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Gambier approves water rate increase

BY BRIAN NEEAN
Staff Reporter

Gambier Village Council approved 5.0- to 2.0 water rate increases at a special meeting Monday evening. Together, the new rates will amount to a net 17% increase in Village water fees.

Council passed two proposals, one increasing rates by 23% and one increasing wastewater rates by 10%. The increases come after several leaks in Gambier pipelines and years of subsidies from the Village general budget into a special water budget left both budgets with few funds. Council member Lee Cable was absent at the special meeting.

Around 20 community members attended the meeting, and former Mayor and Schlimmer was the first to address Council. He began by giving a brief history of the water rate increase and finished by chastising the Village for not paying close enough attention to the problem.

"It's been in the newspapers for... the last three years now," said Schlimmer, "and prior to that, if you weren't paying atten-

Winter doesn't slow FRA construction

BY MICK REYNOLDS
Sports Editor

Progress was the overriding theme of an update on the new Fitness, Recreation and Athletics (FRA) facility that Doug Zipp, special assistant to the president for student facilities development, gave to the Collegian last week.

Construction of the $60 million facility began last April, and the message received last week was quite clear: the FRA is on schedule to open by the fall of 2005.

However, students won't have to wait that long to see visual progress on the site of what was once Wetherime Fieldhouse.

One of the greatest factors that kept construction of the FRA on schedule has been the cooperation of the weather. Although bitter cold and ice have plagued Gambier recently, the coldest

Senate continues co-ed housing talks

BY AMANDA LEWIS
Staff Reporter

Kenyon Campus Senate decided on Thursday that co-ed housing will probably be implemented in a section of the new Apartments for the 2005-06 school year.

The possibility of introducing co-ed housing has been a major topic of discussion for both Senate and Student Council during the past weeks.

Dean of Residential Life George Barbuto said he supports co-ed housing. "My only concern is to make sure we're doing it the right way," he said.

The consensus among students, faculty and administrators is that more research needs to occur before any plan is implemented. According to Barbuto, various schools similar to Kenyon—Carnegie-Mellon, Wesleyan, Swarthmore and Haverford—have already implemented a co-ed housing program similar to the one Kenyon is considering.

Barbuto said the main reason for implementing co-ed housing would be to create more of a real-world environment in which students of opposite genders could learn how to live together. He said it may also create a more active off-campus community.

One challenge Barbuto predicted, however, is how to discourage coupling, or a boyfriend and girlfriend living together.

While Kenyon already has co-ed housing by hall, men and women living next to one another, there are currently no opportunities for men and women to share the same space.

According to Student Council President Tom Sustem, this is due to the fact that "we don't have any off-campus housing for Kenyon students because we're a residential college.

However, most agreed that it would not be difficult to create a simulation of off-campus housing in the apartments. When asked why students want co-ed housing, several people responded that it would provide another way to room with friends.

Lucy Martin, the independent student representative, said that co-ed housing would allow people to get beyond gender differences.

Although it was still debate about the effects that co-ed housing might have on campus, there was little overt opposition to the idea.

While several faculty members and students expressed curiosity about the urgency of co-ed living, considering that students see SENATE, page two

WEATHER OR NOT

Tonight: Partly cloudy. High: 40°F, low: 31°F.
Friday: PM showers. High: 50°F, low: 30°F.

Saturday: AM showers. High: 40°F, low: 25°F.

The Chasers, Kenyon's a cappella singing group, held a concert in Brandt Recital Hall Wednesday evening. Proceeds from ticket sales went to benefit AIDS research.

Kenya Galey
Council seeks changes to parking regulations

BY IAN KERR-DALTON
Staff Writer

This past weekend, Kenyon’s Student Council engaged in an animated discussion about parking on campus. Council passed a proposal from the Security and Safety Committee to modify the existing parking regulations. The proposal will now be considered by Campus Senate.

The legislation calls for parking spaces to be distributed to rising sophomores, juniors and seniors on a first-come, first-serve basis in April of the preceding year. Incoming first-year students would subsequently have the option of registering vehicles beginning in July, also on a first-come, first-serve basis.

As Student Council President Tom Susman said, “first-year students, we’re counting them in order to have that number, and you’re at the bottom of the list.”

Security and Safety Chair Steve Hands drafted the legislation in response to the so-called “parking crunch” that has occurred on campus years past.

According to the proposal, there are currently more cars on campus that we have space for, not including the remote lot. A new system must be put in place to guarantee that this problem does not occur in the future.

Vice President for Student Life Jen Jordan suggested attending the proposal so that parking spaces would be distributed based on seniority—first-timers, then juniors, sophomores and finally to first-year students. But that suggestion was rejected in favor of the originally proposed order: spaces would be given out to all sophomores, juniors and seniors at the same time; the re-arranging spaces would then be given to freshmen.

The legislation also calls for the creation of four parking permits, designated, similar to the current designations: “North,” “South,” “A镞” and “Remote.” North permits would be given to sophomores, juniors and seniors living north, and A镞 permits would not be available to residents of the A镞 Apartments. Allums, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Unlike the current system, those with a north permit would not be allowed to park in South Lot.

In an effort to prevent the “parking crunch” that occurred this year, the proposal makes it explicit that “the amount of parking spots issued for any designation should not exceed the amount of parking spots within that designation.”

Yet the proposal does not call for the immediate creation of any new parking spaces on campus to accommodate all vehicles on the main campus.

“When it comes down to it, your ability to park on campus is a privilege and not a right,” said Susman.

“We simply do not have the number of spaces,” he continued, “so give everybody a parking space that wants one.”

However, Student Council does anticipate that parking problems will be discussed in conversations about the campus Master Plan, a land re-development plan due to be released later this spring.

As discussed in the proposal, vehicle registration fees would remain the same as this year’s. Registration for the remote lot would continue to be free.

The Security and Safety Committee also suggested in the proposal that “the remote lot should be well-lit and a phone should be installed at the lot.” Such improvements would be especially important if more students are to use the lot next year.

The proposal also encourages Security to continue to provide transportation to and from the remote lot after dark. Transportation to and from the lot would also be provided before and after breaks.

Editor-in-Chief Robbie Ketchem assisted with this story.

Water: Rates may not decrease in near future

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Ramburg and Betsy Beer said future costs may be necessary. Beer said “the amount that we pay for the water is not the entire amount of the bill.” She referred to several capital expenses, such as repainting the water tower and paying the salaries of Village employees who work on the water system. The entire cost of the water tower is bringing our rate structure current. And as long as Mount Vernon continues to raise their rates, I have no indication that they’re going to stop that practice any time soon. We’re looking at at least 3% a year, probably for a long time. I’m not comfortable saying we’re going to be able to lower the rates any time soon. We’ve got a lot of catch-up to play from past (subsidization).

Several questions were posed about the continuation of the subsidy into the 2004 budget. When asked why a $25,000 loan to the water fund was needed even with the rate increases, Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary Samu-ell responded, “We tried to keep the rates as low as possible, where we thought that we might in the best case, break even. But we set aside $25,000 from the general fund, because if [the increase] doesn’t [pay all the water costs], we still have to be covered.”

The 2004 budget is particularly tight, with $92,207.28 in the general fund and items tightened across the entire budget, such as decreases in law enforcement from $125,000 in 2003 to $102,500 in 2004. $10,000 was allotted in the budget for leak detection. Emmert said that $10,000 will get us six months’ careful monitoring of the water we’re using. And it will also give us a certain amount of sound leak detection to figure out where the leaks are—enough to do the whole system. Now it is possible that repairing it will cost more than that.

The company the Village is using—Underground Utilities, formerly called Pipeline Leak Detection Company—has worked on the Village’s water system for several years and is familiar with the system, said Lenth.

Asked why this company was being used, Emmert replied that they did the job well in the past. And, he added, “I’ve checked with the EPA, and our consultant had recommended these people.”

Village Council members said they hope the leak detection and repair will be successful enough that a subsidy will no longer be necessary for the water fund in 2004.

“The water and sewer fund is supposed to be totally self-sufficient,” said Lenth. “Whatever money we make from them is supposed to stay in there, and whatever we have outside of that isn’t supposed to be used to subsidize that.”

Ramburg suggested that if the water fund starts showing a profit, the surplus can be used to repay the subsidies. But Emmert said, “We want to stop subsidizing the water fund. We do not want to go back and repay so-called past loans.”

Emmert compared Gambre-ent’s water rates to Cantonburg and Fredericktown, saying, “Our water rates are twice the water rates in those towns.” Those villages have their own water systems.

During the Council meeting, a motion was raised about the legality of residents digging their own wells. Ramburg said that it is not allowed.

“Part of it is the sanitation issue,” she said. “There are some septic tanks still around that have been grandfathered, particularly on Kokosing Drive.”

Several administrators said that before anything can be implemented, trustees and alumni need to be consulted and more research concerning the best manner of implementation needs to be done.

Correction

Several errors occurred in the Feb. 12, 2004, issue of the Collegean.

• Due to the page-numbering error, “Village plans for rate increase” inaccurately reported that the average water surcharge for a Mount Vernon city resident is 40%. In fact, this is the rate for a non-city customer.
• Due to publishing error, the page one candid photograph “Presidential Pirate” was inverted.
• Due to editorial error, the staff editors on page 4, “Student representatives seek choice: can students choose wisely?” inaccurately stated that Student Council led the way for drinking games to be banned. In fact, Council supported the repeal of a drinking-game ban.
• Due to staff error, the page eight article entitled “Seniors, faculty to "Fandango"” incorrectly quoted Associate Dean of Students Cheryl Coleman as saying that Fandango is a "wild Bacchacula." In fact, Steele said the party is not a "wild Bacchacula."

The Collegean apologizes for any confusion resulting from these errors.

Mayor appoints water committee

Mayor Kirk Emmert announced the formation of a special committee to investigate the possibility of an independent water supply for the Village at Monday’s Village Council meeting.

Members of the committee include:

- Kirk Emmert
- Doug Gehr
- Tom Lepley
- Lee Cubic
- Dick Busse
- Mark Ramser

Senator: Co-ed housing possible

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Can already live next door to friends who represent sex in a dormitory, most of the discussion focused on the steps that need to be taken before the implementation. Toward the beginning of the meeting, it was suggested that the co-ed housing could possibly be part of this year’s housing lottery. However, several faculty and staff members said that it would be better not to try to beat the clock.

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The main transformer has been placed in the basement of the FRA, and the boilers and chillers for the new complex are due to arrive at the construction site sometime this week, at which time they too will be placed.

According to Zipp, work is not limited only to the outer structure of the complex; new machines are also being tested, in hopes of finding the best possible machinery to place within the building.

"Athletic equipment presentations will continue throughout the second semester," said Zipp. Zipp said the FRA, when completed, will be a state-of-the-art facility.

"We traveled across the country picking and choosing different things," he said. Zipp said the interior and exterior walls of the building will be primarily transparent. Upon entering the FRA, the new 22-lane pool and diving area will be to the right. A large staircase will lead up to the second mezzanine level, where the coaches' offices and movie theater will be located. The stairwell will also lead to a viewing area for the various athletic and fitness areas.

To the left will be a multi-purpose court reserved for intramural sports and student and community recreational use. Set back farther from the court and pool entrance will be an information desk, where Kenyon students will be able to gain access to locker rooms and fitness equipment.

Zipp was quick to say, however, that "we're not out to put the Mount Vernon YMCA out of business."

On the exterior, McBride Field and Wilder Truck will be excavated and demolished, beginning in early March, as they lie partly in the way of where the new indoor track will be placed.

A new outdoor track and field will be constructed, located far enough away to accommodate the FRA. The field will be ready for use by the fall of 2005.

Plans to relocate the Kenyon College Athletics Hall of Fame are currently being discussed. The Hall of Fame will be located in the FRA after Ernst Center is demolished, though its exact location has not yet been decided.

Zipp explained that he hopes to add a mural to the Hall of Fame, with a timeline and pictures showing the advancement of Kenyon athletics through the years. The mural would be located on a solid wall outside the movie theater on the second floor of the complex.

In addition, Zipp said that names from the old athletic structures will be carried over into the new facility, although exactly where the commemorative names will be placed has yet to be finalized.

"Tomvich will stay as the name of the arena," said Zipp, though it is unclear what will be named Ernst and Wertheimer in the new complex.

Zipp and the construction crew will have their work cut out for them over the next few months. But as the cold and gray of winter fade into pleasant, construction-friendly spring and summer months, they can rest more at ease, having made it through their first winter being able to declare that the Fitness, Recreation and Athletic Center is on schedule.

YEARS AGO

February 12, 1954

College Men! Fly with the finest in the Air Force

An advertisement in this 50-year-old issue of the Collegian touts the Air Force as a "fast, exciting and rewarding career." Boasting a starting salary of $5,000 a year and an initial rank of lieutenant for college students, the advertisement features pictures of fast planes and a couple young ladies. "Pilot training begins at Lackland Air Force Base, where Aviation Cadets get three months of officer indoctrination."

February 20, 1975

18% admit cheating on campus

In a Collegian survey from this issue nearly 40 years old, 18.5% of students admitted to underlining "cheating" for themselves, 17.9% admitted to helping somebody else cheat and 5.8% admitted to submitting work that they had not done themselves. Six cases of plagiarism had been brought before the Faculty Committee on Regulations as of this issue, and according to Ben Drake, who served on the committee, it was not an unusual number.

February 20, 1986

Students disclose facts concerning cow incident

The "cow incident" described in this headline refers to a cow's hoof, which had been discovered some weeks earlier in a toilet in the men's bathroom outside Norton Lounge. Five members of Delta Tau Delta apparently found a dead and frozen cow off Route 308 and cut off its hoof to play a prank. The five were punished by the administration, although the punishment was not revealed. The prank, however, appeared to be unrelated to the fraternity.

BY ZACH STOLTZIUS
Islamic artist mends cultural rifts

BY JON STOUT
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Feb. 26, Kenyon will host a presentation by Islamic cultural activist and artist Fawzia A. Reda. Reda will offer a lecture on Muslim art and spirituality during disarray, followed by an interactive workshop focusing on Arabic calligraphy at 7 p.m.

A current resident of Minneapolis, Reda was a professor at the American University at Cairo and holds degrees in architecture, graphic arts and theater arts. She has since gained international recognition for her work as an artist and has given lectures worldwide on Islamic culture. Her paintings and graphic work are part of the permanent collections of the University of St. Thomas, the University of Minnesota and the Islamic Center of Minnesota. As an artist, she has worked with such organizations as UNICEF, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Solidarity Movement. In 1992, she founded Cultural Conjunction, a non-profit organization intended to promote understanding between Muslim communities and the West.

Born in Egypt to Lebanese and Turkish parents, Reda sees herself in a unique cultural position. "As an Arab-American, I belong to both communities and feel a sense of duty toward both communities to bring awareness of the issues at stake," she says.

Reda hopes that her presentation will help foster understanding between Islamic and Western cultures. "Learning about 'the other' is a key to sound understanding and appreciation," she says. "Mutual respect and cultural reconciliation is much needed to heal years of misconceptions. The presentation is an attempt to give this chance."

Although Reda involves herself in political issues—she is an active supporter of the Palestinian cause, including writing in an article for the Palestine Monitor Web site—she says the focus of her talk is on art, as opposed to politics. She prefers to see the opportunities available to both cultures in "a creative, non-threatening atmosphere," which she says may serve as a middle ground. She pointed out that the Islamic and Western communities have a great deal to learn from one another, differing among other things, the chance for Muslims "to delve deeper into the humanity of their faith, rather than mere rituals." Her hope is that the arts may allow Muslims and Westerners a better understanding of one another, and therefore ease tensions between the two communities.

The presentation is funded by SAMOS, Dean of Students Donald Omahen, Dean for Academic Advising Jane Martindell, the associate provosts, the Department of Asian Studies and the Office of International Education.

Pakistan warns film users not to ’shake it’

LONDON (Reuters)—Out- kast fans like to "shake it like a Polaroid picture," but the instant camera maker is warning consumers that taking the advice of the hip-hop stars could ruin your snapshot.

Outkast’s number one hit "Hey Ya" includes the "shake it" line as a reference to the motion that amateur photographers use to help along the self-developing film.

But in the "answers" section on the Polaroid Web site, the company says that shaking photos, which once helped them to dry, is not necessary since the modern version of Polaroid film dries behind a clear plastic window.

The image "never touches air, so shaking or waving has no effect," the company said on its Web site.

"In fact, shaking or waving can actually damage the image. Rapid movement during development can cause portions of the film to separate prematurely, or can cause ‘blobs’ in the picture," the company said.

A Polaroid spokesman added: "Almost everybody does it, think- ing that shaking accelerates the development process, but if you shake it too vigorously you could distort the image. A casual shake typically doesn’t affect it."

Polaroid said its film should be laid on a flat surface and shielded from the wind, and that users should avoid bending or twisting their pictures.

Of course, "lay it on a flat surface like a Polaroid picture," doesn’t sound nearly as cool.

Random

Moments

Why is the kiwi glowing?

"Maybe it’s a holy kiwi."
—Rich Bartholomew ’06

"It’s glowing."
—Michael Allen ’04

"The gravity of the giant kiwi causes the sky to bend around it."
—Adel Blake ’07

"Toxic crusaders."
—Hillary Stringer ’04

By Elizabeth Moore

FEATURES

Thursday, February 19, 2004

Warkentin wins award at Harvard MUN meet

A team from a small school learns about diplomacy by representing tiny countries Israel and Nauru

BY DAN GESPASS
Staff Writer

The Kenyon College Model United Nations team competed in Harvard University’s national tournament last month, representing two very different small countries: Israel and Nauru.

[The Harvard Conference] is the most prestigious Model United Nations conference in America," says team co-president Megan Barrett ’05.

Team member Tris Warkentin ’05 won an award for best delegate in the Disarmament Committee, which was dominated by the small Pacific island nation of Nauru.

"There’s nothing better than winning a delegate award when you have the most inappropriate country for the most inappropriate committee," says Warkentin, "[because] Nauru has nothing to disarm and they are in the Disarmament Committee."

Warkentin also says that being assigned Nauru "is kind of like an ‘in joke’ between [Harvard] and us, because, like Kenyon, Nauru is very small."

Warkentin won the award by proposing legislation that would have countries disarm at the same rate, so that certain balances of military power would not sway. In order to deal with the loss of jobs associated with disarmament, Warkentin’s legislation would employ former military workers in other services. Warkentin says he gives "a lot of credit to the team; they all worked really hard."

A collegiate Model United Nations conference consists of many different committees, in which students from different schools represent various nations.

The object of these committees is to write and pass legislation. Delegates take part in three types of debates: formal debate, in which everyone gets a certain amount of time to speak; moderated caucuses, in which the chairs of the committees call on delegates to speak; and unmoderated caucuses, in which delegates are able to mingle and speak freely.

Discussion, however, is not limited to the debates in committees. "It’s nice to have everyone involved in the program staying at the same hotel," says Barrett. "A lot of people are able to work outside committee time."

Kenyon’s Model United Nations team was created two years ago, and co-president Mike Laddens ’05 says the team has many ambitious plans.

The team will help staff and administer a high school Model United Nations conference in March.

The team also hopes to organize forums on specific political issues concerning international affairs, which would involve all Kenyon students and faculty who wish to participate. Laddens and Barrett say the club wishes to bring an international Model United Nations conference to Kenyon at some point.
Ethenobotanist discusses link between plants, culture

BY CHARLOTTE E. NUGENT

Features Editor

Prominent ethnobotanist Wade Davis will be on campus next Monday to give a lecture entitled "Light in the Edge of the World: A Journey through the Realm of Vanishing Cultures" at 7:30 p.m. in Roos Hall. His talk is sponsored by the Biology Department, the Anthropology Department, the American Studies Department and the Brown Family Environmental Center (BFEC).

"He is amazing," says Kristen Bierlein, student coordinator of Davis' talk. "He has such good stories—about zombies, drugs and people—and such good insight on the disappearance of cultures. This is not a talk to be missed.

Davis was born in Colombia and a graduate of Harvard University, Davis is well-known in the field of ethnobotany, the study of how cultures use plants. He has studied the relationship between plants and culture in such places as the Amazon, the Andes, Haiti, Borneo, Morocco, Jordan, Colombia and others. Davis is also a supporter of cultures that are on the verge of extinction. He frequently works on a book called Sheets of Distant Rain, based on the life of a tribal elder from the wilderness of Northern Canada.

Tizon advocates U.S. intervention

BY BRYLE SWENSON

Staff Writer

Next Wednesday, Feb. 25, Amnesty International will host guest speaker Orlando Tizon, a torture survivor and now the assistant director of the Torture Abolition and Survival Support Coalition. He will speak in Highey Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Tizon is originally from the Philippines, where during his young years he was sponsored by the Ferdinand Marcos regime.

AROUND THE COUNTRY...

Woolson's store evokes fond memories of past

BY ARIELE LUDWIG

AND LISA ISENHART

Collegian Staff

Our way on the Mount Vernon town square, we happened to pass by an antiquing shop on Main Street. The imaginative, bead-covered window displayed various objects that seemed to come from some other era—bric-a-brac, old books and jewelry. We entered. The store was to be a cornucopia of beautiful trinkets, loose beads and jewelry. The owner, Patty Hawel, led us wander freely to admire the variety of items in the store and eventually showed us off the classes of objects—eating utensils, rings and necklaces—having a tongue-in-cheek remedy for the winter blues. The most impressive craftsmanship, by far, were some of the clay items, especially the small faces perfect in detail from the display box in the front. Although the owner does not employ some of the traditional methods of the craft, she did tell us of the "therapy" aspect of making jewelry. In one store, three generations of women cut in to make bracelets on the day of the granddaughter's wedding. The soothing nature of creating jewelry or other adornments can be the perfect remedy for nerves or for a stressful day. We highly recommend that you check out this shop, if not to take a class, then at least to browse through some of its small treasures. It's truly a collector's dream.

If You Go...

Bear Therapy

227 South Main, Mount Vernon
993-2323

www.beartheraphy.com

The Woolson Co.

115 South Main, Mount Vernon
392-0936

In recent years, many people have been interested in items from the past and have discovered a love for antique and vintage clothing. The Woolson Co. is one of the many stores in Mount Vernon that offers vintage clothing and antique trinkets. If you are looking for a unique gift or a special item for yourself, visit The Woolson Co. and enjoy their wide selection of items.

We looked around in silent reverie, touching the beaded lampshades and sampling the wide variety of incense. Overwhelmed at the beautiful home decorations, we began discussing the amount of incense we had always secretly hoped to own: possessions ranging from cloth hanger-sheets to handmade pillows with strings pulled through.

As we verbalized our secret desires, the woman behind the counter welcomed us and told us that Woolson's was a four-generation business, enjoying its 135th year of business. She explained that, if we came in on a Saturday, we could meet the family, easily identified by her long white hair, sitting behind the cash register. She told us that Woolson's, in addition to selling Bear's Bees products, survivors, one of only two such facilities that exist in the United States, has made efforts to improve this. Tizon believes, help to further public awareness of the issue.

Amnesty International is a worldwide organization dedicated to freeing "prisoners of conscience," meaning those held for political prisoners, ending torture, political killings and 'disappearances' and abolishing the death penalty through out the world.

Torture survivor Tizon advocates U.S. intervention

BY ARIELE LUDWIG

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Collegian Staff

For work he did for the Bishop's Secretariat for Social Action and other groups that opposed the govern ment, he was arrested with a number of others in September 1982 and held in a prison camp in the southern Philippine island of Mindanao. Throughout his imprisonment, Tizon was denied legal representation and was often interrogated, beaten and tortured. It was not until Marcos was ousted from power in April 1986 that Tizon were released from custody. His four-year experience caused him to take up his present fight.

Tizon recently received his doctorate in sociology from the University of Chicago. He lectures and speaks around the country on the topic of torture.

One point Tizon stresses is the role that the United States government has played in support of governments that conducted state-sponsored torture.

In a statement in front of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus in 1999, Tizon said he "maintain[s] a critical stance towards U.S. foreign policies that support unpopular and undemocratic governments. It is this support that has allowed the Marcoses and Suhartos of this world to maintain, torture and kill their own citizens with impunity."

Tizon asks that more centers be opened in the United States for the treatment of torture survivors. Following his release from prison, Tizon was treated for over a year at the Kovler Center for torture survivors, one of only two such facilities that exist in the United States, has made efforts to improve this. Tizon believes, help to further public awareness of the issue.

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Fiscal wisdom a must for Gambier

A common rule for aspiring writers is to “kill your babies,” to tighten a written work by removing extraneous material that may be well-written and well-intended but is unnecessary. Following Village Council’s approval of two water rate increases on Monday evening, which Gambier officials say will increase net water rates by 17%, the rate hike will apply to local government, as well.

A rate increase for Gambier residents is necessary. A legal shadow has been cast on the past policy of subsidizing the water fund with money from the Village’s general fund. For far too long, Gambier has absorbed the costs of providing clean water, which supplies the Village as water, to increase rates without either actively seeking a less expensive alternative or passing some of those costs to the residents through more moderate rates. As an irony, the present government—governors then and present, citizens and this community newspaper—should have been more aware of this growing crisis, and should have made finding a solution a top priority.

Although a rate increase is necessary, it will carry many adverse consequences. Several residents at Monday’s meeting said that the water bill was among their highest municipal costs, and that such costs were driving away residents and prospective residents. As one noted, increased water fees will raise the cost of living in Gambier even more, resulting in even more challenges for lower-income residents who seek to live in the Village. Because Kenyon College purchases its water from Gambier, the increased rates could affect students’ room- and-board fees. Nearly everyone may feel the pinch of the increased rates.

Gambier must respond to this fee increase by making strict fiscal responsibility a priority for the coming years. Village Council was wise to trim its municipal budget for 2004, reducing the funding for such beneficial but less essential projects as the Shede Tree Commission in order to meet the looming need for water. This financial responsibility should be the rule, with only rare exceptions permitted.

Council should assure citizens that any increase in taxes or other fees will occur only if absolutely necessary, and should promote plans for a long-term fiscal stability. But even at Monday’s meeting, one Council member said that the general funds saved by not having to subsidize water could pay for other projects, such as paving streets, as long as the life of the vehicles is at stake. If these are necessary, then they are wise investments. Otherwise, Council members should carefully consider the need for such projects before approving them.

The water rate increase will likely affect nearly everyone in the community Council members, as well as the public, must respond by tightly overseeing spending and working to reduce any unnecessary costs—in short, the Village has to start killing its budgetary babies.

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OPINIONS
BY BRYAN STOKES II
Guest Columnist
Academic freedom has been debated and shaped throughout the ages. The unique exchange of information that constitutes this concept is important to respect, even when viewpoints collide. It also requires a certain level of freedom of speech and expression.

According to the article “Syllabus warned against fra- teral face,” published in the February 12, 2004, issue of the Collegian, Professor Joan Slon- czewski was recently required to change her class syllabus due to the complaints of two alumni. In her original syllabus, Slonczewski included a caveat to her students, recommending that they “avoid pledging fraternities.” This advice is hazardous to their health and your test performance.

To the Academic Affairs Committee, however, this mere warning sounded like an implicit threat. According to Student Council President Tom Sussman, the syllabus “sent the wrong message” and could “make people feel un- comfortable.” As a result, this committee eschewed private consultation with Professor Slonczewski herself, instead directing her to change the syllabus. Because she is the highest academic officer of the college, President Georg- gia Nugent and Provost Greg Spaid. In this meeting, she said that she was told her “exercise of free speech would cost the College a lot of money in legal fees.”

One must question the nature of a college which values the comments of two alumni above and beyond the academic freedom of a tenured and respected professor. Any academic setting will breed at least some modicum of controversy. It is the man-ner of addressing such contro- versies that respects most upon the College. To borrow the words of words of the late Senator Warren, “The essentialit of freedom in the community of American universities is almost self-evident. . . To impose any strait-jacket upon the intellectual leaders in our colleges and universi- ties would imperil the future of our nation. Teachers and students must always remain free to inquire, to study and to endeavor, to gain new maturity and understanding, otherwise our civilization will stagnate and die.”

Had Professor Slonczewski’s statement of warning expressed an intention to discriminate in grading against students participating in fraternities in the Greek system, it would certainly merit serious investiga- tion by the College administration.

Academic freedom certainly includes the right to make a distinction between students and independent students. It is the activities involved in pledging and the associated hazarding themselves that, in Slonczewski’s opinion, constitute a strong danger to a student’s grade in her course.

One cannot help being sur- prised about the College’s reaction to this statement. According to the article, none of the students enrolled in the course, nor any of Slonczewski’s biology colleagues, lodged any complaint concerning this syllabus.

Although this occurrence itself has been resolved and this incident, in the grand scheme of things, is rather unimportant, the resolution does set a rather dan- gerous precedent. One that each member of the Kenyon community should find troubling. The rights of a professor have been compro- mised in order to satisfy the desires of two alumni and to suit the fancy of the Academic Affairs Committee.

This is, in my opinion, indicative of a developing tendency at Kenyon towards an almost un- natural political correctness. All viewpoints can be expressed, except those which are contrary to the minority opinion. Homo- sexual groups berate the campus for intolerance after a lone ideological drunk swallows an offensive mes- sage. The faculty, in turn, find this reaction to be excessive, which is viewed as insensitive and het- erosexist. Roving bands of rebels without a cause can wreak havoc throughout the halls of students who have chosen Wellness and sub-free lifestyles, yet anyone tries to make one objection to the violation of their rights, she is attacked rudely for merely demanding the same.

What lies at stake here is the ability of the Kenyon community tolarge to screen out the activities and practices of any group, regardless of alumni ties or minority status. As long as rumors abound of hazing during these times, a practice that cannot be tolerated under any circumstances, the right remains for those outside of the system to question the pledging process as a whole.

Regardless, however, of the validity of these concerns, no mem- ber of this community should be deprived of academic free speech. Professor must be free to express their own views and images un- less there is clear evidence of bias. Simultaneously, students must be free to question their professors’ words and thoughts in a respectful manner. Alumni too should be at liberty to speak their minds, no matter. But under no circumstances should the rights of one group undermine those of another.

In order for Kenyon to con- tinue to function as an open and cooperative community, respect must remain amiable on the bittersweet exchanges. When the justices of the Supreme Court disagree on a case before them, they do not attack one another, nor do they attempt to undermine the opinions of the other side. The majority files one opinion, the dissenters another, and at the end of the day each justice maintains the respect and decorum he had for his colleagues prior to the case. It would go a long way toward behaving Kenyon to continue upon a path reflecting such time-honored systems.

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Immortality and irresponsibility still flourish here at Kenyon

BY KRIS L Origreu Staff Columnist

Our parents dropped off one fine day in the past and no doubt expected that, four years later, they would see a well-developed, mature and responsible son or daughter walk across that stage in front of Sam Maurice, diploma in hand, ready to take the world.

So the cycle of them will see a student who is only slightly more responsible or mature than the day he or she entered Kenyon. What is it about Kenyon that allows such irresponsibility to flourish? Is it about some Kenyon students that makes the development of personal maturity so impossible?

A few weeks ago, an all-campus town meeting was held, and students boisterous with filled e-mails etched "RE: I have never witnessed such immaturity in my life." In one of them, someone sensibly responded to another allusor warrior with what could easily be the Kenyon Student Motto: "Who needs to be mature when you have us around?"

It was an insult that perfectly encompassed the attitude that seems to predominate here, one that seems a badge of status from the world—a place where irrational behavior can be explained away just because, hey, it's college.

When I visit my girlfriend's university in St. Louis, freely encounter the characteristics of immaturity that seem predominant among some Kenyon. More often than not, I meet students who are ready to graduate and go out into the work force or set off to further education with an air of self-confidence that clearly came about due to time spent in college. They seem older, determined and ready for life's challenges.

By contrast, something about Kenyon tends to produce students who see their four years on the Hill as one never-ending happy hour. To some, Kenyon is little more than a trip to the Middle East, in which case immaturity is freely accepted while real responsibility waits in turn.

Case in point: On the night of Phalanger's Piling, a student vandalized Hadna to such an extent that two Security officers had to seek medical attention, Hana residents were left homeless for four hours in the middle of the night and maintenance staff had to make a special trip to work at 3 a.m.

Surely, the incident is not representative of the typical Kenyon student, but it seems as though this type of behavior is excused by Kenyon culture nonetheless.

Kenyon students graduate only slightly more mature than they were when they entered, and any cultivate maturity is no doubt due to the outstandingly excellent education they received during their four years on the Hill.

The predominant Kenyon "society" does little to promote well-rounded students—it encourages childish behavior and takes out college on a downward spiral towards absolute immaturity that more often than not graces upon the majority of students who know that there is still a world outside the Kenyon bubble.

Kenyon's bubble of buffoonery insulates students from interaction with the world at large. We venture forth to Wal-Mart, Kroger or Hill Rod's, but this is the extent of our interaction with central Ohio.

Kenyon is separated from the world beyond the bubble to such an extent that the fact that we study and live in central Ohio has become a completely arbitrary detail of Kenyon's identity.

The superficiality of some Kenyon students has further eroded any sense of personal responsibility on campus. We get two dozen parking tickets on our Jetta and we blame Security and Safety officers for their timely enforcement of the stated rules and rag on the administration in allusion that no administration will receive. That is not a solution.

We respond to the e-mails of our fellow students with caustic insults and biting inside thinking that we will never encounter them face-to-face in the course of our hobbled academic life. And to make matters worse, we do so while hitting "reply all," so the whole campus can watch us put someone else down. That is not a solution. It is not the way the world outside Gumbie functions.

We need to step out of our Ego boots and back away from our BMWs long enough to see what we are missing. The real world will not... let Hana vandalism slip into the night. The world will not listen to your complaints about excessive parking ticket fees or your 15th violation. If you have a car, know the rules—it is that simple. Believe it or not, the world outside Gumbie will expect more of us than will this private liberal arts college that we are all fortunate enough to attend.

It is unfortunate that the Kenyon administration does not encourage the cultivation of responsibility more than it does, but it is hardly all Kenyon's fault. The maturity level of some Kenyon students could use some work, as well.

Grow up, Kenyon. The real world."
LaBute's controversial Mercy Seat hits the Hill

BY CAILLIN WEISS
Staff Writer

Neil LaBute is not known for pulling punches, and the upcoming production of his play The Mercy Seat shows he's not suffering up any time soon.

The Mercy Seat is the senior thesis of Jordan Fox, the director, and Brad Bennett, playing the role of Ben. Emily Culliton '06 completes the small cast with her role as Abby. The Mercy Seat takes place on Sept. 12, 2001, the day immediately following the attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C.

A subject such as the Sept. 11 attacks is rife with the opportunity to offend, however, the interesting thing about LaBute's play is that, instead of making the attack the focus of his play, it's little more than, according to Bennett, "while [the attacks] having happened plays an important role in the events on stage, it is in no way a main focus of the play."

Instead, the play revolves around a conversation between the Abby, a businesswoman, her fiancé, and her boyfriend Ben, a married co-worker in his thirties.

The play's far more time tracking the collapse of their relationship than it does attempting to examine the collapse of the World Trade Center towers. As a result, the play doesn't get overly caught up in the audience's personal emotions about the attack, but keeps the focus on the characters. As Fox notes, "I had to work with the characters' reactions to 9/11, rather than listen to anyone else's feelings on the attack, including my own."

The Mercy Seat opens with a continuously ringing cell phone and Ben shell-shocked on the couch. As the story unfolds, the audience learns that Ben was supposed to be in one of the towers during the attack, but instead was sexually preoccupied with his girlfriend, who is also his boss, in his apartment that morning. LaBute takes care to unfold the plot (like a mystery novel), and the main question is whether Ben can convince Abby to use this "memorial ticket." Ben's words for the Sept. 11 attacks, to fake his own death, leave his old family and start a new life with her—sick and twisted, but also sincere and complicated.

When asked whether this play could be considered offensive by the Kenyon audience, Production Stage Manager John Grohle '05 said, "Well, it's LaBute. It would be odd if it didn't create some kind of uproar... While this play does deal with a really touching and emotional subject, I hope we have been able to put on a production with grace, edge and wit—a production, I believe, that is in the spirit the playwright intended."

Everyone has their own story to tell about Sept. 11, and what makes LaBute's so compelling and intriguing is that it allows us to watch two intricately crafted and disarmingly intertwined characters confront the event as a backdrop to their personal lives and as a catalyst for their actions. In the end, this play is not about a national tragedy, it's about the pain two people can inflict on one another while still being in love.

The Mercy Seat is decided and unapologetically upfront, bringing, in the words of Assistant Stage Manager Lauren Hansen '07, a "not-finish" immediacy to the Hill. Under Fox's direction, the play is sure to present issues with an honesty that is needed to open up conversation about difficult themes. But even more than that, the honesty enables the play to tell the story of two people collapsing one another's worlds to find meaning in their own. It may not be pretty, but it's truthful—pure LaBute.

The Mercy Seat will be performed in the Hill Theatre on Feb. 20-21 at 8 p.m.

Grohl goes metal with band Probot

BY DAN ALPER Music Critic

Dave Grohl has been one of the biggest names in rock over the past decade. He was the ferocious backbone of Nirvana's punk-rock assault, and later the front man for The Foo Fighters. Grohl has made a career out of creating the most interesting, radio-friendly rock music to grace the ears. Grohl's previous stints in various D.C. hardcore bands and the ferocity that he brought to Nirvana, lead one to realize that Grohl grew up on more than grunge—he was more than simply a product of the "Seattle Sound" of the early 90s.

It turns out Grohl has always been a fan of underground metal—not the new metal kind, not even the style of classic-era Metallica, but the dark, vicious, and completely un-commercial variety. Now, Grohl has been allowed to indulge one of his youthful fantasies—being a part of just such a band, Probot.

To date, Probot has conquered the 13 songs on bass, guitar and drums in his home studio. He then sent invitations to 11 of his favorite vocalists to add their unique vocals. The self-titled debut album will surprise many of Grohl's fans, who are not used to the brutality contained on this disc. There is nothing resembling "Times Like These" or "Everlong" on this album—Probot is all about simple riffs, filled with hate and dripping with venom.

Speaking of Venom, Cronos, the vocalist of the hugely influential and criminally slept-on band of that name, kicks things off on "Centuries of Sin." Over an ominous guitar drone and bass rumble, Cronos unleashes a triple-speed metal monster, reminiscent of early Shays with Crinos riding shotgun. "Red War" sounds similar to classic-era Sepultura, which makes sense, given that Max Cavalera—former Sepultura, current Soulfly frontman—leads his vocal talents. Hardcore Sepultura fans will eat this song up, as it is rare these days to hear Cavaleira rant and rumble in the style he exhibits here, screaming: "Red war will follow my enemies!"

Lemmy Kilmister adds the Motorhead flair to the surprisingly groovy "Shake Your Blood," Tom G. Warrior of the hugely in-

A&E BRIEF

Singing cowboy visits Vernon in Tribute to Will Rogers

Uncle Dan's Playhouse in Mount Vernon will host a performance tonight of Lance Brown's Tribute to Will Rogers, a journey into the roots of the American experience. Brown plays and sings the cowboy songs and popular music of Rogers' day as a backdrop to Rogers' life story. He explores how Rogers' wit and wisdom was influenced by his early contact with the working cowboys of the late 1800s. Brown has an intimate knowledge of his subject. Extensive research at the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore, Okla., and over a decade performing his Tribute nationwide has put at his fingertips an endless collection of Rogers' radio monologues, newspaper articles and off-the-cuff comments. While Brown performs Rogers for most of the show, he also offers some personal insights about the man and his times. He has found his approach makes Rogers more accessible to audience members of all ages and furthers his mission in life, which is to pass the legacy of Will Rogers on to the next generation.

As Will Rogers, Lance Brown addresses issues that confront us today: the environment, politicians, the national debt and more. He brings us history and hilarity, a few rope tricks and a few tears, but mostly he brings us the irrepressible spirit of Will Rogers.

Admission is free tonight for Kenyon College students with their college ID who arrive by 7 p.m.

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Bunzel makes his Oscar predictions for 2004

BY MAX BUNZEL
Film Critic.

I am the first to admit that the Oscars are never accurate and are more a judgment of the year's movies. Each year I find my opinions more in-congruent than the last, and after the awards last year, I await this set of nominations with more dread than excitement. I was, however, pleased by the Academy's maturation from a usually limited perspective and found many deserving nominations.

Best Supporting Actress
Shohreh Aghdashloo, House of Sand and Fog
Patricia Clarkson, Pieces of April
Marcia Gay Harden, Mystic River
Holly Hunter, Thirteen
Renee Zellweger, Cold Mountain

Renee Zellweger is a shoe-in, as she does some of her best work as a scrappy, loulmouthed farm hand heart that once had Nicole Kidman from her self-destructive despair. Too bad she couldn't do the same for the movie, even though her energetic performance is a welcome change from the ineffec-tively trashy pace that consumes most of the film.

KFS PREVIEWS

Spellbounb (2003)
Friday, 8 p.m.
Higley Auditorium

KFS presents two documentaries this week—one entertaining, the other deeply disturbing. The light-hearted and enjoyable Spellbounb—of no relation to the Hitchcock classic—introduces eight children on their quest to win the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

Director Jeffrey Blitz goes to great lengths to select his eight subjects so that they are as diverse as possible. Angelynn, who has a self-taught intellect; her parents are native Mexicans and do not speak English. The eccentricity surrounding the gooball Harry can barely be put into words. Spellbounb has its share of overachievers, and the level of commitment from some of these students almost screams child abuse. On the other hand, though, is Ted, a re-gional qualifier who takes a very laid-back and relaxed approach to the national meet.

As the eight teens are introduced, Blitz depicts each contestant's background and family life. Finally, the competi-tion begins, and the suspense builds.

This is Blitz's directorial debut, and Spellbounb earned him immediate acclaim. Not only did he handcraft Best Documentary honors at several international film festivals, but it also named Best Feature Film at the 2003 Cleveland inter-national Film Festival and was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. In 2003, a year labeled as a re-birth of the documentary, Spellbounb was certainly a large part of that revival.

Capturing the Friedmans (2003)
Saturday, 8 p.m.
Higley Auditorium

Capturing the Friedmans opens on a simple suburban family in New York state. The Friedmans are a seemingly happy family, consisting of father Arnold, mother Elaine and sons David, Seth and Jesse. The family dynamic is shaken when an allegation of purchasing of child pornography is brought upon Ar-nold. When he is forced to register with the local police department, other charges begin to reign down upon Arnold and Jesse. The two are arraigned on nearly 100 charges of sexual assault against minors, stemming from an after-school computer class held at the Friedman house.

Objective arguments are made for both the guilt and the innocence of the Friedmans. The New York Police Department focuses on the testimony of the children and on Arnold's previ-ous child pornography charge. The defense tries to come up with counterarguments, ranging from the sheer impossibility of the claims to potential police tampering of evidence and tes-timony. Psychologists, family members and so-called "experts" are called in an attempt to clarify the case, but no one can give a definitive answer.

As the allegations and court proceedingslinger, the pressure of the charges take their toll on the family. Elaine is reluctant to support her husband, causing a rift between him and his father, "Mommy believes you did it, and she thinks you should go to jail." David's obsess-ion with video recording leads to the preservation of these family arguments, the exposition of which lead the film to feel as fragmented as the family itself. In the end, Capturing the Friedmans does not give its viewer an answer. Although it presents as much information as possible, Director Andrew Jarecki manages to keep the film an objective, observational documentary. Jarecki ultimately wants the viewers to witness all the evidence and draw their own conclusions to this mystery.

A film that was an even larger part of the "documentary revival," Capturing the Friedmans met slightly less success at the box office because of its less accessible and more lurid subject matter. This didn't keep critics from raving about the film with praise. Jarecki's feature-length debut walked away with Best Documentary honors from 12 national critical circles and a nomination for Best Doc-u-mentary Feature at this year's upcoming Academy Awards.

—Brian Schiller

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Best Actor
Sean Penn, Mystic River
Bill Murray, Lost in Translation
Jude Law, Cold Mountain
Ben Kingsley, House of Sand and Fog
Johnny Depp, Pirates of the Carib-bean: Curse of the Black Pearl

I could not have been happier with the selection in this catego-ry. Deep though more than deserving, is a surprise—with the ex-citude of Jude Law. Not to say that he isn't good, in fact his reserved performance this year was masterful, but his performance simply does not reach the level of these other four. I would love to see Depp win this. I know within 15 minutes of watching this vacillating amalgama-tion of Keith Richards and Pepe LePoz that it was Oscar-worthy, but I think that a nomination for Captain Jack Sparrow is a victory in and of itself, and is probably all he will get. If the choice were up to me, I would pick singing legend then Kingsley in a heartbeat. He is true talent beyond form or constraint, as I found it futile to find any semblance of him amid the epic Iranian Colonel Behrani. From the moment he appears on screen, his performance is that of Shakespearean crescendo of passion and intensity and reaches a height of emotional relentlessnessthat is almost ter-rifying to observe.

Best Actress
Diane Keaton, Something's Gotta Give
Naomi Watts, 21 Grams
Samantha Morton, In America
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Lords split games against NCAC adversaries

Matt Formato's prolific 42-point scoring pace not enough to defeat Quakers; upcoming conference games even more crucial to playoff run

BY JAY HEMLER
Managing Editor

As they come down the home stretch of their season, the Kenyon Lords Basketball Team knows it has secured a game in the NCAC postseason tournament, but remains to be settled, however, is where that game will be played and who their first-round opponent will be.

Wittenberg, Wooster and Ohio Wesleyan have controlled the top spots in the conference for the entire season, but the race for the fourth seed in the conference and a first round home game has been too close to call. Coming into the week, four teams—Wabash, Hillsboro, Earlham and Kenyon—were within one game of each other in a conference standings dogfight.

Attempting to control their playoff destiny, the Lords took the floor against the Hiram Terriers last Wednesday in a game that senior center Derrick Hermann called "a win or loss." The Lords offense was not clicking in the first half, as Kenyon scored just 22 points on 30.8% shooting.

The Lords defense was up to the challenge, allowing the Terriers to score just 18 points in the first 20 minutes of play.

In the second half the Lords found their touch, shooting at a clip of 42.8%.

The game remained close, however, as the Lords outscored the Terriers by only three in the second half, pulling out the 55-48 win.

Sophomore guard Matt Formato led the way for the Lords, scoring 20 points and grabbing 7-10 from the free throw line. Senior guard Alex Neuman went 5-8 from the field, scoring 14 points and grabbing six boards. Senior guard Kevin Luby, a season addition to the team, scored five points and had a game high six assists in 21 minutes of work.

"With the way our defense played, the game never should have been as close as it was," said Hermann. "We held them to only 18 points in the first half, and only 48 for the game. However, once again, we struggled offensively, but did find a way to score enough points to win." 

"The Hiram game was closer than we had wanted or expected," said Formato. "We played poorly and we were still up at half, and they were fighting for their lives in terms of position, so it wasn't all that surprising that the game was close."

On Saturday the Lords traveled to Earlham, hoping to grab the first win away from Tommies Arena in nearly three weeks. In their only previous meeting this season, the Lords defeated the Quakers 73-60 in a game at home on Jan. 17.

As they took the court in Earlham, the Lords were unaware that their scoring leader Formato was about to have the biggest game of his young career. Formato took 28 shots against Earlham and made 14, including seven from beyond the arc. He also went 7-10 from the line on his way to a 42-point day, the most prolific scoring performance by a single player in the conference this season.

Despite the great showing by Formato, it was not enough for Kenyon to come away with the win. The Lords fell behind 36-22 at halftime and even a 45-point second-half explosion could not prevent a 78-67 defeat. The rest of the Lords' starters scored just 22 points and the bench added three.

"The cause of the slow start against Earlham, I think was our lack of aggressiveness," said Formato. "We played timid at the beginning of games so as to not make mistakes. We played somewhat looser and relaxed in the second half, and that is why I think we made a game of it.

Despite their disappointment with the loss, the Lords recognized Formato's excellence on the day.

"Matt was hitting everything," said Hermann. "He's a great ball-handler, can penetrate to the basket and finish, and knock down the three with a man in his face. He's a special player, and it's going to be fun for the Kenyon community to watch him play for the next two years."

The Lords record of 1-1 for the week left them in a three-way tie for fifth place with Allegheny and Earlham, all of whom have a 6-8 record in the conference. The Lords are 9-14 overall. Wabash currently holds sole possession of fourth place with a 7-7 conference record.

The Lords played Denison last night in hopes of creeping closer to the fourth spot.

"I feel the Denison game will be a good one," said Formato. "I believe you are going to see Kenyon play our type of ball, win running away. Fourth place will not be determined just by us. All we can do is win our remaining games and let the others play it out." 

Ladies sweep season series with Scots; lose to Gators

BY JAMES RODENBLUM
Senior Staff Reporter

It was a game they had to have. With Earlham breathing down their necks from within the conference and looking to undermine Tommies Arena for a Wednesday night showdown, thecrowd was on for the 2003-04 Kenyon Ladies Basketball Team.

Earlier this season, the Ladies had earned a convincing 64-57 win at Wooster, in which Forward Allison LeBar '05 registered a 17-point, 14 rebound double-double as the Ladies gutted out a tough win on enemy territory. Wooster was out for revenge this time, as they were trying to force the split of the season series with the Ladies. On all accounts, this game was a test of wills, and the Scots proved they were up to the task.

In the longest game of the season to date, the Ladies rallied from a late three-point deficit on the shoulders of forward Katy Zeanah '06, who buried a big three-pointer from the wing to tie the game at 77 and send the game into two free throws with nine seconds remaining to secure the 59-57 victory.

The game would be a tale of two halves for the Ladies, who struggled mightily in the first half against Wooster. Using a 2-3 zone for the majority of the contest, the Scots played with poise and took away the potent inside attack that the Ladies have used for most of the year.

Pressuring the ball and forcing more jumpers and three-pointers, the Scots limited the Ladies to only 27% shooting and seven field goals in the first half.

Despite their troubles from the field, the Ladies hung tough against the Scots. They managed to drive inside and make it to the free throw line, converting on six of seven attempts.

Although Wooster outshot the Ladies, converting ten field goals at 45%, the score was only 25-25 in favor of the Scots.

The second half proved to be a stark contrast to the first, as the Ladies came out firing and started to penetrate Wooster's defense.

After a three-pointer from guard Liz Nashua '07 lengthened the Ladies lead to five, the tide seemed to have turned in favor of the home team.

The Scots continued to resist and make life interesting for the Ladies as they clawed back into the game, and led down the stretch, eventually taking a 57-54 lead into the waning moments of the contest.

This set the stage for a dramatic finish that gave the contendant flags in Tommies Arena something to smile about. With the shot clock winding down, the ball was passed around until it reached the hands of Zeanah. From the wing, she calmly canned the last of a season high eight three-pointers for the Ladies team that tied the game at 57.

After a miss from Wooster, the Ladies had one last chance to snatch the win. Although the initial attempt misfired, Zeanah came down strong with her ninth rebound and was promptly fouled. With the game on the line, she sealed away a winking two free throws and the Ladies prevailed 59-57.

Zeanah's game-high 19 points led the way for the Ladies, who improved to 6-7 in the conference and 9-12 overall.

Although the Ladies managed only 17 field goals, eight of them were three-pointers. They hit 17 of 21 free throw attempts. It was a fitting decision for a wonderfully thrilling contest.

With their eyes on possibly being fourth in conference, the Ladies welcomed the Allegheny Gators to Tommies Arena on Saturday. Early on, the game win the Lady Zeanah shows off the scored Ladies first nine points form early 9-2 lead.

Second in the NCAC, the Gators proved why they are so tough and hung around with the Ladies and made the score 31-30 at the half. The shot by Hyde of the Lords came in the second half when the Gators went cold from the floor and the Gators hit their shots and free throws and slowly wore down the Ladies with their two waves of players.

In the end, the shot would not fall for the Ladies and Allegheny walked out of Tommies Arena with a 62-55 decision, despite a game high 23 points and seven rebounds for Zeanah, who received all-league honors for her spectacular play.

With the regular season coming to an end, Senior Night is right around the corner and the Ladies will hope to end their home schedule with a bang on Saturday as the Hiram College Lords come to town for a 1 p.m. showdown. With Earlham only one game back in the conference, this final week will be pivotal for seeding as conference tournament time.
Ladies tread into unfamiliar territory in NCAC

BY TAMAR CHALKER
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This past weekend, the Kenyon College Ladies swimming team took on some tough competition in the North Coast Athletic Conference meet. Despite a plethora of outstanding performances, the Ladies fell to the Denison University Big Red, losing the meet for the first time in the conference’s 20-year history.

Kenyon scored 1,548.5 points, just 55.5 short of Denison’s 1,604 score. However, the Ladies lack of a diving team may have had a lot to do with this as Denison was able to add the points to their score in those events.

When it came to swimming, it was clearly shown the Ladies were still dominant. They won 11 events and placed in the top five 29 times. Denison was only able to win four events, but placed in the top five 33 times.

Senior Hilary Strong was integral in the Kenyon victories, winning the 1500-yard freestyle and swimming a leg of the 800-yard freestyle relay. She reflected on the Ladies’ performance, saying, “In our hearts, and in the pool, we were the champions. We had our swims, we broke records. We got best times and came together as a team.”

This was apparent as Kenyon was responsible for four new conference records. The upperclassmen led the Ladies’ dazzling display. In addition to the performances by Strong, senior Beth Galloway had a particularly strong showing, winning five events, including the 1,000-yard freestyle, where she beat the conference record she had set with a time of 1:51.52.

Galloway and Oronla ended their conference careers with 19 and 15 NCAC titles respectively.

Kenyon does not have to worry about future teams, because some of the younger talent put on quite a show as well. Sophomore Rachel Smith defended her 500-yard freestyle title, winning it in 5:01.11. Her time not only qualified her for nationals, but was the best time in that event by a Division III swimmer this year.

Smith was also a part of the fastest 800-yard freestyle relay in Division III when she swim with Oronla, Strong and junior Emmie Dengler, clocking in at 7:37.89.

First-year Jessica Connors was also successful in her first trip to the NCAC meet. She won the 200-yard breaststroke with the record-breaking time of 2:21.44, replacing Kenyon swimmer Adie Curtner’s 1999 mark of 2:22.57.

The Ladies still have a couple meets they get ready to defend their national title. On Feb. 19-21 she have the Midwest Classic Invitational at Indiana University-Purdue University. The team is planning to meet against the Western Reserve University.

The team will have some time to rest before nationals on March 11-13.

“satisfied...get just for the fire” said Strong. “This is just fuel for the fire.”

Divide and conquer; Capital compete at All-Ohio, Capital

BY LIAM HAGGERTY
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The Lords couldn’t get enough of Ohio this past weekend. After traveling to the state’s capital of Columbus for the Ohio State Invitational on Saturday, the team members, senior Aaron Emig and freshman Ryan Weinstock, competed in the Division III All-Ohio Championships held at Ohio Northern University on Saturday.

Both Emig and Weinstock had earned spots in the All-Ohio meet because of performances earlier in the season, and as a result were given an opportunity to run with the best competition the state of Ohio had to offer.

Highlighting the afternoon was Emig’s performance in the 1500-meter race. Completing the impressive feat in the second best time of the season, Emig took first place and the individual state championship, Comparatively, Emig earned a spot in the All-Ohio meet with his performance the week prior at Denison. At Denison, where he ran the same race in 4:07.07.

“Emig is the All-Ohio 1500-meter Champion,” said Weinstock. “It doesn’t get much sweeter than that. Nobody deserved to win more than him. Aaron had a blazing kick. It would’ve been so easy for him to give up on the race when he was in last place with 400 meters to go, but he didn’t.”

Weinstock competed in the 5000-meter race, and placed tenth with a time of 15:54.31. “My 5K race went decent,” he said. “The pack took the pace out hard, which isn’t my style. I ran my best though, and I’m satisfied with the effort. But I still have some work to do. The fact that a couple guys from the NCAC beat me is good motivation for Conference.”

Two Lords were participating on the All-Ohio stage, but that was only a reaction of the activity that the team participated in over the weekend. Meanwhile, a day earlier, in another part of the state, the rest of the Lords were busy finishing fourth in a field of eight teams at Capital University. The squad from Otterbein College won the meet, followed by host Ohio Wesleyan, who rounded out the top three team finishers.

The Lords garnered most of the points in the middle distance events. In the 800-meter race, the Lords were led by sophomore Sean Strader whose time of 2:09.74 earned him a second place finish. Following behind Strader were fellow teammates and sophomores Marc Geiger and Sam Nigh who finished in fourth and sixth place respectively, with times of 2:12.61 and 2:15.15.

In the 1000-meter race, it was sophomores Rich Bartholomew’s turn to take the reins, as he led the Lords across the finish line with a second place finish, completing the race in 2:45.93. Joining Bartholomew on the other end of the tape a few moments later were sophomores Robbie Molden who placed sixth with a time of 2:59.63, and freshman Matt Lobdell who finished seventh behind Molden in 3:14.00 good enough for seventh place.

Perhaps the best race of the day for the Lords was the 1500-meter race. Bartholomew was again the first for the Lords continue to train for the Greater Columbus Meet. Lord to finish, and in this case was also the first competitor to finish, as he won the race with a time of 4:17.22. Finishing right behind Bartholomew in second place was Strader, who completed the race in 4:19.11. The next Lord to finish was Geiger, who took eighth place with his time of 5:52.05. Rounding out the top ten finishers was Kenyon runner Sam Nigh, who completed the race in 5:53.64.

With the All-Ohio and Capital meets behind them, the Lords are now looking towards the national meet, which begins at noon.

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Champions again, Lords capture NCAC crown

Kenyon Men’s Swim Team brings home its sixth straight conference win, 50th overall historically

BY JON PRAFFT
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On Feb. 14, the Kenyon Men’s Swim Team came away with their 50th conference championship win. They have earned 19 of the 20 NCAC titles that have been awarded since 1983, when the NCAC was formed and won 31 titles previously in the Ohio Athletic Conference. No other team has accumulated 50 conference wins in the history of college sports.

After three days of tough competition, the Kenyon men earned a total of 1,580 points, which was enough for them to defeat runner-up Denison, who earned 1,513 points. Webhach received third place with 796 points. The Kenyon men had nine wins out of 20 events, 35 top-five finishes, and they did not compete in one-meter diving or three-meter diving.

The Lords were so focused going into the meet that most of them did not even acknowledge that it could be their 50th conference championship win.

“Tobes honest, I don’t even know how many of the swimmers knew [it could be the 50th year],” said senior Thomas Ashby. “We definitely went into a competition as big as Conference, performing at our best is the primary concern of the team. If records are broken, streaks are continued, and winning takes place, that’s simply a by-product of all the hard work we put into each season. The focus is simply doing our best.”

The NCAC champ Lords were back in the pool preparing for the Midwest Classic Invitational.

While it is apparent that the Kenyon Men’s Swim Team has done the work to earn the NCAC Championship, “it was a close meet,” said senior Peter Krfavic.

Perhaps part of the reason why Kenyon didn’t perform better overall is that some of the Lords’ strongest swimmers did not compete. Andreja Duda ’06, Joe Gosselar ’07, Russell Hunt ’05, Laszlo-Montero ’05, Dave DeHart ’05, Elliot Rushon ’05, and Davis Zarins ‘07 sat out because they have already made their qualifying times for the NCAA Division III Championship.

Between Feb. 12-14, three of the Lords earned automatic qualifying times for the NCAA Division III Championship. Freshman Matt Jacobsen earned a qualifying time when he placed second in the 500 freestyle (4:33.28), senior Marc Courtney-Brooks earned a qualifying time in the 200-yard individual relay (1:52.45), and senior Fernando Rodriguez earned his qualifying time in the 200-yard backstroke (1:51.79).

Courtney-Brooks, contributed greatly to his team’s success by winning six out of the seven events that he competed in.

“The first 300 free is where I’ve swam this semester, particularly in the last two meets [Princeton and the NCAC Championship],” said Courtney-Brooks.

He should be happy; he set three new conference records in the NCAC Championship meet alone.

His first NCAC record-breaking time was in the 100-yard freestyle.

The highlight of the night was the much-anticipated 4x400-meter competition. The Kenyon Ladies put together a winning performance, but in a different fashion. Endurance proved to be the secret weapon, as only the Ladies had enough fresh legs to enter the event. Although unexpectedly, they still managed to push themselves and officially hit the tape in 3:53.

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Ladies Track ‘stands out’ at Capital and All-Ohio meet

BY RYAN WEINSTOCK
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While the majority of the Kenyon Women’s Indoor Track Team headed to Capital University’s Purple and White Invitational last weekend, a handful of runners participated in the All-Ohio Championships hosted by Ohio Northern University.

The All-Ohio Championships featured the best athletes representing over 160-I-1 colleges around the state.

The story of the meet was sophomore distance runner Christina McMahan’s gutsy performance in the 1,500-meter race.

She crossed the line in 4:50.13, good enough to merit a fourth place finish. The time was also an indoor personal best for McMahan, who has been on fire this season.

“She ran a very aggressive race and ran through her first 800 meters in a blazing time of 2:31,” said head coach Dave Gomez. “In spite of running such a hot early pace, Christina showed a great deal of toughness and being able to hang with a strong finish.”

McMahan will be the top returner going into next year’s race.

Sophomore Lauren Rand also competed in the 1,500-meter. She finished 12th overall, clocking a time of 5:09.41.

First-year Phoebe Stone finished tied for third in the pole vault competition. Stone turned in a solid effort, successfully clearing a height of 8’10”. A bad landing prevented her for first-All-Ohio meet.

With the home crowd behind them, Ohio Northern cruised to victory in the team standings. They scored a total of 82 points, edging out Otterbein College (74).

In action taking place on Friday, the Ladies’ placed fifth overall at the Capital University Invitational.

A pair of middle distance runners carried the team at Capital. Sophomore Liz Torgerson was all business in the 800-meter race. She claimed second place with a time of 2:32.87. In addition, first-year Julia Ploonski took fifth in the 1,500-meter race with a time of 5:25.

The depth in the pole vault continues to get better. Ellen Herbert finished third in the event, clearing 7’6”, effectively reaching the qualifying mark for the NCAC Indoor Conference Meet.

“Jolee”

The Ladies have become well-acquainted with the outdoors this indoor season.

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more sprinter Kelsey Rotwein’s third-place showings in the 500-meter run with a time of 1:30.32. Team captain Elyse Murray finished fifth in the 400-meter race with a time of 1:11.28.

The Capital meet was a "blowout" declared Gomez.

The Ladies travel to Oberlin on Saturday for the Greater Columbus Invitational.