Students Debate Housing Policy; Old Conflicts Re-emerge

By Jennifer Goldblatt

Last Sunday, the Student Council Housing and Grounds Committee held an open forum in Gund Commons to discuss the student housing policy. The discussion focused on student evaluation of the issues of sophomore status in group housing and the issue of lounge contact.

The policy for review following requests by the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Council that Student Council reevaluate these two aspects of the policy and make recommendations to the Board by Oct. 22, just one day before the Board's fall meeting.

At the forum, furthermore, a few fraternity members told the group that current members of the fraternities had contacted their alumni representatives to complain about the new policy.

Approximately 50 people attended the forum, where Nicole Dennis, chair of the housing and grounds committee, moderated a discussion with the objective of soliciting student opinions on the sophomore and lounge housing issues.

Whitney Clos-thon, president of Greek Council, explained his group's position on the housing issue. "Our main objective is to get the sophomores back in fraternity housing.

Otherwise added in that interest of equity, the fraternities are willing to accept the control of the lounges by the RAC but with the "traditional decorum in tact." The general consensus is that a vital part of the process will be compromise.

Lack of Funds Thwarts Child Care

By Rachel Mohr

The lack of suitable child care for the children of Kenyon families has been an issue of concern at Kenyon for over 10 years. Looking for a solution to this dilemma, the Kenyon community issued requests for proposals of child care services to a number of qualified persons, local providers and larger firms in the business, according to a statement released by President Philip Jordan.

However, none of the proposals were accepted, due to budget problems involving the price of child care in comparison to the salary of Kenyon's faculty and general staff.

Professor Linda Smolak, chair of Kenyon's Child Care Committee, said that there are currently 63 children, aged infant through kindergarten, whose parents are interested in child care. Kenyon parents would like to see alternative day care from the college.

"Kenyon professors want child care that is educationally-minded and child-centered. The problems with the currently available child care is that the places available did not have the hours needed, were church-affiliated, or did not have room for more children," said Smolak.

Another problem with bringing child care to Kenyon is that all previous proposals presented to the Child Care Committee suggested hiring three teachers with a combined salary of $52,000. Another proposal called for hiring two teachers with a combined salary of $31,000, and utilizing the staff of the college Lib. "How do we account for the extra $20,000 involved between those two plans?" asked Smolak. "The money would have to come from subsidy, which comes out of the Kenyon operating budget. Something in the current operating budget would have to be cut. Is child care so important that we are willing to cut something that we already have? If the answer is yes, then we have to decide what we want to cut.

According to Vice President of Finance Joe Nelson, none of the proposals could run without a subsidy from Kenyon of at least $25,000 to $100,000 "based on enrollment and operating costs" at the child care facility. Another consideration is that the College would have to construct a building to house a child care center, adding even more expense to the proposals.

The current child available to Kenyon parents comes primarily from the Gahoe School, the Hiawatha Center, and Avalon Child Care Center. Other care is available, but professor complaints that the prices of care are high, or the center's hours are inconvenient. For example, the Gahoe School was open only 20 hours per week, with care available only to children of

"If we're going to get anywhere," Scott Baker, president of Hanna RAC said, "It is going to have to be through compromise.

This concept of "equity" requires that if sophomores affiliated with groups do get the opportunity to live in residence during their second year, and as a result not have to go through the lottery, they will at some point during their junior or senior years be forced to compensate by way of some kind of point penalty.

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-Scott Baker '94

"An important factor to consider," said Amy King, who has served on the housing committee for the past three years, "is that with the renovation, there has been a big change in what is regarded as preferential housing.

A moratorium originally required that the policy be given five years before it would be reviewed, so that "an entire generation of students" would be affected, but that requirement was altered to three years.

Even with this switch to three years, this debate comes one year early. On April 29, 1992, the trustees sent a memorandum to campus government as the result of a report presented by the Greek Alumni Committee (GAC) to them concerning "the impact of the policy on fraternity life.

Part of the memorandum prefaced architectural and construction activities of what would be the "Program for Residential Life," to increase the amount of desirable housing available to all the students. It also announced plans to discuss the issues in the fall of 1992. Thus, the housing policy is again up for discussion. The housing and grounds committee will make a recommendation to Student Council, who will in turn vote and make a recommendation to Senate. Senate will then forward its decision to Jordan.

Many feel that because the first group of sophomores to be affected by the new housing policy have not become seniors, this debate is premature. "I don't think it should be touched," said senior Vanessa Robinson. "It should be given a chance to work... otherwise the problems are just going to continue.

Amy King, student co-chair of Senate, has faith in the campus government. "It seems as though many people's opinions are being represented in Senate... We are trying to get it from all sides." King also predicted that "the majority of the people on campus will be please with the end result.

This debate originated in the fall of 1989 when the Commission on Student Life Report revealed substantial inequality in student housing, specifically with the policy regarding seniors.

Historically, independent sophomores were disadvantaged in housing compared to juniors and seniors, who have higher lottery numbers, and sophomore members of social groups, which include seven fraternities and two local groups who have guaranteed housing in the seniors' dorms Old Kenyon, Hanna, and Leonard. Independent sophomores were forced to enter the lottery system, where they placed themselves at a disadvantage to their counterparts in social groups.

Following the Report two years ago, Student Council proposed a new student-written housing policy aimed at "providing greater opportunity equally to share equally in the enjoyment of Kenyon's residential and social facilities." It was approved by the Board of Trustees and has been operating since the lottery spring of 1991. This policy recognized three types of

Kenyon Rises in U. S. News Ranking

"Although it isn't apparent from the U. S. News ranking chart (colleges are only ranked through the top 25), this year Kenyon is ranked 137th for 36th overall, a step-up from last years 41st ranking. Since there are only 10 institutions within the first quartile, that makes Kenyon's ranking the lowest second quartile. This year Kenyon received an overall score of 71.1, compared to the 78.6 overall score of the 25th ranked school.

The stars are ranked by Tom Squires, repaired Kenyon and the 10 colleges in quartile one from earning a spot on the top 25 list of the best liberal arts schools in the nation.

Another category in which Kenyon proved better than last year was student satisfaction. This year, the College enjoyed their 22nd ranking in that category, up from 29th last year. According to Anderson, "Kenyon always does well within this category which says a lot about the quality of life here. Anderson commented that "this helped Kenyon the most in its ranking. We always do well [within this category] because I think students find this a really great place to attend school."

The College has been the most inconsistent in regards to admissions numbers. When the Report placed Kenyon in the 34th percentile in 1991, the College admitted 54 percent of its applicants. In 1991, the College admitted 65 percent of the applicants and finally in 1997 the rate was 70 percent.

Anderson admitted that this decrease in seniors. This decrease has forced Kenyon to these percentages. "We are competing in a tougher group of colleges, and if we want to do what we want, we have had to accept more students."
Current Housing Policy
Meets Needs of Equality

Suddenly, we find ourselves in the midst of a whirlwind debate over housing—again. The policy, only in its second year, is being reevaluated at the request of the Board of Trustees to ensure the proper functioning of the Student Life Committee and the tedious process of writing it is still fresh in many of our minds. Aside from the fact that it is simply too new and too immediate for evaluation, the current policy satisfies the tender principles of equity and community that we put so high on our priority list a few short years ago.

The policy was the product of two years of investigation, debate, argument, and finally, compromise. In its original form, it was to be in place for five years before any further changes could take place. That moratorium was changed to two years last fall, then to two last spring; so that the policy could be evaluated this fall.

What was the point of such a short "trial" period? After such a long and painful selection process, it seemed that the policy's one and only full year put it too close to the debate that created the policy in the first place. The bittermen and arguments left from that time are still too immediate for us to be objective. Moreover, the policy is new enough that its full implications have not yet been realized.

The current housing policy represented a compromise two years ago that still makes sense. The Student Council was charged by the Commission on Student Life Report to find a more equitable way to allocate housing based on the composition of the community, and with the objective of making the campus a community of equal but diverse individuals and groups. The response to the current policy, establishing an equal ratio of male to female housing in the historic dorms, which had been dominated by men in the past. They also took away the option social groups had of allowing sophomores to live in their divisions, thus acting to alleviate the inequality among social groups in the housing lottery based on membership in a social group.

This policy makes basic principles of equality that the College endorses simply by its admissions guidelines. It is a statement that makes clear the intention not to privilege certain students over others, regardless of gender or membership in a group. It is these principles which we as a community should champion by favoring the current policy over one that creates an inequality, for example among sophomore men.

The current solutions that have been proposed to the Housing and Grounds Committee alter the balance that exists under the current policy, even though they claim to compensate for this inequality by penalizing group members during their junior and senior years.

We also must question the role that the alumni play in this sudden reevaluation; the make-up of the alumni at a whole is no longer representative of the make-up of the College, since women and other groups have only recently begun to take a place among Kenyon graduates. Greek Alumni Council (GAC) members, who originally proposed the current revaluation of the policy to the Board of Trustees last winter, are the products of an institution that currently makes up less than 20 percent of the student body. It is also unclear that everyone whose the GAC claims to represent is unsatisfied enough with the current policy to demand a change. Such a quick and potentially radical discussion that could take place based on the feelings of alumni, or those of less than 20 percent of the student body, cannot possibly be "best" for the students that actually live at, and define, Kenyon.

Ongoing to keep the current policy in place would not be an effort to discriminate against the social groups that have housing. In fact, the policy is not about trying to get rid of social groups at all, but about making all of us equals. We are all full-fledged members of the community of Kenyon simply because of our presence here. The current housing policy is an effort to recognize the presence of each individual as a valuable member of the community, and should be upheld in the interest of us all.

Written by Members of the Editorial Board.

Reconsideration of Policy
Erodes Spirit of Community

By Anne Duprey and Neil Pinck

Last Sunday night, we found ourselves amid the factions of angry young men and women at an "Open Forum on Housing." This meeting was publicized poorly, and as a result, most Kenyon students did not realize that the housing policy is being attacked and is now receiving an unmerited serious reconsideration.

We believe that most students agree that last year's "historic" change in the housing policy constituted a positive movement towards the future. For years, the housing policy systematically discriminated against women and independent men. With the policy, finally, in step with the composition and concerns of the current student body.

Ostensibly, this policy has been extremely successful in promoting equality among all men and women, and benefiting the entire community as a whole. Now, the College says women, independent men, and Greek men an equal chance to live in the College housing of their choice. Through this new ethos of equality, the College has facilitated the creation of a true, solid community in which all groups may interact on an honest and equal basis.

Yet, on Sunday night, the interests of the fraternities and other group housing organizations dominated the discussion, and the issues of equality and community were quickly dismissed and forgotten. Some of the group housing organization members assumed defensive positions and complained of discrimination. They argued that a primary objective of the current housing policy is to deny these members the opportunity to live with their brothers. Most equated the "fraternity exclusion rule" with the invariable dissociation of such organizations. This rule places all sophomore men in the same position in the sorority, which is to say, the lowest position possible. To reject this rule is to reject equality—sophomore men, based upon their group affiliation, would have easy unequal chances to receive housing in the historic dorms.

Here, a contradiction of the meaning of community is necessary. The interests of the fraternities and group housing organizations are important, because they are members of the community. We recognize that these organizations contribute positively to the community. However, their interests must not supersede the well being of the community. Certainly, we can accommodate their concerns, such as placing the male group housing members who were isolated from many of their friends, in housing that makes us as an individual experience for all members of the Kenyon community. Group housing organizations exist beneath the College as well.

We are appealing that the housing policy is already working, it is facing unfair and possible reversal. The current housing policy is a compromise which established and maintains equality among groups and individuals. The principles of equality of community, upon which this compromise was based, effectively overcame the special complaints and problems voiced by group housing organizations. Why, then, is seemingly non-issue receiving such serious attention?

We believe that the only reason for this sudden reconsideration and the urgency with which it is proceeding, is the manipulation of pressure which some members of the Greek Alumni Council are placing upon the trustees. These men seem willing to support only school which ignores the majority of students and privileges a select group. We shudder to think that the College will succumb to this pressure and once again prioritize its students. Yet most groups friends aren't battered by rich alumni.

The rest of us have no choice but to appeal to the College to maintain the equality which serves as the cornerstone of our community, and trust that they will not take one even short step back. Any restructuring of the housing policy which respects the growing housing interests and treats them as paramount to the interests of others would create this new spirit of community while the new housing policy has inspired. Because most other alumni, parents, and until very recently, students, have not been made aware of this reconsideration of the housing policy, little action has been possible on behalf of the best interest of the College. Truly, if the current housing policy is made to reverse the housing policy, the College will lose qualities and resources far more valuable than the years of donations of good boys who long for the days when girls only visited Kenyon.

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'Buster' Simpson, Although Illuminating, Misses Mark

By Felicia Bonanni

Monday night, Stance-based artist Louis Simpson launched his works with a multimedia circumvention of the "Affluence," offered Simpson a chance to both display some of his work, and to discuss his ongoing series of "aperiodic"s, the reification of "affulence" of contemporary society. However, perhaps the lecture's title was poorly chosen, for rather than discussing an artistic response to the problems associated with an abundance of societal wealth, Simpson instead showed examples of his work throughout his career and did not quite make the transition into the subject of his lecture.

Simpson is obviously bothered by the environmental contamination and landfills that have troubled the Western world throughout this century. An artistic reaction to this might begin the idea of "effluence" in the lecture's title. However, rather than address this effluence, or "flowing out," he seemed not to be interested in any point but only to share his distance with the audience. Certainly, his point and the other expressions are well taken. Still, it seems that Simpson's presentation would have been more effective had he been less of a Buster Simpson portfolio show.

Simpson, as an environmental artist, Simpson said he enjoys working "out in public," and therefore much of his work is created specifically for public use. Simpson said he first began working to this end in 1969, when he was only a junior. Simpson's portfolio work for the Woodstock Festival in New York. What began as an agrarian theme, according to Simpson, soon turned into art about "the environment," the basic human needs, in response to the needs of the 500,000 people gathered there.

To disclose, Simpson did initially show some slides evidencing the perversion of the environment. The slides ranged from a table set up to the side of the river moving into sketchy, to a long-lived Indian burial mound in New York, which the Parks Department recently decided to relocate. TheSlide, and Simpson's unrequired effort to reassure, it "reorganized the mound into their perception of what it really was." Soon after which the public, rather than Simpson, led into a series of descriptions of several of his other projects.

One such example was his 1985 "Slate Garden" in New York, a sheet of glass set in an interstate highway in Washington with shrewdly cut into multi-faceted silhouettes designed to look like both George Washington and the Native American Chief South. This peculiar monument involves the cone of a huge jet engine, and the specific grooming of the ivy around the cone. This was one example of "art" designed to improve the surroundings of an urban area.

Another one of Simpson's projects is his collaborative work on a traffic triangle in Alexandria, Virginia. Working on the small budget of $35,000, a very tired community thereby shaped like one of the patriot has typical to the American Revolution, and then planted on the historical back in Washington. Virginia, inside, there is both a basking garden and a marsh landscape. A wheelchair ramp and a tree also planted in the middle of the pyramid helps to make it, according to Simpson, "a traditional Southern gathering place." This gives another example of "man's attempt to manipulate nature" to better an area for a people.

However, the artistic and practical level, Simpson is perhaps best known for his "River Rollins" project in the Hudson River in New York, which provided a temporary, if not permanent, solution to the problems caused by acid rain. In this situation, Simpson placed huge lattinized tableaux into the river in order to neutralize the acid and its effects, in a reaction very similar to that of a giant stomach antacid. According to Simpson, "we bigger the problem, the bigger the pill." Simpson chose to make another bold demonstration when he worked as an artist-in-residence at the Kohler factory in Wisconsin. (Kohler is a ceramics company which specializes in the manufacture of toilets and urinals.) Simpson took some of the plates made at the factory, constructed of the same vitreous china as the toilets, and placed them in New York City's East River. In roughly a year's time, the plates were removed, and appeared a rusty color due to the red iron oxide in the water.

The plates were spotted with a black, corroded tarnish which gave them the look of antiquated copper. Simpson then created washable masks from the plates, by attaching forks to the plate rims, and creating a sort of non-god image. Thus he was able to demonstrate the magnitude of the pollutants in the river, while designing a new and truly unusual art form.

Buster Simpson brought many different ideas with him to the Bio-Audioforum on Monday night. Some were aesthetic ideas, some practical, and some that were a combination of both. Unfortunately, his presentation lacked cohesion and failed to live up to its title of "The Affluence of Affluence." However, for those looking for an evening of unusual environmental flavored art, Simpson's lecture was more than effluence.

Anderson Comes Off as Flat, Simple

By Mario Costa

During her reading in Pierre Lounge last Sunday evening, Maggie Simpson prefaced her poem "Long Story" with a quotation by James Wright: "To speak in a flat voice is all I can do." This, essentially characterizes Ms. Anderson's writing and reading style. She writes in a simple, flat language that one hears every day. She makes no pretensions in her poetry, but merely attempts to capture the nature of her environment. This is indicative of her reading. Ms. Anderson was very aware of her position in the room. She began reading at eight o'clock and continued for an hour. She read slowly and carefully in a flat, almost monotone voice. She continuously looked around the room making eye contact with her audience. She related anecdotes from her childhood, her travels westward, and took breaks between poems to make poetry explanation and dialogue. The situation was truly casual but not terribly exciting.

In her poem Maggie Anderson shows a keen awareness of who and where she is. In a poem entitled "Epistemological" she writes, "I know where I am all the time." She goes on to describe where she is in "Marginal".

This is where I live, at the edge of this ploughed field where sunlight catches meadow grass and the silver yellow like the times of the bitches at the rim of the forest.

Because she writes in a flat voice her voice is very natural. This is what makes her so effective in writing about nature. She establishes in her poetry an interesting relationship between herself and her environment. In "Empirical" she writes, "Everything sad that ever happened to me has meant something." During these moments that Ms. Anderson's poetry is most interesting.

There were times during her reading as, in her poetry, when one was caught off guard or taken by surprise. At times one was surprised by a passage that was particularly well phrased or that was stylishly unconventional. But, for the most part her reading did not inspire much beyond the reading of the poem. Maggie Anderson's poetry is pretty straightforward, conservative and predictable.

Sprinting Sculptures Spring Up

Spontaneously, Surprise Students

By Bertram Tunnell

Picture me, as I was mining my own business walking down Middle Path headed towards the Bookstore to get a Twinkie. I breathed in the chilled air and stared at the stars through the trees when suddenly my eyebrows leaped out of my head. There by the side of the path next to a lamp was a pale figure hunched over and reading a book near me. I jumped back in terror and in self defense, but before I could reach a blue phone I realized this entity was definitely not moving. "Ahh..." I thought to myself with new self assuredness. This no wandering ghost, bully, or military fraternity number, but a work of art. I stared at it as bit more while trying to regain my composure. After a moment of self reflection I resumed my trip for a Twinkie.

A bit further on I noticed that this art phenomenon was not confined to that one space, but actually had spontaneously appeared in several places. It was as though some great art migration was occurring, with the art migrating over mountains into nothing in Newscope pertaining to this. At closer inspection I found the works ranged from a piece of a tree branch sketched in and form and structure, to mine with weak knees. This sudden change around concerned me. I started to overanalyze into the Kenya trap of being quite wary of change even in this slight state. Who could be behind this sudden burst of creativity? Elvis' enemy? An art lady?

What I feel necessary to say is this, the change, although a surprise was a welcome one. The flavor and character expressed through the numerous works is wonderful and says a lot for the Art student at Kenyon.

They show a definite maturity of thought while remaining the ability to break new ground and be wonderfully creative. The artists were able to take many different mediums and truly build extraordinary sculptures.

Furthermore, the sudden showcase was powerful in that it did catch the community off guard, if it had been announced you would not have been surprised by not notice like so many poetry readings and clay workshops. This sudden crop of art takes the individual and breaks us out of the crystal bubble that we so often encase ourselves in the day-to-day. It reminds us all that there is more going on in Kenyon than your4 four credit course load and Ultimate Frisbee, but entire undiscovered areas that hold great rewards.

I eventually made it to the Bookstore and was outraged to find that in fact they didn't have any Twinkies whatsoever. I left the store instead with a package of Ding-Dongs swearing under my breath that I would organize a campus forum to resolve this travesty. Later in the day I observed another individual taken aback by the ghastly sculpture. We chatted for a bit about the importance of art and the things that came to the conclusion that perhaps this particular sculpture should have been placed in a spot for all the students to see the dickens out of upsetting travelers.

That ended that night of bliss and I quickly returned home munching on my Ding-Dongs.

The exhibit in Ohio Gallery, "Photographic Book Art in the United States," will be on display until October 22. Be sure to catch this unique form of art before it travels on.

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Father Kessler Returns as Catholic Community Leader
By Greg Nock

After a five year absence, Father Tom Kessler has returned to Kenyon in the active role of the Catholic community's leader. He served previously at Ohio Northern as Chaplain, and as the Pastor at a "little parish called Lady of the Louvre." 

Four years prior to joining from Ohio State in 1970, he obtained a degree at Gregorian Jesuit University in Rome. He worked for his doctorate in Theology from 1978-81. Currently, he occupies his spare time with completing his dissertation "out of the desk look for it soon on newstands everywhere." He was part of the Kenyon community from 1976 to 1978, and again from 1984 to 1987.

"In fact," he stated. "I welcomed (the current) Chaplain [Andrew] Priest here as years ago." He first left for graduate school, then again to serve at an Ohio law school. That experience, he said, proved to be beneficial.

Poet Alicia Ostricker to Give Reading, Lecture on Writing Poetry
By Kate Brentzel

Alicia Ostricker, poet, critic, and professor of English at Rutgers University, will be giving both a lecture and a poetry reading on Wednesday, October 21, she will give a lecture in the Biology Auditorium entitled "A Word Made Flesh"

The Bible and Revisionist Women's Poetry", learning common hour of the following day, she will read from her poetry in Peirce Lounge. Her visit to Kenyon is sponsored by the Faculty Lectureship Committee. Ostricker, author of Stealing the Language: Emergence of Women's Poetry in America and Writing as a Woman, has a new book coming out called Unwritten Volume: Poems The Artless Babe. Her lecture will address this issue of a feminist reordering of the Bible.

English professor Lori Lekvtzov said that a recent trend in women's studies has been to reclaim biblical literature for women. Ostricker will speak of this enterprise of reclaiming women's voices. Despite the fact that readings of the Bible have been male centered in the past, it is possible to recover women's versions by going back to the original texts and reading "through the silences," said Lektvitov.

"Her writing made here, I will be discussing this project to recover women's voices in classical texts. Part of her originality is that, by asking questions of the classical texts, she highlights the juncture between literature, religion, and women's studies. The writing of the Bible from a woman's perspective is crucial so what women don't know about these stories because of patriarchal interpretations. By filling in the gaps, it is possible to find meaning and what women did or what they were thinking in these original texts.

A type of narrative which flourished in the Middle Ages was "Midrash," which is taught as fill in the missing pieces of the Hebrew Scriptures. It is not surprising that "many women [are] coming back to the genre of Midrash and saying 'this is for us'," said Lektvitov. Ostricker's talk will help illuminate this process of a feminist reordering of the Bible.

Poetry is another way in which Ostricker expresses her talent as an intellectual and a writer. She has published seven books of poetry and five non-fiction books and has edited a world of Guggenheim fellowships and the Endowment for the Arts grants, and the William Carlos Williams prize for her book which was published by the Poetry Society of America in 1986. Her most recent book of poetry is Green Age.

Those who attend the reading will perhaps gain even more insight into her work through her own emphases and introspections in the reading of her work. Most likely, Ostricker will give an introduction to the poems, some background information on the poem, and information on what inspired her. This is the first time for Alicia Lektvitov feeling the readings will be a relatively accessible way to hear Ostricker's work. "I look forward to the reading is a de-mystifying experience."
**Political Scientist Bolotin to Discuss Ancient Philosophy, Science**

By Kristin Sarpolis

This evening at 8:00 p.m., political scientist David Bolotin will present lecture titled "Leo Strauss and Classical Political Philosophy," in the Biology Auditorium. The speech is sponsored by Faculty Lectureships and the political science department.

In his lecture, Bolotin will discuss the life and teachings of the late Leo Strauss, one of the foremost political philosophers of the twentieth century.

According to Political Science Professor Pamela Jensen, Strauss's main enterprise was to revive the study of ancient political science. His writings have shaped the common understanding of a liberal education, with his emphasis on the study of great books. Much of his work aimed to encourage students to read as well as seriously attempt to consider and comprehend the writings of renowned political philosophers ranging from Socrates to Marx.

His influence and significance as a political scientist and philosopher extends not only throughout the United States but to Europe as well. Strauss believed that political philosophy is "the core of the study of politics." This idea, Jensen said, has contributed greatly to the shaping of the political science major here at Kenyon.

Immediately after Bolotin's lecture, participants will have an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. A reception will follow in Pierce Lounge.

Bolotin will make a second appearance tomorrow at noon, when he will conduct an informal luncheon seminar in Weaver Cottage. During this seminar, entitled, "The Case for Ancient Natural Science," he will focus on the question of whether or not we can return to the ideas popularized by ancient natural scientists. Professor Jensen stated that among the subject matters upon which Bolotin will touch during this discussion will be an attempt to defend Aristotle's view that the earth is the center of the universe. Bolotin is presently a tutor at St. John's College in Santa Fe, where he has been teaching since 1981. Prior to that, he taught at St. John's College in Annapolis. He has also worked at the University of Chicago. He earned his bachelor's degree in classics at Cornell University, studied under Leo Strauss at the University of Chicago, and received his doctorate in classics from New York University.

Bolotin has written one book, entitled *Plato's Dialogue on Friendship: An Interpretation of the Lysis*. He is currently working on his second work, which will concern Aristotle's "Physics."

Bolotin's two seminars fit directly into the theme of Kenyon's lectureships this year, which is the relationship between the sciences and the humanities.

**Knapp to Bring Cultural Analysis to Shakespeare**

By Melinda McMartin

Jeffrey Knapp, professor at the University of California at Berkeley, and known for his work in the history of political theory, will present two lectures this week. The first, "Peacocks and Players in Shakespeare's England," will take place at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15, in the Biology Auditorium. Knapp will hold more informal talks entitled, "The Tempest and New Historicism," Friday, Oct. 16 at 4:30 p.m. in Pierce Lounge.

"On Thursday night," said Knapp, "I will be at a 45-50 minute lecture followed by a 15-20 minute session for questions. Students will also have the opportunity to discuss more in-depth questions at the reception afterwards."

English professor Jim Carson said, "The talk on the 16th, in Pierce, will be much more informal."

Shakespeare, although studied by most students in high school, is very difficult for most students to understand. Knapp has taught several large lecture classes at Harvard University, which have been extremely popular. Knapp often deals with Shakespeare as a dramatist, and a popular dramatist for his time period.

According to Carson, Knapp brings a historical perspective to Shakespeare in terms of Elizabethan culture, rather than simply using an analysis of the close textual relationship of lines in the plays. The issues in his story are very important to Knapp, particularly those of nationalism and power.

"I hope students will get a sense of historically based criticism and looking at it from a cultural perspective," Carson said.

"Knapp's area of specialty is studying the British and Renaissance periods." Knapp is also interested in the current debate of historical criticism. Knapp sees Shakespeare's plays from a cultural perspective, and believes that Shakespeare's plays should be studied in the same way as any other cultural artifact.

"The students," said Knapp, "will be able to make connections to the current debate of historical criticism, and to Shakespeare specifically." Knapp's particular specialty is the influence of the Renaissance on the development of Shakespeare's plays. Knapp sees Shakespeare as a dramatist, and a popular dramatist at his time period.

"I hope students will be able to get a sense of current critical theory, as well as what goes on in the profession of teaching English," David said. "Knapp is a strong critic, and as a learned Renaissance person." Knapp earned his Ph.D. from Berkeley and recently began his second year as a teacher of Shakespeare and Renaissance literature there. He previously taught for four years at Harvard University. He has published many works dealing with historical criticism as well as essays published in the area of representations and English literary history. He has also published a book entitled, *An Empire Nowhere*.

His presentation is co-sponsored by Faculty Lectureships and the English Department.

**The Changing Faces of Kenyon**

**What are your plans for October break?**

**Saaba Baddenahage '96**

"I am going to Boston for the first time to visit my oldest brother. I'm psyched."

**Erik Zinner '94**

"I'm going skydiving in Canton, Ohio."

**Kristen Markling '94**

"I plan to sit in my room and study the whole time."

**Leo Lopez '93**

"I'm going to go salmon fishing in Alaska to meet Rob Gluck."
The Lords soccer team began NCAA play this past week by overwhelming its two opponents. Kenyon held Oberlin and Earlham scoreless in posting 4-0 and 5-0 victories respectively. The wins moved the Lords up to number nine in the weekly Top 20 poll. Kenyon might have a higher ranking, but traditionally the top teams in each of the NCAA’s eight regions occupy the top spots.

Thus, the men’s soccer team is considered by the coaches to be the number two team in many regions. They will have the chance to dethrone Ohio Wesleyan this Wednesday.

Regardless of the rankings, the team is raising its level of play with each outing. The Lords defeated Oberlin before a supportive home crowd. Mark Phillips was the first scorer as he converted a Yeman deflected pass and shot from twenty yard out. With just five seconds remaining in the first half, Greg Kanzinger made the score 2-0 on a diving header from Mac Shannon’s kick.

Phillips got his second goal of the day with Kanzinger and Gallagher rounding out the scoring for the day as he beat the goalkeeper when he put back a rebounded ball.

Despite their convincing win and domination of their opponent, the Lords were not altogether pleased with the game. “We were not pleased with our performance against Oberlin. A number of plays had to be replayed. They were replayed but it just wasn’t working for them. These are the same guys that have taken us to a top 10 ranking in the nation for an uncontested season. To play poorly and win comfortably is a sign of a big team,” said Coach Fran O’Leary.

“1 didn’t think we played very well in the first half, but we had the composure to come back and play the kind of soccer that we know how to in the second half. I never really had a chance against us,” added Marshall Chapin.

O’Leary and his Lords regrouped in preparation for their match against the Quakers from Earlham. Although Earlham is not usually a top conference team, Kenyon expected a hard fought and close battle with their foes. They realize that any team in the rigorous NCAA has the potential to play with the very best teams in the nation. Phillips registered the first goal on a crossing pass from Kanzinger. The Lords took their 1-0 lead into the second half and began to pick up the intensity. Donovan scored two goals with assists from Gallman, and Andrew Guest. Donovan also tallied as assist when he volleyed the ball from 25 yards out to Greg Michael, who struck the ball into the cage. Gallagher completed the 5-0 barrage with a shot from 15 yards out on a John Kennedy assist.

The Lords simply outplayed and outstruck the Quakers and were a much more talented team.

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Field Hockey Drops Two in a Row But Still Sees Signs of Improvement

By Charles Sauter

Two tough defeats mark a leveling off of the Cinderella story season of the Field Hockey team. The Ladies fall to the aptly named Big Red of Denison last week before losing in a marathon game to Wooster on Saturday. Despite these losses, the Ladies start at 0-1 and have a shot at getting together their best season since 1989 when they took second place in the conference.

As the OWU game, the Ladies found themselves greatly outnumbered by their opponents when Denison arrived at Waite Field. Once again the Ladies seemed to disregard the first half in favor of playing catch-up in the latter part of the game. Denison’s offense does not share the same tenacity, as the Big Red, already up 2-0, streaked themselves to a 4-0 lead with two quick goals late in the half. When opportunity knocked, the Ladies seemed tongue to open the door. At one point, they found themselves the recipients of four consecutive penalty corners, but they failed to capitalize.

Through the opening minutes of the second half, Denison managed to keep the Ladies pinned into their own end. Although Kenyon launched a few fast break counter attacks, they could not break out of their defensive mood set to sustain any scoring opportunity. Nevertheless, the tide did turn, and had Big Red played a little longer, the Ladies might have chewed them up and spit them back down.

Through the second half, the Ladies played bone crunching defense. On numerous occasions the Ladies sacrificed their bodies to stop shots on goal. Nancy Hill also played well in goal again, even buying her body out to block shots. When the Ladies’ defense got into gear they pounded shot after shot at the Denison cage, and only a couple of waves from Denison’s grade avenged a Kenyon resurgence in the game. Gwen Shaw and Erin Heintzelmann nearly numbers up on the board before the last minute shot from Stacey Smiar broke the shroud.

Unfortunately, with just under three minutes left in the game, it came as too little too late. The 4-1 final score meant Kenyon lost to the Big Red for the sixth consecutive time.

The next day each traveled to Wooster on Saturday where more anguish awaited. For close to 90 minutes the Ladies battled Wooster in a 0-0 stalemate.

“Y’ kinda just kept going back and forth. No team really dominating. Yeah, we did put lots of pressure on. We had 27 shots, but it was pretty balanced,” commented Coach Eichner.

However, in the second sudden death overtime, Wooster succeeded to make the match. This defeat puts the Ladies under .500 for the first time this year.

Eichner went on to say, “The Wooster game has been, for us, a big highlight because things started coming together. Even though in the score, we came up short, it was a bright spot to the season so far.”

Currently ranks #2 in the conference having suffered only one defeat.

The Ladies were shutout for the second time this season, but except for the past couple of games, scoring has not been much of a problem for this team. Before the Denison game, Shanny Sivick, Melissa Wood, and Heintzelmann all ranked in the top 10 in scoring in the conference.

Coach Eichner said, “We still need to work on scoring, but our penalty corner unit is getting the job done and that’s where we generate most of our goals. Shanny Sivick, who serves the ball, and Erin Heintzelmann, who stops it, are doing a great job and we’re getting shots on cage.”

The Ladies have finished the first half of their schedule, and in the next few weeks they will replay earlier opponents. The team undoubtedly looks forward to repeating the success they experienced on Saturday.

On Thursday, Oct. 8, they travel to Oberlin, while the next Saturday they will play Earlham, whom they lost to by one goal here at Waite Field at 1:00 pm.

Athlete of the Week

Brad Hensley

Sophomore Brad Hensley is the Collegian’s first repeat winner as he tied an NCAA mark of five touchdown passes that went with 21-35 passing attempts and 279 yards in the Lord’s victory over Wooster.

Mac Shannon ’93 sticks for the ball during the game against (Oberlin)

We expected a difficult game from Earlham. We were downed in the first half and were happy income in a goal ahead. We dominated the second half and scored five goals,” said O’Leary.

“I was pleased that we could dominate a team of Earlham’s abilities. Both Oberlin and Earlham will not be at the top of the NCAC mark have a high ranking, our team feel we are a professional because we are still at the NCAC mark and for the occasion. If we maintain our level of commitment and competence coupled with a little bit of luck, we’ll get a good result.”

“We have to play the kind of soccer we’ve been playing. If we play hard soccer, I think we’ll win. I think we’re a better team, and I think we’re better.”

Come watch the Lords take on the Battling Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan in Delaware, Ohio.
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SPORTS

Lord’s Football Gets First Win of the Year at Wooster
By Kevin Kroop

If you knew that Kenyon lost the previous game by 30 points to DePauw, you would think that the Lords of the gridiron would have lost. But that was the case the last time Kenyon picked up its first win of the season by beating Wooster 35-29 in front of a large hometown crowd. Head Coach Jim Meyer was, “sorry to disappoint the Wooster alums, but no bitter surprise” as he picked up his first victory.

Yes, the Lords overcame a late, insignificant charge by the home team to win 30-24, and it was the second in a row for Kenyon. But the game was never in doubt as theWooster defense showed no signs of life on the game.

The 1st half was dominated by the Kenyon offense which led the game 14-9 at the half. Kenyon had a great first half, and Kenyon defeated the Wooster defense quickly.

The game was a tale of two halves. Kenyon put up a major 35 points in the 2nd half to just 7 by Wooster. Kenyon made 16 of 17 field goals to Wooster’s 2 of 3. Kenyon had 200 yards rushing and 200 yards passing to Wooster’s 100 yards rushing and 77 receiving on 4, should not be overlooked. Not only did the efforts of Bertie who contributed with 4 catches for 37 yards, 30 yards and a touchdown called back for a penalty, Colon Penzone added 4 catches for 32 yards at touch down.

But the real heroes for the day were, the “Pit Bulls,” the offensive line. Led by Steve Hope, Tony Petrie, Joel Gonzalez, and Jameal “Wooft” King, the line allowed no sacks of Kenyon, and no tackles for loss. By Kenyon.

Defensively, the Lords were not on the field much, due to great play by the offense, and dominating presence of the line. The opportunity, Rookie Mikylo Johnson collected player of the game honors for his performance of 14 tackles, the interception, a touchdown saving tackle, and other key plays. Raphy Deopeda led the Lords with 15 tackles and great run support from his forwards. Junior Eli Tompkins added 10 tackles and senior co-captain, John Julian made 12 tackles on the day.

But the game was won by Kevin Kroop, for his long snapping, forceable, and the ensuing recovery on the kickoff.

Coach Jim Meyer was quick to say that, “We are relieved to have the pressure off, we needed to win that first one. When you win, you become more talented, higher, and your play improves.”

Meyer took the fact that Kenyon was out gained in the passing department as a good sign, when he pointed out that, “The top teams in the conference do not just pass the ball. A solid ground game is needed. And when you look at the time of possession, that was a key turn over win. Our defense stayed fresh and did a great job.”

Speaking about the 16 points Wooster scored at the end, Meyer added, “They were not just going to put our first team back in running for a game. Our young guys got valuable experience, and know will show that valuable time was for them.”

This Saturday, the Lords will host Case Western Reserve, which is a similar team to Kenyon. They are a team that they are playing against. They are a team that they are playing against. They are a team that they are playing against.

The Spartans early season has been necrophobic, as they have not scored a touchdown in any game. The game is a must win game for Kenyon.

To the Lords, only one thing can happen, they must win by the end of the quarter. They must win by the end of the quarter.
HOUSING  
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Dormitory groups of 10 or more students with the desire to be housed together on the basis of common interest, blocks of six students, and individuals.

The policy assures maintained historic dorm housing for all of the social groups but also established the "50/50 Rule," which reserved at 50 percent of that living for independent students. It denoted that all sophomore housing would participate in the lottery.

In theory, however, women would only occupy 25 percent of the south end housing because fraternity groups are composed entirely of men and 50 percent of the independent housing is also reserved for men.

The second portion of the policy designates the lounges, previously allocated to be controlled by the groups, as property of the school and therefore be made available to any and all residents living in those halls. However, both the groups and individuals are be able to reserve the lounge for special events.

Some independents present at the open forum expressed feelings of intimidation that they experienced in the lounges because of the presence of fraternity placques hanging on the walls in lounges.

As the policy stands now, groups are allowed to keep their memorabilia in the lounges, and independents may express their concerns to the individual Residential Area Counselors (RAC) or their house managers. In turn, the dorms can vote as an individual group on the issue at hand. No complaints have been made so far.

A wide range of proposals, from continuing with the status quo to radically changing the policy have been suggested to Senate. Proposals will be accepted by the SAC or Dean of Students Craig Bradley.

The deadline for all proposals is preferably Friday, but they will be accepted through, at the very latest, October 14.

CHILD CARE  
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Pre-school age. Church-affiliated care is available in Mount Vernon, but many professors hesitate to send their children to Christian pre-schools, according to Smolak. Private child care is also available, but "what if the care-givers decide to retire, or decide that they do not want to watch children for the summer?" questioned Smolak.

Similar comments were presented by English Professor Jennifer Charvoe, who has had a baby sister to watch her 3-month-old son. "I have a woman who watches my son. What happens if she gets sick?"

A recent grant of $50,000 to the Hiawatha Center should help Kenyon parents with the problem of finding adequate infant care. The grant was utilized to renovate space at the Center to provide a location for care of infants. The Hiawatha Center also extended its hours to midnight, according to Nelson.

Because the subsidy for establishing a child care program would be so great, finding quality childcare in the Gambier community will continue to be a problem.

"Child care would be an overall good idea for the whole community," said Smolak. "It would attract better faculty and administration, and keep them here. This kind of care is especially attractive to young women faculty members. I would like to see child care here. It would make a real difference in the community."

In concurrence, Charvoe said, "I feel that my students would be better served if I had reliable child care for my son. I hope the College can find a way to have child care next year. I think that if the College is committed enough to start presenting (monetary) figures to us, I'm keeping my fingers crossed."

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