Academic Policy Committee May Lighten Faculty's Burden

By Neil Pennick

For the past year, a sentiment has been growing among the faculty to reduce the amount of coursework for which each professor is responsible. In reaction to this sentiment and in order to clarify confusion within the existing policy, the Academic Policy Committee (APC) and the Committee on Planning and Resource Allocation (COPRA) are considering an official reduction of faculty teaching loads.

Most professors now teach a load of three classes per semester. This does not include certain endowed chairs because these positions automatically provide for reduced work load. The APC and COPRA are examining the effects of reduced teaching engagements, and are considering an official proposal that would reduce teaching loads of all professors to three classes per semester and two the other, called 3-2.

The administration and a number of faculty members believe that less required class time would be beneficial for the College. Provost Reed Browning, said that "3-2 would allow Kenyon "to continue to get really good faculty." The kind of person that really cares about teaching here would be more interested in a Kenyon with a lighter teaching load.

Academic Dean, Anne Ponder added that "The comparative data show that other colleges with whom Kenyon competes for faculty have teaching loads lower than 3-2."

She cited Davidson, Williams, and Wesleyan as having teaching loads lower than Kenyon's 3-3, and Carleton, Reed, and Bucknell as having similar loads to Kenyon.

Both Ponder and Browning believe that reduced teaching loads make Kenyon more attractive to prospective professors who are also looking at places like Davidson and Williams. The lighter load provides professors with more time for research and class preparation.

In addition to drawing better lower Saturday's Mardi Gras Extravaganza

Will Offer Alcohol-Free Excitement

By Courtney Coughlin

In an effort to educate students during Drug Awareness Week, the Drug Awareness Coalition and the Greek council have organized an all-campus Mardi Gras celebration.

This all campus party will take place in all four basement lounges of Old Kenyon on Saturday, February 22 from nine o'clock to midnight.

Camille Culbertson, Drug and Alcohol counselor, served as one of the main creators of the festival.

"We wanted to provide a party for the entire campus to show that you can have fun without alcohol," Culbertson explained. "We thought that, as we changed the time so that students can make it to both," explained faculty, 3-2 would clarify certain ambiguities over the existing requirements. Now there are varying teaching loads across the college. Ponder says that it is difficult to determine how to count a faculty members load when he or she teaches a lab, independent study, honors, a team taught class, or a class with larger small enrollment. In addition, Ponder pointed out that a reduced teaching load permits people to innovate and design courses that include students in research projects.

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Larger class size and fewer class offerings have been foreseen as possible problems for the new proposal. The logical fear would be that decreasing the size of the faculty could cause a decreased number of courses and increased class size.

Ponder, however, is quick to point out that "this is just not the case." The average class size at Kenyon has only marginally increased. Though exact figures were not available, she estimates that in 1989-1990 the average class size was 18, and in 1990-1991 the average rose to 19. She also stated that roughly half of all classes at Kenyon are below this average. This is not an alarming increase in class size, and Ponder expressed that "she was not concerned."

In confirmation of Ponder's estimation, Browning stated, "There doesn't appear to be an increase in the numbers of students in classes." He went on to say, "Some larger classes are not so bad. For example, Mr. Lents' highly enrolled lecture class is a great size. However, seminars have not increased—they need to be small."

Both Browning and Ponder agreed that all of the key elements the curriculum offers remain available and maintains that classes are not being overcrowded.

No final decisions about 3-2 will be made in the near future as both the APC and COPRA investigate the issue. Despite the negative factors raised, preliminary research by COPRA has shown that concerns of such effects are not the evolving pattern as dimensionally important.

Ponder believes that "If the benefits didn't outweigh the costs of 3-2, the College certainly would not take the program seriously."

Incendiary Incidents Invade College

By Adam Davies

Kenyon, a campus already hypersensitive to the mention of fire, has had a rash of fire-related incidents in the last two weeks.

On Friday, February 7, a fire started in a room in Lewis Hall. The fire did not set off a general fire alarm, but only the smoke detector in the room. Lewis, additionally, was unaware of two lesser fire-related incidents that involved only smoke, in one case, and the burning of a message board on a door in the other. However the fire alarm remained on the campus on Tuesday, February 11, when a disgruntled Old Kenyon resident were awakened by a fire alarm and filled out of their dorm for a while in the cold. The student responsible for starting the Old Kenyon fire, who wishes to remain anonymous, said that he lit a piece of paper and slipped it into the electrical panel on the fourth floor, then pulled it back out and put it out with his foot. A fire alarm, apparently unrelated, was pulled on the third floor shortly afterwards and security discovered the evidence of the fourth floor fire when checking the building.

The Old Kenyon alarm sounded at 1:45 a.m. A security guard, Ron Hoberg, was on duty at the building at the time of the alarm. Larry Keys, an electrician, happened to be present as well. Within a short time, Melanie Remillard, Assistant Director of Security, arrived at the scene with fellow guard Edwin Sentel. After the building was checked and cleared by Security, Keys checked the electrical panel to make sure that it would be safe for the students to re-enter the building. At 2:04 a.m. the alarm was re-set and the students allowed to return to their rooms.

At 11:23 p.m., Friday, February 7, Ron Hoberg received a phone call from someone in Lewis Hall reporting that there was fire in one of the rooms there. Smoke detectors installed in the ceiling of the room were activated and are not received by Security's office. Without the call, they may never have known of the danger. There was lots of smoke, Remillard said, but the fire was contained in the trash can.

On Sunday, February 9, Security a burned message board hanging on a door in Lewis. The residents of the room denied having any knowledge about it. It had apparently been burned by a lighter at least an hour prior to its discovery. The board was destroyed, blistering the paint on the door, and was replaced with a new cork board.

Also in Lewis, on February 15 at 2:44 a.m., there was an incident where a student left a microwave on too long, resulting in a great deal of smoke that set off the fire alarm. Dave Hutchison, a Resident Advisor in Lewis, said that "Security was there in a flash, but there was no fire, just lots of smoke. I think the kid was an idiot myself."

After security had cleared the building of smoke, at 2:58 a.m., the students were re-admitted.

Security and the Student Affairs Committee refused to release the names of the students involved in setting the fire, or their punishments, but asserted that there was no evidence to implicate alcohol in any of the cases. In reference to the probable disciplinary measures that will be taken against the students, the Kenyon College see FIKES page eight. ---

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Calco '94 Clarifies Letter's Original Intentions

To the Editors:

I would like to thank Krispy Rogers and James Carro, '94, both for their critiques of my most recent letter-to-the-editor. Attempting to portray someone as an antique in such a way as not to offend him is a notoriously delicate task, and I, for one, am glad that they opted instead for the direct approach. While I believe that they substantially missed my point, the excessively virulently nature of my attack on editorial tradition was not beyond criticism. In large measure, the current controversy is a result of the fact that my statement was intended as a strictly satirical response to what I believed, and still believe, to be the intellectually self-defeating assumptions underlying the editorial.

I believe then, and still believe, that a careful reading of the text of the editorial would yield a conception of free thought and free thorough debate, with all the (or, at least, most of the) valuable sense of humor which makes free discussion and free thought worth having. Our students do not and should not need to refer to the humanities to understand human values.

Herman Reacts to Bantering Between Faculty

To the Editor:

I am writing to condemn Frank Hale's offensive personal attacks against my colleague and friend, Fred Bauman. It is certainly understandable and even welcome that Hale would attack Bauman's uncharacteristic criticism of an earlier article with the vigorous attack that it merited. The purpose of such an article is to incite thought, and thought is the dangerous, painful, and personal consideration. IPHS has traditionally aspired to raise in the minds of its students the most essential questions about human existence. We must not risk losing this legacy of intellectual enjoyment and academic excellence in a moratorium against professorial ideology. The Committee while making an admission should keep in mind the original intentions and subsequent success of IPHS, in order to allow it to consume the "ideals of interdisciplinary scholarship and enthusiastic inquiry into questions concerning human nature." (From Handbook description.)

Letters to the Editor

While most of us work, sleep, and dream ourselves through this notoriously dreary month, a common, yet, especially in this case, crucial, process is unfolded. Over the course of the next several months, a search committee composed of faculty members and students will select a new Director of the Integrated Program in Humanities Studies (IPHS). Of course, professors often come in and go without significantly changing the texture of the faculty and the learning experience which it facilitates. However, the appointment of a new professor for this program involves many important issues which directly relate to the quality of our college.

In particular, the future of the IPHS program depends heavily upon the particular choice of the committee. Often the subject of heated controversy, especially among professors, the direction which the program should take is undoubtedly a point of contention. The program, today led by Professor Leonard Gordon, has primarily resulted in Western European focus; all too frequently, the need of raising critical perspectives of the texts, is contemporary. Students read one text each week and attempt to raise critical questions regarding the human predicament in nature and history. Another goal of the course is to expose students among people and texts from Homer's time until ours.

In the recent past, the "Right" has criticized the course and its leaders for not allowing a closer reading of the texts. The "Left" has argued that the students often do not possess the cultural context necessary to truly gain something from the texts (particularly the non-Western texts). Thus, IPHS could potentially become involved in a cold-war between such factions. Yet, these issues do not seem particularly relevant, for IPHS does not claim to offer all and true views of each text, nor does it claim the ability to offer an effective historical perspective in which to consider each text.

Finally, we must consider the composition of the IPHS faculty. Before Gordon assumed control of the program, there was frequent turnover on both sides. Student enrollment was dismal: the year before Gordon led the program, there was a total enrollment of 52. Student retention was even lower. This year, there is a total of 61 in the program, including five seniors in the seminar and 23 juniors who, presumably, will take the seminar next year. Faculty participation was also erratic. While previous leaders had struggled to maintain a faculty of professors in the program, Gordon's approach involved recruiting an enthusiastic group of younger professors who were willing to use interdisciplinary curriculum in place of their field of research. Today, the program enjoys a high rate of student participation and has, in fact, become a cornerstone of the college (at least for students).

Yet, next year, only one professor who is involved in IPHS will be returning to the program. This is rather disturbing in light of the program's recent success. Again, this fact raises many important questions upon which the search committee and the entire college should reflect. Why are so many professors from this program leaving? What type of support is the college lending to the program? What types of professors will want to be involved in the program? How will the ideological tensions surrounding the program be resolved? What will be the search committee take in determining the nature of the program? What role should a search committee take in shaping a department or program? Finally, in what direction should the program be steered and is that value justified?

We must consider not only the future of this popular program, but also the institution of the search committee and the underlying power structures which dictate how such functions are performed. In particular, I am concerned with the dangers of politics and personal consideration. IPHS has traditionally aspired to raise in the minds of its students the most essential questions about human existence. We must not risk losing this legacy of intellectual enjoyment and academic excellence in a moratorium against professorial ideology. The Committee while making an admission should keep in mind the original intentions and subsequent success of IPHS, in order to allow it to consume the "ideals of interdisciplinary scholarship and enthusiastic inquiry into questions concerning human nature." (From Handbook description.)

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Blithe Spirit Brings Comedic Ghosts Back to Kenyon Theater

By Stuart Lauman

The latest KCDC production Blithe Spirit, a comedy written by Noel Coward, proved to be both a lively play and an exciting sample of the technical abilities of Kenyon's stage crew. The play melded a perfect cast with an array of special effects that worked together perfectly.

The action takes place in the living room of Charles and Ruth Condomine's house in Kent, England. Charles Condomine, played by Junior John Roberts, is an English writer who observes people's habits and characters as material for his novels. He has decided that in his next book one of his characters will be personally Madame Arcati, a well-known mistress of the occult, played by junior Amanda claws. Charles, thinking she is a fraud, invites her to his house to find out what her mystical powers and "gifts of the trade" are so he can integrate her into his character.

Madame Arcati's friend, Ruth Condomine and Dr. and Mrs. Brandon play by Brenda McElroy 92, Justin Bents 92, and Hope Starns 93, respectively, attend the seance for its humorous qualities. Unfortunately, Crane Urges Communication, Not Just Condoms in Sexual Relations

By Kevin McManus

In a continued effort to educate the college community on the importance of personal responsibility in all relationships, the AIDS Committee organized a sex-education seminar called "Crane Urges Communication, Not Just Condoms in Sexual Relations." The seminar was held in the Great Hall to an audience of over one hundred students and faculty members.

Following her introduction by Sophomore Jay Kutner of the AIDS Committee, Crane spoke in depth about the dynamics of sexual intercourse, the importance of free will, and the need for communication between partners. Following her talk, Crane asked several questions of the attendees to help them understand the material. She then led a discussion on the subject of prostitution and its legal implications.

In conclusion, Crane emphasized the importance of personal responsibility and communication in sexual relations. The seminar was well-received and many students expressed interest in attending future events on the topic.

Emery, used expertly in the play as a humorous masks. One of the olders part of the play was during intermission when Edith cleaned up the entire set under the lights. I was unsure for a while whether it was intermission, or this was part of the Condomine house.

The play, after a slightly sluggish beginning took off, and was in full swing after intermission. Edith, played by Margaret Hope Starns 95, was completely convincing in her portrayal of the noted medium. Madame Arcati, played by Amanda Clowers in the comedic Blithe Spirit.

McCoy Spins African-American Tales

By Kristy Rogers

On Monday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. Sarah McCoy bestowed her talents of African and African-American storytelling on captivated audiences in Peter Lounge. McCoy is a professional storyteller specializing in World Folks Tales, leading several sessions on the campus of Kenyon. She has presented her tales nationally and internationally, including the famous Corn Island Festival in Kentuck.

Sarah McCoy made her presentation more interesting by telling numerous types of stories. She started with two that had been narrated by her parents when she was a child; these were fables of sorts. She told a story by Charles Chestnut entitled "Poor Sandy," about a slave who is turned into a tree by his lover in order to avoid being taken away from her, and a series of heartbreakening incidents which threaten to kill the love. Charles Chestnut, McCoy told us, was a very black man from Cleveland who managed to get a few of his stories published in the 1890's because the publisher had thought he was white. He did some journalism work, but was not allowed to publish again once people realized his race.

McCoy also told a Survival Tale, a traditional slave story in which animals were representations of oppressed people. The one she told was "Alligator's Sunday Suit," about how the alligator's best white suit was changed to a humpy green-grey when he asked to be introduced to trouble. She ended with the true story of Sejourn Trunk, an African-American woman from New York who traveled to Africa and showed up for the rights of blacks and women. The story ended with the formal presentation of the 1890's.

McCoy was particularly captivating because she told the story behind each tale; I was intrigued to know the situations in which she had firsthand each one. Knowing a bit of background made understanding the stories easier and more interesting, giving it a sense of something new and different. Today, people still make the audience feel closer to McCoy as an individual. She was very personal in her presentation, she made direct eye contact with the audience members and held their gaze for long periods of time.

Amanda, one of the students, asked her about things that Sejourn Trunk, McCoy answered questions. One person asked how she decided to make storytelling her career. McCoy said that her family had always had a lot of stories, and she always assumed that every family did the same. The atmosphere of her household had nurtured the stories and stories in her, so she always wanted to do something in a related area. When she realized that all families were not with stories, she knew she wanted to share her.

First, McCoy wanted to be a teacher, but was discouraged in recalling the feeling of many young students towards her teachers. Instead, she went into library work, and worked in Children's 5th-6th for some time at Craig Heights, Michigan, where part of her job included storytelling. When see MCCOY page eight
New Men's Group Searches for Meaning of Masculinity

By David Allan

Last Wednesday, after several months of unsuccessful trying to get off the ground, the Kenyon men's discussion group held a meeting at which some 20 men were able to talk for over an hour on the subject of rape, its nature, its cause, and its solutions. So many people attended the discussion, in fact, that the meeting was split into two subgroups to facilitate discussion.

The discussion centered mainly around the question of "What is rape?". The words of the controversial dining hall table test were proposed: "Why do MEN rape?". Toward the end of the meeting, other issues were raised, such as what potential solutions exist for rape, but the hour was nearly up, and they were left for another time.

The group was organized because a segment of campus felt that there was a need for men to express their thoughts on issues that affect men, both as a separate group, or in the case of last week's discussion, as a part of society. According to Jack Lloyd, one of the group's coordinators, after the Great Lakes Colleges Association women's conference here last fall, a couple of guys heard about the group from other colleges. They made the decision that such a group would be beneficial to Kenyon, and was in fact needed on this campus. Particularly at Earlham, the movement has been highly active and served as an example for the Kenyon group.

The general purpose of the group is to provide a place for men to get together and discuss in constructive ways issues that pertain to men and masculinity as well as a way for men to be openly, publicly and actively feminist. As Lloyd says, "There is a need for men to defend their sisters publicly, and no one has.

Awards Dinner for Organizations

On March 27, 1992, a recognition dinner is being held for a variety of campus leaders. The dinner, sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and the Office of Student Affairs, is intended to recognize leaders from student organizations and their achievements on campus. Campus activities add a great deal to student life at Kenyon and are an important part of campus life. So, open for campus-wide nomination is "Organization Advisor of the Year," an honor which has been given to an advisor who has contributed the most to campus organization. Many faculty members take extra time to advise campus groups, and the banquet will allow them an opportunity to be honored.

In addition to these individual honors, the campus community is being asked to nominate a "Campus Organization of the Year." Any organization which has contributed to the campus as a whole, the campus or a group, and which is a part of campus life. Also, open for campus-wide nomination is "Organization Advisor of the Year," an honor which has been given to an advisor who has contributed the most to campus organization. Many faculty members take extra time to advise campus groups, and the banquet will allow them an opportunity to be honored.

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Mike Stone '92 Receives Honorary Degree

By Bertram Tunnell

Last Sunday, February 16 rolled along and went like any other day for most Kenyon students. It seemed like a pretty ordinary day for most, but for Michael Collier Stone, February 16, 1992 was a day that will live vividly in his memory. On that Sunday he was awarded an honorary degree from Kenyon College.

The ceremony began at three o'clock, and was over by three forty. In that time Reverend Andrew Foster recited the invocation, and President Philip Jordan welcomed the audience to the ceremony. Remarks by Doctor Tracy Schermer welcomed Michael to "the long roll of Kenyon graduates extending back to the very roots of our beginning," and let those who did not know Michael as well as we should have see a bit of who he is. He is a fighter, and a comedian with a unique insight to life. He holds onto responsibility with the same passion he holds onto every passing moment of life. Many words were mentioned about Kenyon, life, but most importantly words were said about what Michael has done for us all.

Professor of English Ronald Sharpe also added some praise congratulatory remarks on Michael's behalf. Sharpe's touching words echoed the thoughts of the Kenyon community: "The gifts you bear are as rare as they are precious: wisdom in all its heart-breaking beauty and fullness; a ripeness of vision which has allowed you, in the words of one of your favorite poets, to "see into the life of things;" a sense of humor that is irrepressible, often unforgettable, sometimes breathtaking, but always vitalizing because it arises from a combination of acute insight and a profound love of life; courage which most of us have never seen the like of; and a generosity which through every hardship has found its roots in that same spirit of celebration which we honor here today."

When it came time for Michael to receive his degree he walked up to the podium as President Jordan's side. He turned, received his honorary degree which places him among the graduating class of '92, and was met by thunderous applause that filled the Church of the Holy Spirit for a small eternity. Chaplain Foster said the benediction, and it was over.

People left for Pence lounge to shake Michael's hand and wish him the best of luck. Michael left an indelible mark behind. He has learned from us, and we have learned from him. We all matured in the process of working with him the fight the temporal disease that ravages his body. As Michael goes to his other home in a suburb of Chicago we can only continue to keep him in our thoughts. Kenyon is not just a college to him, but an extended family for which he cares deeply. His presence at Kenyon will be acutely missed.

Sick to Discuss 'Power, Fragility of a Democracy'

By Courtney Coughlin

Respected and renowned author and analyst, Gary Sick, will be sharing his political insight at Kenyon on Wednesday, February 26, at 8:00 p.m. in the Biology Auditorium. His latest book, October Surprise: America's Hostages in Iran and the Election of Ronald Reagan, published in 1991, examines allegations that members of the Reagan-Bush campaign clandestinely met with Iran to delay the release of the U.S. hostages from Tehran in 1980. Sick also incorporates a connection between the "arms for hostages deal" of the Republicans and the Iran-Contrabira-Conf that took place only five years later.

October Surprise is the finished product of Sick's three years of research, and hundreds of interviews. "It is a cautionary tale about the seductions of power and the fragility of our democratic system," Sick's experiences in politics greatly enhance and reflect his knowledge on the subject of Middle Eastern Affairs. Such experiences include serving in the National Security Council staff under Presidents Ford, Carter, and Reagan, as well as his twenty-four-year career as an analyst of political and military affairs in the United States Navy, and lastly as the primary White House link for Iran between the critical time of 1979-1981.

Philander's Phacts

The life of a first-year student has never been easy; adjusting to new friends, alien situations, not to mention coming from a top dog position in high school only to find out that one is now the lowest rung on the ladder in college. If they think they have it bad now, perhaps they should take a look at the Kenyon archives. In the 1930's, upperclassmen by no means made any attempts to make freshmen feel at home. While passing through the college gates, freshmen were required to leapfrog over the center gateposts each time (hence the nickname "the scrotum pole").

During the first week of school, they were often called out for a "saguaro parade" in the middle of the night. This procession would take place in front of Old Kenyon where the upperclassmen would dance through the lowerclassmen all the way down the hall, the scene would be terrible to watch and the freshmen had to support such an "academic" tradition.

By Monday morning though, the freshmen would be lined upon Peice Lawn where the entire sophomore class would take turns yelling insults and selecting a number of lucky freshmen out of the crowd to "account for real or imaginary misdeeds.

In addition to being paddled frequently at the whim of their elders, freshmen were required to wear special hats that varied in size and color as the years went by. These bristles were to be doffed to upperclassmen as they crossed Middle Path.

Finally, every evening there were two or three designated freshmen (on a rotating schedule) who were constantly at the disposal of the rest of the student campus to run errands. The most frequently employed task was personal delivery boy from the campus restaurant "The Bakery."

So first-year students, if you're feeling a little mistreated and downtrodden, keep in mind the oppression of yesteryear.

Prepared by members of the Student-Alumni Association
Inconsistency Plagues Men's Basketball Team Against OWU

By Todd Behrendt

Inconsistency plagued the Kenyon men's basketball team in the lone game they played this past week against Ohio Wesleyan. Their inability to remain focused for the duration of the contest inevitably led to the 66-54 defeat at the hands of the Bishops.

Having finished a hectic three weeks of play, the Lords hoped to benefit from a kinder schedule this week. Unfortunately, the lighter schedule didn't help Kenyon's concentration levels. At times the Lords played well enough to win the game; indeed, they were in the game from start to finish.

Yet they could not sustain that level of play, dropping their second game of the season to Ohio Wesleyan. Kenyon took the early lead in this game, 7-2. However, they would falter before the half, entering halftime with the game knotted at 28 apiece.

It would be the Bishops who started the second half on fire, building the lead they seized an early lead. But the Lords battled back to tie the game at 41-41. Once again they lost momentum, allowing OWU to regain the lead, a lead which they would not relinquish.

Down the stretch the Bishops were perfect from the free throw line, helping 6-6 from the line to preserve the victory and remain ahead of the Lords in the NCAC standings. The loss kept Kenyon from reaching the .500 mark in conference play as they dropped to 6-8 against NCAC competition and 8-15 overall.

Off the Hill

News from Albertville: LeBlanc is LeBest and Wiley Wins a Gold

By Scott Leder

How good is U.S. goalie Ray LeBlanc? According to Swedish assistant coach, he is "the best goalie in (Olympic) tournament." On Monday afternoon, LeBlanc led the U.S. Hockey team to a 3-3 tie against gold medal favorite Sweden in an elimination round playoff game.

The men in red, white, and blue showed they came to play as U.S. captain Clark Donnetelli scored after less than 30 seconds had expired in the match. Leading 1-0, the U.S. suffered a huge setback when Greg Brown was penalized into the boards by Mats Marmuland and ejected from the game with a severe concussion. Marmuland was ejected from the game and, in fact, there is speculation he may be kicked out of the entire tournament.

The U.S. held its precarious 1-0 lead as coach Dave Peterson went with four lines because the U.S. would have to play the next day if a win was garnered against Sweden. Good goaltending again equals good penalty killing and the Americans had both. The U.S. killed various Swedish power plays as goalie LeBlanc thwarted off shot after shot.

The U.S. increased its lead to 2-0 when Ted Donato scored approximately seven minutes into the second period. In the early minutes of the third period Marty McInnis slipped home a centering pass from Donato to put the Americans on top.

Did you know?

Don't fret, A.J. Kitt. The athletes who do not win a medal in these Winter Olympics will not have to wait another four years to try again for that elusive medal.

Thanks to the International Olympic Committee, the next Winter Olympics will be held in Norway in 1994. The Committee voted in 1986 to alternate the summer and winter games every two years, beginning in 1994.

Dave Cronin Leads Equestrian Team

By Todd Behrendt

Bigger isn't always better. Generally that's an argument advantage by individuals and institutions of less than average size. Of course, that doesn't mean that the saying is without its relevancy, especially when one considers the Kenyon equestrian team.

The club team consists of a mere eight members, but under the tutelage of head coach Carol Johnson has still managed to be competitive with schools boasting squads of nearly a hundred riders.

The club's recent successes began two weeks ago as a show hosted by Michigan State. Kenyon would outshine the host school as well as eight others on route to a third place finish. In fact, Kenyon finished a scant four points out of first place, scoring 30 points compared to Osterburg's 31 and the University of Miami's 34.

Dave Cronin led the tiny squad's big triumph as he rode to one of the first place finishes in open fences (the highest jumping category) as well as a fourth place finish in the open flat class. Catherine Kenworthy '93 also contributed mightily to Kenyon's success in the place first and fifth in intermediate fences. In addition, Kenworthy registered a third and a sixth place finish in the intermediate flat category. Fellow junior Kelley Wider also scored two fourth place finishes in advanced walk, trot and canter while Ashleigh Clarke '95 provided two second place ribbons in the walk, trot class.

Kenyon's success against the larger schools continued this past weekend at Lake Erie College, where they placed fifth out of thirteen schools. Cronin and Kenworthy again led the way for the Lord and Lady riders. Cronin placed first in the open flat class and second in open fences while Kenworthy improved upon her showing at Battle Creek by bringing home a first in intermediate fences and a third in the intermediate flat class. Wider added another first place ribbon to Kenyon's rapidly growing collection as she placed first in advanced walk, trot, canter. In fact, Kenyon would take home both first place ribbons for advanced walk, trot, canter as Kenworthy's '94 finished at the top of her class as well.

Cronin and Wider's finishes gave them enough points to qualify for regional contest. Cronin will be representing Kenyon in the open fences category while Wider will compete in advanced walk, trot and canter. The two join Kenworthy, who qualified earlier this season for both the intermediate fences and flat classes.

Kenyon's two strong showings lifted them to sixth place overall in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (Region 3), ahead of larger schools such as Ohio State and Michigan, proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that bigger is not necessarily better.
Despite losses to Ohio Wesleyan University and Notre Dame College last week, the Ladies gained confidence from their play. Case Western Reserve University, also had a hand in building up the Ladies as they handed Kenyon an unexpected gift. Due to the forfeit of five games in a row, Case Western Reserve University, the Ladies picked up a win for their January 15 home loss to the Spartans. One of their subs, Ashley Hills, was left with the task of filling the 5-0-7 win seven wins while under academic probation. University rules prohibit the use of players on academic probation, so the decision was made to forfeit losses to Kenyon, Oberlin College, and Denison University (two games). With this win, the Ladies now have two wins on the ledger (2-15 overall; 2-12 NCAC). So with Oberlin also gaining a victory, and Case’s dropping to conference wins, the Ladies are in a three-way tie for seventh place. Case Western’s schedule, which includes games against Oberlin and Earlham, is more favorable than the Ladies’ (games against #2 Wittenberg and #1 Allegheny colleges) for capturing the seventh seed in the conference tournament which starts next week.

**Senior Sarah Pratt conference a defeat. (Photo by Lee Kaplan)**

**Lords’ Volleyball Extends Win Streak to 10 Games**

By Todd Bredhert

It’s bordering on boring, the way the Kenyon volleyball team is able to efficiently and effectively dominate their NCAC competition. At the very least, it’s repetitive as the Lords preserved a perfect conference record with two road triumphs over Case Western Reserve University and Earlham this past weekend. The victories extended Kenyon’s perfect conference run to 10 games as they improved their overall record to 20-3 (5-0).

Obviously, it’s a redundancy which Kenyon has learned to like as they continue to establish themselves as the team to beat in the NCAC. Including a 5-0 conference season (which do not figure into conference standings) the Lords have posted 10 wins against NCAC competition with only a single loss.

That single blemish came at the hands of CRU, one of Kenyon’s opponents Sunday. As the Spartans were the closest NCAC squad to seriously challenge the Lords, Sunday’s matchup concerned the Lords.

As it turned out, such speculation was needless as Kenyon faced victory in the opening game, winning 15-8. However, the Lords would experience a slight letdown as CRU took the second game of the best-of-five match 15-12. Kenyon rebounded from this minor setback with a vengeance as they would control the remainder of the match, winning the next two games convincingly 15-11, 15-6.

Strong defense was the key to the victory as Sam Chestnut ‘94 was a blocking force at the net. Todd Bredhert ‘92 would complement the net play of Chestnut with a series of sprawling back row digs. Meanwhile sophomore Pete Beaudoin and Julian Boxenbaum assisted the Lords’ offensive efforts with punishing jump serves as the duo registered six aces for the match.

Following the match with CRU, the Lords met the home school Earlham. Previous matches against the Quakers had been troublesome for the Lords. Twice this season Earlham had extended the Lords to a fifth and deciding game before Kenyon prevailed.

In addition a raucous home crowd provided a definite emotional advantage for the Quakers.

Undaunted, the Lords started the match of second, storming to a 15-4 lead in the first game. But, much like the CRUW match, Kenyon was unable to sustain their momentum and dropped the second game in a hard-fought struggle, 15-13. Led by a punt the bob of defeat with a hard dose of poison, she was brilliant.

Despite an injury-filled men’s squad, the Lords truly disproved any flame Earlham had as Kenyon walked away with ten first place finishes. Juniors Matt Welch, long and Tom Bomb, and Ellie Thomas, 100,000,000, placed in two first places each. David Putz, high hurdles, Ian Smith,1000, Marcus Szeczurzynski, shot put, Mike Verza, pole vault, and the now land-loving Andy Shaw, 400, rounded out the top scoring for the Lords.

Other brilliant performances were turned in by Chris Erh with his PR throw of 25.5” in the shot put, and the human mule Mike Marshall as he ran to a second place finish in the 500, and led the Lords’ mile relay team to its first win of the season.

When fellow teammates Charles Hub and Aaron Derry were asked if they felt run one of the best races of the evening, the one name that repeatedly sputtered from their lips was “Midville.” “Senior heath thrp Greg McVilley ran to two third place finishes in the 1500 and 800, respectively.

However, it was due to his blistering start that has an average of intramural fortune in the 800th they felt he deserved his comment. “I believe my new diet of lemons, and new found love of Game Boy are the primary factors responsible for my racing success this year.”

The Lords and Ladies face the double threat of Wittenberg and Wooster this Friday at home, as they run their last meet of the season before the Conference meet on February 28 and 29. Come watch the Kenyon Track team as they battle out right here in Gambier, and you are your last chance to catch them at home this season.

**Track Teams Celebrate Valentine’s Day By Defeating Denison and Earlham**

By Ned Tobey

For the many students and faculty that made the long trek down to Worthington Fieldhouse last Friday night, the Lords and Ladies Track teams did not leave any of their views disappointed in what they just witnessed. Kenyon managed to run away with two victories, and provided to Valenites cheer to Denison or Earlham as they shipped both teams home with only questions and bruises ego. The Lords dominated Earlham by a heart-stopping score of 71 to 46, while the Ladies squeaked past their opposition by the point of Cupid’s arrow with a loving score of 69, leaving Denison with 63, and Earlham with only 21 points.

The Ladles were led by both excellent individual efforts, and a team slip together. Catherine T. Kenyon ’95, high jump, Julie Hill, 500, 400, long jump, and Beth Worral, 3000, all managed to turn in brilliant performances as they helped lead the team to victory.

Other crucial points were carried by Amy Cook, Colleen Severtson, Rani Wicozord, and Kelly 15-400 as they provided a much needed lift to the Ladles hopes of a Valentine’s victory. However, the most inspirational performance of the night came from sophomore, and former soccer sensation, Andrea Gonzalez-Lavin. Her third place finish in the 5000 was enough to make any heart fatter, and my own eye shed a tear; she stormed from last place with less than a mile to go to beat her own personal record by more than 20 seconds, while creating an amazing upset in the process.

As her fellow runner Nancy Notes commented, “Andrea’s performance really made the other schools wish they could have run one of the best races of the evening, the one name that repeatedly sputtered from their lips was “Midville.” "Senior heath thrp Greg McVilley ran to two third place finishes in the 1500 and 800, respectively. However, it was due to his blistering start that has an average of intramural fortune in the 800th they felt he deserved his comment. "I believe my new diet of lemons, and new found love of Game Boy are the primary factors responsible for my racing success this year."

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**The Hill’s Top Twenty Hoops Teams**

A weekly poll of top men’s college basketball teams. This week’s guest pollster is sophomore David Griffin.

1. Ohio State
2. Indiana
3. Duke
4. UCLA
5. Arizona
6. Michigan State
7. Michigan
8. North Carolina
9. Oklahoma State
10. Missouri
11. Minnesota
12. Kentucky
13. Alabama
14. USC
15. Iowa
16. Cincinnati
17. Purdue
18. Illinois
19. Wisconsin
20. Northwestern
Fires
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Student Handbook states that setting any kind of fire in college building is punishable by fines, social probation, and suspension or dismissal from Kenyon.
Dean Cheryl Steele and Dean Liz Kenney, do however affirm that the College has acted in the case of the Lewis trash-can fire, but has ignored the student's confidentiality concerning his punishment. Disciplinary action was swift in this case because the student elected to be reviewed by one administrator.
The case of the Old Kenyon fire, however, is pending since the student opted to have his plea heard by the Judicial Board, a more lengthy process, which is composed of three students and three faculty. The student asserts that "I am charged with burning a piece of paper and observing it burn until I put it out. Therefore any student who lights a cigarette or match in the hall is guilty of the same offense I am. Hence, I believe that the matter has been blown completely out of proportion, especially since I have not past record with the school." His case will be heard this Friday, February 21.
Calco
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my father, and soon I was left with the empty sense that I had dashed my familial connections with my mother's side of the family, and gained little in return. Of course, that wasn't exactly true—but this sentiment was an unexpected and unpleasant consequence of a rashly thought-out and expeditiously carried-out action which initially looked like a no-lose proposition. Sometimes we do regret our granted wishes.
The second time I changed my name was last summer. This was wholly of my own doing, and entailed, for the record, a far more painful decision-making process that the first. It seems "Silman" was not my name of biological grandfather, but of my father's step-father. Last February, for reasons which are his own, my father changed his last name to that of his biological father, "Calco." For the sake of brevity, I will not detail what ultimately made me decide to change my name to "Calco." My main lesson from this experience is that a change in name is only a change of identity for those who feel that they don't have one, and usually those who have one rarely feel the need to change their name. My second attempt at choosing an "appropriate" name for myself was neither easy nor trivial. Nor has it been as adding the first attempt, although I will admit that I am still trying to get our able-bodied bureaucrats at the Accounting and Registrar's offices to agree on who I am.
In the final analysis, arguments in favor of changing the name of our athletic teams from "Ladies" to some unspecific, presumably "progressive" alternative fail to penetrate my native skepticism and practical experience on the matter. Experience has taught me, among other things, that questioning my own motives whenever I find my current identity "inappropriate" is far more conducive to free thought than blaming the world or "society" or some other faceless bogeyman for my discontent. I would extend this same advice to anyone, feminist or not, who feels so passionately about the need to change the name of our female athletic teams on the rather spurious grounds that their current identity is "inappropriate." With respect to tradition, my position is not unchanging or inflexible as I may have made it seem in my last letter. It is simply that our attitude ought not to be "What can we change?" but "What can we preserve?" If this seems like a trite distinction, let me say that the distinction is as big as the question of whether our primary impulse is to destroy, or to create.
Sincerely,
Bob Calco '94
W. Basketball
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Dutin led the team in scoring with 17 points, while sophomore Sarah Fryberg added eight and Sarah Pratt and super-sub Mary Gallaher had six apiece. This game was the best of the season for Gallaher, who hit all three of her shots, grabbed a rebound, and dished out three assists. She also beat the pants off anyone who came near her under she boards looking for easy rebounds.
Kenyon finishes its regular season Wednesday at Wittenberg and Saturday at home against Allegheny. Gametime is 2 p.m. at the Ernst Center Gymnasium. All are encouraged to attend.

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Frank McCoy
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she realized that there were actual professionals in storytelling, she began to speak at festivals and events in addition to library work. When a promotion took her away from the children in the library, she turned to professional storytelling exclusively.
Sarah McCoy ended her talk with a bit of advice. She said she had been told that it was "a sin to keep a story". She continued, "Stories grow and stories go," and explained that one hears a story, holds it for a while, lets it grow inside them, and then gives it away by telling it to someone else. Her advice was, "Let them grow, and let them go." Sarah McCoy's talents in this respect were truly moving.

Men
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says foundry Dave Ambacher, explaining where the group comes from. "I felt like these were things that I thought about a lot and that there was value in single sex discussions, and for some reason there were no means for outlet. We all have contact with women and have concern for the ways in which society creates images for all of us. It's not a group with one purpose. The group is whatever someone who wants to come here wants it to be. If you want to come here and say that masculinity is great, that's OK. If you want to come here and say that men are the root of all evil, that's OK, too. The reaction that we get around campus is fun, too. The first reaction is always what the hell is this, and then we talk about it, and they understand what it's all about."

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