Nugent officially in
Inauguration offers formal start to 18th Kenyon presidency
BY WILLOW REDDEN
Staff Reporter

"This is not too late to seek a new world," Georgia Nugent said in her inaugural address Saturday as she officially became Kenyon's 18th and current president. Nugent used this line of Tennyson's as the theme for her Inauguration ceremony, explaining how everyone at Kenyon can and should strive to create a newer, better world by using the past as a guide to the future.

Nugent began her address by extracting the quest "to seek a newer world" on an individual level, emphasizing the importance of crossing boundaries, "not only of geography, but of class, of gender."

"My own intellectual style often proceeds through analogies, metaphors and bringing disparate things together—another type of boundary crossing," Nugent said. "For me, the phrase 'to seek a newer world' has to do with bringing with the past fruitfully into the future. This is the study of antiquity not as a museum embracing the past but as a laboratory toward building the future."

"Every first year student bravely and purposely strides forth to seek a newer world," Nugent said, explaining that all new students are encouraged to "opportunites to re-engage and re-view both oneself and one's world. There is, we might say, a teaching belief in 'skyrocketing.' However, she said that she did not know whether the statistics included students who were required to see a counselor because of judicial action, as in the case of drug and alcohol violations.

Judson also mentioned anecdotal evidence from Director of Counseling Services Patrick Gilligan, showing that the current staff is overworked. She said that Gilligan works long hours every day, and often skips meals to meet with students. Judson said he works so hard during the year that he "literally has to spend his summer just recovering." She said "it worries him that he might have to turn people away.

Judson said the counselors are "working their hardest and fulfilling the current demand. But 'night now,' she said, "they're at their limit."

She said, "The only thing to do really is to get another staff member."
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"A new kind of college," Mr. Wiggin stated, "where people who make a lot of noise on Friday and Saturday evenings, and I think we need to do more about that. We're not just students and working with the College. This is something where students need to police themselves a little bit better, and I think they can do it."

"One of the problems that a number of people brought up at the meeting with Mr. Wiggin is that this year there are a lot more students living off campus," continued Emmert. "That's a problem; we just had a large entering class, and there simply isn't room on the campus for everybody. I think we either need to have smaller classes, and I know that's always difficult to predict how many people will come, or we need to build more housing on campus so that people can live on campus. I think that the students should live here, where people in the Village would like them to live, and that would be a benefit for us.

Emmert also intends to continue his work with the Shade Tree Commission which he joined in 1999 and was appointed chair of in 2001.

"The Shade Tree Commission never did any anything until I was on it and became chair of it, and we've undertaken a number of initiatives. We have planted a number of trees, we've started planting trees around town. We are going around and noting trees on the tree laws, which is the part that the city owns right around the Village, which look dangerous or need to be trimmed, and we're going to keep an eye on those. We've passed a new ordinance with regard to trees. So in other words, I've taken an active, energetic role in establishing policies there, and I'd like to do with the Council as a whole."

Ralston, who grew up in Mount Vernon and returned to Gambier in 2000 from San Diego, has identified development as the focal point of his campaign. Ralston currently volunteers as a fire truck driver for the College Township Fire Department.

"My primary goal is to enhance relations with the College, the township and the Philander Chase Corporation, and by doing that come up with a new Village master plan," said Ralston. "So I would try to put together some kind of coordinated effort to revise the Village master plan based on consensus input from the surrounding township, the College and the Philander Chase Corporation."

"Mount Vernon and the county have some different visions of themselves than the Village and the College do, he continued. "I'm all for controlled good growth in Mount Vernon. We don't want to see Mount Vernon and the county have some different visions of themselves than the Village and the College do, he continued. "I'm all for controlled good growth in Mount Vernon. We don't want to see Gambier become a neighborhood west of Mount Vernon. Right now we have even growing, we need to take a look at that to make sure standards are upheld."

"In the past 21 years, Ryerson is focusing his campaign on rebuilding the water system, we've had two water breakdowns in the Village between 1995 and 1998, he has also been staffed as a works member and/ or assistant in the Illinois State Senate, prior to serving as Director of Planned Giving at Kenyon."

"The most important things is to ensure the financial viability of the water system, because we've had some serious problems in terms of leaks in the water system... We buy our water from outside, but we do need to be able to maintain Mount Vernon's biggest single customer, the Village of Gambier, and if we don't, Kent College is Gambier's biggest single customer. We have a lot of old pipes and a lot of new pipes, so we need to address in terms of leaks and water management. Otherwise we may run into difficulties with the state that Ohio has given to elementary school district—I would like to see the continued encouragement of businesses that are independent from the College, I think that's important. I'm concerned with the possibility that the gas station will be closed, that would be a huge mistake. It provides a terrific service to the community right now where it's located. I'd like to see the grocery remain independent, and to the extent that we can provide a healthy community, we think that's important in building a sense of community," continued Ryerson.

All three candidates hold similar stances on maintaining the rural quality of Gambier by working with Mount Vernon, as well as the surrounding towns and villages. Like Emmert, these candidates, all of whom have a connection to the College, hope to work towards balancing the symbiotic relationship between Gambier and Kenyon.

"The relationship between the village and the College has always been at bad times problematical, and it can be very good or it can be very bad," said Ryerson. "There are a sizeable amount of people who work for the College who do not live in the Village, and vice versa. And [students] are residents of the village for four years. They're here as long as a lot of people are."
Incumbant, write-in seek Council seats

BY AMY BERGEN

Two candidates are running, both unopposed, for seats on Gambier Village Council this year: Gambier Grill employee and longtime Gambier resident Jesse Gunn and Associate Vice President for Communications Thomas Stamp '73.

"I think I could put a fresh spin on some new ideas," says Gunn of his goals for his first term on Council. Gunn, who recently started working as a bartender at the Grill, worked at the Village Inn since 1993 and has lived in Gambier since 1990. He became interested in politics through his work at the Village Inn, where he meets many people for a chance to become involved in Gambier politics.

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Renaissance statue takes a trip

BY MARA ALPERIN Staff Reporter

Last week, the statue of the Renaissance Man and Woman moved to its third location since it was brought to Kenyon.

Originally, it was in an art gallery in Chalmers Library but had to be moved when art exhibits were installed. The statue of large cardboard box located by Rosalee Hall. Now, the statue has been moved to a spot across the street from the Chapel.

One estimate is that the total cost would come to about $600.

Kenyon administrators hope that this will be the statue's permanent location. "The [Renaissance] Man and Woman is a sculpture much loved by many in the Kenyon community, now and in the past," said Special Assistant to the President Howard Sacks. "In keeping with the donor's wishes, its new location allows everyone to enjoy it as they walk down Middle Path." However, not all students share that view. "I think it was a waste of our tuition money," said freshman Josh Zhang. "It was fine where it was."

Junior Warren Griffin King shares Zhang's outlook. "I liked the statue when it was outside of Rosalee Hall, if only because it was a hole in Fribbee gold," said King.

Bishop candidates to stop at Kenyon

BY AMY BERGEN

The three nominees for Eleventh Bishop of Ohio will visit Kenyon and Mount Vernon on Tuesday, November 4th, as part of their "Meet and Greet" tour of the Diocese of Ohio. All three will visit the campus of Kenyon College for a chance to become involved in Gambier politics.

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Concluding with a quote from Tennyson's "Ulysses," Nugent urged students, faculty, administrators, and staff members alike to remain committed to the cause of creating a new world.

Nugent says he has confidence in Kenyon's ability to undertake such a challenge, asserting that "Princeton is the Kenyon of the East." Many at Kenyon, in return, expressed their confidence in Nugent's leadership and enthusiasm about her presidency. Administrators, professors, alumni, trustees, parents, staff, students, and faculty praised her academic qualifications, her ability to foster a healthy relationship between the College and the community, and her skill as a leader and motivator. They also applauded Kenyon for selecting a female president for the first time.

Robert Eagles, Arthur W. Marks '79 Professor of Comparative Literature at Princeton University, commended Nugent on her scholarly achievements and expressed faith in her ability to "turn her words into many forms of action." Deborah Johnson Reeder '85, a member of the Gambier community, lauded Nugent's active role in strengthening ties between Kenyon and the community, asserting that "Kenyon's role has changed from college to community."

Both R. Hutchins Hodgson Jr. '61, President of the Alumni Council, and Professor of Religious Studies Miriam Dean-Otting '74 said they are pleased that Kenyon now has a woman president.

Dean-Otting pointed out that the abstract concepts of wisdom, justice, courage, insight in action, and soundness of mind are all feminine nouns in Greek, and that "the abstract concept of wisdom is very much a woman's vision throughout the literature of late antiquity.

Dean-Otting said she hopes that Nugent "will continue to manifest many of the characteristics that are ascribed to wisdom," and she praised the President's "intelligent and humane spirit.

Student Council President Tim Susman '04 further called on Nugent to "seek out the active involvement of the student body [as] engage the students through frequent dialogue, [and to challenge] them to live up to the [nobly] model principles and to leave behind a better college than they found [when they first arrived]."

Philip H. Jordan Jr., President Emeritus of Kenyon College, presented the presidential medalion to Nugent, who subsequently took her seat on the presidential "throne," beaming triumphantly.

Despite the excitement of those involved, the inauguration ceremony was sparsely attended. Howard Sacks, Special Assistant to the President, estimated that attendance by 750 people was present.

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Nugent: Welcome to Kenyon

"From edge, reflection, and action, we will also increase Kenyon's capacity to act products of our time."
Here come the parents

Ready or not, here they come. And this isn’t just any game of hide-and-go-seek... this is late October, and that means only one thing: Family Weekend.

It’s time to replace that row of Natty Light cans you’ve so proudly of with photos of your sister and a few empty OJ bottles for good measure. The same goes for all of our voices—if we’re not ready to explain them, then we’d better have a plan for hiding them.

Maybe this weekend should be renamed Family Invasion Weekend. As often as we refer to the Hill as an idyllic bubble, shovel down the days of daily grind, we’ve also kept safe inside this academic atopia from answering to just about anyone. There’s nobody to make us get up in the morning, go to class or eat our vegetables. We set our own ultimatums and face our own consequences.

But Family Weekend changes all that. We can’t shut in the servory because Mom and Dad are standing there. No more nicotine fix after a frustrating class, because your fifth brother went with you and has a few hundred questions on Freud’s “oral fixation” concept. Some face even more serious concerns. Say you’re “out” as gay on campus, but haven’t even thought about telling your parents. How do you hide something like that?

What’s more, a fluke in scheduling means that this year’s Family Weekend falls on the same night as the infamous Underground Halloween parties—better rethink that Satan Wrap costume.

Even for those of you who may live more conservative lifestyles at Kenyon, there remains a difference between the Hill and the Home. On the Hill, you can go to church, stay at home working on Friday night, run countless extracurriculars when others are partying, because you choose to do so—we make our own choices. What is expected at home can be natural on the Hill.

The Hill is that one part of the world—i.e. in many respects, it’s very nice to have our parent’s swing through from town to town to time. Our parents feel good after a visit, because they’ve seen that we’re still alive. We’re still “at home” or “at school,” as our friends keep pointing out with our professors. Not to mention the fact that, in most cases, they’re ones footing the bill for our largely daily existence.

Perhaps it is this very tension, in fact, that offers the beauty of Hill and of college, however. We are, for four years, both independent and grounded—we live on our own, but always with the knowledge, which is both assurance and regulation, that family is at hand.

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Newer world losing the old?

Kenyon’s should celebrate, not scorn, its Episcopalian roots

By Amy Bergen

The past weekend’s Inauguration ceremonies, amid all the high- lighted years of Kenyon tradition. Prayer began and ended Saturday’s Installation ceremony. By anyone’s standards, the blessings of the divine and repeat the Latin phrases we have heard for years, even as we seek that elusive “newer world.”

We also struggle to include, to temper every ceremony and every action with political correctness, to embrace every tradition equally, as evidenced in Sunday morning’s interfaith service. The service was lovely, the words well-chosen and the spirit of celebration evident, but I wonder if it was necessary, for it is to take the time and place of the long-established Episcopal communion at Harcourt Parish.

I know it was only one special week, but this is only one example of a change that I fear may overcome Kenyon in the next few years; a subtle change that would shake the College’s foundations more than any Master Plan.

What I admire most about Kenyon is that our small intellectual life and the wonderful people, is the exquisite balance between an inquisitive college that meets the needs of a wide and growing range of student and faculty beliefs and an unsophisticated college with a strong tradition of faith. We sail our boat to new horizons, but we keep our anchor. The Church of the Holy Spirit is still in the center of campus, its spire visible from atop the small hill outside the RFC. Where are Caples and Peirce Tower hide behind the trees. We have never forgotten that Kenyon was founded—as were many current high-caliber universities, including most of the Ivies—in a religious tradition as a place to study something above and beyond oneself, to look upward as well as inward.

Between the College’s founding in 1824, and the college has changed, the College has changed with it, keeping pace with the newest ideas and methods of thought and belief. As it should be, all backgrounds and beliefs. Kenyon is listed in guidebooks as more liberal than conservative. We write and protest, debate with evangelists and comment on the events in Palestine. We strive for inclusive writing when writing papers and articles. We emphasize to prospective students that no one needs to believe anything in particular to come here.

This is fine and good, up to a point. Even as society progresses, the facts remain—we are a school with a religious heritage. There is a stone cross between Hanna and Old Kenyon. Many of our philosophy, political science and English syllabi read like an all-star line-up of dead white males. Many of these dead white males looked at the world from a religious world, if not distinctly Christian, this is true. Somehow, somewhere, a kind of shame seems to have crept into our collective consciousness, a feeling that we should be uncomfortable with these facts, or even fall head over heels apologizing for them.

This is not a mindset unique to Kenyon. Universities across America—public and private—large and small—seem to be turning in the direction of historical revision, tackling another “post” or post post modern, straining to create discourse so inclusive that it becomes meaningless. We are afraid to offend, to appear stuck in an elitist, exclusive past. We never want to risk the alienation of that one person who doesn’t believe in God or democracy or genders or whatever, so we add qualifiers to our language, tiptoe around the points we are trying to make, and tell prospectives that, just because we have a campus, we’re all absolved and some preachers in town, nobody at Kenyon would dream of passing for bigots.

No matter how progressive we are, we never feel that we are progressive enough. I’m not sure what we’re so anxious in limps—or afraid to upset. A new generation of students? The academic community? The world as large? Where did we get the idea that the more “progressive” and “liberal” and “non-traditional” we are, the better? There is a difference between accepting all beliefs and molding our own to fit all of them until we find that we have no clearly defined beliefs left.

In Kenyon’s case, its Christian traditions make it what it is, and they ought to be celebrated. We need not excuse all the anachronisms perpetuated in the name of Christianity in order to see its relevance. We can respect Western tradition and Eastern tradition at the same time. Religion need not be a dirty word. Nor does faith, for that matter. Dante was seeking Paradise, after all. President Georgen Nugent is as blessed to be here as we are honored to have her. Our heritage of faith—passing on our personal standards by looking not only outward and inward but upward—is part of what makes Kenyon’s intellectual foundation so solid, and its spirit so humble and magnanimous despite a history of achievement that might well justify pompom. We should not be worried about fitter electorate of “progressivism.” In this respect, at least, we have nothing to be ashamed of, and no reason to compromise.
Recent history offers credence to Israel’s claims

Conflict in Middle East lacks perspective: Israel has the right to defend itself from Palestinian aggression

By Michael Inlander and David Donadio

Guest Columns

Nick Kwiek begins his recent op-ed as an examination of a conflict in which Israelis, Arabs, Palestinians and Americans are dying, but while he initially discusses terrorism in all its forms, he ends up telling us that the Jews have it coming.

What he presents as a serious attempt to make sense of a complicated conflict is, in fact, an unequivocal condensation of Israeli policy, in which he fails to acknowledge any event that calls his argument into question—or to systematically deny their existence.

Kwiek completely ignores the fact that, while almost all Israelis support the creation of a Palestinian state-side-by-side with Israel— even after three years of terrorist attack—few Palestinians support the continued existence of Israel.

At Camp David in the fall of 2000, Yasser Arafat rejected former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak’s offer of Palestinian statehood without preposing an alternative, because any solution that leaves Israel in existence would be a failure of his life-long goal to destroy it.

Kwiek writes: "Yasser Sharon and the PA have missed their chance to be able to join the Israeli leaders in democratic elections. And, as recently as last week, the Palestinian Authority’s security forces—which, in spite of Kwiek’s claims of American aloofness, the US trained during the ‘90s—were implicated in providing intelligence on the location of an American convoy that was bombed in Gaza. In that attack, Palestinian terrorists deliberately killed three Americans who were on their way to interview Palestinian applicants for Fulbright scholarships. Doesn’t this suggest a rationale for American policy toward Israel and the Palestinian Authority?"

"No country that wages a continuous war on a civilian population—even in the sacred name of the War on Terror—should be seen as an equal nor should be protected by the international community," Kwiek writes. "It should not be hoped to be counted among the civilized nations of the world."

Those who have to support Israel’s recent air strikes in Syria to recognize that Kwiek denies any evidence that might make a case for it. Does Kwiek know that the same Israeli bombed was in fact a terrorist training camp, or that Israeli prevented al-Qaeda footage of its participation in the attack, or that the Syrians closed the area to international journalists immediately after the attack? No.

Does he provide evidence that Israel wages a continuous war on a civilian population—that is, evidence of acts Israeli performs with the intention of killing Palestinian civilians? No.

Worst of all, Kwiek employs a laughable moral double standard. If he wishes to hold all nations that harm civilians to account—and even if he believes that there is a difference between those that do so accidentally, such as the US and Israel, and those that do so intentionally—Kwiek might acknowledge that Syria killed 20,000 of its own people in Hama in 1982. By its own logic, Syria should hardly have a voice in the international community.

We would imagine Kwiek doesn’t want Israeli or Israeli Arabs to keep getting exonerated by suicide bombings at Palestinian funerals, but he doesn’t seem to care that that is what would happen if the Palestinian Authority continued to supply Hamas. Our allies are blackmailed by this claim and its implicit threat: "We have nothing against the Jews; I just think they have no right to defend themselves."

History of hostility evident in voices from the past and present

By Michael Cooper

Guest Columnist

In thinking about how to respond to Nick Kwiek’s opinion piece, "Israel fosters new violence," which appeared in last week’s Collegian, I came to the conclusion that the words of Arab and Palestinian leaders past and present provide a clear and accurate response to his erroneous claim that Israel is to blame for the war and the battles that are taking place between Israel and the PA for the terrorist organizations responsible for the bombings of restaurants and bars, shootings and attacks against Israeli civilians.

"Our fundamental condition for cooperating with Germany was a free hand to eradicate every last Jew from Palestine and the Arab world," I asked Hitler for an explicit undertaking to allow us to solve the Jewish problem in a manner befitting our national and racial aspirations and according to the scientific methods invented by Germany in the handling of its Jews. The answer I got was: "The Jews are yours."

From the Memoirs of Haj Amin El Husseini, Mufti of Jerusalem, the spiritual and political head of the Arab and Muslim community of Palestine

"I am not solely fighting against Israel itself. My task is to deliver the Arab world from destruction through Israel’s irregime, which has its roots abroad. Our hatred is very strong. There is no sense in talking about peace with Israel. There is not even the smallest place for negotiations."

Gamal Abdel Nasser, Oct. 14, 1956

Our forces are now entirely ready not only to repel the aggression, but to initiate the act of liberation itself, and to expel the Zionist presence in the Arab homeland. The Syrian army, with its finger on the trigger is united ... , a military piece of which the time has come to enter into a battle of annihilation.

Hafez al-Assad, May 20, 1967

"Arab policy at this stage has but two objectives. The first, the elimination of the traces of the 1967 aggression through an Israeli withdrawal from all the territories it occupied that year. The second objective is the elimination of the traces of the 1948 aggression, by the means of the elimination of the state of Israel. This is, however, not an abstract, undefined objective, and some of us have erred in coming up with the latter step before the former."

Muhammad Hikmat, editor of the weekly Al-Quds and Egyptian researcher, Al-Masarr, February 25, 1971

"The Palestinian people accepted the Oslo agreements as a first step towards a permanent arrangement, based on the premise that the war and struggle on the ground is more efficient than a struggle from a distant land ... for the Palestinian people will continue the revolution until they achieve the goals of the "Glorification."

Abd El Aziz Shafiah (Palestinian Authority Minister) Al-Assayma, May 30, 2000: "The 65 revolution refers to the founding of the PLO and the creation of the Palestinian covenant that calls for the destruction of Israel via an armed struggle.

"If we agree to declare our state over what is now 22 percent of Palestine, meaning the West Bank and Gaza, our ultimate goal is the liberation of all historic Palestine from the River to the Sea ... We distinguish the strategic long term goals from the political phased goals, which we are compelled to temporarily accept due to international pressure."

Fathi Fathi, Al-Ittihad, June 27, 2003

The solution to this fifty-year old conflict is a two-state solution. The creation of a Palestinian state whose government and representatives agree to end its hope of destroying the State of Israel. Successive Israeli governments and the majority of the Israeli citizens, from the 1930s to the present, have long supported this solution. One cannot say the same about most Palestinian and Arab leaders. Until those who govern the Palestinian community decide that the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza is more important than their desire to destroy the Israeli state, this conflict will unfortunately continue for some time to come. When it comes to questions of responsibility regarding the Arab-Center, I hope the Kenyon community will be discerning and careful readers when reaching their conclusions.
The inside scoop in the Peirce Hall tower: Collegian staff members strive for excellence in journalism and Christmas lights in the office

BY CHARLOTTE NUGENT

Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered from whence comes the wisdom of journalism that is The Kenyon Collegian? Read on, and wonder no longer.

This year, the Collegian boosts a staff that is jam-packed with a diverse array of talent, and at the helm are senior co-Editors-in-Chief Robbie Ketcham and Gordon Umbarger. This is Ketcham’s second semester as Editor-in-Chief and Umbarger’s first, but neither are strangers to the paper; they have been writing for the Collegian since the first weeks of their freshman years.

“My freshman year,” says Ketcham, an English and political science major, “the Village of Gambier decided to purchase a ‘boot’ to place on the wheel of a parked car, if the car’s driver had too many unpaid parking tickets. I was assigned to the boot story, and was able to learn more about parking boots than I ever thought I would.”

Umbarger, an English and drama major, says he enjoys “the thrill of a late-breaking story.” When President Rob Oden was preparing to leave, it was the Collegian that broke the story of his taking the Carleton College position [of President]. Before any kind of announcement was made. We had a great time making phone calls, doing research and writing the story all night in time for publication the next day.

Taryn Myers ’04, a psychology major with a women’s studies concentration, is Senior Production Editor. Although Myers was editor-in-chief last year, she “decided to step down from that position in order to focus on academics and applying to Ph.D programs.”

Writing for the newspaper has offered Myers an insider’s view of the school’s top administrators. “My favorite articles have been when I get to interview the presidents of the school,” she says. “I’ve been through three different presidents now—Oden, Sharp and Nugent—and each is a delight to interview.”

Feeling over the News department of the Collegian this year are Amy Bergen ’04 and Isanka Kodithuwakkul ’05. Each has been writing for the paper since her freshman year. Among Bergen’s favorite stories was a piece on the statue donated to the campus by Kenyon alum Graham Gund. “(Gund) was really nice and polite,” Bergen says. “The man really loves Kenyon, whatever people may think.”

The editors’ plans for the newspaper this year vary. “I’m more of a features writer, but I’m working as an news editor to help out,” says Kodithuwakkul, a math and international studies double major.

Says Bergen, “I’d love to get more people into writing news, since it can be really good for you, not only as a writer but as a Gambier resident. And I keep meaning to put up Christmas lights in the office.”

This year’s Opinion’s editor is sophomore Mick Reynolds. “One of the things I’d like to see the opinions page do is focus, as much as we can, on Kenyon issues,” says Reynolds. “I’d never want to discourage people from writing on non-Kenyon [issues], but this is Kenyon’s newspaper, and what better forum to discuss issues (related to) Kenyon College than in the opinions section of the newspaper?”

Headlining the Features section this year is Features Editor Willow Belden ’07. Belden is a first-time Collegian writer and editor.

She says her experience as a reporter for the paper so far has been a positive one. “The other writers and editors are fun and exciting,” Belden says, “and I’ve met a number of interesting faculty, staff and community members while researching articles.”

Jesse Lewin ’05 and Todd Demold ’06 are this year’s editors for the Arts and Entertainment section. Lewin is also distribution manager.

In charge of the Sports section are Executive Sports Editor Jay Helmore ’04 and Sports Editor Liam Haggerty ’06. Helmore, a history major, “would like to make the Sports section more exciting and well-written, and would like to maintain the standard of journalistic excellence we have had at the Collegian for the past couple of years.”

When asked about his favorite Collegian moment, Haggerty, a religious studies major, responds cryptically: “Gordon and the printer.”

Adding a visual element to the Collegian’s articles is this year’s photo editor, sophomore Kevin Guckes. A photography and studio art double major, Guckes has been taking pictures for the Collegian since the beginning of last year.

Business Manager Jamie Gesler ’06, a potential international studies major, says she hopes “to get more ads in the paper to raise money and help the paper’s financial situation.”

Online Editors Sarah Taylor ’04 and Erin Taylor ’04 are at their second year on the job. “With two online editors and several assistants,” says Sarah Taylor, a physics major, “we can get the entire paper—photos, cartoons and all—online by Thursday evening.”

Additional staff members include Managing Editor James Lewis ’04, Layout Manager Rachel Kessler ’04, and several copy editors who vary weekly. This year should be a successful one for the Collegian. “Already, many exciting things have happened,” says Ketcham. “We have new chairs in our office that, unlike our old ones, have backs.”

But there will also be changes and growth of a more profound nature.

“I’m really hoping to improve the quality of the paper,” says Umbarger. “This means sharp writing, asking the right questions and meeting deadlines. We serve a diverse and critical student body, and it’s hard work trying to please all of the people all of the time. It comes down to getting it right, every time.”

Ketcham also has plans for the publication. “I have three goals for this year. First, I want to make sure everyone on staff realizes how important they are to the final product. Second, I’d like to pursue some educational or development work with interested staff. Lastly, I’d love to work with other senior editors to update our style guide, and especially craft an ethics manual.”

Even the copy editors have aspirations for the paper. “I am looking forward to changing their to their’s,” says Lisa Rosenthal ’07. “I also hope to revolutionize the meaning of the word ‘peruse’ and let the world know that is does not mean ‘skim’ but rather ‘to read meticulously, with careful attention to detail.”

BY ELIZABETH MOORE

Thursday, October 30, 2003

Shutt to read scary literature in cemetery Saturday

Students and parents are invited to venture to the graveyard behind Rose Hall on Saturday evening from 3:30-8:30 for a reading of spooky literature led by Associate English Professor and EPSI Timothy Shutt. Shutt will read selections from Rimbaud, among other works. Everyone is welcome to participate by reading selections from their favorite scary texts, not to exceed seven minutes. The event is being hosted by NightCAPS (Celebrating Authors and Poets Society).

Wiggin Street students plan Halloween parade

The annual Wiggin Street Halloween Parade will take place this Friday at 2:45 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to watch students from Wiggin Street Elementary School show off their costumes in downtown Gambier.
Kenyon College Individual Events Speech Team
Co-capitains: Rob Loutsdell '05
Mary Thistle-Sled '04
Contact: kenskc@kenyon.edu
In existence since: last year

What do you get when you combine the intensity of team debate with the flair of actors in mid-soliloquy? The Kenyon Individual Events Speech Team. One of the newest groups on campus, the club was formed only last year. According to team member Ted Samuel '05, the team was started "because we had much experience in high school, and knew that Kenyon had enough talent to support a team."

"Individual events is a term used by the coaches in the middle of the presentation," says co-capitain Rob Loutsdell '05. "This sounds confusing, but it's the art of speaking."
The group competes in about five intercollegiate tournaments each year, sponsored by the Forensics Association. These tournaments offer chances for individual team members to compete in two different types of speaking events: limited preparation events and interpretation events.

Limited preparation events are exactly what they sound like. As Baccus explains, "Competitors do not get the topic for their speech until each round of competition begins. ... For some events, such as impromptus, the competitors step into the room and are given a quote. Using that quote, in seven minutes they are expected to write and present a coherent and eloquent speech."

Interpretation events allow speakers a bit more creative freedom. In these, "you pick your own piece to perform," says Baccus. "I've competed with a slave fairy tale and more mature works, such as Harry O."

"I've seen people use Tupac's lyrics. You could use the Bible. You could do a dress piece. It all depends on your personal interest."

Despite the club's short history, it has had considerable competitive success. At the recent recognition held at Bowling Green State University in September, the team is second only to three people and took fourth place.

"[Most] other teams had ten people," says Baccus. The Kenyon team competes in the speech and debate, forensics division, as opposed to large, and "last year at every tournament but one we got into finals, even though we only took three people," says Baccus.

In addition to placing fourth in the state and scoring four of its top five competitors qualify for the national tournament. The team was not able to attend national but has a strong showing at Baccus, this year will be different.

"We are heading to nationals even if it isn't kill someone," she says. The culmination of the team's first year of existence was winning the Kenyon College of Student Activities' award for Best Student New Organization. "It was pretty sweet," says Baccus. "It was just a hard-fought award."

The team also works hard to engage itself with film on campus and with residents of Knox County. "We try to get people interested in art," says Baccus. "We've had pieces at Kenyon's celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Right now, we're working with the Mondale Foundation to develop an after-school program at Mr. Vernon Middle School. We want people to enter competitions with languages [and wish to how to stand up in front of a group]."

Says Samuel, "One thing that I really like about the club is the opportunity to give back to the community. Last year, we performed some of our pieces at a retirement home and the Mount Vernon library. It was great to entertain people in a non-competitive atmosphere."

A unique aspect of the team is that it allows individuals to shine, while still being part of a larger group.

"You practice and compete with a team, which is there to give you guidance and support," says Baccus. "It's great."

Yet the participant is challenged as an individual. "You compete for national team membership or to replace a team member," says McGuire. "I can recommend individual events using one simple image—the next time you walk into a room full of people you do not know, would you rather be the person who can confidently stand before others and speak without apprehension, or would you rather dread every single instance?"

The team encourages anyone who may be interested in the art of speaking to give it a chance. "The team, as of today, has only four members. In my opinion, in a selective school of 1,500 bright students, the team should be 10 or even 20 times as large," says McGuire. "I hope that as the team gains exposure, more people will consider participation."

"Just come to a meeting," says Baccus. "Above all else, we want our members to enjoy being a part of this organization. We are a competitive team, and we are proud of what we've done, but we win with smiles."
Presidential Inauguration brings weekend of elegance and eccentricity

A classic address (left): Professor Robert Fagles of Princeton University addresses students and dignitaries alike at President Georgia Nugent's inauguration speech.

Passing the torch (above): President Georgia Nugent receives the medallion of her office from someone who has been in her shoes before, Kenyon's 16th president, Philip H. Jordan.

Presidential party (above): President Georgia Nugent trades in her academic garb for formal wear and dances the night away with sophomore George Williams at Saturday night’s Inaugural Ball.

Taking the throne (left): During the inauguration, President Georgia Nugent is all smiles as she seats herself in Kenyon history as the College's 18th president.

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'Though we come together on this Hill in a kind of pastoral haven for reflection, we must never lose sight of our commitment—indeed, our responsibility—to engage the larger world with the fruits of that reflection, to help to build a newer world.'

— President S. Georgia Nugent
Cohed and Cambria return

BY DAN ALPER
Music Critic

Last year, when the band Cohed and Cambria decided to follow up their album, Second Stage Turbine Blade, they garnered a decent amount of attention from both music critics and fans. For something a little different from cookie-cutter emo or metal, Second Stage Turbine Blade was a concept album and an attempt to record two songs named Cohed and Cambria. At times, Cohed and Cambria sound like the illegitimate child conceived by a haphazardly arranged tryst between At The Drive In and Rush. Although the lyrics seem derivative, with meanings that were difficult to decipher, visually the band took advantage of the album's high vocal register from frontman Nick Oliveri. The album's major theme is so high, many have instantly mistaken Oliveri for a female vocalist—and a few of them have even imagined distancing themselves from their emo contemporaries. On the strength of the album and an incendiary live show, Cohed and Cambria attracted a sizeable following of loyal fans.

Now, Cohed and Cambria are ready for where they left off with their sophomore release, Keep-

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Rings (1998)
Friday, 5:00 pm
Higley Auditorium

The source for 2002's The Ring, the Japanese cult horror film Rings was previously available in the United States only as a bootleg cassette.

Part of the mystery and suspense of the film came along with the fact that the actual tapes distributed on the black market closely resembled the unabated, weathered videotape in the film. Now in major distribution along with its American counterpart, Rings loses that element.

The film's scare tactics and suspense, however, are unaffected.

Two girls discuss a "killer videotape" that brings death to those who watch the tape one week after they view it. After one girl admits to having seen it a week ago, she and her three friends meet their horrific ends.

A curious aunt and her ex-husband decide to look into the deaths. After the two of them finally view the tape, they have several days to live as they try to avoid themselves. Their investigations take them to a volcanic island where a mother and daughter died long ago from rather suspicious circumstances.

Comparisons to the remake are inevitable, but thankfully, the film can truly be considered superior. While Gore Verbinski's remake stringed out the horror throughout the course of the film, Rings director Hideo Nakata knows for a long period of darkness. He builds up to fill the middle portion, building suspense into an explosive climax.

Cohed and Cambria return

BY DAN ALPER
Music Critic

Singer Elliott Smith passes away at 34

BY KATE TUFF
Singer Songwriter

When asked about her experience with musician Elliott Smith, Sarah Topol '04 said she discovered him in an alumni event at Kenyon. "I like his music for the lyrics," she said, "because they can be abstract or emotional." The outcry of news over Smith's recent death reached up the campus. Annie Bloom '04 discovered Smith on the Good Will Hunting soundtrack. "I heard him over and over again as I filed out college applications," she said. Tyler Rohr '06 describes Smith as having "one of the most distinct and innovative styles I've ever listened to encountered."

"Smith died at approximately 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Smith passed away at the age of 34 from a single stab wound to the chest that appears to be self-inflicted."

"Smith was known for his unique sound and for his impact on the music scene. He had a unique style that set him apart from other artists."

"I had the pleasure of seeing Smith perform in person and was impressed by his talent and creativity."

"Smith's music was truly innovative and influential. He had a unique sound and style that set him apart from other musicians."

"Smith's music was a powerful way to convey emotion and meaning. His melodies were memorable and his lyrics were powerful."

"Smith's music had a deep impact on me and I will always remember his talent and creativity."
Scary Movie 3 gives three times the satire

BY JESSIE KATZ
Film Critic

At the helm of the third Scary Movie is a new director, David Zucker, who has been the aged king of movie satire, whose past movies Airplane!, Top Secret! and Ace in the Hole have followed the slap-stick cliché for the past 20 years. With Scary Movie 3, scenes taken from The Ring and Signs constitute the main "plot," if one can call it that, though vignettes from films 8 Mile and The Matrix are thrown into the mix, as well. Charlie Sheen steps into Mel Gibson's role as the retired preacher whose consciences become prey to an alien crop circle. Anna Faris, fresh from the recent success in Sofia Coppola’s Lost in Translation, reprises her role of Cindy, now a television reporter who simultaneously investigates the crop circles and the terrifying circumstances of people dying seven days after watching a videotape.

As it has done with many hit actors before, Scary Movie 3 also resurrects—we can pressure with brevity—the careers of Simon Rex and Jessica Alba, who are suitably cast in a movie that is as its best when its actors are at their worst. The reason movies like this are allowed to get away with their harsh lambasting is because they recognize their own pointless artlessness, such as when Cindy lands her premonition for danger and then walks straight into a bomb mole, knocking down the crewman and the extras around her.

Writers Craig Mazin and Pat Proft manage a tenuous balance between jokes satisfying tired plot conventions and more blatant slapstick, so that endless Mike Tyson voiceovers are mercilessly ribbing. There are also more than a few clever cameos from the likes of Queen Latifah, George Carlin and a whole slew of rappers who I’m not sure realized that they were included solely to spoof themselves. The only missing cinematic victim in last summer’s 28 Days Later… too recent to be written in, but probably not so lucky the next time. Best assured, the Internet Movie Database already lists Scary Movie 4 as pre-production material for 2004.
Field Hockey doesn’t quit; takes 2 of last 3

BY MICHAEL REYNOLDS
Qnique Editor

While the Kenyon College
Ladies Field Hockey team has
played out their season, they
have had some rough starts this
year, and perhaps not
against their best enemy.

They ended their third
season with successive wins
against Centre College, 4-2,
and Transylvania University, 7-1.

The week began on a sour
note, when the Ladies were shut
out in their final in-conference
game to the Yeowomen of Oberlin
College. "I got screened on a
couple of the goals, which was
frustrating," said senior goalkeeper
Tamar Chalker, "but overall we
played hard, despite coming up
short."

Having been eliminated from
the NCAC playoffs at this point,
the Ladies turned their attention to
visiting Centre College of Danville,
Ky. On the strength of two goals
by junior Maggie Hill, a goal off a
penalty shot by senior Annie
Huston and first-year Julia
Sivon’s eighth goal of the season,
the Ladies turned back the Center
College Colours 4-2 in a Saturday
afternoon match.

The cold wind and rain
battered both the players and fans
who took in the Ladies season
final against visiting Transylvania
on Sunday afternoon. Despite the cold tempera-
tures, the Ladies hail the hot
hand to start, as junior Liz
Aragona and Sivon scored back-
to-back goals to give the Ladies an
early 2-0 lead. The Pioneers
answered the Ladies with a goal
of their own, and the score at the
half was 2-1.

However, the story of the
second half was a much differ-
ent one for the Ladies. Coming
out after the half, the Ladies’ offensive
aggressively took control of the
game and buried the Pioneers
with five second-half goals. "We
were in front of our goal the
entire second half, it seemed,"
said sophomore Lindsay Galvin.

The scoring barrage started
with Huston, who helped the
Ladies regain their previously held
two-goal lead when she found the
back of the Transylvania cage
early in the second half. Hill added
a goal only a few minutes after
that, and an offensive clinging to
to a one-goal lead at the half had
turned into a machine, registering
three more goals. It was Hill’s third
goal in two days.

Aragona scored back-to-back
goals just minutes apart, her second
and third of the game, and first-year
Sarah Pfeiffer capped the scoring for
the Ladies when she pushed the
Kenyon’s seventh and final goal past
the Transylvania goalkeeper, assisted
on the play by junior Claire
McGinn. In scoring seven goals,
the Ladies strategy seemed simple
enough: take as many shots as
possible. The Ladies guided former
center after besieged defense
and kept pounding away.

"We had so many chances," said
Galvin, “that we were just waiting
for some [of the shots] to go in.”

"We made great passes and
transitions, supported each other and
were able to put seven in the
goal," said senior Tai Chiappi,
who closed out her field hockey
playing career at Kenyon on
Sunday. "On Sunday, I think we
were really able to show all the
good ports of the whole season."

Aside from the offensive
power surge, the Ladies defense
also stepped onto the field ready
to play in the second half. Be-
hind the defense, the Ladies kept
the ball on the Pioneer half of the
field and pressured the Pioneer
come to make up and
defense gains against the Ladies for-
ward.

"We played like a team to-
day," said sophomore Kate
Pfimer, "and we looked like we
were genuinely having fun play-
ing the game of field hockey."

"As the Ladies end their third
season, they depart with a 7-0-

record, one win better than last
year. In a season that saw the
Ladies lose seven games by one
goal, the team members undoub-
tedly see themselves as a playoff
team. With the emergence of
several first-years that have made an
immediate impact on the team
this fall, the Ladies look to
turn some of these one-goal losses
into wins, which the Ladies hope
will propel them into their first
NCAC playoff appearance in re-
cent memory. With a long off-
season ahead of them, the Ladies
will have plenty of opportunities
to focus what looks to be a promis-
ing future.

Ladies win 2 straight; Brobts receives conference award

BY ANDREW HASS
Staff Reporter

With a conference win
against Wittenberg last week,
the Ladies Soccer team wanted
two more wins this week to end
their season on a high note.

Having been eliminated from
the playoffs, they faced
Earlham last Saturday and then
Oberlin yesterday, with a real-
istic, yet determined attitude.
What resulted was a spectacular
end to an otherwise average
season.

The first game the Ladies
played against Earlham proved
exciting, remaining a close
match throughout all 90 min-
utes. Those who looked at the
Earlham game as an easy
Kenyon win were surprised
when the Quakers were the
first to capitalize. Just two
minutes into the game, the
Quakers got an early lead by
shooting one past goalie
Emilee Kasir. ’06 off a direct
kick. Kenyon returned fire
however, and Annie Brobst ’07
bounced her seventh goal of the
season past Quaker goalie
Lori Hockenbury. With two-
goals, the Ladies took home
a 2-0 victory.

The Ladies continued their
winning ways with a 4-1 vic-
ory over Oberlin yesterday.
Details of the win, however,
were unavailable at press time.
This game was relatively
un consequential for both
teams, as they have both
missed the playoffs, but it was
a last chance for the Ladies to
prove what they were made of.
"I’m really excited about
the game, and I am looking for-
der to ending the season on
the great note," defender Meghan
Thomas ’06 said before the
game. The win at Oberlin
would indeed be a high to
achieve in the record of a team that
has seen its share of ups and
downs. "We’re still planning
for a long off-season considering we
had a new coach and a lot of new
players. We also had some big
disappointments, but we have
some more games ahead of us,
and I think we recovered from
them well," forward Stephanie
Hudak said.

The new players on the
team have been instrumental
cementing several victories
for the Ladies. The offensive
production of first-year Annie
Brobst in particular has con-
verted several games that
would have been long shot
wins into competitive matches.
Brobst, for her goal-scor-
ing talent, was awarded the
NCAC’s women’s soccer
Player of the Week award on
Monday. Her team-leading six
goals and two assists have
drawn major roles in several
close games. The Ladies may
have missed the playoffs, but
they can be confident know-
ing they have a rising star in
their ranks. With the wins this
week, the Ladies are 7-10-1
overall, and 4-4-0 in the con-
ference.
Never say never: Lords get first conference win

Kenyon falls 3-2 to Ohio Wesleyan after disputed goal; beats Earlham by same score for first NCAC victory

BY C.J. MITTICA
Staff Reporter

The Kenyon Men's Soccer team has had their fair share of difficulties this year, but the team has been steadily improving their play over the past couple weeks. The persistence that the team has displayed all season finally paid off this past week. The Lords put up a tremendous fight against top-ranked Ohio Wesleyan and only lost 3-2 on a disputed missed-goal call at the end of the game. Any bitterness, however, was soon erased as the Lords posted their first conference win with a dominating 3-2 victory over Earlham College.

"We know we've had the talent all year," said assistant Coach Oliver Slawson. "Over the past few weeks, our performances have been steadily improving."

"I think we've stepped up and played to our capabilities in these past couple games," said senior co-captain Jeff Emberton.

There was no doubt that last Wednesday's game against Ohio Wesleyan University would be immensely difficult, especially considering that the Battling Bishops were one of top ten Division III teams in the country. But the Lords (3-12-2 overall, 1-5-1 NCAC) showed no fear early, striking quickly for the first goal. Senior forward Duma Magakula took a long send from Emberton and was able to score a breakaway goal to put Kenyon up 1-0. Though the Lords played tremendously despite early on, the Bishops were able to scratch together two goals late in the first half to take a 2-1 lead. Kenyon was able to respond in the second half, as freshman Yoni Geffen headed home a towering free kick by defender Barrett Bohengler. Moreover, the Lords, experimenting with a 4-5-1 formation, were able to keep the OWU offense clamped down while generating scoring chances with only one forward. "We played with a new system to try and combat OWU's game," said Slawson. "It worked because everybody was able to play the new roles we asked of them."

The teams were locked in a tie late in the game, and it appeared as if the game was heading to overtime. A controversial play changed all that. An OWU midfielder put a shot on net with only 27 seconds left. Emberton, standing at the goal mouth, was able to kick the ball away. Yet, the line judge signaled a goal, and a stunned Kenyon team was forced to accept a bitter 2-2 loss.

"I thought we were at the goal line and that I cleared the ball before it crossed," said Emberton. "It's a shame the game had to end that way."

The Lords had to travel far for their next game against Earlham, but any possibility that the team would be lethargic was quickly erased. Emberton put the Lords on the board only a minute and a half into the game, blasting a goal off the feed from Geffen. But the Lords were not done yet, as Magakula notched another goal with a pass from senior co-captain Andrew Sheridan a mere four minutes later. In a flash, the Lords already had a commanding two-goal lead.

Earlham would notch a goal before half, but Kenyon would make sure that the Quakers had no chance at victory. Sheridan recorded his second assist of the day, this time feeding sophomore Rubin Miller for the Lords' third goal. That score would prove paramount, as Earlham put in a goal with only three seconds left. The Lords emerged with a 3-2 victory and their first win in the conference. "They didn't give up. They never rested with a two goal lead," said Slawson. "We kept going out and applying pressure. The score didn't reflect the game. It could have been 6-1 with the amount of chances we had."

The Lords' improved play over the past three games coincided with the first three starts of the year by senior goalkeeper Dave Handy. After sitting behind freshman keeper Rob McMillan the past weekend. Though they had done an outstanding job at Cornell, dancing circles around some of their bigger competitors such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Lords of Kenyon - who combined with Michigan for the International Team Match - and Kenyon B, Kenyon A came away with third place in the American Team Match and second place in the International Team Match. Kenyon B placed sixth in the International Team Match. There were some outstanding performances, by both veteran dancers and some newcomers. KCBD's President Kienna Sokolyskaya '04 said, "All the newcomers were fabulous." But a couple of them stole the spotlight, Amy Lorin '07 and Britain Wilcock '07 walked away with a blue ribbon for their performance in the American Smooth Newcomer Fox trot, as well as a second place ribbon in the Team. Wilcock also danced with Kelly Smallwood '05 for the International Standard Newcomer Waltz and Quickstep, for which they placed fourth and second, respectively.

While the newcomers were able to make their presence known, the veteran dancers were dancing up a storm. Competition coordinator Sara Murdock '05 said, "Becky Poynter [90's] danced better than she has ever before," and that Sokolyskaya "danced unbelievably well and has a blue ribbon for silver and gold Latin to show for it, not to mention a third place in open pre-champ which is the second most difficult category at any given competition."

Poynter and Jason Stewart, from Michigan, walked away with a plethora of ribbons for their performances in the American Smooth Bronze Waltz and Tango, American Smooth Bronze Waltz, Tango and Quickstep with the American Rhythm Bronze, Rumba and Swing. Murdock and Stewart placed second in the American Rhythm Bronze Cha Cha. Murdock also placed third in the American Smooth Bronze Waltz, Tango and Fox trot, dancing with Sokolyskaya.

The Lords and Ladies Ballroom Dance team are always ready to please with their time at Cornell. As Murdock said, "Despite 16 hours of driving, virtually no sleep and dancing in two and half inch heels for 10 hours, it was a fabulous competition."

Though much smaller, the KCBD's next competition was to be a tough one. Sokolyskaya said, "We were expecting to get the last place or close to it." However, the Lords and Ladies were able to win the team competition. There were four teams dancing and eight dances that people competed in, and the Kenyon College Ballroom Dancers were able to win blue ribbons in four of the dances. Brian Neenan '06 and Murdock won the American Tango, J.P. Barringer '04 and Sokolyskaya won the American Rumba and Murdock and Sokolyskaya combined to grab the blue ribbon for the American Mambo. Neenan and Sokolyskaya also won the International Quickstep. In addition to their four blue ribbons, Neenan and Allisson Whipple '06 grabbed a second place ribbon in the International Waltz, Barringer and Poynter placed third in the American Fox Trot and Poynter and Sokolyskaya placed fourth in the International Cha Cha. Wilcock and Whipple, who danced the International Jive, also placed fourth.

Although it is just the start of the Ballroom Dancers competitive season, they have already proven that they are a power with which to be reckoned. With this combination of seasoned veterans and talented newcomers, these Lords and Ladies appear to be on their way to another successful season.
Hiram's win over Lords snaps 21-game losing skid

Terrier running back sets new school rushing record as 34-7 trouncing of Kenyon ends team's epic dry spell

BY JAKE APPLEMAN
Staff Reporter

Going into the 2003 football season, there was one game on the Kenyon Football Lords' schedule that may have penciled in as a win. Everything else, it seemed, would be hard fought and hard earned.

After last year's 22-10 dispatching of Hiram in front of a ravenous crowd at McBride field, the Terriers were looking to make it back to the NCAA Division Three playoffs and a chance at their first victory of the season, the Hiram game this year seemed to be the one upon which Kenyon could coast. And why shouldn't Kenyon walk on Hiram field and walk all over the Terriers? They treated the Terriers like poodles last year. But one could have predicted the outcome of last week's game, unless they had something of equal way of knowing that the Terriers were going to snap their 21-game losing streak with a 34-7 pounding of the Lords.

Said freshman receiver Carlin Shorter: "We knew it was a prerequisite that went along with the fact that we lost a team that we thought we were going to lose to.

The Lords entered the game as a tough loss to Oberlin, a game that showcased the vast improvement at the defensive end and at the same time, the performance of that magnitude, even in a losing cause, against an opponent vastly superior to Hiram normally would indicate victory on the horizon. Unfortunately, the exact opposite took place on "Cleveland Browns Legend's Day" at Charles A. Henry field. With 20 Browns greats on hand the Kenyon offense has struggled through the past few weeks.

The Kenyon defense has been a game plan talk from ex-Brown Coach Sam Rutigliano, the Terriers turned into ferocious, Lord-mauling bulldogs. Terrier halfback Tim Anderson used Legend's Day to create his own little bit of history, running the Lords, as they picked up Kenya defense, unrecognizable compared to just a week ago. Anderson carried the ball 36 times for 224 yards, setting a new school record.

While Anderson's ground glory spoke volumes of Hiram's offensive dominance, their passing attack had its way, as well. Sophomore quarterback Max Kravitz, stifled by the Lords' defense only a year ago, had a banner day, passing efficiently for 225 yards and three touchdowns. The elusive Kravitz of a year ago was nowhere to be seen, as he represented Anderson's ground game.

"I was surprised that their determination to win was greater than ours," Shoemaker said. "I didn't think that would happen after what their record shows. We beat them the past two years for our only win each season. I thought they'd be satisfied with a game down by this point in the season, being 6-6.

Once again, the Lords began by playing solid defense in the first quarter. Hiram's first two drives were halted in points and they were stuffed on their third. However, the second quarter told a very different story. After stopping the Lords on what proved to be a crucial fourth and one in Hiram territory, the Terriers offense went to work, a type of work that hadn't been seen for 21 games.

Kravitz hit Papacostas on a 13-yard touchdown strike, and the Terriers' offense began its big day.

Kevin Guden

"The Terriers wasted no time in terrorizing the Lords defense on their next drive, scoring just four minutes and 11 seconds after they broke the deadlock on a 24-yard laser from Kravitz to Jannell Mutawakkill. The Terriers made it obvious with two quick scoring drives that the 4-1-1 was their offensive exhibition at Kenyon's expense. Mutawakkill caught five balls for 119 yards. Kenyon got back into the game on their first drive of the second half. Senior quarterback Brad Nevin tossed a six-yard touch- down pass to freshman running back Abby Coombs, who quickly covered 53 yards on seven plays.

Coombs rushed 21 times for 111 yards, continuing the resurgence of Kenyon's ground game, although these yards meant little because of continuing four-touchdowns on the board. However, unlike Hiram, the Lords had little to play big option and making it easier for the Terriers to focus primarily on the Lords' ground attack.

After the Lords made a game of it, Hiram struck back with a demoralizing four-minute and 33 second drive that went 21 yards for 86 yards, culminating with a little bit of Terrier trickery on a 14-yard reverse by Papacostas. He scored again, and the Terriers coasted to the win from there.

The Lords defense was led by Junior Casey McConnell, who picked up 14 tackles, including nine for a loss. Woodcock had nine tackles and an interception. On a day when the Lords had trouble on defense, the Terriers, last year's leading tackler was everywhere. Junior Ben Woodcock compiled nine tackles to his name.

Overall, the Terriers nearly outpaced the Lords two to one. But the scoreboard of 69 to 28 is a black-eye on this season of improvement for Kenyon, it shouldn't deter them from winning.

The Lords look to turn things around this Saturday as they take on Ohio Wesleyan at home at 1 p.m.

BY JAY HELMER
Executive Sports Editor

It's not easy being a running back. Sure, you wear a number on your back like everyone else, but it might as well be red and white target. You make your career attempt to run past 11 defenders, many of whom are nearly twice your size and dead-set on crushing you. Stepping up to this difficult task for the Lords this season is firm Alton Coombs.

In the year that the Lords hope will be the first in running a near-dead game around, Coombs has been one of the stars, often carrying the offense on his 60 1/2-pound shoulders.

Last fall, for the perspective class of '07, coming to Kenyon to play football, Coombs' voice echoed one question his sanity. The team was finishing up its second consecutive 1-9 season, and at the low point, injuries and other circumstances had shrunk the team to just 26 players. While Coombs, like many other Kenyon athletes, lures to Gambier for academic reasons rather than athletic, he understood the dire straits into which the program had fallen. Despite the seemingly grim outlook, Coombs and 19 other freshmen decided to come out for the Lords under the direction of new Coach Ted Stanley. In his first few games in purple and white, Coombs had run his way to the head of the class.

Coombs made his Collegiate debut against Centre College in the Lords season opener with 63 yards on 15 carries, and one reception for an additional 15. It was a rather inauspicious start, but it was just a taste of what the Boston native had to offer.

The next week, in his first home game—albeit at Mount Union's Arrowhead High School—Coombs busted loose. He ran for 102 yards and scored his first touchdown for the team, giving the Terriers their first win of the season. As ecstatic as his performance must have made the Kenyon faithful, the Bethany game turned out to be little more than an average one for the talented Coombs.

Since then, Coombs has pushed his season totals to 809 yards over eight games, including one with a mark for three consecutive firsts. He ran over Macalester for 162 yards, Denison for 151 and, this past weekend against Hiram, he ran for 114.

The Denison game was a particularly big one for Coombs, not only because the Big Red serve as Kenyon's de facto rival, "[it's a]

Kevin Guden

"I'd like to win" he said. But also because the running back for Denison went to a rival Massachu- setts high school to Coombs' Belmont Hill. Coombs' 809 total yards place him second on the team, behind junior quarterback Nick Stalick's 892. By himself, Coombs accounts for more than 80 percent of the third of the team's total offensive production. Coombs also has three TDs this season—two running one receiving—but he says, "The statistics are nice, but they are not the most important thing." What is the most important thing to Coombs and the Lords is winning, and, after an extremely promising and enthusiastic start at 2-2, the Lords have dropped six straight, the most recent being a loss to former bottom-feeider Hiram, a school that represented the lone win for each of the two previous Kenyon teams.

Despite the recent skid, the signs of life coming from Lords football this year are undoubtedly positive. Having a full sideline and more importantly, a sense of pride from football has been noticeable in Stanley and Coombs' first-season back Alley Coombs. "The team is perfect," Coombs said of his coach. This is only the beginning. Coombs and the rest of the freshman Lords still have more three years to improve and impress. Come on down, it will be fun to watch, and you might just catch Coombs running the Lords to victory.
Equestrian team jumps to 3rd and 4th place finishes

BY ANNE POMEROY
Staff Reporter

This past Saturday and Sunday, Kenyon’s Equestrian team competed in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association’s Hunter Seat Horse Show, held by Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Kenyon came away with a fourth place team finish on Saturday and a third place team finish on Sunday, beating teams such as Berea and Lake Erie. Ohio University placed first on both days.

At Saturday’s competition, Kenyon’s top finishers included junior Lindsey Eckert with a first place finish, sophomore Tracey Segrist with first and third place finishes, junior Julie Devine with two second place finishes and senior Whitney Brown with a second place showing. On Sunday, Eckert had one first place finish and one second place finish. Segrist had first place and third place finishes, and Devine followed with a second place finish. Other top finishers included Brown and first-year Chris Hanswalt, both placing third in their events. On Sunday, Lindsey Eckert was Reserve Champion Highpoint Rider of the show, finishing just after the Champion Highpoint Rider. Other Kenyon team members competing over the weekend included senior Tori Steen, first-year Shantoon Selerowski and junior Blythe Philips.

The Equestrian team also took part in the inaugural events over the weekend. At the barn where the team practices, they had presentations in high jump, grand—something like synchronized riding—and dressage, the latter two presented to music. These various events were performed for Kenyon alumni and trustees.

This year, Kenyon’s Equestrian team has 17 people riding with eight showing over the weekend at Ohio University. The team, which includes nine returning riders from last year, is led by co-captains Steen and Devine.

Unlike a lot of other college teams, many of the Kenyon riders describe their team as “unique.” “We have lots of fun when we show,” said Eckert. “While we are there to win, we’re also there to enjoy the experience.” The Kenyon riders point out how well they perform against larger teams such as Lake Erie College, where the school contributes well over $100,000 to their various equestrian programs and owns around 100 horses, compared to the six that Kenyon leases. Devine says that Kenyon’s success against these highly competitive schools can be attributed to “the team’s hard work.”

In the equestrian competitions, there are two different categories of contests. These different types of events are flat classes and jumping classes. The flat classes are based on how well the rider rides the horse, placing particular importance on body position, posture and the riders technique. In the flat classes, the rider demonstrates her ability to have the horse walk, trot and canter. The jumping class is based on the riders’ level of skill. The jumps get increasingly higher, reaching about three feet in height. For the jumping classes, the event is set on a patterned course, which makes it an easier event to judge, depending on whether or not the rider follows the course.

One of the hardest parts of collegiate equestrian competition is that, when the riders arrive at their competition, they are given an unfamiliar horse. “It’s one thing to jump your own horse or a horse that you are familiar with, but to just hop on a strange horse puts a lot of pressure on you,” said Eckert. In addition to riding an unfamiliar horse, when the riders arrive at a competition they get absolutely no time to warm up on the horse. Devine compared the difficulty of these circumstances to “running a race without being ready.” Nevertheless, the team relishes the opportunity to compete in these various equestrian events.

The teams next competition will be held Nov. 8-10.

Ladies Volleyball finishes fourth in home tournament

Kenyon goes 1-3 as host of the annual Kenyon Invitational, sweeping Theil for their lone victory

BY D.D. CARDEN
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Ladies Volleyball held their annual Kenyon Invitational Friday and Saturday of last week in the temporary gymnasium. They went 1-3 in the tournament, beating Theil and losing to Bluffton, Case Western Reserve and Heidelberg.

They came in fourth of six teams, beating out conference rival Denison, who placed fifth. Although they did not come away with a winning record, they kept each match close and swept their match with Theil. The match against Bluffton went into five games (16-30, 30-20, 30-24, 27-30, 15-12), and they lost to Case Western Reserve in four (30-23, 21-30, 24-30, 28-30).

The Ladies showed real talent in all the games, culminating in a brave fourth game. Coach Pam MacPherson does not look at the weekend as a losing experience. “Although our record for the weekend didn’t show it, I think we had a successful weekend in many other aspects,” she said.

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Perhaps the most telling in this respect was their fourth and final match, where they left the tournament with true grit, hanging on and proud, giving the ultimate winners of the tournament, Heidelberg, a run that kept fans gripped. Although they lost this match in four games, the Ladies did not let up and left the match on a high note, feeling the unity they sought out to accomplish. “We played like a team,” said freshman Sarah Brieschke. “And that was our biggest goal for the day.”

“The team really came together for our last match and played like one unit, rather than a bunch of individuals,” agreed MacPherson.

“We regrouped as a team before the last match,” she said, “and came out a whole new team.”

Each of the first two games was decided in 32 points, with matching scores of 30-32. Heidelberg winning both of them.

The games ended almost identically: the Ladies would hold it together for the very last points, tying the score at 27, and battle all the way through.

Incredible kills by senior captain Sarah Wild and freshman Patrice Collins, as well as pinpoint taps past Heidelberg’s defense by sophomore Katie Walker fueled the Ladies’ energy and enthusiasm. The Ladies clinched the third game. The Ladies led Heidelberg most of the game, when Heidelberg made a final but futile run, scoring four unanswered points that brought the game to 23-19 and eventually tied it at 25. The Ladies battled it out to win 30-28.

“We learned from our failures and improved because of them,” said MacPherson. “That is all I can ask for.”

In the fourth and final game the Ladies fought until the end, running in the very end with earth-shattering attacks by Collins, until Heidelberg took the tournament by defeating the Ladies in the last game 22-30.

It was not a down note for the Ladies. Instead, they were able to regain themselves for these last games, showing a real sense of teamwork and strength at the finish which they have been working toward all season.

“We didn’t play our best at times this weekend,” said MacPherson, “we regrouped as a team before the last match and came out a whole new team. In that way, I think the weekend was a success.”

The Ladies play their final matches of the season against Shawnee State and OU-Morton on Nov. 1. And now, their record stands at 14-19.

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Security officer challenger veteran township trustee

McLarnan: Work with College, Village, residents

BY CHARLOTTE NUGENT
Staff Reporter

Candidate: Doug McLarnan

At age: 55

Education: B.S. in education, Kent State University, 1971.

Occupation: Retired; was social worker in Knox County for 28 years. Currently College Township trustee, director of operations for Knox County Park District, seminar coordinator for a Wisconsin company.

DM: What issues will be your chief focus if you are elected trustee?

DM: What local issues would you concern you as a township trustee?

DM: What are the main issues: The first is the 40-day operation of the township—roads, zoning issues, environmental issues, cleanup. If somebody knocks down a sign, we don’t have a road man—we trustees do a lot of the everyday work. Secondly, a big part of the township’s responsibility is the fire department, ensuring it will function in an efficient manner. The fire department is running at a high level of efficiency, right now, and finding resources to support that in the future is a concern. We have a lot of demands and a very narrow funding base.

DM: What other local issues would you concern you as a township trustee?

DM: The overall planning and development of the township, trying to keep the best of what we’ve had and looking at what’s going to come along and how to fit that in with the community. The community has four parts—the village, the college, the township, the residents. All of these things are interlocking, and trying to balance the needs of all these different groups can be tough decision-making sometimes. Whatever [Kenyon’s Master Plan] ends up doing, it’s going to have an effect upon all of the residents around here. The overall objectives of the plan I don’t have a problem with, but...it would affect our operational plans. That’s where the relationship is.

DM: What policies and/or projects currently supported by the township would you like to remain the same under your trusteeship?

DM: The use of the community, the ability of the people in the community to know each other, and be able to articulate the fact that if there is a problem there’s somebody there [to help solve it] I like the feel of our community—that’s kind of a hard thing to describe.

DM: Is there anything else you would like the community to know?

DM: Planning [in government] is the number one thing, but implementing planning is another story. One of the [problems] in government is that sometime [people] have no idea what next step to take. I was a social worker for 28 years, and I experienced working with people to get things done. One of my best preparations was my profession, being able to listen, interpret, gain consensus and then take action.

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BY ROBBIE KETCHAM
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With widespread support among newspapers and government leaders—including Gambier’s representatives in the statehouse—state Issue 1 seems poised to pass. But some groups, including two of Ohio’s major farming organizations, have come out against the state constitutional amendment to allow bond sales for science and technology development.

In an interview with the Collegian, Ohio House Rep. Thom Collier (R-Mount Vernon) said the bonding measure would allow Ohio to benefit from the economic impact of technology innovation and would allow for private development. "With issue 1," he said, "we have the private sector, the private sector and higher education working together." But opponents, including Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and Ohio Farmers’ Union, say the bonding measure, while not raising taxes now, will lead to tax increases when the bonds are due in the future. Additionally, they say, that the issue could end up hindering private development, due to government support of some, but not all, companies. The farmers’ groups are also concerned about the risk of increased technology funding leading to cuts in agriculture expenditures.

For more, Collier said some of the technology research will be geared toward agriculture.

Security officer challenger veteran township trustee

Samuell: Seek timely replacement of fire equipment

BY CHARLOTTE NUGENT
Staff Reporter

Candidate: Jamie Samuell

At age: 24

Education: Mount Vernon High School, Ohio Fire Academy. Currently enrolled in Paramedic Program at Grant Medical Center in Columbus.

Occupation: Security officer at Kenyon College, employee at Village’s Bank.

TKC: Why do you want to run for a position as College Township trustee?

JS: I have been a resident of College Township for 23 years and have come from a family background of public service. I have a family of public servants—my mother and father have both held elected and volunteer positions in Knox County.

JS: What issues will be your chief focus if you are elected trustee?

JS: The township has an excellent volunteer fire department, but I believe it can be much better. I am concerned about the timely replacement of equipment, the safety of the firefighters, and optimum response times to calls. I would also like to see the township take the lead in creating a side-walk for the safe passage from the campus to the environment center and the Kokosing Gap Trail. In addition, I believe the visibility and right-of-ways on our township roads need improvement.

TKC: What other local issues would you concern you as a township trustee?

TKC: What policies and/or projects currently supported by the township would you like to remain the same under your trusteeship?

TKC: In what areas would you like to see improvements?

TKC: Is there anything else you would like the community to know?