Senior Staff Eliminates Chaplain's Office to Cut Budget

By David Allan

Kenyon's senior staff decided that it will eliminate the Office of the Chaplain as part of an ongoing process to control administrative spending. In what President Philip Jordan called "an administrative reorganization," the full time staff of the office, including Chaplain Andrew Foster, will be let go, and other members of Student Affairs will take over their duties.

According to Chaplain Foster, the change will take place in May, at the end of the academic year.

While the administration made the final decision only last week, the office of Student Affairs has been under review for the past two years as part of an ongoing process of administrative review that seeks to reduce costs and consolidate services in the college administration, according to Jordan. Jordan informed Chaplain Foster of the decision last Friday.

According to Jordan, "the College appreciates Chaplain Foster's service, and the move is done with sadness." But he also said that the "substantial savings" generated by the cut and similar reorganizations in the Finance department will be used to preserve "the essential academic programs and financial aid" without the need for another large tuition increase. That sentiment was echoed by Vice-President for Finance, Joseph Nelson.

Jordan went on to say that some of the services that are currently performed by the Chaplain's office will be taken over by what he described as a "council of chaplains and ministers," who will provide for the religious needs of the larger community rather than just the College.

The decision took many members of the community, particularly those who are involved with the religious and multicultural life of the campus, by surprise.

History Professor Peter Rutkoff, who is on sabbatical in Columbus, expressed his shock at the way that the issue was handled by the administration, saying, "No one in the religious community was consulted. It is strange to think that a longtime servant of the College was not given at least one and a half years notice. It is callous and inappropriate."

Howard Sacks, faculty member of the Multicultural Advisory Council agreed with Rutkoff's criticism, "It angers me that students, faculty, and staff have no say in decisions that affect our quality of life. The President's action devalues all forms of spiritual experience at Kenyon and weakens the cause of cultural diversity. When choices are driven by a bottom-line mentality, our mission as a liberal arts institution suffers."

Ed Curtis, the student manager of Snowden Multicultural Center, also agreed. "It was extraordinarily discourting to see that the President and his senior staff are willing to eliminate an office so important to the life of this campus and not allow students or faculty through their representative bodies to say anything about it, or to help make the decision. The college has lost a friend to students, a great advisor to students and an advocate of multiculturalism on campus."

Chaplain Foster serves as Co-Director of Snowden, and has been involved with the Multicultural Affairs Advisory Council since its inception.

According to Curtis, Chaplain Foster has been instrumental in the College's efforts to become more diverse, as well as making the college more welcoming of people from all backgrounds. "The President has said we have an institutional commitment to diversity, but how can we carry our commitment successfully without the supporting offices," he said, referring not only to the recent cuts but also to the fact that the administration did not hire a replacement for Dr. Frank Hale, executive assistant to the President for Multicultural Affairs, who quit two years ago.

Matt Gladue, who considers Chaplain Foster a personal mentor and a vital part of the Multicultural Advisory Council, objected in light of the precedent this decision sets. "I think that this is a dangerous trend for Kenyon College. It says two things-one, see CHAPLAIN page twelve.

Committee Revises Class Schedule

By Kelly Nealon

The Curricular Policy Committee met to discuss new changes in class periods for the next academic year. The proposed changes are based on the schedule used five years ago, and if passed will be put into effect next semester.

The Curricular Policy Committee is a group of Kenyon faculty, students and administrators who meet bi-weekly to discuss academic aspects of the Kenyon curriculum. Chair by John Lutton, the committee recommends changes in the class calendar faculty, as well as improvements to benefit the campus and students.

The most recent meeting focused on replacing the current class periods at Kenyon with ones used previously in 1988. As a result of conflicts in enrollment with the current periods, the committee decided students needed a broader range of periods to choose from.

The proposed schedule alters all current class periods to some degree, but the main modifications revolve around changes held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Committee member Dean Switzer expressed, "By providing this new period, we are decreasing the problem of overcrowdedness in the classroom for professors, but also making it easier for students to schedule their desired courses."

With Kenyon's current schedule, classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays begin at 8:30, and end at 4:00. By incorporating the class periods from 1988, classes will begin at ten minutes after the hour, and conclude at the hour.

The earliest class available to students will be at 8:10 while the latest class offered will be at 3:10. All classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday will remain fifty minutes. Since classes will begin twenty minutes earlier, the new schedule will allow for eight periods, while currently the schedule contains seven and a half.

Committee member Dean Anne Ponder said, "I see no disadvantages but rather several positive advantages as to student accessibility with the new periods. Through the addition of more periods, the committee perceives major improvements, and new possibilities for students' scheduling."

Although the proposed changes greatly affect Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes, the new periods have little impact upon Tuesday and Thursday classes. Classes on Tuesday and Thursday will be reduced from 80 minutes to 75 minutes, but similar to classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, continue to equal 150 minutes weekly.

Like the present periods, classes on these days will begin at 8:10, and end at 4:00. Other class changes are as follows: 9:35, 11:00, 11:55, 12:20 and 2:45.

The new proposal schedules common hour from 11:00 to 11:45, shortening the current one by five minutes.

The new periods are ultimately designed to benefit students and offer more adaptability in course planning. Dean Ponder said, "It will make greater use of our facilities throughout the day."

The next issues on the committee's agenda consists of new proposals for concentrations, course approval processes for the 93-94 academic year, and plans for a faculty retreat. As of now, the committee is concentrating on the proposed period changes, and are confident that if incorporated it will enhance the opportunities already available at Kenyon.

Hillel Gains New Group Director

By Jennifer Goldblatt

Monday, February 1, Chaplain Andrew Foster finalized the decision that Rabbi Jeffrey Elson would no longer be serving as Jewish Chaplain to the Hillel; the organization of Jewish Students on campus.

Rabbi Elson was appointed as an "outreach" worker at the beginning of the academic year to a shared position at Kenyon and Ohio Wesleyan. The appointment was coordinated by Steve Abrams, the Hillel Director at Ohio State.

When Rabbi Elson was hired, the parties involved made a mutual decision to meet upon the completion of one semester to evaluate the success of the appointment and to make a decision regarding the future of the position.

"It became apparent" says Chaplain Foster "that our circumstances at Kenyon did not offer Rabbi Elson the kind of setting in which his considerable gifts as a teacher, worship leader, and religious counselor could be best exercised."

Chaplain Foster made this announcement to the members of the Kenyon Jewish community on February 6.

Alex Dashe, the Student President of Hillel adds that there were "organizational problems" with Rabbi Elson's position.

A new advisor to the Hillel has already been designated. Ayre Berk, who is originally from Canada, has had experience working as Hillel director at universities in Ottawa, and has spent the past four years in Israel, working with youth groups.

Hillel plans to have students two days a week in addition to planned Hillel activities.

Despite the transition, the Hillel anticipates an active future on campus. "We've finally stimulated some new members of the first-year class" Dashe continues "our primary focus will be on sophomores and first-year students."

"This is really a transition period" say Amy Katz, a board member of Hillel "but we still have high hopes for Hillel, I think that we can work together well."

In addition to the student-run services, Hillel has planned a variety of activities for its members this semester, including bagel brunches and a retreat to Camp Ohio, combined with student friends from Wesleyan so that the members can get acquainted with the new Hillel advisor, as well as with Jewish students from another campus.
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Student Council Debates to Revise Current Smoking Policy

By Elizabeth Bennett

Last Sunday an open Student Council meeting took place in Philo for initial discussion of the smoking policy. This Sunday student council will move toward a more established and formal course of action to address some of the concerns about smoking on this campus.

The current smoking policy, as found in the Student Handbook (p.93), reads, "Kenyon College does not permit smoking in any of its facilities, except for private college housing and those residence halls where all the residents chose to allow it. To secure compliance with this rule, the College relies chiefly on moral suasion and a sense of obligation of the citizens of the community to honor its rules and standards."

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A resident of Capples and a smoker stated that it is just too easy for the administration to tell people they can’t smoke on campus, and that smoking lounges and designated areas need to be created.

According to Ross, during the meeting in McBride there were a few first-year men who walked out and started smoking in the hall. Ross feels that, “there definitely needs to be a place where people can smoke,” and that discussion is a good way to lead toward compromise.

Capples’ policy now reads, “In Cape, visitors of the Kenyon smoking policy will be accepted at a very high rate. The College rejects the common areas by means of community enforcement…” It goes on to state that if a smoker, smoking in a common area of Cape has been asked to put out their cigarette and refuses, the house-manager will address that person.

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By Diana Sonia Zicklin

Last Thursday, housing officials met to discuss the progress of the Woodland Cottages. The meeting involved members of maintenance, the Financial Committee, Student Affairs, Higley Construction Company, and the architect. They determined that due to problems beyond the control of the Housing Committee, the Woodland Cottages will not be ready next fall.

However, they should be ready by second semester of the 1993-94 academic year.

According to Housing Director Bob Graves, the group discussed several matters during the meeting, including monetary issues. They determined that the project was overbudgeted, meaning that costs are necessary.

Also according to Graves, however, they decided to make no serious changes.

"Nothing major was cut, we want to preserve the look of the building. Nothing that was eliminated will affect the beauty or quality of the building. For example, the back stairwell won’t be as luxurious—but then again, it’s only a fire escape," Graves said.

He blamed the delay in the building schedule on various causes. For example, the contractor, who was in charge of subcontracting much of the work on the Cottages, was under the impression that, because of the current recession, subcontracting would not be a problem.

Apparently this assumption was based on employment situations in Cleveland where Higley Construction Company is based, and in Boston, where the architect is located. As it turned out, this did not hold true for the greater Columbus area, and it was difficult to find employees to work.

Unexpected problems with the gas line also hindered the progress of the Cottages. The final date for completion is now sometime in October, stated Graves. A couple of weeks will be needed for the College to furnish the Cottages.

"They will be very fancy when they are finished," Graves commented. He emphasized that the delay occurred because, "We want then to build well, not fast."

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testimony last year at Take Back the Night, who expressed that during high school she was raped by a man who was shown in a pornographic film that viewed next at a party she attended.

Senior Carrie Comer responded, "the fact that students enjoyed pornographic magazines just proves the inability and/or refusal of some members of this community to listen to what others are saying when they make it known what hurts them. It makes me wonder if we’re really educating our students to not become addicts, is the current smoking policy accommodates smokers very well."

Jennifer Gundlach, "this is supposed to be a respectful environment...it is important to clarify that selling pornography is illegal by a lot of women to be harassment; having it at the Market creates a hostile environment."

Laurie Finn, associate professor of women’s and gender studies said, "I believe in people’s right to buy what they want, I don’t believe in censorship. But I have small children who spend a lot of time in the Market, and would prefer the magazines not to be there.

Robert Bennett, a professor of classics, stated, "Clearly the Village Market has a right to sell it, but viewing pornography is detrimental to people’s sense of identity and sense of their own sexuality. One of the dangers for men in that the women in the pictures never say ‘no’, so some men assume that real women act like that."

Harriane Mills, visiting instructor of classics said, "Well, you can certainly tell that the Village Market has sold hundreds. It seems that the new owners are not sensitive to the character of the Kenyon community, in this regard. They may not have bad intentions, but I hope that all of us can help them understand our community better."
Benyon Defends Dudley to Anonymous Source
To the Editors:

Reading the headline article in last week's Collegian, "Fraternity Rush Ends: Results Produce Mixed Reaction," Thursday, Feb. 4, I was disappointed that author Elizabeth Bennett chose to include the quote of an "anonymous source" in her piece on this highly relevant and related issue.?

I am not suggesting that "Beth Dudley [Director of Student Activities, Organizations, and Greek Affairs]" is obviously a totally inadequate advisor - look at Greek Council, look at Social Board. She's a fine woman.

Hello indeed! First and foremost, the quote is extraneous to Ms. Bennett's arguments. The story seems to imply that although 11% of the men who "may have been" interested in fraternity were interested in the Greek advisor, non-fraternity men "were too concerned with personal attacks" and "conservative viewpoints." 

Further, I doubt if any student leaders could, in good faith, hold any other than themselves accountable for the success or failure of their organization's efforts. If it is a "fraternity's" fault and not the fault of the Greek Council or Social Board, why accuse the advisor of inadequacy and not the Council or Board itself?

In conclusion, I encourage Ms. Bennett to look beyond the surface comments and underlying issues. Ms. Bennett's comments are not "anonymous sources" unless she has relevant and justifiable evidence to support her claims. I urge the anonymous source to turn her/her frustrations with the efforts of campus leaders to the people who control our campus, the administrative group itself and its leadership with whom the true responsibility lies.

Sincerely,

Ed Benyon, Admissions

Greek Council Responds to Rush Article Quote
To the Editors,

As Greeks in the Kenyon community we are well accustomed to attacks in the Collegian. Indeed, Greeks seem to receive more attention in this paper than all other organizations combined. Again, with something we have come to expect, however, the recent article concerning this year's rush uses us far too. We are not addressing Ms. Bennett's "written and well-informed" comments but rather the anonymous quote concerning Beth Dudley.

The fact that the comment is anonymous should have immediately discredited its slanderous content to any editor. Most striking, perhaps, is the obvious ignorance the comment demonstrates. Beth Dudley has been at Kenyon for less than a year. We have many unique elements in our community, virtually all of which take some getting used to, and even then are difficult to understand, much less condone. The commentator's reasoning is totally asinine. Also, what does Beth have to do with rushing first year students? Traditionally, this has been the responsibility of the Greeks. Unfortunately, the commentator has chosen to mislead the community with this refusal to openly stand by the statement also makes clarification on Beth's rush efforts obscure at best, and ridiculous at worst.

It is the unanimous opinion of the Kenyon College Greek Council that although Beth has been at Kenyon for only a short while she has done exceptionally well. Furthermore, she has always encourages constructive criticism. We will continue to work with her and support her whenever possible. In the future, we hope the editors of the Collegian will be more attentive to the content of the articles in the publication, and less inclined to allowing anonymous slander.

Gerard Solis, on behalf of Greek Council

Ohrstrom Defends Kenyon Fraternity System
To the Editors;

Cheap shot Mr. Nichols, very cheap. I am sorry that you have so much anger with fraternities, that you were compelled to write such an uninformed, inflammatory and erroneous letter. Because of it, Kenyon's fraternities have been unjustly thrust into the spotlight of the College's whimsical past, for another semester of tongue lashings from ignorant people like yourself. The only difference is that this time, I am not worried. Your lack of respect, and your obviously pitiful knowledge on the subject negate your argument. Thank you, you've done me a favor.

But since we are on the subject, despite the fact that I do not feel like your letter needs a rebuttal, my position is that no one knows what is involved in a cult initiation. Nor do I understand how you, who has never been through a fraternity initiation or ritual, can stand up in front of the school and draw conclusions. You should know better, and be more responsible, than to misrepresent an assumption as fact.

Another accusation that prompts me to question where you get your information was that Greeks live in an incestuous environment, characterized by "secrecy, humiliation, fear, shame and guilt." Do you honestly think that if these were the traits of fraternity life, that we have lasted as long as we have? Of course not. Also, I have a fact you might enjoy concerning our "secrecy": ALL OF OUR RITUALS AND INITIATIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS!! (Some secret, huh?)

Last point: why would you think that my friendships with my fraternity brothers is based on anything different than my friendships with those people [sic] are not. Both revolve around four important aspects: 

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MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Valenti Questions Nicholls’ Critical Perspective

To the Editors,

I have read quite a few articles and letters in the Collegian that have promoted a less than positive view of fraternities at Kenyon. While they have very often provided me with a valuable awareness of the problems that affect our community, these articles and letters have also, at times, been guilty of naivete. Last week, a letter submitted to this publication achieved a level of ignorance so high that I felt a response was necessary. The letter was entitled “Nichols Asks Campus to Consider Rush Issues”. Although it asked its readers to consider both the PROS and the CONS of making a commitment to a fraternity, Mr. Nichols filled his commentary with an inaccuracy of fraternities that are common at Kenyon. Debate about issues such as the role of fraternities in our community is needed, but in my experience, making strong statements from a weak position of authority does nothing to help one’s cause.

Sincerely,
Paul Valenti

Parsons Apologizes for Archon Table Tent SnaFU

To the Editors:

Regarding the article in the last issue concerning the Archon table tent, I would like to apologize to anyone in the Kenyon community including: students, faculty, administration, and staff. I would also like to offer my sincere apology to people in the village, county, state, country, milky way, area code, universe, school district, American League of Woman Voters, and many others.

Hanson Criticizes Two Collegian Art Reviews

To the Editors:

Writing about art is no easy task, and Bertram Tunnell has proven his difficulty with the subject in his last two efforts for your paper. What first caught my attention in his letter (December 20th issue) was his assertion that he had acquired and myopic assessment of the first review. But then I read his second review, a letter to the editor that was submitted by Tunnell himself. Though I’m not sure what this says about the content of the reviews, I was impressed by the effort of having two separate reviews from Tunnell himself.

Robert M. Hanson

Administrative Decision Disappoints Students

To the Editor:

Nine years ago the Kenyon community established a campus-wide dialogue about the need for a Chaplain’s Office. Through extensive discussion among the students, faculty and administration, there was a consensus about the need for such an office. For seven years Chaplain Foster worked closely with the Kenyon community in the planning and execution of important college initiatives. In the past year, he was a central figure in the creation of the Multicultural Center, “Into the Streets”, and several other student initiatives.

Last Friday Chaplain Foster, without any prior notification, was informed by President Jordan that his office will be dismantled after the conclusion of the current year. To STUDENTS page seven

Loffler Protests Military Ban Against Gays

To the Kenyon Collegian,

I am writing this letter in response to the current debate over President Clinton’s pledge to remove the ban on gays in the military. I wholeheartedly support this stance, but I also do not feel qualified to refute this proposal. My feelings are that all but the most radical and anti-military contingents would have to consider such a stance, but this is a form of intonation is merely a more blatant example of stereotypes and misconceptions that are common at Kenyon. Debate about issues such as the role of fraternities in our community is needed, but in my experience, making strong statements from a weak position of authority does nothing to help one’s cause.

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Editor Vice President Phi Kappa Sigma

Loffler’s letter is addressed to the Kenyon Collegian. It is a protest against the military’s ban on gays. It mentions the editors of the Collegian and Vice President Phil Kappa Sigma. The letter is dated February 11, 1993.

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John Stinson '93

greek organization...Can you imagine that.

All right then, let's reason this one through.

If you have never been a part of a greek group, have few greek friends, have no comprehension of the pledging process, then please tell me how the hell you can make the legitimate charge that the common bonds fraternities share are representative of an "inestimable environment" full of "sincerity, humility, fear, shame and guilt".

Are you suggesting that because I am a greek, I have a low self esteem with little value for my own personal integrity because I subject myself to your misconceptions of shame and guilt? Do you think I sold my soul to join a fraternity? Do you think I became some part of an amorphous, apparently offensive, elitist tradition. The fact that you see MUSSER page twelve.
Life over Lifestyle

By Matt Lancy and Hilary Wood

On Tuesday, February 2, Kenny was exposed to what is considered to be a less popular perspective for AIDS prevention. Speaker John Harris, speech entitled "Intimacy in the Age of AIDS" sponsored by the Kenyon AIDS committee, KCF and FCA, proposed a compelling yet controversial response to the growing crisis that faces us today. His argument, in a word: ABSTINENCE.

For a nation obsessed with sex and a campus which often mirrors that obsession, the very word causes many to cringe. Nevertheless, the fact that abstinence is the best preventative measure against contracting and spreading the AIDS virus through sexual activity is irrefutable. Still many appear uneasy. Many found his fast talk and abrasive style annoying. Others left wondering how Intimacy ties into an abstinence lifestyle and still others questioned his credibility that suggests condoms may not provide the level of protection that we all assume.

One might infer that he attempted to use "sex appeals" such as presenting shocking statistics (although he mentioned several that were just estimates and was clear about the group of people they represented) and recent research suggesting that AIDS can penetrate a condom, in order to frighten people into an abstinence lifestyle. We beg to differ. Weshouldbe scared. The rapid spread of AIDS is terrifying. How can an AIDS discussion not put fear into us? The nationwide promotion of condoms could also be accused of employing "scare tactics" in order to get people to practice safe sex. "Use it or else" is the general message and yet no one seems to mind because we know it's for our own good.

Many people, even those who don't work for condom manufacturers, like the campaign because it reinforces popular sexual ethics. Sex is everywhere: in the media, in daily conversation, you name it; our society is saturated with sex. It's assumed everybody is doing it and as long as we have our condom, the message goes, we're safe. But as Harris argued, new research indicates that condoms are not perfect. AIDS can be contracted even though used a condom. Your chances of getting AIDS will decrease with a condom, but are not eliminated. A condom may work, but don't bet your life on it.

And left it at that. Throughout his talk, he explained that sex is safest in a monogamous, committed, perhaps lifetime relationship in which both people have been tested for HIV. Save sex for someone you know. Someone you know who are not yet involved with other people for a significant period of time. But most importantly someone you truly love and can communicate with. Promiscuity is killing us. Literally killing us. Harris said again and again that we need to start putting life over our lifestyle and we applied him for his reasoning.

So how can we be "inmate" with our partner and abstinence at the same time? Intimacy is typically associated with sex and physical contact. Therefore abstinence and intimacy may seem incompatible. We recognize that sex and physical contact should be intimate but if sex is our only form of communication and being close, would that constitute an intimate relationship? Intimacy doesn't require sex. Intimacy: you truly communicate. Harris never said "don't touch" but do refrain from risky sexual behavior. Abstinence simply means putting the value of people over the value of sex. Harris admits "Sex is incredible; it is wonderful, it is amazing, it is dynamic; but it isn't worth dying for."

Many questioned his credentials. Yet previous AIDS speakers such as Susie Landolfi and Reginald Fennell who promoted "safe sex" over abstinence were never questioned. Harris has been speaking to high school and college about AIDS for several years. He has attended three international AIDS conferences of the type he claims to have been to. At the conferences, he has challenged AIDS activists to think more critically about the AIDS epidemic. During the conference, he has been a featured speaker at a nationwide AIDS briefing (held last year in Washington D.C.). He was nominated to Who's Who in the world (1992) for the impact his lectures have had in the area of HIV infection. We believe that the suspicions which surround John Harris are due to his hard to swallow message and not his background.

First of all, we heard that AIDS was a gay disease and the problem was largely ignored. Then it crossed over to heterosexuals and people got scared. But then we heard that and condoms gave us "safe sex". That has brought many into "safer sex". Notice the progression. Guess what's next? Perhaps Harris is right. Maybe condoms don't give us the protection we hoped for. It's more than possible that there is a way to break through the "Trojan wall." Isn't that enough cause for alarm? Condoms help, but aren't foolproof. Disregarding any research which questions how ineptimate condoms are, we must accept that they do slip and break. How many of our friends will die until we face the facts? See HARRIS page twelve

Condoms Still Give Viable Choice

By Mikhail Kushner

The best way to protect yourself from contracting AIDS through sexual intercourse is not to have sexual intercourse. This much Harris will give to John Harris, who spoke to a group of Kenyon Students last Tuesday in a lecture entitled "Intimacy in the Age of AIDS."

Abstinence is our best form of protection. That much is logical and indisputable. So why did he talk to the subject? Maybe it's because he spent two hours on a simple message distorting statistical data, and employing scare tactics to terrify us into submission.

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There is no much to be said about Mr. Harris' polished, condescending and manipulative mannerisms. He was polished. He was condescending. He was manipulative.

He was not, however, homophobic. While he repeatedly emphasized that AIDS is not a "gay disease," he seemed to believe that only gay men participate in anal intercourse. He also labeled under the implication that the only other form of sexual pleasure is "oral sex between people of the same sex". This brings us to the "Intimacy" part of his lecture...Push ups and cold showers.

Yes, my Lords and Ladies, Push ups and cold showers. No, I am quite sorry, I am not allowed to masturbate. Though masturbation, alone or with a partner, would certainly seem to be an intimate option when little, if any, body fluid is shared (creative exceptions acknowledged), there was no mention of it. Furthermore, he made no reference to the low risk of contraction for lesbians. Granted, all women may not consider lesbianism an option for them, but it is certainly an alternative that men don't have and in this respect women deserve to have this option acknowledged.

If he had stopped complaining about how little time he had, he would have been able to say a word or two about intimacy. Harris did not, however, stop discussing how little time he had, and as a result, he did not discuss intimacy.

The fact is that not everyone is willing to: a) abstain from sex until (she) finds an uninfected partner for life, b) be willing to sustain a monogamous relationship with that person and c) be confident enough in his/her sexuality to refrain from the desire to explore the wide world of sexualities. So if you are going to stand up for the choice of abstain-ence in front of a class: that is not the easiest road to explore in already sexually active and therefore already at risk, you need to give them some other options as well as some glimmer of hope.

You need to look at who it is you are speaking to and be realistic.

There he we have it. The Age of AIDS minus the intimacy. Harris scared us about an already horrible disease. But the most frightening aspect of his speech, in my eyes, was the indirect implication that if you are abstinence and you do not use dirty needles, the AIDS epidemic is not your concern because it isn't your fault.

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Furthermore, there are other factors to weigh into the AIDS epidemic aside from sexual activity. We must not forget the threat of infected needles and the deadly, drug resistant form of tuberculosis that has entered our population as a result of HIV infection. In light of this, I wonder if John Harris will return to Kenyon some time soon (with his "van full of file cabinets containing pertinent statistics") to teach us how to clean our syringes and refrain from breathing in public.

It is important to note that the need for a speaker on abstinence at Kenyon stems from the pressure to have sex that some students feel the distribution of condoms creates. When condoms are made available on this campus, there is no judgement about the use of that condom. What is being said is that if you are going to have sex please wear a condom, IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!
Travel Lecture Offers Witty Stories With Unique Ideas

By Wendoly Ortiz

I must admit that it was with a great feeling of skepticism, that I attended the lecture "Europe and the World on 84 cents a Day," on February 4. The lecture, sponsored by students at the university, seemed like a good idea for all us frugal college students who want to do extensive traveling. Although the lecture wasn't particularly enlightening, it was an nice way to procrastinate for a few hours, and grab a couple of tips.

Speaker Gil White shared some anecdotes and slides from his travels to 55 countries. He also shared a few outlook ideas. Don't get me wrong. I think it is exceptional that White traveled in Europe for 4 months, only spending $100 and in South America for 3 months with only $300. For example, how many of you can see yourselves in a foreign country sleeping in the bushes in front of a car and leaving a note for the owner on the windshield, telling her/him to wake up and you are leaving a ride if they are going in your direction. Imagine being able to do this! May be you would now. White did leave the note and got the ride. I still believe that most of us would do it.

White admitted that the incredible tale of 84 cents a day was more to defy the imagination. His point was that you should be able to travel from $10 to $50 a day and not have to spend a fortune. Youth hostels range from $5 to $15 a night, he suggested, using these for the first few weeks of your travels. Universities at times rent out extra rooms from $5 to $10 a night. While renting a room at a University you are able to attend the University's parties, dances, and may be even classes. At independent hotels, one to three star establishments, most people are willing to help. You may even find arrangements for services such as dish washing or doing beds.

After you have been on the road for a while, you have become enough to know enough to try the country side. This is where White suggests you go knock on someone's door and ask if you can spend the night. Don't talk language to be a barrier. If you can't verbally communicate, just point at your sleeping bag, they'll get the idea. He suggests that you repay them by doing yard work, cooking an American meal, or giving gifts such as T-shirts, stamps, or cassette tapes. White did say that this was more hospitable towards young travelers.

We Americans are not such an inviting or friendly culture. When it comes to knocking on someone's door, I might worry if they do let you in. Will they also let you out?

When it comes to transportation, White suggests hitchhiking. He 'shied great conversations with people that have picked him up. His worst experience was merely encountering a group of religious freaks in Turkey, who preached as they drove and made a crucifix out of French fries and poured ketchup over it to symbolize Christ's blood. White has never been arrested. In fact, in Ireland and the Copper ever granted him a ride. The keys to hitchhiking he says: 1) Look clean cut and presentable 2) Don't look suspicious 3) Don't carry drugs and 4) Have a passport in order. He suggests taking a flag, and that Americans should take both the USA's and Canada's, to see which works better. He said women should definitely not hitchhike in Italy or the Middle East, but that Scandinavians countries and Great Britain are accommodating. The main thing is to keep moving.

Another means of transportation is yacht hitching. You can hitchhike on a yacht and go from port to port. While White traveled from Monte Carlo to the Riviera with this method. There is also cycling, which is a great way to see Europe and the States. Also there is the train system, but you might miss a lot of the country if you do this too often.

During the slide presentation White showed pictures from his various travels. There was a great variety of sights ranging from the Valley of the Kings in Cairo to a Swedish cow. White ended the lecture by giving a list of essentials to take along when doing this type of traveling. They include a pup tent, a down sleeping bag, dress clothes, t-shirts (for presents), and a thin down jacket (dress in layers).

In closing and throughout the lecture, White emphasized that the best part of traveling is meeting people. He said the less money he spent, the more he was forced to come in contact with people, resulting in the best times he had. He strongly suggests that now is the time to travel, before marriage and kids and that we don't have responsibilities now, but it is the point in our lives where we can get away with it.

Overall the lecture was amusing. While he revealed that he's been on the lecture circuit for a while and that he told these stories before. He made no effort to involve us. Then again when you reach the middle of the week, hearing stories can turn out to be a nice study break.

Kenyon Phlins Night Away Wildly

By Bertram Tunnell

A weekend of school sponsored debauchery, what a wonderful idea. I hear this sort of thing is quite common in Californian colleges, but I digress. The Phling has come and gone now, and what do we have to show for it? Some plastic beads, crumpled faxes bills, dirty clothes, a broken knowledge that even if we had earned an enormous amount of money, there was someone out there with $125,000,000 laughing at us.

The Phlinders Phlublu Phling would make a wonderful Sociology or Anthropology experiment. Even if you are a meek, self-aware, police, rather laid back, PC law abiding citizen, there is something to be said for a Phling. It would also show some Scandinavians countries and Great Britain are accommodating. The main thing is to keep moving. Call it cold, but the only lesson that could be learned from Kraut was that history

Being and conception of being are like the dog and his tail. Some choose to chase them, others pull it behind them, aware that they are following. Kraut gave us an explanation of being and objectivity, and spoke as an expert in many ways. Absolute: such as objectivity always plays a part in understanding. This insight should not be a revelation to anyone. I disagree with Kraut's assertion that to achieve a pure mind, we must be perfect. Music is for life, not a picture for a wall. This historical chain that Kraut uses to define musical appreciation is problematic in its consequences for life...more authority is given to the dead than to the living.

A great composer is great in many reasons, only one of which Kraut accepted. First, a composer is great because he or she delivers a piece of harmonic enjoyment and insight that is pleasing to the ear and significant to the intellect. Call it what you like but one man Mozart is another man Barry Manilow. It is the composer is great because he or she, has done that: composed. Composition is an action of individual significance that is itself the essence of greatness. Mozart was great, yes, but Kraut will never be greater than Mozart because he is David Kraut, not Mozart.

To David Kraut I say do not be afraid to play Mozart your own way. Make him your teacher and without his purpose to become the pupil that teaches the teacher. Of course this requires that you listen to Mozart as Mozart would have played it. The important thing is not to chain yourself to the Giant. If the Giant had composed music only while high on heroin, should one shoot up before going to a symphony? Perhaps releasing yourself from the Giant is the way the essence of objective truth may be.
Upcoming Snowden Events: Blues Workshop, Storytelling

By James Parr

The Snowden Multicultural Center will host two upcoming events this February. The first is a blues workshop and lecture on Sunday, February 14th presented by Robin Hough, a professor of religion at Central Michigan University. On February 21st, Lane American storyteller and artist Edwin George will speak.

Robin Hough’s workshop at 4:00 p.m. is designed to encourage serious discussion of how the African-American music known as ‘the Blues’ has been appreciated and adapted by the European-American community. A Harvard graduate and widely published author, Hough’s workshop on Sunday will offer musical examples and open discussion on the topic of the incorporation of African-American music elements into American music. Hough will also discuss the roots of African-American music from its beginnings when the first African-Americans were brought to this country.

Hough has studied and traced the complex connections and often overlooked debts that American music as a whole owes to African-American culture. The history of American music dating back through ragtime, early Dixieland jazz, “Country Blues,” and beyond is interwoven with the struggle of African-Americans and a tendency in European-American culture that had to “imitation, caricature, and simple theft of musical ideas” from African-American music.

The workshop is in fact the subject of Hough’s current work during his semester as a visiting scholar at Harvard in the Afro-American Studies Department. He said that he enjoys opening the workshop to new ideas and discussion from all present in the hopes of gaining new and better insights. Professor Hough is well-respected in the field of ethnomusicology and is considered one of the foremost experts on the subject of American music.

Kenyon Professor Donna Heizer, a friend of Hough’s, commented on his solid understanding of “the intersection of African-American religion and African-American music.” Following the workshop at 7:30 p.m. in the Biology Auditorium, Hough will present a lecture entitled “The Discovery of the Blues by White America.” The lecture concerns the evolution of the African-American spiritual into the blues and its relationship to every aspect of contemporary American music. Both the lecture and workshop should give insight into the multi-varied connections between African culture and American music and the synthesis of the two.

The following Sunday, Native American storyteller Edwin George will make a presentation at 7:00 p.m. in the Snowden Multicultural Center. A resident of Kent, Ohio, George is of Cherokee descent. Members of the Kenyon community may remember his artwork from the Gambier Folk Festival earlier in the year. George was born and raised on the Eastern Cherokee Reservation in North Carolina, and while growing up his father Jackson George taught him much of the folklore and mythology of the Cherokee.

For a number of years George has been himself informed that these proceedings were taking place. Eliminating the office of the Chaplain has consequences for all of Kenyon. It would seem appropriate that the disassembling of this Office would be a community decision.

And as students who have worked closely with his office, we ask for a justification of this action. This matter goes beyond the elimination of Chaplain’s Office. It would seem that the administration has breached the trust of the College by not asking for the input of those who are most capable of evaluating the importance of office of the Chaplain, the students.

And yet, students these are but a few of our concerns about action taken by the senior administration. Why were students, or for that matter faculty, involved in the discussions leading to this decision. Furthermore, wasn’t this the Chaplain's responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,
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Poetry Circuit to Sponsor Poet Orlen's Visit to Kenyon

By Leanne Oue

Poet Steve Orlen will bring the written word to life on Sunday, February 14 when he reads from his various creative works and transforms written poetry into vivid verse. The reading, which is sponsored by the Ohio Poetry Circuit, will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Peirce Lounge.

Orlen has written five books of poetry. The most recent book, entitled The Bridge of Sighs, was published by the newly established press of Miami University, which is one of the nine schools on the Ohio Poetry Circuit.

Poet Michael Ryan has commented that the book contains... "poetry that never strains for poetic effect... the plainest vocabulary turned in sentences and nestled in narratives to a deep, rich clarity. As various as the poems are, the book is about one thing: being a man in this cultural moment."

Sheila Jordan, director of the Circuit, said that she views the publishing of The Bridge of Sighs as a significant event. "The poetry helps to set the getting harder and harder to publish poetry. We see the publishing of his next book as a success and think that bringing him to Kenyon is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this accomplishment," she said.

Jordan, who has known Orlen since he was a visiting faculty member at Goddard College, said that she realizes the power of the spoken word and knows of the profound impact of a poet reciting his or her work. "I once heard Fred and Auden read their poetry and now, whenever I read their work, I'd say, it's as if I can hear them speaking. Once you hear the poet's voice with the poem, you never separate the two," said Jordan.

For this reason, she encouraged all students to attend the reading, stressing that it will provide an opportunity to hear the "live and present word." She said, "Poems are written to be spoken aloud. They're always written for an audience and this poetry reading is realizing that audience."

After the reading, Sunday evening, Orlen will embark on what Jordan considers to be a triumphant circuit tour, visiting eight additional Ohio schools in less than a week. The schools at which Orlen will read include Miami University, Otterbein, Ohio Wesleyan, Wittenberg, and the University of Cincinnati. In addition to The Bridge of Sighs, Orlen has authored four other books of poetry: Sleeping on Doors, Separate Creatures, A Place at the Table, and Permission to Speak, which earned him the "Serious Selection Award" from the Associated Writing Programs.

Orlen has published over 200 of his poems in magazines like The American Poetry Review, Antaeus, and New England Review, and The Atlantic, as well as a number of recent anthologies like Best American Poetry and The Breadloaf Anthology of Contemporary American Poetry.

The quality of Orlen's poems have captured numerous honors, awards, and fellowships. He has been the three-time recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts grant, and has twice received the Arizona Commission for the Arts Award.

Orlen, who received his B.A. from the University of Massachusetts and his M.F.A. from the University of Iowa is now the director of the creative writing program at the University of Arizona. Sunday's reading is free and open to the public.

KCDC's Dark Comedy The House of Blue Leaves Premieres Tomorrow

Bizarre Circumstances, Strange Characters, Comprise Brookman's Rendition of Guare's Play

By George Stone

The Kenyon College Dramatic Club's presentation of John Guare's The House of Blue Leaves—a play according to the author—"is a farce in some ways, but it's also a dark comedy," explains Brookman, "Everyone in the play has a particular dream that they would like to see fulfilled—the sad part is that they see their dreams coming true and it doesn't always work...it's the 'American Dream' of success and the family just doesn't get it."

The House of Blue Leaves, written in 1978, won the Off Broadway Award as well as the Drama Circle Award, and is a play in a contemporary setting exploring many themes recognizable and significant to today's culture.

Brookman explains that although there is not any direct audience participation, "it's a play that tries to make the audience understand the situation so that the distance between the audience and performer isn't taken...It's very clear and direct...it's a dark comedy and it runs the whole gamut of emotions."

In order to "run the whole gamut of emotions" a play needs a gamut of characters which, according to Brookman, "The story is filled with people and it builds up with a plot that is never clear but always engaging."

While it is mind-boggling that Cox's screenplay got over $100,000 from the studios, it is truly worth the watch. The environment is a dirty Los Angeles glove with such a desolate atmosphere (coupled with a low-budget buzz and all!). It's the first movie in my memory that represented the purr era and that's my kind of quality and teeth-worthy quality to it.

Harry Dean Stanton (as quirky as ever) plays Bud, the old reaper, with his normal cynicism and twistiness. In order to prepare yourself for this film, I would suggest remembering how you might have felt coming out of such movies as Naked Lunch or After Hours and realize that this film has you in the same clutch of surrealism. Also starring Tracey Walter, and Olivia Barash. Produced by Jonathan Wicks and Peter McCarthy.

When I think of the Alex Cox 1984 cult film Repo Man, the second thing that comes to my head is that it was the first time I saw the word "wax" in a movie. While it may seem like a mad scientist who has connections to aliens from outer space. No...I mean about this punk kid who likes to hang out with generic labels in the grocery store. This storyline meets up with an auto repossessor who teases them horribly. Well, really, its about both "cause the government wants the scientist's car and offers a reward to all who want to drive it."

While it is not some latent memory of abuse...this was to go experience The Rocky Horror Picture Show for the first time. Now for some of you, this may explain a lot about me, but for you die hard Rocky Horror fans you know what I'm talking about. Well, brace yourself, its coming to Kenyon's Werkheimer Fieldhouse at midnight this Saturday, February 13.

Now, it makes very little sense to explain the plot of The House of Blue Leaves. Frankly, the ridiculously flamboyant and random plot line of Transylvanian transplants is what caused its original failure at the box office in 1975. I was in! A studio executive from Century Fox suggested a screening at midnight that the Rocky Horror experience began. The actual musical is not the appeal...it's the Rocky Horror experience that's worth mentioning.

The film is a fun way to spend an evening.
Polar Bear Club's Annual Swim Provides Chilling Day

By Doug Rowland

"Purpose: Group bonding under particularly painful conditions"

This statement was affirmed when forty-five members of the Kenyon Polar Bear club ventured into the icy waters of the Kokosing last Saturday afternoon. The purpose of the club was to bond with friends through the stamina that it took to swim across the river and back. Not all who were present achieved this goal, but no one left the scene without feeling the icy bite of the wind.

The idea first came to life two years ago when seniors Steve Rice and Chris Webb decided they needed exam week stress relief. The idea materialized into the first polar bear expedition when Steve, Chris, Jon Erskine, Chris Comus, and Eric Neifson jumped into the Kokosing.

One year later four of the original members wished to try again. This time wanting to get as many friends as possible to join them, they ended up tripling in number. "Part of the fun is being belligerent to friends, trying to get them to go in with you," said Chris Webb.

Up until the day before the event, Gardner experienced almost spring-like conditions. However, that afternoon at the event, Gardner experienced almost spring-like conditions. However, that afternoon at the group gathered in front of Farr Hall, the temperature was a mere 32 degrees with 10 m.p.h. winter winds. The crowd slowly grew in number and a round of applause was heard when Pat O'Bannon arrived, the first professor on the scene. Shortly thereafter, in a sudden rush, bodies hurriedly jumped into the river. Many of us didn't make it halfway across before returning to the bank. However, more members than expected swam furiously to the other bank and quickly returned.

Swimmer Survives Diving Accident

By Kimberly A. Schipke

Trenton Stanley, a first-year swimmer from Kansas City, Mo., escaped a near death situation in Florida last month while participating in winter training with the swim team. If it had not been for Andrew Martin, also a first-year swimmer from Dallas, Texas, Stanley might never have been able to swim again.

Martin said that he remembers the mood before the tragic accident. "The entire atmosphere was so good-natured. Everyone was just unwinding when a swim in the ocean after a hard day of practice," he said.

All of a sudden, that atmosphere took an unfavorable turn when Stanley dove into an oncoming wave that hurled him headfirst into an invisible sandbar. "I came up from the water floating on my back realizing that I could feel all parts of my body, but that I could not move my legs. I was in total shock. But I know that if no one had been there, I would have washed up."

Both Martin and Stanley recall with smiles that at first everyone around thought that Stanley was just fooling around, but that after a couple of minutes Stanley finally began to shawl, many a comment was made. The feelings of the group were all very similar. Senior Scott Higgett described his experience as "BUCK CHILLING" cold. Professor O'Bannon said, "I hated the tingling sensation afterwards, but it got my blood flowing."

Relief was sought later at Weaver Cottage where the group gathered for hot showers, hot chocolate, and a warm fire. As the afternoon ended, I felt, along with others, that I wanted to carry on the tradition. Many members also had positive feelings about their experience. New member Audrey Tussing best summed up the feelings of those present, "This was the craziest, greatest thing we have done in a while. The next thing you know we will want to start the Kenyon winter streaking club or something..."
The Kenyon women's basketball team continued to confound, as it was crushed in Wednesday's game versus Case Western Reserve, yet rebounded to play like winners in an inspiring victory over Oberlin on Saturday. The Ladies were outplayed on Wednesday night by an average Case team by the score of 69-28. Despite a 12 point effort by Danielle Montgomery, the Kenyon squad could not compete with a team that shot 50 percent in the first half and never looked back.

The Kenyon zone was ripped apart by the outside shots of their opponents, who sank four of six three point attempts in the first half. Although Kenyon seemed promising early in the second half, Case Western went on an 18-2 run that put away the Ladies for good.

How then, after a sloppy 41 point loss,

**Lords Rock Yeomen by 30 at Tomsich**

By Ryan Helft

In the second half of last Saturday's basketball doubleheader, the Lords fell over the wireless Oberlin College Yeomen 85-55. The victory put the Lords back into NCAC contention after their disappointing loss to Case Western Reserve University last week.

As the final score indicates, the game was a blow out from the get go. The Lords made the score board glow with the first seven points of the game, five of which were produced by Sophomore Jamie Harless. Oberlin mounted an early comeback of their own and drew within one point, but from then on the Lords maintained control and rarely led by less than five points.

Oberlin appeared to be flustered early in the game and was forced to call a time out with the score at 17-11. Their plan failed and rookie Che' Smith put down an easy two points with a twirling shot off the glass. On Saturday, Smith had his best game and does one explain the effort put forth by Kenyon to beat Oberlin by the score of 57-43?

Sure, Oberlin hasn't won a game yet, and they definitely aren't a good team; they lose games by an average of forty-five points and are dead last in every statistical category in the NCAC. But the Ladies don't deserve the discounted merely because the opposition was weak.

Stephanie Fryberg, almost unheard from in the case game, scored a game-high nineteen points and retrieved seven rebounds. Although she is shorter than some of the players, Fryberg out hustled the Oberlin squad. Charlotte Durrant, a first year student, ended with fourteen points and six rebounds. Danielle Bartlett, the sophomore center, made Kenyon history by setting the record for most rebounds in one game at 23.

Twelve minutes into the game the Lords were up by 11 points and there was no looking back. Despite the score, the Yeomen took no mercy on the Yeomen and raised their lead to 20 points by half time, 46-26.

As usual, Jamie Harless shone for the Yeomen. Chris Donovan was Tomsich Arena's statistical leader. Harless, who is ranked fourth in the NCAC, scored 18 points and added four rebounds. Donovan celebrated his birthday with an excellent all around effort. He played just 21 minutes, but recorded 10 points, six rebounds, two steals, and one blocked shot. In a race start, Andrew Miller added nine points, two rebounds and four assists.

As a team the Lords shot the ball quite well. They were a perfect 17-17 from the charity stripe and shot 42 percent from beyond the three point line.

Defensively, Kenyon let their opposition shoot just 40 percent from the field. They also blocked two shots and stole 11 balls. Saturday's crowd was unusually rowdy by Tomsich Arena standards. They pertinaciously pelted Oberlin's players and derided the officials for every call that went against the Lords. When Oberlin's Matt Bartlett missed a dunk, the crowd went nuts. With the game well in hand, coach Brown inserted the far end of his bench. James Murray, Martin Gore, Chris Nicholson, and Jason "Ice" Hann joined Tom Oakes and played out the last five minutes of the game without a noticeable drop in quality of play. Murray even raised the Lord's lead to 32 points, the highest of the day, with a twisting lay up underneath the basket.

Perhaps the game was best characterized by its last play. Two seconds remained on the clock and it appeared a Yeoman would drive through the lane for an easy lay up. But out of nowhere, Martin Gore came through in the clutch and blocked a shot which kept the 30 point lead intact.

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Mylin Johnson lays it in.

(phot by Alison McKnight)

To top it all off,

**Track Team Treks to Ohio Northern**

By Ryan McNulty, Aaron Derry, and Mike Colley

A two and a half hour bus ride and a Crosby, Stills and Nash PBS special could not dim the fire of the Lords and Ladies track teams as they journeyed to tiny Ada, home of Ohio Northern University Saturday morning.

True to form, the Kenyon contingent arrived shortly after the roosters crowed. "I'll never hurt to inspect the course, and many times as possible," said Ladies Head Coach Duane Gomez, who was joined by junior Brett Ayliffe while the others rested up for the race. "The course was flat and the weather was rather severe flatness of the course," said Ayliffe.

Nonetheless, the second outing of the year garnered a plenitude of admirable performances for both squads in the five team field.

Senior Ned Tobey, proved his grass training methods are more than allowing him to keep pace with the rest of the team, as well as the rest of Division III competition. Tobey cruised to a 2:04 clocking in the 800 meter run, setting off a string of competitive performances in the final 200 meters.

Actually Tobey attributes his performance not to his sweaty training, but to advancements in his mental attitude. "To make headway," said Tobey, "Improve your head."

Not far behind in the 800 was junior Bill Brown with a time of 2:08, a personal best as far as we know.

Rookie Chris Ball and Brian Kisoc soared to fourth and fifth place respectively. In the pole vault, they trailed the first place finisher by seven feet in the clutch and blocked a shot which kept the 30 point lead intact.

He also ran a solid anchor leg for the 1600 relay team, which finished in fifth place.

The real story of course was the absence of sophomore strengthman Aaron Derry who remarked, "I wanted to save myself for the Pling." At the evening's festivities he managed to strain his Achilles tendon even more.

The Ladies, despite the absence of many runners due to sickness, ran with great parache. "We did pretty well despite missing a lot of people and we have a plethora of first year runners who have increased the depth of our team," said junior Andrea Gonzalez-Lavigna.

As usual, the Ladies ran particularly well in long distance events. Senior Kelley Wilder shattered a field house as well as Kenyon record in the 1000 meter run and was followed closely by sophomore Joyce Anderson. Rookie Missy Sedar soared to a 5:19 1500 run, placing fifth.

Sally Kenyon and Nancy Notes both ran personal bests in the 5,000 meter run. Placing third and fourth respectively.

Meanwhile, Annie Lennox Steffensen, battling a terrible sickness, ran well in three events, the 400 and 500 meter runs as well as the 1600 meter relay, proving herself a veritable Division III, Deon Sanders, sort of.

"I like the Braves a lot, but the Falcons could use a little work," said Steffensen.

Lords head coach Bill Taylor, over the philosophize, summed up the experience for both squads, avoiding the bother clichés used by most other Division III track coaches. "In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these," said Taylor. "The Lords and Ladies will trek to Oberlin Friday.

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Womens Basketball Puts it all Together, Beats Oberlin

By Danielle Bartlett

Ladies have got themselves an enthusiastic and intelligent coach who has the opportunity to rebuild and shape a winning team.
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**Sports**

## Swimmers Thrash OWU; Compete with Division I Schools

By Matt Kang

Kenyon’s swimming team returned to the “Heart of It All” this week following their weekend sojourn to San Diego. The aquatic Lords and Ladies both posted impressive victories over Ohio Wesleyan before a home crowd at the First Natatorium this past Friday.

On Saturday, the Ladies completed their weekend at home against a powerful Division I opponent, Eastern Michigan University. Meanwhile, the Lords moved to Columbus to take on Big Ten opponent Ohio State. Both Kenyon squads fell to their opponents but recorded some good swims in the process.

The Battling Bishops of OWU came to Gambier in hopes of dethroning the reigning national champions. However, the Lords and Ladies flexed their muscles once again as they handily defeated their NCAC rival.

The Ladies placed first and second in both the 200 meter medley relay and the 200 free relay. Sophomores Heide Schaffner and Katharine Rucker finished 1-2 in the 1000 free. Junior Gwynn Evans and rookie Susie Dobele matched that feat in the 200 individual medley. Senior tri-captain Maggie Passi led a quartet of Kenyon swimmers in the 200 free with a time of 2:02.17. Junior Cathy Haught and rookie Erin Hatton led sweeps in the 50 free and 500 free respectively.

Sophomore Samantha Carey set the pace in the 100 fly with a time of 1:05.12. Junior Jessica Berkowitz won the 200 fly in 2:15.84. Baker outdistanced her closest competitor in the 100 free by more than two seconds. Sophomore Jenni Heaton took the 100 back in 1:05.76. Senior tri-captain Carolyn Pettit touched the wall first in the 200 back with a time of 2:16.43. Evans recorded a victory in the 100 breast as the margin of victory was a mere .04 second. The Lords recorded two other 1-2 finishes, rookie Chris Churchill and Fuller in the 50 free and rookies Michael Dawson and Jamie Fellows in the 500 free.

Sophomore Neil Butler captured the 100 fly title, and sophomore John Rue took first in the 100 free. Rookie Jeffrey Fisher won the 1-meter diving event for the Lords.

Senior tri-captain Matt Kinney had good things to say about the Lords’ performance, “Lots of people who are getting ready for conference were happy with the way they swam. Overall, we had a good meet.”

Coach Jim Stenfors agrees, “We had a pretty good meet. A lot of kids who were featured had very good performances.”

Kenyon’s Ladies could hardly catch their breath before Eastern Michigan came to town. Senior tri-captain Jen Carter, who did not swim against OWU, had a very good meet. She posted first-place finishes in the 200 free with a time of 1:56.32 and in the 200 IM with a time of 2:10.80. She also finished second in the 200 breast.

Sophomore Carlin Ainsworth swam to victory in three events. She captured the 50 free in 24.68, the 100 free in 53.64, and the 100 fly in 1:00.90. Berkowitz took gold in the 1000 free. Despite some very impressive performances, the Lords were defeated 10-8 in the meet against Eastern Michigan.

## Volleyball Club Opens NCAC Play

Lords face new challengers for conference crown

By Evan Diamond

The men’s volleyball club enters the new season with high expectations and new faces. Last year, in only its second existence, the team was 16-3 with an astounding 10-0 mark in the NCAC.

Following its inception in 1990, the team has been continually improving until it reached the top of the conference last year with players such as Marshall Chaplin, Peter Brooks, and team co-captain Sam Chesnut leading the way.

This year the team welcomes new faces and says goodbye to brothers. Starters Marshall Chaplin and Julian Boxenbaum both went abroad this semester leaving two starting spots vacant and temporarily taking some of the punch out of the team’s powerful hitting attack. But with the addition of two big-haired soccer junkies, junior Brian Schlauder and senior Adam Davis, the missing holes should be easily replaced.

Three rookies also join this year’s club. Six foot six Brian Sheridan continues to impress the team’s incumbent players and looks to move more and more playing time as the season progresses. Along with Sheridan are junior Adam Silver and a vastly improved Rady Veron who are joined by returning players Nick Tyner, Peter Brooks, and co-captains Peter Beaudoin and Sam Chesnut.

The season officially started on January 24 where Kenyon faced a quad-match with Earlham, Case Western Reserve, and newcomer Wittenberg. The team easily defeated Wittenberg in three straight games as Peter Brooks crushed his opponents with dominating service hitting. The team then went on to face a much improved Case team.

Last year, Case was one of the strongest teams in the NCAC, but always fell short when playing Kenyon. This year, behind the strength of consistent setting and well timed plays, the Case team came away with a victory, winning three of four games. The team then went on to beat a spirited Earlham club who managed to grab one victory before Kenyon delivered the deciding blow.

While all four teams played five matches, much of this was overshadowed by the newly arrived Wittenberg club. A controversial call at the end of Wittenberg’s match against Case caused the Wittenberg club to act in a most unprofessional-like manner, punching doors and making profane statements to the referee. The incident provoked a quickly subdued conflict between a Wittenberg player and co-captain Sam Chesnut who was outraged by the new team’s behavior.

In only its first year Men’s Club Volleyball, the Wittenberg crew has already made a bad name for itself, and unless their behavior is improved, they may find that their first year is also their last.

On the following Sunday, the team went to Earlham and took part in a twelve team tournament. Kenyon’s highlight match was against Division I powerhouse Miami of Ohio. The two teams faced in pool play where they were to play two games to eleven. The first was a hard fought victory for Kenyon as they defeated Miami 14-12. The second was equally as close, but Miami was the victor of this match defeating Kenyon 11-9. The Men’s club was happiest with this performance because not only did they seriously challenge a Division I school, they actually won, and came very close to taking the second.

While the club hasn’t met with same success as it did last year, they all realize that they can make the adjustments to reach the top form they achieved last season. Losing Chaplin and Boxenbaum is proving less harmful to the team than the lack of practice time they’ve been able to schedule in Ernst and Wurtheimer due the conflicting practice times of other teams, as well as intramural basketball.

With the nightgames of practice time and avoiding serious injury, the club should easily wrap up the NCAC again this year and rise to the form which is soon to become a Kenyon tradition.

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we’re not willing to make the sacrifices necessary for the religious vitality or the multicultural vitality of this College.

“More importantly, the larger issue is one of decision making. If a small select

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love, trust, courtesy, and mutual respect.

These are things I try to show to all my friends, affiliated or not. I realize that your image of fraternity is often referred to as “male bonding,” in a figurative sense (i.e. that fraternities hinder growths from sustaining healthy relationships with independences).

Truly, I do not think I could feel more offended.

Basically, I think your letter is garbage. I never no more friends because of affiliation than I would because of the color of their skin, their religion, their sexual preference or their race who they voted for in the 1992 elections.

What I find so ironic about your letter is that while you preach about community and unity, you strike out at those who live next to you, and that is the opinion of “many independent students.” It seems to me that your definition of “many” is not really so great a number. Regardless, you may have succeeded in destroying any vestiges of

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even infer that I would denigrate myself to such extremes really makes me mad. Without even knowing me, you have managed to completely insult me as well as all other greek members on this campus. I challenge you to find a single one of them who will quantify your absurd assumptions.

I have for the religious values with whom I choose. I wasn’t set on being a frat guy when I matriculated to Kenyon. To be frank, I was fairly apathetic. I made my friends and my friends were greek... So I joined. In the three past years I have had the most wonderful experience with my fraternity. I have made great friendships, learned about respect, leadership and trust. You state that the only kind of group that would be tolerable to you would be based on reciprocal trust, acceptance, positive reinforcement and openness. Well, to me you just summed up my fraternity. These people are my friends. I trust them, respect them and have the highest regard for them as individuals. We do not strive to offend and humiliate others. We do not write editorials encouraging students not to join other controversial groups. We do numeroous services for our community, host many costly parties for the sake of Campus social life. We do not instigate hostility. Why, for God’s sake, do you have to keep picking on people and groups you do

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Harris ended his presentation confidently, “I’m wrong, no serious damage done. If the other campus is wrong, you die.” As far as contracting AIDS through sexual contact goes, with abstinance you can’t lose. The major complaint against promoting abstinance is that it isn’t realistic; that is to say, people can not change their attitudes even though people are dying. Harris

group of people have such tremendous power in making a decision so crucial to the entire community, then the question we have to ask is, what’s next? Women’s and Minorities Studies? Student Services like Health and Counseling? The list goes on;” Gladue said.

(Kelley Ragland contributed to this article.)

This community that did exist, if it were not for anti-fraternity independents, whom I have been told find your letter out of line, as well. I cannot say that from your letter I feel any closer to you as a person—heck, since the writing of your letter, I don’t even respect you. This is why: when someone prints falsehoods about what I find dear, or about something that has given me as much as Kenyon’s greek system, and treat it (and therefore me) with as little respect as you did, I tend to become a wee bit miffed.

Letters to the Collegian concerning housing issues, or certain reforms on Greek life, are fine (and I, as a greek, have come to expect them) as long as they are based on fact, with a reasonable argument. Your letter has neither of these.

Here is a little hint for the future: No matter how much you disagree with something or someone, treat it, them with the same courtesy and respect, that the same courtesy will be extended to you.

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Greeck Council President

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This takes away from the atmosphere. How else can we improve the Philing?

Perhaps offer more options to diffuse the amount of people in one place. The right people so crowded at times that it was pointless to try to move in one direction, because the crowd would decide that for you. Lower Dempsey could be opened up for something just to get people off campus, and the dance floor put somewhere else.

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Despite the score, Oberlin appeared to be a solid team. Their players were quite athletic and had a good noise for the ball. However, their play lacked a certain amount of cohesion. Sometimes, for instance, two players would pass to spots that their team mates just had left. By the end of the first half it was clear that their 0-18 record was indicative of their skills. That Gitter and the Wyenc men with 16 and seven rebounds, respectively, Hamilton and Dowdall Lewis each added 10 points for Oberlin.

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swims, the Ladies fell to their opponent by the score of 176-121.

Carter commented on the Ladies performance. “They (Eastern Michigan) are an up and coming team. It was kind of an up and down meet for us. Some people started to taper, and that makes some people swim better and other not as fast right away. We had some good swims and some okay swims.”

Coach Steen added “We had some very strong swims. They have really built their program up well. They have a good team, good swimmers, and are learning to race.”

The Buckeyes of Ohio State had the home-people advantage against the Lords. This was the Division I team defeated Kenyon 173-92. The Lords turned in some exciting performances despite the loss. Senior tri-captain David Hutchinson finished second in the 500 free. Senior tri-captain Brian Dowdall placed third in the 1752 backstroke. In the 200 breast, Kenyon’s men’s and women’s winning teams look forward to their final home meet against Division I opponents Ohio University.

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Another way to drastically improve the night is to lose that damn band. Last year, we enjoyed the sounds of one woman who was about of Dizzy Gillespie and John Coltrane. This year, our esteemed “Buckeye Brass” seemed more in touch with the “Bunny Hop”, “La Bamba”, and “Feeling Good”.

Overall, it was a good event but with some creative ideas Kenyon can make it better. That alum gave Kenyon the money with only one catch, “I has to be used to let the students have a good time.” The Philing can just be that, a good time for everyone.

As of Tuesday, the Lord’s conference record stood at 8-5 (13-8 overall). If they wish to get a seed good in the upcoming tournament, they must win at least two of their last three games.

Coach Brown went out on a limb last year when he started several rookies throughout the season but had limited success. This year his investment appears to pay off. His rooks, however the proof will be when Kenyon makes it to the NCAA tournament. It could happen this year, but don’t hold your breath. Wait till the class of ‘95 becomes seniors and watch out.

This year the swimming team was not as good as the last, and with the tapering won’t be swimming, but we still feel confident going in.” The meet begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Ernst Natatorium; always a good crowd support is appreciated and encouraged.

The following weekend, the Lords and Ladies will be travelling to Oberlin for the North Coast Athletic Conference Championships which begin on Thursday, February 18 and continue through Saturday. Both squads will be defending their conference titles against some improved competition.

“Our main focus right now is conferences. Denison is fielding a really good team this year. We might have some trouble with them, but it will definitely be an exciting meet. A lot of people are trying to make cuts for nationals at conferences,” said Carter.

“Conference will be a really good meet. Denison will be tough, but with the way we’re swimming now, we should really well,” said Kinney.

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