coming of the music charts.

This Week at Premiere Theaters

Movie line: 392-2220

8 Mile

Fri-Thru 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

Sa-Su 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

8 Mile

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Fri-Thru 5:10, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30

Sa-Su 12:00, 5:00, 5:30, 7:20, 9:20

Santa Clause 2

Fri-Thru 4:30, 7:00, 9:15

Sa-Su 12:30, 4:20, 5:45, 7:00, 9:15

GhostBuster

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Fri-Thru 9:00, 9:30

Sa-Su 12:45, 9:30

The Ring

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Fri-Thru 5:15, 7:30, 9:45, 11:30

Sa-Su 12:00, 5:00, 5:30, 7:30, 9:45

Jackass: The Movie

PG-13

Fri-Thru 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

Sa-Su 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

My Big Fat Greek Wedding

PG

Fri-Thru 5:00, 7:10, 9:20

Sa-Su 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20

Sweet Home Alabama

PG-12

Fri-Thru 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

Sa-Su 2:45, 5:00

Coming Soon:

Harry Potter

Half Past Dead

www.india.com
Thursday rejects emo label, punks out
New Five Stories Falling nets growing outfit another success

BY DAN ALPER
Music Critic

Thursday is no longer just a day for making new friends from New Jersey, too. The five guys that make up Thursday play impassioned hardcore punk, with the typical screams and shouts mixed in with melodic vocals. However, the band is not simply interested in raging at every turn and making everyone in their furrow path, as many hardcore bands are. Instead, they are more focused on crafting genuinely good songs, with melodies and riffs that will claw your way into your soul.

The Thursday story began in early 2000, when the five young musicians emerged from New Jersey with Waiting, their nine-track debut album for the tiny Eyeball Records. The album shows a band in the process of developing their own sound and style, a band beginning to get a foothold in the world of music. The songs contained in the album, however, definitely show Thursday distancing themselves from the mall punk bands of the past, going so far as to use vocals on a song. Crushing guitars are balanced nicely with moody interludes provided by vocalist Geoff Rickly.

Waiting soon got the attention of Chicago-based label Victory Records, one of the most recognized hardcore labels in the country, home to the likes of Earth Crisis, Agnostic Front, Integ- rity, Warzone and numerous others. In 2001, backed by the superior production of Beau Sorenson, Thursday released Full Collapse, the album that gave them the publicity nationwide. Full Collapse clearly showed a development over Waiting, as it shows the band has clearly matured and is becoming more comfortable with their style and what they want to do in the recording studio. Songs like "Paris In Flames," "Understanding In A Car Crash," "Autobiography of a Nation" and others are standouts. Most of the songs are harder-edged than the songs on Waiting, yet more balanced as well. The band shows that while it can excel at riffsy and rage, it also has grown better at working in Rickky's bursts of melody and mini-symphonies. "Everything is falling apart," Rickky wails on "I Am The Killer," as the band slams against him, laying down a chunky, propulsive burst of energy.

Full Collapse was one of the better hardcore albums released in 2001, and the band quickly took to the stage to tour behind the album. On a rigorous tour schedule, Thursday gained new fans every night, winning converts with their blistering live performances, and they soon developed a rabid fan base. MTV2 even got into the act, airing the video for "Understanding In A Car Crash" in heavy rotation, propelling Thursday even higher. Contact: Andrew Birnbaum, the band's PR man.

However, the real gem on this EP is the new studio song, "Jet Black New Year." It almost seems as if this song was written directly to refute the emo tag, or "Jet Black New Year" is a white hot pipe bomb blast of viciousness. The drumming is pounding and forceful, the guitars churn and swirl and Rickky screams out apocalyptic declarations like "Tonight we're all time bombs" and asks, "Have you ever seen a black hole?" Walking like each other's ghosts around these silent streets, saying to your- self "everything is alright." This is melodic hardcore at its finest, but emo it certainly not.

So, as Thursday is apparently ready to depart for the supposedly more promising shores of major labeldom, they take with them a growing fan base and an infectious brand of hardcore rock that continues to gain fans by the bushel. Thursday's music is the true sound of the new era, still evolving, but already damn good.

"I love their music. They've played here before with no difficulties," said Istomina. "They get a good response, and I know the event will get a huge turnout. Plus I think they're going to open for Wilco next week."

According to Istomina, the band's music has received an en- thusiastic response in recent performances.

"All of the Mrs. Children shows I've been to in Columbus have been huge," said the manager. "And people rocked out. I think anyone who doesn't show up to the set will feel like they missed out."

Fans can expect a three-hour set from Mrs. Children, as no other bands are scheduled to perform in the Horn Gallery on Saturday.
Moviegoers find Allen in second Yuletide legal snafu

The Santa Clause 2 lacks cleverness of the original but provides entertaining ride through the holidays

BY JESSE KATZ
Telm Critic

Now that Halloween has passed, who's ready for Christmas? That’s what? Wait until Thanksgiving is over before pulling out the mistletoe and Bing Crosby? Also, there’s no time for that. The Santa Clause 2 has hit the theaters, and the holiday season is off and running.

There are two disclaimers upfront. One is that Clause probably only works for those who loved its predecessor. The other is that the rest of the Hollywood holiday films won’t share such an early release. For those out there who loved seeing the wisecracking Tim Allen become the jolly big guy, here’s another chance.

This time, however, Allen’s Scott family in most enter Earth eight years after becoming Santa due to the discovery of “The Mrs. Clause,” which states that if Scott does not find a wife by Christmas, he will lose his Santa powers, and children all over the world will be without presents. This film is unpolo
graphic in its mindless holiday joy and consumerism.

However, while Calvin re
dicts his mortal role to find a wife, he must also find out why his son Charlie, played by Eric Lloyd, no longer the short-eyes
youngster of the first Clause, made Santa’s naughty list this year. Oh, the drama! But that’s not all, Santa’s number one and two eyes clone him so that or
der can be kept in the toy factory while he is away saving Christmas. None of the other elves can know this, else enthusiasm in the factory drop and toy produc
tion come to a halt. The switch between real Santa and his du
duplicate seems to go smoothly enough at first, until the buf
coonish clone becomes power-hungry and orders that all chil
dren get coal in their stockings.

Calvin, however, has little idea of the mayhem back at the North Pole. For he is in hot pursuit of the right woman to bring back with him. One of the film’s funniest moments comes during Calvin’s blind date with an overly cheery woman played by Molly Shannon, who gives a welcome cameo in any movie.

The rest of his romantic pursuit is spent on Carol Newman, played by Elizabeth Mitchell, Charlie’s principal and nemesis. Though Charlie is convinced that Principal Newman hates Christmas, Calvin, with his Santa super-sensitivity, sees a woman who wants to believe more than her head will let her, and he tries to bring some holi
day magic back into her life. Though this film is not nearly as clever as the first Clause, which managed to be both tongue-in-cheek and senti
mental at the same time, it still has enough entertainment to carry through fairly pain
lessly, at times even all too willingly. Allen, whose career certainly isn’t peaking these days, never relinquishes that sad
ronic tone that plays so well off those who take themselves too seriously.

Judge Reinhold, reprising his role as Charlie’s goofy, overly analytical stepfather, is again Allen’s perfect set-up man. That is the film’s greatest charm, after all. Even now that he’s settled into being Santa Claus, it can still be hard to tell if it’s his Christmas spirit or his sarcasm that puts the twinkle in Calvin’s eye.

Stiff drink? You need the Chasers
Kenyon’s co-ed a capella stars set to wow Rosse on Friday

BY LINDSAY WARNER
A&E Editor

“We’ve got a nice sound, rich and full, and everyone has the propensity to be best off,” said Harrison Rivers ’04 of the up
coming Chasers concert this Friday at 7 p.m. in Rosse Hall.

The Chasers, the first co-ed a cappella group formed at Kenyon, have been performing together since 1996. The group now includes 14 members, four of whom are new to the ensemble this year, Andrea Daily ’06, Paul Gardner ’06, Naja Rosenberg ’04 and Omari Washington ’06.

These “newbies” will be offi
cially inducted into the group with the performance of the tra
ditional “new person” song, the title of which will remain a mys
tery to both the veteran group members and the audience until the concert.

“Our new people are amaz
ing,” said Natalie Philpott ’03.

“They’ve added a dynamic to the group that has given new depth to our sound, and we’ve already looking forward to the new song, arranged and di
rected by Andrea Daily.”

In addition to the newbie song, the concert program will include 11 or 12 other pieces and will conclude with the Chasers’ traditional closer, “Go Ye Now to Peace,” during which Kenyon Chorus alumni will be asked to sing with the current group.

If You Go...

What: Chasers concert
When: Friday at 7 p.m.
Where: Rosse Hall
Mitchell has trouble keeping his word

BY MICHAEL MITCHELL
Staff Columnist

If you’ve had the misfortune of watching television in the past two weeks, you’ve seen a litany of mud-slinging commercials, each one highlighting all the lies and double-talk of every candidate and their opposition.

But I don’t want to talk about politicians. We tend to vilify them as if they’re the only ones who say one thing and do another, but we’re all guilty. The effects of the president’s hypocrisy are far greater than the effects of mine, but don’t make him a worse person? Does it make me any bet- ter? I think it just makes us people.

You’re a hypocrite. Yes, you, my readers, you’re all hypocrites. How many of you gripe and moan about alibis, but as soon as your favorite Saved by the Bell keychain goes missing, you race to your computer and send four? How many times have you vowed to never order pizza again, and then 11 p.m. when you’re on the phone with the Papa John’s guy, who knows you by name? All you say is, “Hi,” and he says, “I’m on my way.”

We’re all hypocrites, and if you deny it, you’re just reinforcing it. It’s hard not to be a phony. Descartes proclaimed, Cogito ergo sum—therefore I am. We should be more like Cogito ergo hypocita—I think, therefore I am two-faced.

Opinions are so abstract. We vaguely hold them out there and place them on people. We’ll probably never meet, events we might never experience and situations we’ll most likely never be in. It’s easy to have a platform when you’re not standing in the arena. Once one of those situations creeps up on us, we tend to change colors faster than the Beta Rock after a Pepsie party. It’s like going super- market shopping when you’re hun- gry. You end up filling your cart with tons of stuff you swore you’d never eat, like microwave corn- dogs and 45 boxes of ramen.

It’s very hard to hold an opin- ion. I find that my views change daily or sometimes even within the span of an afternoon. At lunch I might like ARA food. An hour later, not so much. Our minds are so busy, and our sensibilities are so sensitive that we’re often open to multiple opinions therefore elim- inating our chances of ever exclu- sively believing in just one.

Then you also have to take into account the age factor. There are a lot of opinions that I hold as a two-faced creatures, and that’s what makes us great. We may pick on politicians, but they’re just like us except they’re on TV and have nuclear bombs.

Stickings to an opinion is hard. Blessed with the ability to reason, we humans are also met with the responsibility of pick- ing sides and arguing views.

Honesty, that’s often easier said than done. Right now, for ex- ample, I think my whole “pro- hypocite” argument slips. How ironic.

Anyway, that reminds me. I can’t find my Lisa Turtle Trap- per Keeper. I gotta send an alle-
In the declining days of the USSR, Mikhail Gorbachev initiated policies of glasnost, a Russian word meaning openness. Rather than continuing the longstanding policies which had failed to halt the hemorrhaging of its ruling party, discussion about the trials and tribulations of the USSR was encouraged, an effort to bring about perestroika, or restructuring. Although discussing these problems did not always solve them, the monopoly USSR has been dissolved, and Russia has slowly begun to embrace democracy.

Kenyon has always maintained a policy of glasnost. Rather than applying administrative "laws" to restrict our problems, we typically discuss rational solutions as a community. We leap at every opportunity to hold a forum on a meeting of Sunday, and the community is valued above all else in the decision-making process. No person can leave the communal web of Kenyon without touching and changing it in some manner.

We are a campus without walls or fences, a campus that invites one to feel uninhibited and boundless. Our dormitories are unlocked, unlike most other colleges and universities in America. Even our e-mail system is pleasantly unfiltered. With the rulers of our institutions, the administration is not the only authority that binds. However, this does not mean to suggest that Kenyon upholds every idea that it chooses to. We are a college that has not been influenced by any other institution, and we do not follow any rules set by others. Even our administration is open to discussion, and it welcomes every idea with an open mind. They are always looking for new ideas and new perspectives, and they are always willing to listen and learn.

In the classroom, the Kenyon College takes pride in offering a curriculum that is rich in variety and depth. The classes, whether they are in the sciences, liberal arts, or business, all offer unique opportunities for students to explore their interests and develop their skills. The faculty is dedicated to providing an education that is both challenging and rewarding. They are experts in their fields, but they are also passionate about the subjects they teach. They are always available to help students, and they are always willing to go the extra mile to ensure that every student succeeds.

At Kenyon, we believe that every student should have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. We offer a wide range of academic programs, and we are committed to providing every student with the support they need to succeed. Whether they are interested in science, the arts, or business, Kenyon offers a diverse array of majors and minors to help students pursue their passions. In addition, we offer a variety of extracurricular activities, including clubs, organizations, and sports, to help students develop their interests and social skills.

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MARC MILLER '03
Spanish AT rediscovers his passion for acting at KC

By Mika Bachmaha
Staff Writer

Erick Barquero is a Spanish AT at Kenyon this year. He comes here from San Jose, Costa Rica with the Associated Colleges of the Midwest program. To get here, Barquero along with twenty other participants from Costa Rica, had to undergo a long and complicated process.

"First we had to take the TOEFL [Test of English as Foreign Language] exam, then write some essays and finally take some interviews," said Barquero. Only five students were selected to come to the USA and Barquero was among them.

"Even though I knew I wanted to spend a year in the States, I tried not to get overexcited about the ACM programs, to not put too many expectations in it in case I didn't win," said Barquero on how he got through the selection process. Now, however, he is glad that he got the opportunity to come, and he enjoys his experience at Kenyon.

"I like everything about it: rural life in Gambier, friendly people and academic atmosphere," he said. "People are people, they are the same everywhere—not that I have traveled a lot—every single head is a different world, but in general people are all right... They are nice most of the time."

Barquero has nothing but praise for Kenyon and advises the students here to be thankful for the opportunity they have to live in Gambier.

"Kenyon is a nice place to get wrecked at. I don't think I have any complaints at all. I actually had the chance to go to Hope College in Michigan last weekend, and that made me feel so thankful to be here. I think people who decided to attend Kenyon made a good decision, because when you think about it, most of the people are going to end up living in a big city. Therefore, having the chance to live in the middle of nowhere for a period of time is worthwhile."

At Kenyon, Barquero has also rediscovered his passion for life acting. "I wanted to be an actor ever since I was seven," he said. When asked why he then chose Business Administration as his major at the University of Costa Rica, Barquero explained that Costa Rica is too small to consider acting as serious career.

"I did, however, take private drama classes and participated in independent theater productions back home, so I never really got up my dream," said Barquero.

This semester, Barquero is taking "Introduction to Drama," which is his favorite class, and he is planning on taking more drama courses next semester. In fact, he likes acting and Kenyon's drama department so much that he is thinking of transferring from the University of Costa Rica and enrolling as a full-time student at Kenyon next year.

"If I get the chance to stay here, I'd love to double major in drama and economics," he said. "People are surprised when they hear this, but I think that if Leonardo de Vinci could be as many things as he was—painter, engineer, etc.—why can't he be at least a third of what he was?"

Other than drama, Barquero is also taking two economics classes. "I also like my Money and Financial Markets class," he said. "I am auditing that one, because I didn't really have the background necessary to attend it, but Mr. Meckel has been really nice to me, accepting this foreign devil in his advanced class. He has made me develop a taste for economics. There should be more teachers like him."

"Mr. Rodriguez's class is also interesting, and it's good to have a teacher that speaks your mother language," he continued. "The students in the AT class I have to teach are cool people, too."

In addition to his classes and working as an AT, Barquero is also involved in the Capeoroa Club. "That's Benzelian martial arts," he said.

Barquero enjoys his time here and has rediscovered his passion. "I saw a couple of times back in Costa Rica, and I decided I should try it at some point of my life. It's great that I could find the chance to practice it here. It's fascinating both to watch and to play, because it shows that your body can move in ways one never thought it could."

"All the players make a circle, and two people start playing right in the middle of it, while the rest of the people make a circle around them and sing songs in Portuguese and play the Bimbaous and some other instruments. It's just awesome. If anybody wants to see it or be part of it, we meet in the Durce Studio behind Bolton Theatre, on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m." This is not Barquero's first time in the States. He has been here twice before. The first time was four years ago, when he came for a month-long visit of his family in San Diego, Calif., his first journey outside Costa Rica.

"My brightest memory from that trip is climbing in the desert, which was a lot of fun, I loved it," said Barquero.

A year later, Barquero returned to the States. This time he was with a study and work exchange program and spent a few months in Indianapolis. That's where he now snow for the first time in his life.

"It was beautiful for the short time, but I don't know if I can handle it for three or four months straight," confessed Barquero. Nevertheless, due to his adventurous character, he is eager to stay in Gambier. He says that all three stays in the USA have opened his eyes.

"I was withdrawn from my usual life in the usual setting, and it helped me realize that there is another life outside San Jose and Costa Rica," he explained. "After the first visit, I understood that there are many ways to express myself, and nothing has to be connected to the things I already know. The United States gave me an awareness of the world around."

Barquero's family is not fond of his traveling, but they try not to mind too much. His mother is a schoolteacher, and his father works for the control center in an electronics institute. Barquero also has two sisters and a brother. Meline, 26, is getting her Master's Degree in sociology at the University of Costa Rica. Alejandro, 21, is in medical school, and Carolina, 16, is still in high school. All of them love San Jose, which Barquero says he misses sometimes.

"I loved going to the countryside or the mountains and getting lost in the woods, or trying to cross a river walking through its rocks and then not really knowing the way back, the same as climbing a tree and not knowing how to get off," he said.

"Costa Rica is a beautiful green country, and San Jose, the capital, in the best place to live if you enjoy the mountains, since it is surrounded by them," continued Barquero. "It is much smaller than most of your states, but we have 2% of the biodiversity of the planet."

Costa Rica is a Central American country, bounded by Nicaragua on the north, Panama on southeast and washed by the Caribbean Sea from the east and the Pacific Ocean from the west and south. Its population is a little over three million people, and the government is democratic. According to Barquero, the major problem there is corruption, but "it is common to other countries, including the USA, too."

As for now, Barquero doesn't know whether he will stay in the U.S. permanently or whether he will eventually settle down in Costa Rica.

"My future will be decided over this year, when I will choose between acting and business," Barquero said. "All the other decisions will follow from there."

While he is uncertain about his future plans, Barquero knows for sure that his present at Kenyon College is great. "I find it easy to adjust to, and no matter what will come next, my experience here will be unforgettable."
Brooks looks at a different dimension in Iraq debate

Political analyst and novelist to give a lecture on the future of American foreign policy this Monday

BY SARAH BURSON

“What will the world look like in five or ten years if we invade and occupy Iraq?” asked David Donadio ’03, a member of Student Lectureship. “How will doing so affect the politics of the American people?”

Anyone interested in answering these questions should attend the lecture next week, “Bush, Saddam, and the Future of American Foreign Policy.” Student Lectureship is sponsoring the talk by David Brooks, a political analyst from News Hour with Jim Lehrer.

“He will be talking about the contrasting ideologies of Bush and Saddam, the prospect of war in Iraq and what it means for the future of American foreign policy and the domestic political landscape,” said Donadio. This will include a discussion on the motivations and implications of both Bush’s and Saddam’s policies and actions as well as possible consequences of war.

Co-Chair of Student Lectureships, Emily Williams ’05 remembers one of Brooks’ most interesting articles, “The Organization Kid,” which was about college students in present day America. “I thought his criticisms of our generation were very perceptive, and a lot of them are dead on,” Williams said. “He is a brilliant political analyst, but I really like his scathing social criticism, too. And he’s just a nice guy. He’s even flying coach just to save the Student Lectureship committee money.”


Some of his best known works include “Red and Blue America,” an article from The Atlantic Monthly providing a political divide within the U.S., and most recently, “The Fog of Peace,” an article from The Weekly Standard about the movement against the war in Iraq.

An example of what to expect from the New York Times bestselling author is, “It’s not over ‘til we say it’s over.” While last week relied on a Greek-filled party weekend, this one relied on some Greeks and some independents just trying to come together and throw a good party.

On Friday night, I went out of town, because I figured that there is more fun to be had off campus on these nights than there has been on campus lately. However, upon returning, I was pleasantly surprised to see that Milk Cartons were handing out a little candy of their own to party kids by way of a full bar. Not only were people packing the outings, but there was also music and dancing. It was extremely easy and creture to come out and many people actually having fun at Kenyon on a Friday night. This movie reviewer gives the party 3.75 out of 5 stars.

On Saturday night, the annual Peeps Halloween party was the definite place to see and be seen. With people dressed in everything from Royal Tenenbaums gear to things showing their gear, this party was everything it was hyped up to be. The live music was a great mix-up to the heavy beats of the trance music in the other room. Not only that, but the bands that performed were actually really good. I guess the only criticism from this critic was that I missed the portion of the party when you could go to the other lounge and listen to hip hop and have an entirely different scene in the A.D. lounge. I’m not a big fan of splitting those two parties up, because I feel like with such a small venue things get stagnant. Other than that though, this party was definitely worth the sequel, sort of like a party metaphor of the second Star Wars in that people thought it wouldn’t be good because it was the second one, but because it was different than the first, it proved to be great. Peeps party: 4.25 stars.

Also on Saturday, there was a Beta party in their lounge. Not only was this party poorly attended, but who throws a party last minute on the same night that an annual party is being thrown? It just seems to me that we are at school too small to be in competition with each other about things, so it doesn’t make sense to have an event competing with another event for a crowd. The fact that invites and notoriety about the party didn’t happen until Friday makes me feel this way even more. I think people should highlight a little day like I call “Friday” on their calendars the next time they are thinking about throwing a party on the same night as another party is already planned. Critic’s vote: one star.

After the regular parties, the boys of C7 New Apartments hosted a party, which from the invite looked more like a communist manifesto art piece. Those that got past the confusion and the long walk North were in for a surprise when they walked in the apartment and saw it turned into a totally different Halloween experience. With black lights and black paper covering the rooms and leaves and trees lining the floor and walls, this party not only was the best apartment party by far this year, but as far as creativity is concerned, it was the best party this year, period. Parties danced, drank, and just took everything that was to be seen in until early in the morning. As some didn’t even leave until the sun came out. Anyone who is over 21 can throw a lounge party that lasts until 2 a.m., but I really think that only a few can throw a late night party worth staying up for. That is why my vote for this party is 4.5 stars.

So, remember, if you’re going to throw a party it had better be good because, you never know, you might just be there. Week hard. Play hard. See you next weekend.

FEATURES BRIEFS

Kenyon After Dark to host Lip Sync Contest this Saturday

Kenyon After Dark will be sponsoring a number of events this weekend. The most prominent of these will be the Lip Sync Contest on Saturday night. The event will feature comedian Mark Anthony.

“We’re hoping lots of people show up this year, as it’s one of our biggest events this semester,” said Devika Saxena ’04, a member of KAD. She also commented that there would be a dress code, performance time limits, and an extended invitation. “We just wish more of the faculty and administration would get involved and sign up to judge. It’s still not too late.” The contest will be from 9 p.m. onwards at the Gund Common Lounge.

The KAD weekend will start off with Midnight Madison Basketball on Friday night from 10 until midnight at Ernst Center. This event is co-sponsored by ODYDA. The Students for Free Tibet Coffeehouse will also have a place on this night from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the KC.

I.E. and debate teams take away prizes at another contest

The Kenyon I.E. Team and the Kenyon Debating Society competed at the 53rd Annual Rath Wixons Tournament at Marietta College this past weekend and walked away with a number of prizes. The debate team of James Lewis ’04 and Sarah Culpepper ’06 won first place in Parliamentary Debate, with Lewis winning the First Speaker Award and Culpepper taking the At Large in Interpretation.

“Sarah was amazing this Saturday, her logic and ability to refute opponent’s arguments was often the deciding factor in the round,” said Lewis.

In I.E., Rosalind Baccus ’05 took first place in Poetry Interpretation and second in Prose Interpretation. Ted Samuel ’05 won first place in Prose Interpretation.

“Our victories belong to both the individual and the team,” said Baccus. “We prepare together, and we celebrate together. We were the only team there without a coach, and I am immensely proud of what all of us accomplished.”

Samuel added, “I was really excited to see that Kenyon had such a good result at another tournament.”
Championships the place, McMillan of teammate seconds place have been a thorn in the side of Kenyon’s runners this year, one coming in second with 1:51 points, and the Ladies grabbed third place with 74 points.

McNamara put in a second place time of 18:54. She was named NCAC Newcomer of the Year for her stellar performance not only Saturday, but all season. Senior Captain Meg Biddle closed out her career of NCAC performance with a solid place finish and a time of 19:29. The surprise of the race may have been sophomore Heather McElhaney who finished 16th with a time of 19:32. Right behind her was junior Laura Koss, who finished 18th with a time of 19:36. Ansoning the Ladies’ top five was junior Tenaya Britton, who finished 25th with a time of 20:27.

Although the Ladies had not seen Allegheny in competition this year, they were by no means surprised by their success. “Allegheny did enter Saturday, but they didn’t have the team,” said McNamara. “We were hoping for an upset though, which we thought was possible provided that we all raced well.”

Biddle was complimentary of Allegheny’s running, saying, “They are a very good team, very competitive. They came out on Saturday and got it done. They deserved it.”

The Ladies seem to all agree that it was not talent that was separated them from the frontrunners in this race. Britton said of the top competition in conference, “It’s been about four teams in our conference that are equally talented, but when it comes down to racing, it’s all about who wants it more.”

Biddle was a little more critical of the team’s effort, saying, “I feel like this team could have performed a lot stronger. We have the physical and mental capabilities to compete with teams like Allegheny and Oberlin. We didn’t pull it all together on Saturday, and therefore we went home with third”.

Some Ladies were disappointed with their race on Saturday and believe that they did not successfully defend their title as NCAC champions, yet they recognized the pack running. At the same time, they realize that there is a lot of work that needs to be done if they’re going to qualify for nationals.” Thus, the team still has a good chance of getting to nationals,” said Biddle, “It is a matter of pulling together mentally and racing tough.”

Ladies Cross Country Season Wrap-Up

NCAC Record: THIRD in conference

Nov. 7, 2002

BY LIAM HUGGERTY Staff Reporter

Saturday was senior Michael Baird’s day. Finishing in a time of 25:10, the four-year Cross Country team member won the individual NCAC Championship and was named the NCAC “Runner of the Year.” Baird’s time was four seconds faster than the time of his teammate and fellow senior, Ben Hildebrand who finished second with a time of 25:14.

The team reversed its last year’s results, when Hildebrand won the championship and Baird was the runner-up. Despite its one-two finish, Lords saw their hopes of being four-time defending champions dashed, as they were edged out by the Allegheny College Gaaters by a score of 47 to 49. Things were tight at the top, and this was a new trend for the event, as Denison University finished a distant third with 112 points. Waubash College was fourth with 126, just ahead of the fifth place team from Wooster College that finished with 129 points.

Senior Matt Cabrera also turned in a very solid performance. His time of 25:57 was good enough for a seventh place finish overall. Juniors Andrew Saxon and Aaron Emig finished with times of 26:25 and 26:52 in place twenty-six and twentieth, respectively.

As the race began, Baird, Hildebrand, Cabrera and Saxon were all members of the lead pack. At about the two mile mark, Saxon and Cabrera fell back a little bit, while Hildebrand, Baird, Denison’s Brock Babcock and a couple runners from Allegheny and Washington and Jefferson were in front of the pack. As the race moved into the third mile, the runners from Waubash and Allegheny faded, and it was clear that the leaders were Hildebrand and Babcock out in front. Exiting the woods at around the three and four mile mark, they pulled it out in front and never looked back.

By the time the fourth mile began, the two Lords runners were out in front by all themselves, and it was now just a question of which Kenyon runner would take the title. Baird and Hildebrand, running like they have all season by pushing each other to the limit, did not let up on the one-two. Babcock finished third in second place behind Hildebrand.

The Lords would have liked to defend their team championship, but were still very pleased with the day’s results. “Our guys led it off on the course on Saturday. Every man gave it their best effort, and it was by far the greatest team race of the year,” said Cabrera.

Baird also felt the team had given every ounce of strength during the race, saying, “We had the hearts out there,” he added. “You could tell from the agony on their faces [as they crossed the finish line] that absolutely everyone had given it their all out there.”

Head Coach David Baird added to his runners’ comments, saying, “Even though the Lords were not able to capture their fourth straight title this year, we were very happy for them all the same.”

In addition to the excitement over their performance, the Lords commented on the overwhelming presence of Kenyon this year. “It was an amazing feeling having all that support. I felt like they were carrying us through each section of the course,” said Cabrera.

After running such a complete team race at the NCAC Championships, the Lords are preparing for a regional run forward to the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Meet held at the University of Northwestern Ohio, Nov. 16. “This race gave me a lot of confidence for going out into regions. There is no reason why Ben and I can’t go out there and lead the race at regionals. With this point season, both Ben and I have beaten every runner in the region we’ve had the opportunity to race,” said Baird.

The top two teams in regions will go on to nationals, and with nationally ranked Calvin College running at the meet, it is going to be a fight for the second spot. “If they can perform at the same level as they did at the NCAC,” said Baird, “The Lords could have an excellent shot at placing high to qualify as a team for nationals.”

The Lords have next weekend off, and then it’s time to run six more miles at a regional meet which is an important part of the season preparing for it. It can be a tough one, they have to be ready to quit yet. Baird knows the situation and is ready for the challenge, saying, “We will keep running as long as we can. We need to stay well and keep our heads up.”
Ladies Rugby loses 7-5 close call with ONU

Ladies come out of the gates strong with early 5-0 lead, are left in the cold by Polar Bears' comeback

BY TAMAR CHALKER
Staff Reporter

The Kenyon College Ladies Rugby team hosted a four-team tournament this weekend facing the Ohio Northern University Polar Bears, the Ladies had their most successful game thus far. The Bears proved too much for the win, losing 7-5. However, this was a vast improvement over the last couple of games in which the Ladies were held scoreless. Kenyon came out strong from the start, showing that they were ready to play. Within the first ten minutes of the game, co-captain Alexis Cameron '04 was able to run her way up the field and gain the ball off of Hayes Wong '06 before being stopped by a group of Ohio Northern players. Wong was able to carry the ball into the tri-zone, giving Kenyon the 5-0 lead. Sam Hudson '05 attempted the conversion kick, but she missed.

The Ladies felt confident with their lead, and they continued to play hard. Unfortunately, the Ohio Northern team was able to come back and score ten minutes later. The Polar Bears' kicker was able to make the conversion kick, giving them the 7-5 lead that would prove to be the final score. Kenyon came close to scoring again, but they continually came up short. "There were several times throughout the game when we had possession in the tri-zone, but we just couldn't get it over the line," said Julia Kinkel '04. At one point, the Lady Bears made it into the tri-zone and all the Ladies had to do was fall on the ball. Unfortunately, they were unable to do so until the ball ended up out of bounds.

There were many strong performances from the Kenyon Ladies. Kate Whitcomb '06, Nena Anderson '06 and Kelsey Harden '05 each had great runs that put the Ladies closer to the tri zone. Whitcomb played despite having a cracked rib. "Liz Gillo '03 also had a good game as she utilized her footwork to avoid the Polar Bears' defense. The big key of keeping up the intensity the whole time everyone was using the skills that we have learned," Cameron said.

There was a great improvement in game performance both by the backs and the scrums. The backs were more efficient in keeping their line and keeping the field spread. Despite this, the Ladies were able to feel confident about their performance.

The Ladies were supposed to play the Hiram College Terriers in a second game, but the Hiram team did not have enough players, so they forfeited the game. Not all of the Ladies were ready to call it a day, however, and they helped the Ohio Northern team in their game against Wittenburg University. Carolyn Wendler '04, Harden, Catherine Welch '05 and Kinkel played in this game. It was an interesting experience for them, since some of the Ladies ended up playing positions that they did not normally play.

The tournament was an exciting chance for the Ladies to put all their hard work into action. Kenyon took another step in becoming a strong Rugby squad. While they were unable to come away with a win, they felt much more confident and strong than they had in their past couple games. Not only were they able to score, but they came out and scored first. The Ladies continued to play an aggressive hand fought game and, despite the score, felt that they had played the stronger game.

The Ladies attempt to get their balance—and the ball.

BY JAMES ROSENBRUM
Staff Reporter

It came down to this: one big game, one final moment and a huge scare down the campus of their archrival. This challenge was what sat in front of the Ladies. When all was said and done, however, it would all be for naught, as the Ladies came up just short in the biggest game of the season to date, losing to DePauw University 25-30, 20-30, 22-30 and Denison 22-30, 16-30 and 23-30.

The regular season came to an end Saturday, when the Ladies traveled out to Indiana to meet up with DePauw. From the outset, the Ladies realized that this was going to be a tough match, as the Tigers had previously defeated nationally ranked conference foe Wittenberg. The Ladies came out and played with all their heart, but it was simply not enough, as DePauw dispatched the Ladies 25-30, 20-30, 22-30. Despite this roundly defeating the Ladies, the game was led by seniors Cori Arnold and Samantha Camp. Arnold registered 11 kills, six digs and four blocks, while Camp chipped in with nine kills and twelve more lights by kills from middle hitter Jessie Turk '04 and outside hitter Katie Quinter '06.

As a result, Denison pushed the lead to 19-14. The Ladies hung tough down the stretch. Arnold's service ace drew the Ladies to within four at 24-20. Still outside hitter Heather Guthrie '03 recorded two huge kills, and Denison took the first game with ease, 22-30.

Game two saw a bit of a different pattern, as the Ladies turned the tables swiftly on the Big Red. After an early 7-7 deadlock in which they committed four unforced errors, the Ladies gathered together and mounted a 11-11 run to grab a huge eight-point lead at 26-18. During this period, everything worked well for them, as they registered 11 kills—five by Arnold—and had some excellent serving from junior Jessica Russell '04, who found holes in the Denison defense for three consecutive aces, freezing the Big Red into a time out. After a 4-run by the Big Red, which pulled them close at 26-22, the game was 26-25 and the Big Red was on the edge of losing yet another kill. The Ladies took game two 30-26, marking the first time all year that they had taken a game from Denison. Just as the tide turned in game two, it reverted back to form in game three. The Ladies fell behind early, with Denison capitalizing on 12 Kenyon unforced errors to mount a commanding 12-point lead at 16-4. The Ladies responded as Arnold and Camp recorded three consecutive kills to draw the Ladies within nine at 17-8. However, that as close as they came to a win. Denison put the Ladies away 16-30, as the Ladies continued to play sloppily.

With the defense in the balance, the Ladies went into game four looking to pull out the win. Early on, the teams were tied at six, and it looked like another long game was in store. However, Denison would not be denied tonight on their floor. A 7-7 run gave them a dominating 23-13 lead, and the Ladies' fate was just about sealed. When the dust settled, Turk put the Ladies away with one more of her 16 kills to the back row. The Ladies fell 21-30 and lost the match 3-1. Although they were pleased with taking a
**Lords swimming conquers Div. I Ohio University**

Kenyon dominates freestyle and relay events, prepares for rematch with rival Denison Friday

**SPORTS**

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By Eric FitzGerald  Staff Reporter

On the heels of its 23rd consecutive national championship at the Division III level, the Men's Swimming program expanded its 2002-03 dual meet competition with a 133-99 victory over Ohio University on Wednesday, Oct. 30. Such a performance is not uncommon to the Lords when faced with Division I competition.

"The men really came out to swim against Ohio," senior Jon Philippsborn said. "We always get up for D-I competition, and this was a sneak preview of D-I competition because both us make us step up an extra notch and swim at our best. NoExcuses for faves, such as the Presidents Pool. Humble is a word we can still be better." The Lords placed the first swimming team in ten of the 11 swimming events. Sophomore Elliott Rushton and freshman Andrejs Duda each claimed a couple of first-place finishes for the Lords. Rushton was victorious in the 1,000 meter freestyle and the 500 meter freestyle. Duda won the 50 meter freestyle and the 200 meter backstroke. Duda entered the lane, most confident and felt he had adapted to the program.

"I was a little bit excited about that meet, because I wanted to study and swim in a Division I school, and one that gave me that chance was Ohio," Duda said. "Then I decided that Kenyon is the best place for me. The team here is so great, I love it.

Seniors Read Boon, Daniel Kiefer and Carlos Vega and juniors Fernando Rodriguez and Marc Couture also claimed other individual first-place finishes.

"Most everyone had a good meet, especially for this early in the swim season," Philippsborn said. "Freshman Duda had a great meet, as did sophomore transfer Russell Hunt, who swam exceptionally well.

The Lords also won the 200 meter medley relay with the efforts of Carlos Vega, Boon, junior Joe Strike and Hunt. In his senior and final year swimming with the Lords, Philippsborn is hoping to end his career in winning fashion. He expects a variety of emotions to accompany him in his final year of swimming at Kenyon.

"You can see the end and are happy about that," said Philippsborn, "but also you are sad because you see what you will leave behind and recognize that nothing you ever do will be quite like being a part of this team." The Lords swim at Denison University in their next meet, tomorrow.

**Game Day: Men's Swimming**

• Friday Nov. 8: Lords @ Denison Big Red
  4 p.m.

**Ladies swimming defeated by Div. I Ohio U. Bobcats**

Despite excellent performances in freestyle by Galloway and Ozolina, Ladies fall in tuneup for Denison

By Jay Helmer  Sports Editor

Coming off their decisive win at the NCAC relay meet, the Ladies Swimming team began their dual meet schedule Wednesday, traveling to Ohio University for a match with the Division I Bobcats. Despite two firsts by junior Agnese Ozolina and one by senior Beth Galloway, the Ladies fell to OU 143-94.

In the 200 meter freestyle, the Lady Swimmers, as Ozolina finished first, followed by senior Melissa Holt, who finished second,ouching Duda here after her teammate. Fellow senior Sarah Retrum was impressed by Holt's performance, saying, "Melissa Holt had an amazing 200 freestyle. Our sprint freestylers performed well."

Although Retrum did not mention her by name, one of her sprinters was Galloway, who paced the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 23.99, earning her a first place finish and nine team points. She was the leader of the four Ladies who finished in the top six in the event. Ozolina showed off her skills again in the 100 meter freestyle, taking the event by 57 seconds at 52.85. Galloway came in third, while senior Erin Hurley and Holt took fifth and sixth respectively.

While the Ladies excelled in freestyle, different strokes led to victories for the Ladies. In the 400 meter IM, senior captain Ashley Rowatt finished fifth.45 seconds behind the standard set by OU's Shannon Kelly. In the 200 meter butterfly, Rowatt was the first of the Ladies to touch the wall, earning fourth place, while first-year Carly Cornoibol followed in fifth.

In the breaststroke, the 200 meter, Retrum saw Kenyon's Retrum finish third, and senior Laura Waceck took fifth to round out the Ladies' swimmers.

In the breaststroke, the Ladies took two of the top three spots in the race. Unfortunately, the leader, those spots were second and third. Se-nior Bettey Garrett came in just three seconds behind the leader, OU's Trisha Kendal. Rowatt, in another solid performance, finished third. Rowatt was one of many Ladies who stepped up the blocks more often than normal for the meet with the Bobcats. Generally, each Lady swimmer participated in more than three events in each meet. At OU, many swimmers had their names called four or five times.

After their dominating performance the previous weekend at the NCAC relays, it should come as no surprise that the Ladies were able to capture first in one of the two relays on the day. In the final event on a stellar day of competition, the first three teams to touch the wall in the 200 meter relay were all wearing purple. Galloway led the team that finished first, which also included sophomore Courtney Zeetz, Holt and junior Kristen Landry. The second place team was Ozolina, first-year Jane Alexander, Hurley and junior Hilary Strong.

In the day's final relay, the 200 meter medley, which lead off the event, the host team took first, although Kenyon's squad of Galloway, Ozolina, senior Betsy Garrett and Alexander took second, less than a second behind. Despite the loss, the team appeared satisfied with their performance. Said Holt, "I think that the team really did well overall at Ohio U.... We are happy that we were as competitive as we were with them." Retrum agreed, saying, "It is always a tough meet... We used it to focus on racing and preparing ourselves for Denison on Friday.

On Friday, the Ladies will have their dual meet with rival Denison. Perhaps more than any other, the rivalry between the Ladies and the Big Red in Women's Swimming is the strongest. Denison finished second to the Ladies at the Div. III national meet last year and in the NCAC meet this season. "We do not really know what to expect from denison this year, because every year is a different team," said Holt. But we are definitely prepared for a fight and I am hoping that we will give them a good one. Considering how the Ladies have been swimming, I think it is going to be a great meet. Personally, I can not wait."

The Ladies travel to Granville on Friday.

**Basketball Midnight Madness at Ernst**

Tomorrow night the Kenyon Lords Basketball team will host Midnight Madness. The event will be held in Tomich Arena. It will serve as an opportunity for the 2002-03 Lords as they show off their skills in a variety of drills, including a three point shooting competition featuring some of the Lords' best marksmen. There will also be interactive stations for kids, such as a half court shot contest, where the first lucky fan to make a half-court shot will win a DVD player and tickets to see the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers. The event begins at 10 p.m., and as senior J.C. Cangilla said, "It is an opportunity for the team to introduce themselves to the Kenyon community."

**Kenyon swimmers receive individual acclaim**

A pair of Kenyon Cross Country runners were honored this past weekend. Karla Mocnienen in Springfield, Ohio. First-year Lady Christina McNamara came in second overall and was cited as "NCAC newcomer of the year." For the Lords, Senior Michael Baird, in just his second Cross Country season, took third. His individual title as the NCAC meet, and was named "NCAC runner of the year." Fellow senior and defending conference champion Ben Hildebrand finished second in the same race. Kenyon swimmers receive individual acclaim
Lords Soccer does not go quietly against OWU

Kenyon fights valiantly against nationally-ranked Bishops, loses by lone goal late in game

BY SHARON SORIKIN Staff Reporter

Lords' Soccer had their final game of the season last Friday against Ohio Wesleyan University, ranked 23 in the nation. They knew going into the match that conditions would be tough with cold weather and the OWU home field advantage, but in the last full match-up, they also knew that they had to leave it all on the field and finish their season without regret.

A win for Kenyon would set them in the season, but a loss for OWU would have knocked them out of the NCAC tournament. OWU would fight for this game, unwilling to give up their chances of advancing to post-season play. Although the game resulted in a grueling 1-0 loss for Kenyon, the Lords did not hand over the victory. Instead, they proved that in order to beat Kenyon, OWU would have to go a tough battle.

For the initial part of the first half, the two teams played evenly, with both Kenyon and OWU handling the ball. OWU did have the majority of ball control for the first thirty minutes, but they could not manage to threaten the Kenyon net. In the latter part of the first half, OWU began to increase their offensive pressure, keeping the Lords on Kenyon's half of the field. They made two strong attempts to score, but Kenyon stopped both chances, and the two teams went into the second half scoreless.

The second seemed a repeat of the first, as both teams played strongly, while OWU maintained most of the possession. OWU was in for quite a shock when some excellent movement of the ball from the Lords resulted in an attempted shot from senior Josh Bauman that sailed just over the crossbar of the OWU net, proving the Kenyon Lords can pose a threat to any team. However, OWU bound back with force, as just minutes after, an OWU break managed to get the ball to their player inside the Kenyon box. A quick shot around the Lords' keeper, senior captain Coach Robin Cash at the helm, it seemed like healthy improvement was the norm.

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Only time will tell for this team. As Frederick put it, "The one thing that I hope for the team next year is that they can take the momentum we generated in our last game and use that to carry them through the start of their season.

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Denison can’t contain Ladies Field Hockey comeback

After falling behind 2-0, the Ladie's mount three-goal comeback in their final match of the season

BY MICHAEL REYNOLDS Staff Reporter

The Ladies Field Hockey team put on a show this past week and went out in style. In most respects, it has been a difficult season for the Ladies. Through the first part of the season, the team was scattered with inexperience and did not have much success. The Ladies ended their season against Denison and returned with a 4-0 loss to a team ranked second in the NCAC with an overall record of 15-5, 8-3 in the NCAC. At the start of last week's game, the Ladie's were ready to shock the rival Big Red with a strong comeback.

In a game that was sure to be the "There is an incredible amount of dedication, talent and compassion on this team, and I feel so fortunate to have been a part of it" Sarah Wasserman '03

Coming out at halftime, the Ladies were fired up, and it showed in their intensity. Junior Sarah Evans started the comeback by scoring her second goal of the season from sophomore Maggie Rosen.

18 minutes later, Rosen turned around and scored the goal at two, prompting Denison Head Coach PJ Solerio to call an immediate time-out. With the crowd on their feet and behind the Ladies, there was no way they were giving up their momentum. "We really let our momentum carry us, and it inspired us to keep shooting on their goal," said senior captain Gretchen Frederick.

The game turned with 3:15 left. The Ladies were awarded a penalty stroke after an infraction by the Denison goalkeeper. Stepping in the line to take the stroke was junior Tai Chiappa. "Tai's stroke with four minutes left was probably one of the most beautiful strokes I've seen," said Frederick. "She was really amazing. Standing at the stroke mark like that during a game is a really intimidating situation, and if you're not completely confident that your stroke is going to be great, then it can be really hard to be successful there." That put the Ladies up for good, as they upset the visiting Big Red, capping an amazing comeback in which they rallied off three unanswered goals.

Overall, it has been a difficult season for the Ladies. Wins, it seemed, never came easy this team, as they lost three overtime games. Had they won those games, who knows how the season would have turned out? The important thing that they were able to take from the season was constant improvement.

This team, more than ever, played hard and worked in between games to be a better team. "There is an incredible amount of dedication, talent and compassion on this team, and I feel so fortunate to have been a part of it," said senior captain Sarah Wasserman, reflecting on the team's future. With new Head Coach Robin Cash at the helm, it seemed like healthy improvement was the norm.

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Kenyon debates Iraq, war and America in the Middle East

Three weeks ago, the possibility of military action against Iraq brought an outpouring of discussion and protest on Gambier Hill. At this time, we asked for your opinions on the situation. The following is a sampling of your thoughts and perspectives.

Question of war serious
BY JAMES ROSENBLUM
Guest Columnist

It has come to this once again. President Bush and our government are threatening military action against a familiar foe: Iraq and Saddam Hussein. Alas, this song remains the same: threats of a draft, a long bitter war and endless mayhem in the Middle East with other countries around Iraq following on us. Now, as much as I admire the determination of someone who has worn out his welcome in the international community, I am torn. War is hell, and I am not sure that we truly understand what we are doing to some of our young men.

Perhaps I might be overlooking my boundaries, because I am war in Iraq concerning me. Images of the Persian Gulf War in 1990-91 really never went away from my mind, and the thought of us sending more of our men over to a place where they could be permanently changed makes me uneasy. You hear the horrors of war and what they see, and you wonder why would we expose someone's father or spouse or son to this. I guess we don't look at it that way. Morality plays little parts in war. Yet, I guess that's not the big picture. The big picture seems to be that we want Saddam out in any way possible. The man is truly evil, but who's behind him? Who takes over if we storm the palace and rid ourselves of Saddam? Heaven forbid that the person that takes over is ten times worse than him.

 Heaven forbid that the people of Iraq will suffer more than they already do under Saddam. Aren't we better off leaving well enough alone? I am not sure that we would not be more doing harm than good by continuing our intervention to a long and possibly fruitless war.

Between airstrokes and ground warfare, the cost is grand, and the toll is large for a goal that I don't see justifying our expenditure here, and I guess we just want to waste some more money and time.

In all, the issue with Iraq is one for which I see no total solution. The Bush administration thinks that by getting rid of Saddam, everything will be good and dandy there, while ignoring the fact that all will not be solved by changing a ruler. We need an eventual solution, not a quick fix to get things done.

War is unnecessary and costly
BY ERIN SALVA
Guest Columnist

Lest we forget, we are at war. The war with Afghanistan has wrapped up, but the war in Iraq continues. Nowhere have the human costs been mentioned or tallied. I can vividly recall the images from Vietnam that penetrated our living room when I was eleven. This invasion of war's carnage upon the American consciousness has left us with a debilitating form of social amnesia. War is no longer viewed as the form of indiscriminate violence and fallen political policy that it is. Instead, it is more readily accepted as a tool of the righteous to use against nations labeled as inherently evil.

I asked my daughter, now thirteen, "What do you think about the possibility of a war with Iraq?" She thought for a moment and, with the mind of a 13-year-old, that can launch into an all-out debate one moment and at other times not question anything—except authority—she said, "I think that a war with Iraq would be stupid. Why should we start something with them? They know that if we provoke us, we will attack. They're not stupid.

Although this logic may seem simplistic, it is, after all, not too far out of step with contemporary political and military thought. We have spent the better part of the last century refining a policy of deterrence. Less we forget, we are the nation with the greatest nuclear and military arsenal on earth. The United States currently spends more on military defense than the next eleven highest GNP-producing countries. Economist and Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson claims, "The United States has become so wealthy it can wage war almost with pocket change." Contrasted with 1944, when military costs consumed 38% of the GNP, this next siege would require only 80 billion or less than 1% of our GNP. Even considering the Korean War's draining 14% of the U.S. economy in 1953 and Vietnam's 9.4% in 1968, war with Iraq would be a real deal.

Meanwhile, lest we forget, the poverty rate continues to rise, and children's health is in steady decline.

A study by Boston University released recently shows a 4.5% increase from 1999-2001 in those who are hungry or malnourished and underweight among infants and toddlers. If Samuelson's calculations are accurate, why not use that pocket-change constructively? What difference would 80 billion make in the advancement of medi- cine, environmental clean-up or hunger reduction? Perhaps my logic is simplistic, but I venture to guess that it is no more simplistic than a pre-emptive attack on Iraq to rid the world of evil.

Oden comments on Iraq situation
BY DAVID DONADIO
Guest Columnist

When terrorists bomb an airliner, the destruction is tragic. Anywhere from a few dozen to a few hundred people die in the explosion or asphyxiation or impact caused by falling out of the sky at 500 miles an hour. Investigators sift through the wreckage and determine all sorts of things, like that the bomb contained a certain kind of explosive that could only be obtained from a certain source, and it was hidden in a stereo in a seat above the wing. Forensics and intelligence workers eventually determine who put the bomb there to begin with, and we take whatever action we choose against those involved in the attack. People keep flying, because there are other airlines.

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Saddam Hussein has used weapons of mass destruction before. He is building nuclear weapons now, and according to a variety of sources ranging from the Associated Press to The Weekly Standard to The New Yorker to the Ummat in Pakistan—which has close ties to the Taliban and al Qaeda—who cooperates with al Qaeda and other terrorist groups. The fundamental question we have to confront is this: what will happen if we don't stop Saddam? Some say nothing will happen, that Saddam would never even threaten to use these weapons against us. It's a secular leader, they say, and he would never cooperate with religious fundamentalists. Before Sept. 11, there were lots of people who thought the terrorists would never be able to destroy the entire World Trade Center. After Sept. 11, there are lots of people who think the terrorists will never be able to use weapons of mass destruction.

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FRONT: Kenyon President Robert Oden offered some commentary on the situation in Iraq from his new home, Carleton College in the Northfield, Minnesota. Here are his words:

"I shared another of our panels on Iraq only last week here at Carleton. Though my real expertise is limited to the most ancient Near East, I have spent a lot of time in the Middle East and spoke from that vantage point. My chief message, before the other panelists spoke, was this: many of us are tempted often to say something like the following: 'What's wrong with all the people in the Middle East? They-cannot get along with one another and are always causing problems for the rest of us?'

"I suggested we avoid this temptation, and I reminded everyone that many of the difficulties in the Middle East stem from the power, from before the Ottoman Empire through the British and French still beyond, who have defined the Middle East as this the strategic interest of theirs."

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An Iraqi soldier faces a large portrait of President Saddam Hussein during a ceremony held at the Shalamcha border crossing with Iran on Oct. 29. The danger of Hussein is being considered against the cost of war. A authorization for the use of force has been passed by both houses of Congress.