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Once Again, Lords and Ladies Stroke to National Title

By Grant Tennille

Utter dominance breeds complacency. Yeah, right. The 1991 Lords and Ladies swim teams shot that theory all to pieces again this year as they continued to exert monopolistic control over the NCAA Division III swimming and diving championships.

The Ladies captured their eighth consecutive title; while the Lords brought home their twelfth straight crown. Surprisingly, neither team met with much resistance. Tallying 661.5 total points, the Ladies outscored their nearest competitor, highly touted University of California at San Diego (UCSD), by 198 points. Shallow competitors enabled the Lords, who tallied 593.5 total points, to more than double the score of their nearest competitor. The Claremont Colleges (Ca.), despite the dearth of competition, many Kenyon swimmers enjoyed the meet of their lives.

On the Ladies side, senior co-captain Kami Mathews saw 4 years of hard work pay off tenfold as she captured the NCAA Swimmer of the Year award. The leading scorer of the meet, Mathews tallied 97 points by winning 2 individual events, placing second in another, and leading her efforts to 4 victorious relay teams. The individual titles came in the 100 and 200 freestyle events, with her time in the 200 establishing a new NCAA record in Mathews’s name. Of the senior’s performance, Coach Jim Steen said, “Kami worked hard this year. She has an incredible desire to be the best; it’s nice to see that desire being rewarded, and to see her conclude her career with lifetime bests.”

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Students for Progressive Action Now (SPAN) sponsored Poverty Awareness Week last week by hosting a speaker, showing videos, and putting together a coffee house on Friday night.

“Poverty tends to be a non-issue in the eyes of the two major parties,” SPAN President Jason Rhodes said. “We want people to know that it’s not just an issue, it’s a plague. We want them to understand the magnitude of the problem.”

According to Rhodes, the week was a success because attendance at the lecture and videos was “decent, with plenty of positive feedback.” Over the course of the week, Dinah Leventhal, the national director for Democratic Socialists of America’s (DSA) Youth Section, spoke, and they showed videos entitled, “The Other America,” by Mitch Snyder, and “New American Poverty,” by Michael Harrington, DSA founder.

SPAN raised about $170 at the coffee house, which they plan to split three ways: a small portion to the DSA, a small portion for the group to plan their next event, and the majority to the Children’s Defense Fund in Washington D.C. which fights poverty among children. The group’s next event will focus on the question of national health care.

‘86 Alum Meets Oscar

On Monday night, at the 63rd annual Academy Awards, Kenyon alumnus Adam Davidson ’86 won the Oscar in the Best Live Action Short Film Category. His film, entitled “The Lunch Date,” also won the Palme d’Or for Best Short Film at the 1990 Cannes International Film Festival.

Greek Council Accepts New Rush Proposal, Hopes for Addendum

By Joyce Y. Teson

In the upcoming years, Kenyon’s Greek system will be undergoing a number of changes. According to Kim McMullen, Senate Chair, each year the Greek Council must report to Senate as stated in Kenyon’s constitution. Article I, section 2, paragraph b, of Kenyon’s Constitution states, “The Council (Greek Council) shall formulate legislative proposals for maintaining the fraternity system at Kenyon for presentation to Senate.” This includes a formal report on the rush proposal for the following year.

After reading and discussing the American Council on Education’s report on Greek organizations on the college campus, Senate “reached a number of general points of consensus” and wanted to make sure that the Greek Council incorporated those ideas into their rush proposal for the 1991-1992 academic year. On Nov. 15, McMullen sent a letter to Chuck Penachini, then Greek Council President, of Senate’s concerns.

McMullen said, “Senate’s main concern was that the institution’s educational goals need to be the fundamental goal of the college,” and that the fraternities also need to keep this in mind. Other guidelines presented in the letter included a second semester rush and justifications for the length and value of the pledging period.

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McMullen, some members of Senate were concerned with the implications of a statement in the original addendum that “only Greek Council could make changes” thereby excluding faculty, administration and independent students from having a voice. McMullen also believes, “Had we known we would be working on a project for the next three years, other concerns would have been more aggressively addressed.”

They presented a new addendum to be voted on yesterday that required the new rush guidelines to remain in action for a minimum of three years. The addendum also gives the power to change rush rules to the Greek Council only, with recommendations from their advisor, the Student Council president, the faculty chair, and the Dean of Students.

“This would introduce an element of consistency into the process,” Ginther said. “For the last four years, there has been a different process.” Ginther was confident that the measure would pass.

Other Ladies capturing individual titles included sophomore Jen Carter in the 200 breaststroke and the 200 IM, junior Kristie Stacy in the 100 butterfly, sophomore Carolyn Peticolas in the 50 free, and freshman Jessica Berkowitz in the 1650 free.

Berkowitz’s victory may very well have been the meet’s most exciting moment. The freshman sensation trailed Allegheny’s Kate Thomas by two seconds for most of the race, but in the final 200 yards, Berkowitz began to gain ground. Coming out of the final turn, the two were running even, but Berkowitz poured it on in the final lap to take the victory by less than one half of a second.

“When I went into the event, I was concentrating on my own race,” said Berkowitz. “I just swam better. I knew that I would get up faster than me and that I would have to stick with her, because I would only be able to catch her one time.”

The Ladies also enjoyed great success in the relays, as they set new NCAA records in both the 200 free and medley events while taking gold in the 400 free and medley relay. Freshman Tasha Willis sparked the Ladies, putting together what Coach Amy Williams said SWIMMING page eight

photo by Melissa Kalu
Stinsson Questions War Glorification

Editors:

As I sat home over break, I watched one news broadcast after another report about the return of our “triumphant” troops from the Gulf. At this time I would like to say that I am immensely grateful for the safe return of so many of our soldiers, all of whom were in my thoughts during a conflict to which I was opposed. As they disembark by the thousands on American soil, I must say that I am concerned once again with the stance the media and much of America are taking.

True, there exists overwhelming support for our actions in the Gulf, but the news media persists in portraying this as 100% American advocacy for our actions. “I feel it to be my duty to myself to state that I am not fooled, nor do I support what took place in our campaign against Saddam Hussein. Yes, I support our troops, but I see them as trained craftsmen doing a dirty job, not as heroes of America. I am referring primarily of course to our male servicemen, thus following in the footsteps of the media. I feel that this blatant glorification of an abhorrent action coupled with still more celebration of some of the most dangerous attributes of American masculinity (violence, alcoholism, etc.) by the news media is damaging and hardly impartial. My fear lies in a number of areas, not the least of which is encapsulated in this quote by Wayne Ewing: “The flag of violence becomes the object of fidelity and devotion for American children before they know the meaning of ‘allegiance.’”

On top of this, I have to feel a bit queasy when I see camouflage bumper stickers that say, “GO DESERT STORM.” Only in America.

As a person who feels his patriotism through his Constitutional right to voice his disagreement with his government and country, I become concerned when the news and our president inform me that I had overwhelming support for our actions. They’re long— I opposed it from the beginning and still do today. Now I have more to fear than just the senseless waste of lives in the Gulf conflict; I have to face the reality of a country gone mad with so-called “patriotism,” a country that seems to have fully regained its warrior status, imperialistic motive, and blind support for violence and war in one fell swoop. I am fearful for America’s future as a military force and skeptical that the many problems rampant here at home will be so easily solved.

Sincerely,

John Stinson ’93

Vocal Majority Wants Total Recall

To the Kenyon College Board of Trustees and President P.H. Jordan:

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Dean Steele Offers Just the Facts

To the Editors:

As a correction to the article “Media Board Convenes” in the issue on February 28, the Media Board has met at least once every year for the last five years, not for the first time in five years as stated in the article.

Cheryl Steele Assistant Dean of Students

Stud. Council Finance Committee Merits More Than “Stone Throwing”

To the Editors:

Having read your recent editorial of February 28, 1991 issue, I was appalled at your total lack of knowledge concerning the position of the Student Council Finance Committee and the completion of their duties. I feel that I can draw from my experience, since I worked with the Committee during a period of 12 years. Considering your blatant disregard for detail, I felt compelled to respond to your statement. Innumerable hours are spent deliberating the application of funds to each organization. Your recommendations for improving the “system” have plausibility, but in your effort to make those recommendations known you chose a very negative path. There is an old saying “don’t throw the baby out with the bathwater.” Suggestions for revision of the present dispensing of funds to Student Council organizations should be made without the stone throwing you chose to deliver.

Catherine Levengood

Campus Events Secretary

Student Affairs Center

The Kenyon Collegian encourages letters to the Editor. All submissions must be signed and typed, double-spaced and are due Tuesdays at noon in the Gund Center. The Editors reserve the right to edit all material while maintaining the original intent of the submission. Letters and columns do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff.
Marsalis’s Jazz Dazzles Kenyon
By Christopher Missett

Five dollars can still buy a lot these days. Playing a spectacular, two-hour show of jazz music as blue as Wynton’s suit and twice as hot as the temperature in the top row balcony, the Marsalis septet gave the roaring Kenyon audience an incredible bargain and a forceful, engrossing selection of tunes that fit into all styles of jazz but in the end was as timeless as any great work of art. From the opening “Blues” to the heartbreaking second encore, the. Marsalis septet went on to provide an unsurpassed jazz concert that is sure to be remembered for many years to come.

Wynton Marsalis's Jazz Dazzles Kenyon

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Cockroaches Features Strong Acting
by Kelly Brown

The Kenyon College Dramatics Club presented Janusz Glowacki’s “Hunting Cockroaches” on March 22nd and 23rd at the Hill Theatre. The story dealt with the trials of a young man as he tried to immigrate to Manhattan, and the problems they faced trying to obtain work permits and visas. The performances of the actors were good, and the material was funny during certain scenes, but the plot part of the story was bland and really didn’t evolve.

The play opened with the couple, HE and SHE, in bed, and continued to take place there, with all the action of both Manhattan and Poland occurring in or around the bed. Characters entered and exited the stage from under the bed. This was clever staging, but at first it was distracting. A nice touch was the appearance of the censor, played by Andrew Dallinger. He appeared between the couple having risen through the center of what appeared to be a queen-sized bed.

The performances of the lead characters were excellent. Conrad Kurtzmann in the role of SHE was outstanding. He was an interesting character. SHE was right on, which helped her create a character who came alive. Kurtzmann created a character who could be sympathized with. Anthony Miller as the censor also gave a strong performance. The character portrayed was one that you loved to hate, although the feeling was not as strong as the sympathetic feel for HE. The supporting actors were good as well, but it was the material that dragged the play down.

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Weeks in Spring Planned to Celebrate Women at Kenyon

By Kate Brentzel

Women's Weeks 1991 were planned by the Crozier Center board of directors to celebrate women at Kenyon. The activities will include such things as an art exhibit opening, a panel discussion on women in the military, and a coffeehouse featuring women performers. The Crozier Center board, comprising students, faculty, and administration members, planned the two weeks as a positive celebration of women. Hannah Ben-Zvi, a member of the board, said, "I definitely think it should be positive and celebratory. We had talked about having things about date rape and some of the more depressing and negative women's issues. We decided that, although those issues are certainly valid and important, we wanted to try to celebrate women and have a lot of exciting and fun events.

The Women's Weeks events are also a celebration of the diversity of women at Kenyon. For instance, there will be a panel discussion about women at Kenyon which will include a faculty member, a member of the administration, a female security officer, women from ARA and maintenance, and a student. "It's very rare that we get to have women from the diverse parts of Kenyon communicating" said Ben Zvi.

The Crozier Center board itself is very diverse. Ben Zvi said that even with the board, it would be hard to find one philosophy on women's issues, or on any issue. The board is also very open. As Cheryl Steele, Assistant Dean of Students, said, "The board program was born in part, in reaction, to some of my concerns about the way the public perceives the media...I wanted to have a forum, too, in view of this extraordinary situation where here you had a government putting quite strict controls on the press, and the public applauding the government for doing that and when the press whined and moaned about it, the public telling the press, in effect, to shut up, which says volumes about where the public perceptions of the media and in particular the television media are.

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A: The real story of the war really has yet largely to be told. I think it will be. I was reading a piece by David Broder of the Washington Post and he said we're only beginning to read the best and most valuable reporting about the Persian Gulf war now that the fighting is over.

Q: What's the news coming out, people aren't paying attention.
A: That's true. Only a certain public will be interested. It's very rare to get the American public to be as excited about any one story as happened during this war and as quickly. Even those that the media gets terribly excited about you'll find, and it's quite startling to me, that only about fifteen percent of the American people pay close attention. You get something like the Challenger disaster and that peaked up in the eighty percentile. These stories that are coming out in more detail now will be read by more thoughtful people who have a big appetite for information but that's always a small segment.

Q: Doesn't the news have to focus on one particular hot topic?
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Robert McNeil Speaks to Collegian about War, News and Education

By Liza Hamm and John Roman

Next Monday at 8 p.m., Rosse Hall will be the sight of a lecture by one of the leading news analysts in America, Robert McNeil. The co-host and creator of the McNeil/Lehrer NewsHour will present a discussion on contemporary issues with the explicit content of his speech to be determined by events of the day. The Collegian and Michael Matros, the Public Affairs' News Director had the opportunity to talk with Mr. McNeil about current events as well as education journalism and other issues. The following are excerpts from that interview.

Q: We were told that you're waiting until the last day or so that you could talk about the news of the day?
A: McNeil: I'm preparing a talk on thoughts that have been brewing on this whole press versus the Pentagon versus the public controversy. It seems to me the war in the gulf raised all that to a new pitch. It's a question about how the public trusts or mistrusts the media that has been a concern of mine for many years. Some of those concerns are apparent in the way we do our program. It [the program] was born in part, in reaction, to some of my concerns about the way the public perceives the media...I wanted to have a forum, too, in view of this extraordinary situation where here you had a government putting quite strict controls on the press, and the public applauding the government for doing that and when the press whined and moaned about it, the public telling the press, in effect, to shut up, which says volumes about where the public perceptions of the media and in particular the television media are.

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Kenyon College Bowl Team Finishes Year Ranked Third

By Joe Rife

On March 2 and 3 the Kenyon College Bowl team competed in the Regional Tournament against schools from across Michigan and Ohio. The college bowl team of Eric Alexander (92), Bob Broven (91), John Everett (92), Kevin Kropf (93), and Joe Rife (93) is the same one which returned Kenyon to intercollegiate competition for the first time in over twenty years last spring. This year the team garnered six victories and only two losses, boosting their overall record to 7-4.

In this year’s Regional Tournament Kenyon led its division until the final match of round-robin competition. Unfortunately Kenyon lost that final match by 100 points—that is only two questions—to GLCA rival Case Western. The winner of that match was to meet the other division leader, the University of Michigan, in a best-of-three series. Kenyon then completed its 1990-91 season ranked third overall in the region.

Of the 17 schools in the tournament Kenyon was by far the smallest. Only Oberlin College compared in enrollment. The other 15 universities were 10 to 50 times the size of Kenyon and enjoyed the participation of eligible graduate students. Not only did the Kenyon squad manage to finish comfortably ahead of such giants as Ohio State and Michigan State, but they also tallied wins against Eastern Michigan, Wright State, Bowling Green, Oberlin, and Kent State.

Kenyon started the tournament in an impressive manner with four quick wins, two against the only seeded teams in the division. The highlight was undoubtedly an emotional victory over Kent State. Kent State is the perennial powerhouse in the region. Their loss to our squad was their first since 1987. The Kent State coach was particularly bitter: one memorable moment of his college career at North Dakota State was a televised loss ending a record winning streak in 1967 to none other than Kenyon College.

The Lords College Bowlers are satisfied with their showing but still regret that final loss to CWRU. Fortunately, most of the team will be back for another season. Alexander, who was voted to Regional All-Star Team, Everett, and Rife, the three founders of the team in 1989, anticipate serious practicing over the next two semesters. Alexander and Rife, who have taken turns as team captain, hope to find more interest, support, and recognition on campus in future seasons.

They also hope that the program which they have struggled to establish does not die when they graduate. Recruiting new players will become increasingly important. The turn-out for the annual February intramural tournament, which has been mediocre at best, will have to improve. Alexander believes that there are students who are interested and able but who do not readily initiate involvement because of busy schedules or misinformation on what college bowl means.

All in all, there are many reasons for the team to be optimistic. With four dedicated returning starters and building momentum, the future is bright. It is difficult to predict the level of regional competition from year to year. Last season the University of Michigan was not a contender for the regional crown. This year they discovered three graduate students who were former JEOPARDY! champions, and they stormed the tournament.

In the world of college bowl matches can depend on the misspelling of "surprectics," or on knowing the official state sport of Maryland. For a private college of less than 2000 in a field of giants, the revival and success of the college bowl tradition has so far been a David and Goliath story. As unpredictable as the game is, the new Kenyon College Bowl team is eager to continue winning and, come next March, have as good a shot at nationals as anyone—if not better.

American Foreign Relations, and the National Historical Society Prize for the "best first work of history." Since then he has published two more acclaimed works, Strategies of Containment and The Long Peace: Inquiries into the History of the Cold War, and edited other volumes on the cold war and American foreign policy. Gaddis received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Texas. He has served as Visiting Professor of Strategy at the United States Naval War College and as

WKCO Top 10 Albums for 3/18/91-3/25/91

Artist:
1. Jesus Jones
2. R.E.M.
3. Uncle Tupelo
4. Divinyls
5. Sting
6. Trash Can Sinatras
7. Happy Mondays
8. Charlatans UK
9. Enigma
10. Jane’s Addiction

Album:
Doubt
Out of Time
No Depression/I got Drunk ?"
Divinyls
The Soul Cages
Cake
Pills, Thrills and Bellyaches
Some Friendly
MCMLX A.D.
Ritual De Lo Habitual

Owl Creeks to Play

The Owl Creek Revue, scheduled for Saturday, March 30, will showcase the singing and theatrical talents of Kenyon students in an evening of performances by eight campus groups. The show begins at 8:00 p.m. in Gund Commons Lounge.

Among the entertainers performing in the revue will be the Chasers, the oldest established group of a cappella singers at Kenyon. The ensemble’s repertoire includes madrigals, folk songs, standards, and original arrangements. Other a cappella groups will include the Generics, an all-male ensemble specializing in rock-and-roll tunes from the fifties and early sixties as well as offbeat numbers up to the present; the Kokosingers, another all-male

Changing Faces of Kenyon

What was the best thing you did over the break?

Hmm... I think I watched every Moonlighting re-run — I'm not lying... Devin Oddo ’93

Snorkeling in Acapulco.
Isabel Brooker ’93

Running on the beach in Florida
Kim Pizzi ’91

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Lords Go 1-2 On Spring Trip; Club Club Columbus 11-0

By Phil Wilson

In this, the 50th season of lacrosse at Kenyon, this year's Lords are off to a slow 1-2 start. Having dropped games to Randolph-Macon and a heartbeat to Pfeiffer College, the Lords were able to come back and take the final game of the trip, handily defeating Greensboro College on March 8th.

The Lords opened at home against Columbus Lacrosse Club this past Saturday, soundly drubbing the visitors 11-0.

Of the Spring Trip, which covered over 1,600 miles round trip and the first week of Spring Break, Assistant Coach Randy Mercer said, "It was a learning experience.

Unfortunately, the Lords had to learn the hard way, starting with the season opener against Randolph-Macon. Starting strong, the Lords jumped out to an early lead when sophomore midfielder Gordie Walker tickled the twines at just 2:53 into the first period.

The game remained close throughout the third period, by which time Randolph-Macon had established a 6-5 lead. The Lords were unable to get back in it, however, eventually losing 10-6.

Goals for the game came from John Carpenter, who had two, Almon Thorp, Eric Brock, Gordie Walker, and Chris Munster.

On March 6th, the Lords met the Pfeiffer Yellow Jackets, a team that had lost to Kenyon in both of their previous meetings. The first period seemed to indicate that a "three-peat" was forthcoming. After leading 6-1 after the first and 8-5 at the half, victory seemed assured.

After an evenly played third period, which ended at 11-8, the momentum shifted. Four unanswered goals buried the Lords, Pfeiffer seizing victory from the jaws of defeat.

Coach Stein Approaching Immortality

By Chris Munster

"Success is tricky, perishable; the pursuit of success makes a poor cornerstone.

"Excellence is dependable, lasting and largely an issue within our own control; pass sag of excellence is the householder." – Thomas Boswell in "The Heart of the Order"

Kenyon swimming coach Jim Stein's 12- and nightmarish buildings are on solid ground, thank you.

It is clear that Stein and his assistant Amy Williams are not driven by successes, but by excellence. Stein has surely surpassed the success boundary, even before winning one title at Kenyon. In fact, his list of achievements, stretching the equivalent of a 1600 freestyle, put him in exclusive company not just at the Division III level, but among the NCAA's all-time greats.

Coach John Wooden took 10 NCAA titles with UCLA in a 12-year period in basketball; Stanford's John Wooden gave a horse of a view mirror; he's up to 12. Jerry Tarkanian's level.

Although down 4-1 midway through the first period, the Lords roared back to knot the score at 4-4. They held the momentum throughout the second period, leading 8-6. This time, the Lords were not going to relinquish that lead. Kenyon finished with five second-half goals to win 13-9.

Carpenter turned in a spectacular five-goal performance that day. Hat tricks by Brock and the turn-around goals by Ben Lee and J.K. Fagan rounded out the scoring.

Last Saturday, the Lords hosted the Columbus Lacrosse Club. Essentially a scrimmage for the Lords, it led to their second victory in a row and their first win in NCAC action.

Head Coach Bill Heiser is pleased at the improvements his team has seen over the last three months that have passed since pre-season began on January 15. The Lords lost an outstanding group of seniors to graduation, including All-Midwest selections Chris Albaugh (goalie) and Chris Jelliffe (defensive midfielder). The "real world" also took the first midfield line and members of the starting attack.

"This is a learning situation," said Coach Heiser, "but we expect to improve as the season progresses." In individual statistical categories, however, the Lords post numbers which leave little room for improvement. Their man-down defense has stopped opponents' extra-man offensive threats only 23 percent of the time, and the Lords pick up, on average, nearly 30 more ground balls than their opponents.

Defense and hustle are clearly the strengths of this year's squad. On the other hand, the Lord's extra-man offense has been somewhat inconsistent, scoring on 24% of its opportunities. Also, Kenyon has been outscored 11-3 in fourth quarters. Capitalizing on extra-man opportunities and maintaining fourth quarter intensity will be keys to success.

Despite their lack of depth compared to past years, the Lords are anchored by a solid group of veterans and capable underclassmen.

Senior defensive midfielder Chris Munster has earned the respect that he can fill the shoes of Chris Jelliffe. Following a one year lay off, Munster currently leads the team in ground balls with 46. He has also scored twice, and as a former goalie, he has also helped the team's 62% save rate.

Senior defenders Don Thomas and George Abar lend experience and skill to the Lord's defense as reflected in the man-down statistics. Senior John Carpenter leads the Lords with 9 goals and 2 assists, followed by freshman Aaron Kilbourne (9 points), junior Doug Munster (goalie) and sophomore Gordie Walker (7 points).

The Lords play the Yeomen of Oberlin College this Saturday at 1:30 on McBride Field in NCAC action. Don't miss it.

Baseball Starts Year on Down Note

By John Cooney

The Kenyon Lords baseball team has endured a string of losing seasons in recent years, and their wireless start to the current season would seem to indicate another loss.

However, this season there are signs that the future of the baseball team is brighter than in the past. The team has a new coach, many new players, and even new menacing black uniforms.

Much of the optimism must be attributed to Bob Bunnell, the new coach. Bunnell is the first to acknowledge the obstacles facing this year's team. He cites the team's sub-.200 batting average, 7.00+ E.R.A. and says, "we have not lost on strategy, we're lost on merit."

Bunnell is "disappointed, not shocked" with the team's slow start, and he sees many areas where the team can make improve

ment. One of the greatest weaknesses of the Lords has been defensive lapses which lead to big innings. In Florida the team's fielding percentage was only .815 and as of now, Kenyon is "not a solid team defensively" according to Bunnell.

Fairly, everyone is also very proud of the effort put forth by the players. He calls the team, "the hardest working team I've coached in my eleven years of coaching." Clearly the team's work ethic and enthusiasm is one of the team's greatest strengths.

The Lords have also benefited from many stellar individual performances in the early part of the season. Jason Bertsch, Josh Web

ber, and Roger Colon are the four players who make up the backbone of the team. They have been forced to play many different positions in their careers, but they have all made important contributions for the Lords.

Kenyon begins the pitching battle for the Lords thus far. He is a master of mixing his pitches, and he turned in a masterful outing against Bethanyse on Wednesday. He held the Beavers to just one run, but unfortunately his counterpart on was just a little bit better as the Lords lost 1-0.

Webber has been inconsistent on the mound, but he did pitch an outstanding game against Denison in defeat over the weekend. In addition, Webber has been one of the Lords most dangerous hitters, and he leads the club in homers with two.

In the future, the club continues to get stellar performances from the seniors and in the upcoming games one can expect that some of the more inexperienced players will also blossom. Kenyon has several players who have shown signs of potential, particularly in freshmen Jason Scherner, Simon McGuire, and Dave Goodwillie. As the season rolls along they will get a chance to prove themselves.

Kenyon is preparing to face the Quakers on both Friday and Saturday against Earlham. The games are at Kenyon, the first home games of the year for the team. Earlham is no power in any sport, and the Lords should do very well against them.

As with any team in any sport, fan support would be a great boost.
**Good Move For Mercer, AIC**

**By Chris Munster**

As to be expected from a first-time head-coach-in-waiting, Randy Mercer was all smiles as he was being interviewed by the College in head coaching for the upcoming season. Mercer said he would like to see his team be competitive in conference. He also mentioned that he would like to see his team win more games this season.

Mercer, the age of 26, is still young enough to relate to the 18-year-olds that enter college every year. Mercer, in fact, relates extremely well to this age group. You could ask virtually every athlete who has played for him here at Kenyon to get first-hand evidence of that.

Also, Mercer is fairly entrenched into the "lacrosse community." He is good friends with coaches from both the Division I and Division III levels, as well as many high school coaches from traditional "feeder" programs. His father once coached at the high school level. Mercer does summer camps every year, so he knows where to find the talent.

Mercer himself played at a high school level. He is the one of these "feeder" programs, Fayetteville-Martinsville, in Fayetteville, New York, which is outside of Syracuse. Mercer might have an inside track at those players not going to Division I programs and others who might not meet the stff academic requirements on schools from either level. Mercer teaches the fundamentals almost religiously as the way to playing top-notch lacrosse. And he seemed pleased at the type turned up at AIC: a head coach, tough, good athletes.

All this should lead to success for Mercer, considering he has time and support needed to build a program. Now, Mercer is building his own program, not merely as someone's assistant and recruiting director. The pressure will be enormous, but Mercer's enthusiasm should tackle this problem head on.

He'll be leaving this tight community of Gambier. Every time a coach leaves, there is a sense of watching a member of your family leave. In this case, an extreme example, a liked member of the Kenyon coaching community is flying solo.

So go ahead, "Mercer," have it your way. I'm sure it'll be different for you without some mouthed. Long Island kid who can't spell two point six with a crooked mask to put down. Regardless, Kenyon says good luck and lastly, Mercer: GONE!!

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called, "one of the most impressive set of relay performances I have ever seen."
Overall, the Ladies' performance was nothing short of amazing. Entering the meet, Kenyon expected stiff competition from UCSD and other Division rivals, but once the first night of competition had ended, the Lords were in the driver's seat and, according to Coach Williams, had "pretty much blown the doors off everyone else in the pool." The victory was complete when Coach Steen was named NCAA Coach of the Year; a fitting tribute to the most successful NCAA coach in history. Never one to rest on his laurels, however, Coach Steen returned to Kenyon with one thing on his mind: Leading the Lords to their twelfth consecutive NCAA crown.

Suffering the entire year from unfavorable comparisons to Kenyon squads of the past, the Lords travelled to Atlanta with something to prove. They needed to shake the public perception that they were one of the weaker Kenyon squads in history, and establish a team identity which had been conspicuously absent throughout the dual meet season.

In Atlanta, they accomplished both tasks, and did so in a way that set them apart from the great Kenyon squads of the past. They captured the championship, not on the shoulders of a few standouts, but with sheer numbers. The Lords overwhelmed their competition by placing a number of strong competitors in every event. This strategy gave the Lords a 100 point lead on the first night of competition, and they never looked back.

"It was the meet of the little man," said senior Eric Chambers who contributed strong performances in the 100 and 200 backstroke events and the 200 medley relay. "Everybody scored points and contributed. It wasn't just a few big guys." Indeed, of the 18 Kenyon swimmers to attend the meet, 17 walked away with All-American honors.

The scoring was very evenly balanced, but a few exceptional performances deserve mention.

Sophomore Brian Dowdall proved himself the top sprinter in Division III by taking both the 50 and 100 freestyle titles. The only other Lord to take an individual title was sophomore David Hutchison who took gold in the 1650 freestyle.

Hutchinson's success is indicative of the larger success of the Lords' distance swimmers, who sparked the Lords all weekend. Chad Stedman and Todd Giardinelli. The may be an indication that the strength of these young swimmers is characterized as a true team effort. Their depth provided them with an edge over every other team in the competition, and in that strength lies the promise of the future.

Both the Lords and the Ladies can look forward to next year with great expectations. Although the Ladies will lose Mathews, Becky Little and Molly Roll to graduation this year, the outstanding performances of the younger swimmers indicate a promising future. The Lords look even stronger, as they will only miss the services of Chambers next season. In short, both Kenyon squads appear to have the firepower to continue doing what they do best: winning national championships. In the words of Coach Williams, "Everything has to end somewhere, but I don't think 20 in a row is too far fetched an idea."

Vote
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President Jordan's housing policy should be implemented, as planned, in its entirety next year! Yes or No." The ballots were collected and filed after each was completed. The results of that student opinion vote are as follows: Out of approximately 1,300 students on campus, 910 ballots were cast, roughly a sixty-one percent (61%) return rate (that is almost twice as many voices heard as were involved in the basing of the Commission of Student Life recommendations). Of those voices heard, sixty-nine percent (69%) of the students were opposed to portions of the policy, if not the entire proposition. Therefore, only thirty-one percent (31%) of the students polled seemed to feel a sense of approval for President Jordan's decision.

Therefore, we have come to this conclusion that it is the overwhelming desire of the student body not to see the new housing policy implemented in that ensuing academic year. It is acknowledged that housing is equitable at Kenyon College and changes need to occur. However, for the administration to make this controversial a decision and dismiss student approval as obsolete is truly questionable. With the news from the President's office that a student vote would have no bearing upon his decision to impose this policy, we beseech you, the Board of Trustees and President Jordan to reconsider the new policy in light of student sentiment. The vitality of an institution, such as Kenyon, is dependent upon the happiness which stems from positive and responsive communication between the students and the administration.

Respectfully,
The Vocal Majority Representatives:
Renna Conti, Kent Garber

Gaddis
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Bicentennial Professor of American Studies at the University of Helsinki.
Gaddis' lecture is the final talk in the Consolidated Natural Gas Lecture Series on the Soviet Union, coordinated by the International Studies Program.

Owl Greeks
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A group that performs a variety of songs including standards, popular favorites, and original arrangements of familiar tunes; and the Owl Creek Singers, organizers of the revue, an all-female group performing show tunes, oldies, barbershop harmonies, rhythm and blues, and popular music.

Providing comic relief during the evening will be the improvisational comedy group Fools on the Hill. The Fools offer satirical skits and spoofs on a variety of current themes.