Kenyon Returns to First Tier in National Survey

By Bertram Tunnell
Co-Editor in Chief

U.S. News and World Report announced that Kenyon has re-entered the first tier of the best national liberal arts colleges in the nation (Sept. 26 issue). Kenyon dropped out of the first tier (then referred to as quarsity) in 1987 to the second tier where it remained until now.

The data for which the schools are assessed are divided into six attributes: reputation, selectivity, faculty resources, financial resources, graduation rate and alumni satisfaction. The report rated Kenyon with an overall academic reputation of 27 out of 160, other liberal arts schools.

According to the report, Kenyon's average midpoint SAT/ACT score was 1700. Forty-four percent of the first-year class was in the top 10 percent of their high school class. Kenyon's acceptance rate was 70 percent last year.

Financial resources count for 10 percent of a school's academic rating. Kenyon spends approximately $14,067 per student. The average percentage of first-year students enrolled in 1984 to 1987 who graduated within six years is 85 percent. Our alumni giving rate is 46 percent. Ninety-five percent of the faculty have earned their Ph.Ds.

President Jordan responded, "I'm pleased to see Kenyon more properly recognized in the 1994 US NEWS hierarchy. While the ranking enterprise is seriously flawed, we should be proud to find Kenyon rated among the best in academic reputation and in overall appraisal."

"The admiration of the wider world of higher education is catching up to the realities of Kenyon's quality," concluded Jordan.

Dean of Admissions John Anderson commented on the new rating, "I'm delighted we were moved back into the top tier. We rank twenty-seventh in academic reputation, so we are truly among the leaders in that area. That ties us with two of the top 25 schools, and ahead of one of them. Our strongest dimension is in academic reputation. We should have been in the first tier all along."

"I still don't believe," continued Anderson, "in the notion of ranking colleges in the way they do. I have yet to see any confirmation in the methods they use to compile the lists hereby validity."

On page 89 of U.S. News Anderson pointed out the statement, "Reputation matters and that, perhaps, in why the acting president of the Wesleyan University this year sent letters to heads of other institutions in its category lobbying for his school in the tier system."

According to Anderson, "Kenyon is where it is today without any lobbying...we earned our place."

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News Briefs

Update on Alpha Delt Lawsuit Against College

According to Beth Dudley Stauffer, director of student activities, organizations, and greek affairs, on September 20, the number of members in the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity dropped from 19 to 17.

Greek Council President, Gerard Solis said that Greek Council will officially take a stance of neutrality over the Alpha Delta's lawsuit against the school.

Grant to Support Arts

The George Gund Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio, has awarded Kenyon a grant of $100,000 to support photography instruction.

The funds were given to provide studio and classroom space in the College's new Mayer Art Center.

"This generous assistance will make possible a significant enhancement of instruction in photography at Kenyon," said President Jordan. "We are most grateful."

The Mayer Art Center, which opened during the last academic year, was designed in part by three members of the studio art faculty, including Professor Greg Spald. Among new darkroom features is a silver recovery system to provide an ecologically responsible way to cleanse waste chemicals before disposing of them.

courtesy of the office of Public Affairs.

Election Results

There will be a runoff between Carla Ainsworth and Gerard Solis next Monday and Tuesday for Senior Class President.

Senior Senate Representative: Nick Zumberge

Junior Class President: Kevin Aeppli

Sophomore Class President: John Russell

Elections for Class Committees, Student Council, and Junior-Senior Representative will be held next Monday and Tuesday on the VAX.
Brothers United, Potential Campus Fraternity, Aspires for Solidarity

By Mathew Judal
Staff Reporter

September 14 heralded the first Brothers United open house on Kenyon's campus. This event marked the beginning of their time here on campus as an organization of men with specific goals.

The concept for fraternity developed last year, when ten black men came together for support and direction. After realizing the importance of what they found, they began official overtures with the administration to begin a new fraternity and allow them to share this support with others.

Michael Williams’s, multicultural program coordinator, worked with these students as they clarified the beliefs and goals that they wished their fraternity to embody. These goals and beliefs include: strengthening the relationship between black males and the Kenyon campus, enriching the community with socially diverse programs to help educate the campus and community, providing a social, emotional, and spiritual outlet open to brothers of every race and color, and to provide a place for them to call home.

With support from the administration Brothers United will undergo a one-year probationary period, during which they will operate as a fraternity on campus. After this year, the decision as to their status of remaining a local fraternity or an national fraternity will be reached.

The activities they have planned for this year focus on community, education and inclusion in both Gambier and Mount Vernon. Providing workshops, hosting speakers and social activities, working as part of a Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, and playing a role in the Tribute to Women of Color as part of the year’s celebration of 25 years of women in the Kenyon community on their current agenda.

There were a number of questions raised by the audience at the open house as to the future of the Brothers United. Debs has been ruled out for the most part, a minimum GPA of 2.0 is required, and a genuine interest in the tenets of the group is essential to membership.

If their status becomes permanent, campus plans include a seat on the Academic Council and potential membership in national fraternity, such as Kappa Alpha Psi. The question of funds and enrollment funding would be possible.

As to housing for the group, one means of the fraternity made it very clear that “housing is definitely at the bottom of the list of things we wish to accomplish.”

“BU is at Kenyon College now forever,” was the sentiment expressed by the group’s vice president, junior Marc Hold. They intend to give as much to the community as they can while finding strength in each other.

“This fraternity provided a focus--a strong emotional center for me,” said sophomore Robert King, member of Brothers United. “It’s the thing that we brought us together.”

“PERSISTENCE AND PATIENCE ARE WHAT IT TAKES,” said one member, “and we have the problems, but we also have a lot of potential.”

New ARA Staff Members Execute Changes to Feed Hungry Masses

By David Frank
Managing Editor

“Everybody asked for that last year.” That is the reason ARA is serving hot dogs at lunch and pasta and hamburgers at dinner according to Ross Garrison, Food Service Director. In order to serve those items every day, ARA has been using new charcoal grills.

Gund’s closure on the weekends is “working out” in the opinion of Garrison. He has opened the Shoppes eating area on Saturday to handle the overflow.

With the “All-Stu” e-mails that Garrison has been sending, he has been finding out ways to improve the new arrangement in the Pence servery.

A new microwave machine has been ordered for the left side, so people do not have to go to soda machines in order to get ice for their water or juice. The salad bar now has four points of service and will soon have dispensers for bowls on both sides.

The rumors about the Very Fine Juice machine disappearing are not true. “In fact we will have bottles of Very Fine Juice for sale in the Shoppes at night,” said Garrison. However, there have been some problems with the supplier. The normal supplier had no idea about how popular it would be with the students.

The expensive products are the misses. They cost just as much as the Minute Maid plain juices. What would be cheaper is the flavored teas and Garrison is going to order once more to see if the ARA can afford to keep the machine.

There are also two new managers on the food service staff. Jeff Shadrer is the new Shoppes and Gund manager.

Phil Gajda is the new Price Hill manager for food service. Garrison explains that Gajda is “responsible for all the nuts and bolts.”

Gajda graduated from the Cooking Institute of America in New York, New York, and hopes that Gajda will be able to improve the quality on a consistent basis and make time appealing.

ARA is trying to cut the food cost. This means bringing the cooking appliances to the front part of the kitchen so the students can see the food being put in the rectangular pan. This does not save an expenses. Compared to last year, no money has been taken out of the food budget.

Garrison is encouraging students to let him know if they have any reasonable complaints. He has an open door policy, students may e-mail him and let him know what they think about the food service.
Student Comments on Ethics of "Take Action!" Pamphlet

To the Kenyon Community:

On September 13, 1994 a flyer entitled, "TAKE ACTION!" was circulated throughout the Kenyon Community. This flyer contained the name of a Kenyon alum as well as his home phone number. Furthermore, the flyer urged anyone who read it to "take action" by calling the Kenyon Alum and wasting his valuable time and resources. It is my contention that this flyer is a violation of this Alum's Constitutional right to privacy as well as a violation of the harassment policies at Kenyon College.

Harassment, as defined in Kenyon College Student Handbook is:

...offensive to the principles of appropriate discourse and civil conduct. Indeed, it is a form of persecution which can cause extreme anguish and humiliation. (94)

Based upon the contents of this flyer, in urging the Kenyon Community to waste this Alum's time and resources, one can only conclude that its intent was to anger and humiliate this Kenyon Alum.

Kenyon also states in its Student Handbook:

By accepting membership in [the Kenyon] community, students and employees assume a responsibility, for a commitment to free expression, free inquiry, honesty, tolerance, and respect for the rights and dignity of others. (94)

Although the person who issued this flyer is entitled to free expression, in furnishing this Kenyon Alum's home phone number and urging the Kenyon Community to squander this Alum's time, that person does not in any way whatsoever respect this Alum's right to privacy. In addition, the flyer also violates the dignity of this Kenyon Alum by implying that wasting this Alum's time and resources is acceptable.

Finally, it is also my contention that the person responsible for issuing this flyer has taken advantage of an alumni system that has been proven to work. Any student of alum can go into the Alumni Office and get a book which contains the names, addresses and phone numbers of Kenyon Alumni. This can be done for whatever well-intentioned purpose there may be (i.e. to talk to Alums about jobs). But what this person has done is taken this system and manipulated it for his own purposes in issuing this flyer. In effect, he has violated the trust and faith of Kenyon Alumni and the Kenyon Community in an alumni system that should work. Thus, I feel that in the interest of all Kenyon Alumni, as well as myself being an up-and-coming Alum, that this situation be dealt with in such a way that it rids the College of such harassment and restores the Kenyon Alumni's faith in the College and the Alumni system.

This letter is not in anyway representative of any organization that I may be a member of or associated with.

Concerned student and future Alum,

James Dewar '95

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Voices from the Tower

By Courtney Coughlin
Co-Editor-in-Chief

After attending Professor Derrick Bell's lecture I wondered how much Kenyon students perceive themselves as consumers in the educational marketplace. Bell claimed that students consider themselves slaves rather than customers, and therefore they take on a slave-like mentality. This mindset becomes responsible for the sense of apathy and laziness apparent on many campuses, and certainly ours is no exception. Many of us do the minimum of what is expected to receive a decent grade and we still complain about the workload rather than consider the opportunity costs.

The cost of education is certainly great in terms of time and money. How conscious are we of our investment? Do we take advantage of the many things that Kenyon advertises to prospective students? Most likely we do take advantage of some of these things—they are the reasons we came here and the reasons we stay. But I think that we need to question what we are really gaining for our dollars. Certainly today it is not the guarantee of a job after graduation nor is it the vision that our formal education will be complete. It is not the dream that we will be truly prepared to conquer the problems of the world off the hill, but perhaps it is the confidence that we can survive uncertainty.

I was concerned and saddened that there had to be a further call for candidates to run for student government. Today we are in great need of progressive, capable leaders. We often complain about the political leaders that we do have, yet if other campuses are similar to Kenyon there are few leaders in the making—at least that is how it appears on the surface.

There are leaders here at Kenyon. People are involved and do challenge themselves to make the most of their college career inside the classroom and in the community. But what performance do we expect from our College? How can we test their product, which in essence our personal goals?

What you expect from people is what you receive, so I encourage fellow students to expect a lot from your professors and administrators. In the same vein, professors should expect a lot from their students or else they are not providing a complete package. The most satisfying classes I have attended are those that force me to extend my knowledge and abilities in ways that I did not know I was capable.

Challenge yourself in classes because you are paying too much to feel unsatisfied at the end of the semester. Use people as resources and ask questions. Bell says, "It is not success or failure, but the work itself." Be a responsible consumer. Make sure the product you are purchasing and using provides you with more than a degree after four years, but a feeling of accomplishment through personal growth, knowledge, and experience.
New Security Policy Induces Tension at Campus Parties

By Jessica McLaren
Senior Staff Reporter

"When you come to Kenyon, you will be treated as a responsible adult. What you do in terms of alcohol and the law will be your decision. We are not here to be your parents."

This was the answer given two years ago by a Kenyon admissions representative when asked about the alcohol policy by a student at the Nichols School in Buffalo, New York. Clearly, this policy of trust no longer exists. There are no new rules or regulations concerning alcohol at Kenyon; rather, the old ones are being consistently enforced. As Dean of Students Craig Bradley pointed out in his all-student email Sept. 12, the Security and Safety staff are simply upholding Ohio state law.

I cannot argue with that point. As a minor, I have no right to buy, possess, or consume alcohol. But what I can call into question is the mood that is pervasive at most Kenyon parties these days. Security has become an ominous presence, lurking outside of parties, waiting to pounce. "It seems like they're looking for trouble," noted a junior woman. I now feel guilty merely entering a party, whether I plan to drink or not. I can understand completely the crackdowns on the Cove, Deli, and Market—what I cannot understand is the new police-state regime that plagues parties, group and apartment alike. At a campus this small and isolated, many of us rely on Archon, Peep, and fraternity parties as opportunities to get out and have a good time. The amount of alcohol on almost any given campus in America is frightening, but it is also inevitable. While Dean Bradley is absolutely right in saying that there are sources of non-alcoholic fun available, many people around here (myself included) can be heard asking on a Friday afternoon, "Are there any big parties this weekend?"

Freshman year, I was dazzled by the prospect of dressing up for a party, going out and meeting people. Two years later, I find myself appreciating more and more the idea of private parties and small gatherings of friends. However, this is not to say that I did not have an incredible time at the Archon last weekend, or that I am not going to leap at the next fraternity party that comes along. Everybody's politics and personal opinions (be they good or bad) aside, the role that fraternities have played in Kenyon's social scene is inevitable. It is a luxury that people can just stop in at a fraternity party and hang out. At many other schools the fraternity parties are invite only, have a cover charge, and charge for their beer. With few exceptions, fraternity parties here are open to virtually the entire campus, which does a great deal towards supporting the "friendly atmosphere" touted in the Prospectus. This casual, easy-going mood at most parties is a rarity, and something to be valued. Much of that has been taken away since we have been back. I still feel that the virulently directed against Security Department would be significantly diluted if they followed Dean Brad- ley's rational, direct and honest, intent of shutting down parties with glence, some deranged pack of Rescue Rangers.

The drinking is inevitable, since the astounding number of Kenyon students can track down beer like a bloodhound after Banski. As one junior put it, "People aren't drinking—they're just throwing down their beer when Security comes by. When cracking down parties, Security would do well to consider the lengths which students will go to if they are prohibited from drinking in the relatively safe comfort of a party. Senior Sonya McKay observed that 'drinking is a part of college life, it happens everywhere. It is impossible to avoid. Now that people can't drink, they start driving to bars.' Frankly, the idea someone driving back from Columbus to partying all night scares me a lot more than someone drinking and dancing with a bunch of friends in a dorm lounge.

Chances are high that the issue of alcohol is one with a common ground on campus. At the moment, the students a angry and resentful, and Security and Safety are not communicating directly with the students. It is natural that administration is in the middle to mediate, but it would make more sense if the people shut down the parties were also doing the shutting.

Annual Bluegrass Festival Offers Look at Different Style of Music

By James Parr
Senior Staff Reporter

This was a summer of music, from the Woodstock revival in New York to annual events such as the Lollapalooza and H.O.R.D.E. tours. Last weekend, another great musical event took place in Loudonville, Ohio, just a thirty-minute ride north of Kenyon.

The third annual Mohican Bluegrass Festival offered spectators three days of nearly non-stop music and festivities centered around the grand tradition of folk music. Beginning on the afternoon of Friday the 16th and ending the following Sunday evening, the Festival brought together performers and listeners from across Ohio and the rest of the world.

The performances took place on the single outdoor stage of the Mohican Wilderness Campgrounds. Nestled amidst the trees and hills of rural Ohio, the music was brought to life not only by the musicians, but also by the surroundings.

Over twelve acts performed during the course of the three days, bringing together the talents of both traditional and more avant-garde Bluegrass acts. The Festival was highlighted by a performance from 83-year-old Bill Monroe and his Blue Grass Boys on Saturday evening, veritable legends in the Bluegrass industry. In fact, Monroe is considered the Father of Bluegrass, introducing to the world in 1939. Over his long career, he has developed a mixed style of fast tunes, waltzes, gospels, duets, solos, and instrumentals.

Younger groups such as Northwest Territory also performed, allowing spectators to see for themselves how bluegrass music has both changed and remained true to its original form over the decades.

Groups like the Gary Ferguson Band from Pennsylvania performed their own stylings of Bluegrass, at times sounding more similar to Country and Western music, or even Jazz, than the other Bluegrass styles. The trio The Brother Boys performed their unique blend of vocal harmonies, string bass, and flat-top guitar to delight the crowd of over 200 on Sunday. The group brought more of a Country and Western flavor to the afternoon, at times sounding like early Hank Williams, especially in their adroit renditions of some of his songs.

By far the most engaging and entertaining of Sunday's acts though was Robert White & The Candy Mountain Express, with members hailing from throughout Ohio and the midwest. The group opened up the day with an assortment of gospels by way of bluegrass in commemoration of the Sabbath. They performed their hits "Springtime in Heaven," "Momma's not Dead, She's Just Sleepin'," and the movement-yet-delightful "The Wreck on the Highway."

The overall feeling of the festival, along with the talent of the performers, created an air of fun and excitement at the show. Even a harsh downpour on Saturday was merely a small distraction from the music and enjoyment of the performers and spectators, who ranged in age from iceberg to infant.

Paolo R. Detwiler, president of the Swiss Bluegrass Music Association centered in Basel, was on hand for the excitement. He commented on the international flair of the Mohican Festival.

"There's just a lot of things to see and hear, and this music is truly wonderful. It's going to be the next big thing in Europe I believe."

Ted Turner, a local promoter of the event who helped build the stage four years ago, is excited by the Festival's future. The Turnout for the event has nearly doubled every year, and he hopes that one day the Mohican Festival of Loudonville, Ohio will rival the larger Bluegrass festivals in Wimberhaw and Telluride. Members of the Kenyon community will not want to miss out on next year's festival and see what man the next big thing in Bluegrass music...
Presidential Search Committee Forum Reveals Concern

By Rachel Orr
Senior Staff Reporter

Classes were finally over for the week, it was beautiful outside, and it was Friday. I cannot honestly say that I wanted to review the community forum about the selection of a new president.

Yet I am glad I went, even though I was only one of a handful of students present at the meeting. I now have a much better idea of what is going on in Gambier's political circle, as well as a much larger interest in a subject which we all felt had us all.

Basically those present used the opportunity to voice their concerns, and to illuminate possible problems.

One of the major concerns communicated by faculty members pertained to their representation. Many were worried not only by the fact that the chosen committee was not very diverse, but that since the committee members don't know the faculty, how could they possibly represent them?

Apprehension concerning the trustee members of the board was also addressed, because while alumnae were certainly familiar with Kenyon while they were in school, how familiar would they be with new interests, such as the integrated programs and other new areas in academia? This unfamiliarity would make it difficult to define the present college, complicating selection of a new president.

The committee responded that they understood the concerns of the faculty, and that they plan on making themselves known to the community. Criteria they will establish for selecting the president will be made known to the faculty, although they plan to keep a line between retaining confidentiality on behalf of the applicants, and informing the public on their progress.

In regards to the alumnae, one trustee on the board made the point that many alumnae have been in touch with the College since graduation and know where they want to go with the decision. Others will meet with department chairs and faculty members, specifically in the newer departments, in order to become more informed of what is currently happening at Kenyon. The committee spokesperson remarked that being members of the committee will help them learn more about the school as a whole.

Although the issue of representation was a general concern agreed upon by the public, their opinions varied on the qualities they would like the new president to possess. One of the more common traits desired was the resident’s ability to understand, as 'Mr. Roger's' would put it, what makes Kenyon "special." An example was given of a college whose new resident did not understand this, and simply wanted to turn the school into another selective east coast school.

Another person suggested someone "who would be out in the world talking about Kenyon--someone with a sense of vision." There were complaints of continuously being compared to other schools, and somebody suggested appointing a president "who would say with integrity what we are."

The knowledge of a "sense of community" was another vital characteristic in a president, since Kenyon strongly considers the residential community as much which defines the College. Though most people in Gambier have formed their own notions of what the concept of community means, it seemed to be a widespread agreement that this is a concept the new president must take seriously to heart.

There were other attributes which faculty members believed would not be beneficial to Kenyon. One of those was appointing a "strictly business" person who would only downsize the school. One faculty member instead suggested someone who was not only an administrator but a scholar as well, and thus wouldn't "lose sight of the academic process, (because) progress needs to be made in an academic vision." Perhaps it would be someone who, like President Jordan, would continue teaching, conducting seminars in his home, and making himself or herself known to the students and faculty. There was also a need to recognize the amount of creative work accomplished by the faculty.

Flexibility was named to be a related trait, because it gets tiring to hear repetitive phrases such as: "That's a good idea, but there isn't any money..."

Finally, the audience wanted someone who held a holistic view of the College, a blend of both the academic and personal sides. However, one faculty member brought up the point that the committee should not burden the selection process with credentials, and that the committee could possibly choose someone who will get the job done.

The forum was very well conducted, and all sides expressed their views directly while still considering rationality and the position of others in the room. The only serious drawback and disappointment was that there were so few members of the student body in the group. Though many may not have had direct contact with President Jordan, certainly most everyone has seen him and his wife around campus, whether attending various events or simply walking their dogs down Middle Path.

There will be forums in the future in which students will be welcome to raise their concerns and find out more information, and students will have a chance to meet with the final round of chosen candidates when they visit the campus later in the school year.

According to Director of Admissions John Anderson, it is very important for the new president to know that Kenyon exists for the students "we are here because they are here."

It is our school, and we should play a role in who is chosen, because it will be someone who will eventually represent Kenyon, our alma mater.

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Recent Alums Return for Women's Anniversary Events

By Amy Rich
Senior Staff Reporter

This year's Homecoming will have a special atmosphere due to the many events planned to celebrate the 25th anniversary of women at Kenyon. Planned by a committee of students and members of the faculty, Homecoming Weekend will be the largest on-campus celebration of this anniversary for alumni, students, and staff.

Homecoming has drawn many people, but this one is of great significance because we are celebrating a huge event in the college's history — the inclusion of women,” said President Philip Jordan. The first event is a presentation entitled "The Japanese Crane: The Anglo-Japanese Style and Kenyon's Courier Center." On Friday, September 23, at 4:15 p.m. in the Courier Center, the presentation will address the renovation and restoration of the Courier Center for Women and be given by Jean Dukas '73, the historic design specialist who volunteered to implement these changes.

Assistant Dean of Students Cheryl Steele explained that, with her renovation and restoration, Dukas tried to regain the look of the building when it was first constructed in the late 1880s, an era of great American interest in Japanese culture.

In her presentation, Dukas will explain more about the Center's Anglo-Japanese styles as well as discuss how the project came to be. She will also demonstrate how she decided to alter the building's external look to make better use of its space rather than creating an addition to the building.

"She deserves so much credit for all her hours of volunteer work,” said Steele. Jordan also referred to Dukas's renovations as "exciting."

The celebration of 25 years of women at Kenyon will continue at 6:00 p.m. on Friday with the singing of "Philander Chase: The Sequel" on the steps of Rose Hall.

"It should be a fun event,” said Barbara Meek, director of campus events in Alumni and Parent Affairs. "We've asked all the singing groups on campus to help."

The song, written by Assistant Director of Admissions Liz Forman '73 and her mother Helen Forman, features an additional verse commemorating the arrival of women at Kenyon that was written for the 25th anniversary.

"I think other alumni should add to the verses,” said Forman.

The events of Saturday, September 24, will begin with a historical tour of campus lead by Director of Public Affairs Tom Stump '73. This year, special attention will be given to the Mather, McBride, and Gund dormitories, the buildings that once comprised the Coordinate College for Women.

Stump said that the tour focuses on the history of each building and includes amusing anecdotes, such as that of the "Spring River," a celebration of spring that resulted in "all the men gathered outside McBride and the women inside cheering them on with Dean Crozier standing between the two groups trying to keep them apart."

Another lecture, entitled, "The Memoir as an Artifact: Women Writing Their Family Histories," will be held on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in the Seitz House Seminar Room. Miriam Dean-Onting, an assistant professor of religion, will "explore the idea of memoirs, what questions they address, and what issues they raise" by presenting the examples of two Jewish women, one a 17th century German, and the other a 20th century Czech.

The Crozier Center for Women will be open on Saturday from noon to 1:30 p.m. for an open house and "common bond" brunch.

"It should be very informal,” said Meek, and "we invite people to come in and see Crozier and meet alumni." She explained that the tea was designed as a time to "talk about the early years when women came to campus" and stressed that both men and women belong.

The festivities continue at the Crozier Center with a "Tea and Sharing Party: Reminiscing about Twenty-Five Years of Women at Kenyon," an informal event the Meek also invites everyone to attend.

During half-time of the Saturday football game between the Lords and Denison Big Red, Wilder Track, which surrounds McBride Field, will be dedicated in honor of star athlete Kelly Wilder '94. After the game, a new women's athletics trophy case will be unveiled in Erskine Center.

The Homecoming celebration of 25 years of women at Kenyon will conclude at 6:30 p.m. with a banquet and recognition program in the Gund Commons during half.

The banquet will include a "tea" of questions based on changes at Kenyon in his 20 years as president, discussion of other events related to the women's anniversary planned for later this year, and an open microphone for people to share their experiences at Kenyon.

Both men and women are welcome at all these events, Meek emphasized. See WOMEN page 12.

Music King, Hollywood Squares to Provide Entertainment at Homecoming

By Brandon J. Ice
Staff Reporter

"Homecoming has not always been that big of a deal in the past."

So said Barbara Meek, director of campus events in Alumni and Parent Affairs. This year, however, she hopes a number of different entertainment events, planned with both alumni and students in mind, will reverse that perception.

"My hope is that Kenyon this year, has spearheaded the effort behind this year’s celebration. She feels that this year’s combination of events will give Homecoming the jump-start it needs to make it a bigger and better celebration for all involved.

To kick off Homecoming events, an all-campus picnic with entertainment by the Swimming Team Triathlon will be held at Erskine Center.

At 10:00 a.m., the Kenyon baseball alumni will take on the '94-95 Kenyon Lords baseball team at McBride Field.

For their first home game, the Kenyon Lords football team will battle the Denison Big Red at McBride Field at 1:30 p.m.

From 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, an open forum on the Presidential search process will take place in the Biology Auditorium.

The presidential search committee would like to gather alumni and community opinion regarding the direction in which Kenyon should be steered in addition to the qualities desired in the next president.

Discussions on "What Can I Do with a Kenyon Education and My Major?" will be led by alumni in various rooms in Ascension Hall at 1:30 p.m. Immediately following the event, which is organized by the Career Development Center, an informal reception will be held in Philanthomass Abbot Hall of Ascension.

To bring the Homecoming weekend to a close, "Aaaah, That Sound of Basemen Out" — described by some as a blend of new age and punk rock — will provide entertainment in Gund Commons Lounge from 9:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. for students and alumni.

Many opportunities for interaction with alumni are being made possible to the student body throughout the weekend. Sophomore Gretchen Baker, coordinator of the Students-Alumni Association, said she hopes the students will take advantage of such opportunities.

"The alumni have so much to offer the students in ways of first-hand experience and knowledge," she said. "Communication between the two groups would well serve all."
In the next few months, several workshops will be offered at Kenyon on the Internet, World Wide Web, and creating your own hypertext documents.

Those of us in the library and ICS who offer these workshops are often asked, "Why should I attend one of these? What's in it for me?"

The answer depends on many criteria, including what you need to accomplish, the research methods of your discipline, and your personal style of learning. You can collaborate with others of similar interests. You can search databases for specific information. You can acquire full text, audio and video clips. You can even create your own multimedia documents and make them available to a potentially global audience.

So what exactly is the Internet? The Internet is simply a global network of many smaller, interconnected computer networks, all of which use compatible "languages" called communication protocols. This commonality of communication protocols makes it possible to exchange information easily.

The Internet is relatively young and has grown very rapidly - 100% in the past five years - without central ownership. By some estimates, there are as many as 7 million computers connected to the Internet, with as many as 30 million users of Internet services.

In 100 countries. (We refer to this as a "global network", but keep in mind that 30 million is only .06% of the human population.)

The chaotic and anarchic nature of the Internet is in part the basis for the great potential of the Internet. Anyone connected to the Internet is able to access and provide information in new and exciting ways that were unimaginable just a few years ago.

But this chaotic nature can also be one of the most frustrating aspects as well. Librarians have worked for centuries to organize printed information; the Internet expands and changes so fast (literally each day!) that no one has been able to catalogue it, nor has anyone been able to establish a comprehensive scheme for such a Herculean cataloging effort.

So back to the original question: what's in it for you?

One reason to be interested in Internet resources is that you can access information you need quickly and frequently at little or no cost. Imagine there exists a global "web" of network-accessible information and that you find a starting place in this web by doing a simple keyword search. We'll call this a "home page" since it is often a document created by someone at your institution. Imagine then being able to leap from topic to topic without any technical obstacles to your efforts.

Such free movement is possible because each important term in this home page is linked to other documents. These links take you to a document wherever it is stored on the Internet - from your local computer to systems thousands of miles away.

Where that information is stored may not be important to you, however, because you can access it quickly, Skip what you already know and pursue what is new to you.

Gather citations, read text, listen to audio, interact with graphical simulations, interact with others, view video clips, all in a way that suits your style of learning.

This scenario is acted out thousands of times each day, right now.

The "web" is called the World Wide Web, started several years ago at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics in Geneva. Software that makes "browsing" the web easy is located in the public domain - in other words, it is free. (Direct connections to the Internet are not without cost, however; ICS is working to expand this level of access to the campus as fast as resources will allow).

Another reason to be interested in the Internet is that you can present your work to the global Internet community for review and comment. For instance, everything in KCInfo is accessible to anyone on the Internet, including the Hitchcock Annual Review (published by Christopher Brookhouse) and the 280 page workbook see INTERNET page twelve.
NEW OCS DIRECTOR WANTS MORE INVOLVEMENT FROM SENIORS
Hamlet Sees 'Keeping My Blinders on in My Own Little Nation' Unfeasible

By Eva McCellan
Staff Reporter

Approximately 150 students annually study off-campus in either another country or a different part of the United States. As of July, the integral part of a Kenyon student's education took a new direction.

Barbara Hamlet, the new interim director of International Education, has been busy modifying aspects of the Off-Campus Studies (OCS) program. To date she has held a pre-orientation program for international students and an informational meeting with sophomores looking to travel abroad.

These are only two examples of her duties, however. The entirety of her position extends to overseeing all OCS programs and attending to the needs of the international students on campus.

Hamlet's goal has been a compliment to her job. She was born in Guyana, "the land of many waters." After high school, she took a civil service exam and served as secretary in Guyana's Department of Forestry, Lands and Mines. A week after her marriage to a ministerial student, she and her husband moved to Canada.

Since then, Hamlet has lived in places such as Puerto Rico, Illinois, and Nigeria and held such positions as communications assistant and administrative assistant in the Department of Astronautical and Astronomical Engineering.

In 1976, she received her B.A. cum laude in cultural anthropology at the State University of New York in Buffalo and continued as a graduate teacher at St. John's Grammar School in Nigeria. Hamlet was made an aunt in charge of International Programs at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where she still resides today.

After five years at Denison (1985-1990), she enrolled at the school for international training in a master's program in International Administration with a concentration in development management and intercultural training. She recently completed her thesis entitled "Off, By, With and For the People: Towards A Redefinition of Authentic and Sustainable Development."

While working as an assistant, Hamlet worked as manager of educational development at Aurora Associates, Inc., in Washington, D.C. As interim director at Kenyon, she works closely with Assistant Director of International Education Marilyn Stokes. "With the assistance of peer advisors," remarked Hamlet, "we encourage students to view off-campus study as an important part of their academic experience."

Hamlet herself manifests the qualities necessary for relations with people of different nations. "I think I have a great capacity to empathize with people," she stated. "I fit in quite easily in different cultures, different places, without a lot of problems."

She is pleased with the excellent foundation laid down by past director Jane Weinheimer. "Of the things I am very happy about is the kind of commitment I have seen to international education on this campus," she explained. The courses and financial aid assistance offered to OCS students was a very encouraging greeting, noted Hamlet.

However, there still room for change. Her goal is to bring past and future OCS students and the international students together. Such a goal is already a reality.

Hamlet related that she encountered a recently returned student whose inspiration for his thesis came from a class taken overseas. At one of OCS's roundtable discussions, he met an international student from the same area in which he had studied. What came of their conversation was valuable for both.

"That kind of interaction" between OCS and international students, explained Hamlet, is what she hopes to encourage. "Getting (that) kind of informal information from international students about some aspects of that country" is very important, she said.

She also hopes to increase the on-campus activity of the returning students.

"I'd like to have more opportunities for our returning students. Think we don't complete the circle. That is, we prepare students to go off-campus, they go off-campus, and they return."

Students often do not return and retain their pre-OCS lifestyle, emphasized Hamlet. "Many return with more independence and with a different view of the world and their own life. Hamlet noted, for example, 'some student hopefuls after spending a weekend after weekend partying. When they return as seniors, they discover that they are no longer want to continue that way of life any more.'"

"The community can gain quite a bit from the experiences of these seniors," she added.

In order to study off-campus, students are advised to look toward the future with a specific plan in mind. Begin to carefully select your classes now so when you return from off-campus studies, you will be on track, advised Hamlet.

"OCS has become very competitive," she explained. "Students must be able to articulate how an OCS program will fit into their academic program here at Kenyon and beyond."

Noting the immense change the world has undergone since Leo McClellan, Hamlet observed, "When you consider the interdependence of our world, it is not feasible to just keep our blinding on in our own little nation."

The essence of a liberal arts education is to think off the blinders and broaden students' views.

According to Hamlet, off-campus study is an ideal way to do that. "It's one thing to read about some group in Brazil and it's another thing to actually live there and speak the language," she said.

Hamlet recounted that one student, upon returning, told her, "I discovered for the first time the 'humanities' of us all."

That student, along with many other, she said, gained a necessary appreciation of other cultures and places they never thought about before.

In a nutshell, Hamlet said of off-campus studies, "It's important for our survival."

FINKE EXPLORES Vaults, Archives of England for Medieval Manuscripts

By Brooks Martin
Staff Reporter

Associate Professor of Gender and Women's Studies Laurie Finke received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) earlier this year to fund her research for a book on women writers in the Middle Ages. Her grant, apart from providing support for two months of research, included a certain allotment of travel money which allowed her to study overseas.

The foundation for the grant was made by the Faculty Affairs Committee at Kenyon, which convenes and selects Kenyon professors to be considered by the NEH annually. The NEH then chooses recipients through a review of written proposals by each nominated professor.

Finke, who has a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, explained, 'The NEH is a federally funded grant agency which is designed to give grants to both individual and programs in the humanities: literature, philosophy, linguistics, history, and other fields that may use methods or information from the humanities.'

Her "summer stipend," as it is called, allowed Finke to travel to England, where most of the works that she needed to study exist only in unedited, unpublished manuscripts. She studied at the vaults and archives of the British Museum in London, the Bodleian as Oxford University, and the library at Cambridge University, all of which contain large collections of original manuscripts written in the Middle Ages.

Finke's two months of research, however, were not entirely trouble-free. Many of the works that she needed were not widely published anthologies. Instead, they existed only in the form of individual manuscripts kept in the vaults of various libraries.

She also ran into several unexpected problems. "People in the humanities don't often have to deal with methodological problems," she observed.

One of these problems revolved around her subject: women writers in English in the Middle Ages. But what qualified as English in the Middle Ages? Not everybody in the medieval period spoke English, for two centuries most people spoke French.

"Could I look at French things?" she asked. "For instance, could I look at Marie de France, who was a member of Henry II's court? She was in Anglo-Norman (and she was from England, but she called herself from France)," Finke explained.

There was also the problem of whether Finke should use those items which were written on the continent by women but were translated into English. One such writer in whom she was particularly interested was Christine de Pisan, a 15th century writer in France who was a Royalist, pro-French writer for the King of France.

Finke said that it was interesting to look at the translations of her works and establish who was translating and why. Most of the people who were translating her works were members of the English aristocracy who used her works to argue that England should

Professor Finke (photo by Chris Adams)
New Coach Detchon Aims to Return to Final Four

By Mark Haggerty and Jessica Buckholz
Staff Reporters

Kenyon’s athletic department has added a new member this season, brought in to coach one of Kenyon’s most powerful sports teams back to the NCAA Final Four. His name is Jack Detchon, and he is the new head coach of the Kenyon mens’ soccer program. His ambitions for the squad are high as the Lords battle for a return trip to the national tournament.

Detchon arrived in the United States only fourteen months ago from England, where he has lived most of his life. A soccer player from a very young age, Detchon was named last spring to fill the coaching vacancy left after former coach Fran O’Leary moved on to become Dartmouth’s head coach.

Detchon says he is already fascinated by the student body and the community atmosphere that surrounds Kenyon College. He is impressed with the learning facilities and the general attitude of everyone who makes up the school and the Gambier community.

The amiable and generous atmosphere will hopefully assist Detchon in achieving his main objective here—coaching a winning soccer team. Considering the teams the Lords have fielded in the past few seasons, that shouldn’t be a difficult goal to meet.

Now that the season has begun, Detchon has wasted no time; already beginning the process of recruiting for next season as the 1994 schedule gets underway. A veteran on both the field and the sidelines, Detchon has a physical education degree and has been certified Football Association coach in England since 1966 (in case you were living under a rock this summer and missed the World Cup, here’s a hint: soccer is football to the rest of the world).

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Football Improves To 1-1 With 28-0 Shutout at Oberlin

By Fred Bierman and James Hall
Staff Reporters

Kenyon quarterback Brad Hensley shattered four Kenyon career records as the football team defeated Oberlin 28-0 last Saturday afternoon. In addition to Hensley's performance, the defense held the Yeomen to 22 yards, picking up Kenyon's first shutout since 1996.

Head Coach Jim Meyer was certainly pleased with his team's performance. "This game was a once-in-a-career-game," he said. "I've never coached anything like it."

Last season, opposing teams had a great deal of success running the ball against the Kenyon defense. With the advent of a new defensive strategy, the Lords did fairly well against Grove City and put on a sensational show of strength in the Oberlin game.

This new defensive strategy brought the team's success in stopping the Yeomen. This season's lineup includes smaller but faster players than in previous years' campaigns; that speed helped the Lords make 13 sacks and limit the Yeomen to zero positive yards.

Senior tri-captain Brett Brownscombe said, "It's definitely an improvement from last year. The aggressiveness makes the game more exciting. We already have more total sacks in two games than we had all of last year."

Hensley led the offensive onslaught. Against the Yeomen, Hensley completed 16 of 21 passes for 227 yards and threw three touchdown passes, all to Colby Perozzi. He broke four Kenyon career records: most plays (1359), most net total yards (6176), most passing yards (6444), and most passes completed (567).

Coach Meyer said of his star quarterback, "[Brad] is a very unselfish player. He doesn't go in there thinking about breaking records; he would trade all of the stats for wins any day. Even though he has had a lot of success, he'll be the first to credit his players."

Despite his accomplishments on the field, Hensley remains focused on the team's success. "I try not to think about these things and let the coaches worry about it," Hensley said. "If they (the records) fall, they fall."

The offensive line put in a stellar performance behind Hensley. "This was the second true test of the offensive line," said junior offensive lineman Assam Khalil. "We pulled together to give Brad the time he needed to execute his passes."

The Lords evened their record to 1-1 starting off their NCAC season at 1.0. In addition — and perhaps equally importantly — the Lords sustained no injuries and even able to rest some of the starters against a fairly competitive team. The shellacking of the Yeomen also allowed Meyer to play some of the younger members of the squad.

On Saturday, the Lords hopes to chew up the Big Red of Denison and keep their undefeated conference record intact.

"When Denison looks at the film of our Oberlin game, I'm sure it will instill some fear in their hearts."
-Brett Brownscombe

Ladies Soccer Presses on, Faces Challenges in Future

By Laura Glennie
Staff Reporter

The Kenyon ladies soccer team suffered their first loss against top-ranked Wilmington College in a non conference game last Saturday. Although the ladies lost the game 1-3 against the lady Quakers, they still held an impressive 6-1 record so far this season.

The Ladies traveled to Wilmington, Ohio where they faced probably their toughest opponent this year. In the first half, the second ranked Ladies held a 1-0 lead after junior Laura Noah scored a goal assisted by first-year Amy Hall. In the second half, the ladies threatened to pull away, holding Wilmington scoreless until the final thirty-five minutes of the game. Two of Kenyon's second half shots bounced off the goalposts, allowing Wilmington to come away with the 3-1 victory and a record of 6-1 for the season.

Wilmington's three goals are three of the only five goals scored on the Ladies the entire season. Goalie junior Stacy Strauss produced a season high of twenty-one saves and helped in the awesome effort given by the Ladies against the undefeated Lady Quakers.

"It was a disappointing loss for us, but an encouraging one," said Coach Paul Wardlaw. "But, we played as hard as we could and gave quite an effort against a very good opponent," he added.

However, Ladies' soccer was victorious yesterday in their first conference game against Case Western Reserve, 2-1. Junior Hillary Mars championed both goals while first-year Amy Hall provided two assists for the Ladies.

Senior Co-Captain Kate Comerford comments "We outshone them and outplayed them but we didn't score as much as we would like."

Sadly the team will greatly miss junior Laura Noah in Saturday's away game against Ohio Northern. Noah, in the last few minutes of the match against Case, sprained an ankle. According to Comerford the match against Ohio Northern will pose some challenges for the Ladies. "We are evenly matched teams so it will be a good match," notes Comerford. "Last year we beat them 2-0, but they are a better team this year."

The Ladies next home game will be Sept. 30 against Bethany College.

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Lords Soccer Rout Case
Western Spartans 12-0

By James Murray
Special to the Collegian

Lords’ soccer posted an impressive 12-0 shut-out over the visiting Case Western Reserve Spartans yesterday. Senior Co-Captain Mark Phillips paved the way with nine of the first 10 goals.

“Definite All-American performance,” declares senior Tom Frick regarding Phillips’ play.

The Lords got on track quickly as Phillips gave them a 2-0 lead in the first half. Sophomore Jason Sellers provided the third goal with Dave DeSchervy’s assist. The next seven goals belong to Phillips.

Mark Toews scored as Jesse Hardman lobbed the ball over the defense, and it was off to the races for Toews as he blew by the Spartan defenders. Hardman also got on the scoreboard with a goal of his own, coming off a cross from Jon Moody.

There was also a great defensive effort in this 12-0 rout against the Spartans. Everyone on the defense played a solid game, including senior Andy Kingston supplying the shut-out as goal-keeper. However, poor Case played, Kingston still achieved his sixth shut-out in six games and maintained the lead in the NCAC for goals against average. “Kingston deserves a great deal of credit with his six shutouts, and leadership”, states Frick on Kingston’s activity in net thus far in the season.

DeSchervy commented after the game, “I felt as if we played like muskrats in water”, and wanted to congratulate everyone on playing a solid game. This 12 goal victory can only improve the Lords of second place standing in the NCAC, due to the 0-0 tie against Kalamazoo. This tie is the only blemish in the Lords undefeated season of 5-0-1.

The team looks forward to continuing in the same manner Friday against the cross town rival, Mount Vernon Nazarene College, as they did against the Spartans of Case Western Reserve. Dave DeSchervy, speaking for the Lords, wish to thank you for your enthusiasm, and want to encourage more of it in the future.

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Craig Bradley, dean of students said, “While it is most appropriate that Kenyon is ranked in the top tier of National Liberal Arts Colleges, I continue to believe that the rankings are an absurd exercise of splitting hairs with a breadknife; institutional quality and diversity are much harder to define than is possible using a simple quantitative tally. "Nonetheless, many high school students and their parents read this report, so it has influence. We can't pretend that it is irrelevant even if we believe its real value as a guidance tool is limited."

Provost Jim Gunton commented, "I am of course absolutely delighted but not surprised of their ranking of us. As a newcomer to Kenyon, I think I can safely say that Kenyon deserves to be ranked even more highly, as it is an outstanding national liberal arts college.”

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