Number of applicants shows increase over last year

By Andrea Bucey

Twenty-three percent more prospective students have visited Kenyon this year than at this time last year, which has pleasantly surprised the Admissions Office. The number of applicants also has increased, although not nearly as drastically.

Mr. John Anderson, Director of Admissions, says, in regards to number of applicants, "Even in my cautious optimism, I do think that we will at least hit or come very close to what we had last year, and it looks like we may end up ahead." He continues, "We are very pleased with the way things are going. This is going to be another very good year for Kenyon."

Although the number of Kenyon's acceptances for the 1986-1987 academic year will be smaller than this year's, an exact number has not been figured. Due to the large freshman class this year, Anderson foresees a much smaller class next year, and estimates the number of students to be near 485. Kenyon underestimated its 1989 class size, and is "stretched to its limits" right now. He emphasizes that Kenyon could not physically handle another class the size of this year's freshman class.

Kenyon's optimal number of students on campus is about 1400, though its total number of students (on and off campus) is about 1850. "There's nothing wrong with the size of Kenyon now, we just don't want it to grow any more than it is," remarks Anderson.

Normally Kenyon accepts 65-70% of its applicants. Last year, hoping to counter-balance its small senior class, the college accepted a greater number of students, although an exact number was not given. About 60% of those who applied. Next year that number is expected to be even lower, as more applicants are expected, and less admissions granted.

The decisions have already been made concerning early decision applicants for 1986-87. Forty-seven of the 78 applicants who were offered admission, the rest were deferred. Last year there were 80 early decision applicants although normally Kenyon receives only 40-50 early decision applicants.

Anderson observes that a large freshman class is a problem Kenyon shares with many other schools. Colleges share information about number of applicants, in an effort to predict number of entering freshmen. Thirty-four thirty-five percent of the students accepted by Kenyon usually enroll.

Last year Kenyon underestimated: 37% enrolled, a 2% error which resulted in 23 more students.

Anderson attributes much of this increase to a renewed appeal of colleges similar to Kenyon. "We're at a point where students and their families are recognizing the quality that they will find at colleges like Kenyon ... small liberal arts, selective colleges." Anderson also feels that the economy has stabilized, and people are no longer fearful to put money into education. Kenyon has experienced no increase in applicants for financial aid, actually the number of applicants for aid was low in the class of '89. Thirty percent of Kenyon's students receive financial aid. See ADMISSIONS page two.

Appointment procedure outlined

By Kate Greenman

"This all just came together, referring to the unusually high number of faculty retirements and resignations this year. It is resulting in a national search by many departments to fill open positions. The search begins with a request submitted to the Provost by the chair of the department, giving a description of the position that needs to be filled. After the search is authorized, a search committee is designated, which includes members of the department plus one member from another department, preferably a woman. They advertise widely in professional publications, and they visit graduate schools around the country. A special effort is made to reach qualified women and minorities.

Kenyon students are very influential in the evaluation procedure. Student response is received through membership on the search committee, and generally the student is a major in the department that the search is being conducted for. During the candidates' on-campus visit, he or she either gives a public lecture or class that is announced in

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Commencement address

Novelists, poets, priests, journalists. In the past, the graduation speaker has been chosen with care. The speakers have been visionaries and dreamers, such as Kenyon graduate E. L. Doctorow who spoke last year, or they have been cold, slip-in-the-face realists like journalist Hedding Carter and Judge Justice Wise Polier. Their backgrounds, as much as their visions of the world, have been widely divergent. Yet each in his or her own way has grabbed hold of the proud and tearful seniors, eloquently assured them, “You’ve made it,” and then gently pushed them out into the world at the bottom of the Hill.

Speakers at Kenyon’s graduation ceremonies have often been little known. Never has a commencement speaker been a member of an incumbent Executive Administration. Never has a speaker been a hopeful candidate for a future presidential election. This year, however, the name of Vice President George Bush is on the list of potential speakers for the commencement ceremonies.

The seniors circulating a petition asking that Bush not be invited as a speaker “oppose the use of our graduation ceremony as a political platform by an incumbent and partisan politician.”... They do not object because he is a politician, but because he is a very senior member of the present Administration. They fear that as such, he will use the opportunity to bolster either present policies of the Reagan Administration or his own intents for a spot in the 1986 presidential race. They ask that President Jordan, charged with the duty of securing a commencement speaker, not choose “prestige over principle.” They ask simply that the ceremony not be politicized.

But while the support for the petition is evident (over 120 seniors signed it), one must question where the interest and support was in the early stages of planning for the speaker. A grand total of 36 seniors bothered to return the extensive questionnaire prepared by the Senior Class Committee. Based on those returns, and on their own judgement, the committee offered three names to the president—Stephen Jay Gould, Walter Cronkite, and George Bush. After receiving the committee’s recommendations, President Jordan went ahead with the invitation process. He was unaware (as was the committee) of student opposition until a Collegian editor questioned him about the petition. He cannot, obviously, be blamed for actions already taken. But we feel that now that he is fully aware of the opposition, he will act to avoid a tense and unhappy situation at graduation.

President Jordan refuses to reveal to whom the invitation has been sent. He maintains, however, that the situation is “not irrevocable.” We sincerely hope so. We hope that the opinion of the seniors, unfortunately expressed so late in the process, is given all possible consideration. It is, after all, their day.

The final decision rests with President Jordan. We hope it is a careful one.

Cow mutilation apology

To the students and faculty of Kenyon College,

Though Delta Tau Delta in no way denies that a few of its members were involved in a recent mutilation of a cow, our fraternity would like to publicly state that it neither endorsed, initiated, nor condoned the recent activities which have transpired.

As a fraternity,

Sincerely,

Members of Delta Tau Delta

BSU celebrates Black History

By Allison Joseph

Black History Month, celebrated in February, has traditionally been a time to recognize the rich contributions blacks have made to American culture. This February, Kenyon’s Black Student Union will present a sample of those contributions with a series of films on topics as diverse as dance, literature, and the struggle for civil rights.

On February 7, a film about the life and work of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King will be shown. On the 14th, the feature is “To Be Young, Gifted, and Black,” a film based on the writings of playwright Lorraine Hansberry, who won acclaim for her play A Raisin In the Sun. On the 21st there is a double bill of “Black Women,” a view of black women writers at work and a documentary about the famed Dance Theatre of Harlem. The series concludes on the 28th with the film “A Novel in Progress,” a look at novelist Ralph Ellison and how he came to write his masterpiece, Invisible Man.

All the films will be shown in the Biology Auditorium at 4 pm, with the exception of “Black Women/Dance Theatre of Harlem,” which will be shown in Philip Mather 203.

Later on in the month, there will also be a reading of black poetry including the works of authors such as Robert Hayden, Ntozake Shange, and Michael Harper. Watch the newspaper for the time and place of this event.

The Black Student Union hopes these events will be thought-provoking and rewarding for the Kenyon Community.

Admissions SAGA group formed

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There’s a recognition that a liberal arts and sciences education really does do what we always said: it educates people well, it makes them versatile, and it teaches them to think,” asserts Anderson.

Kenyon’s particular advantages are also being recognized. Among these Anderson feels are the Olm Library, faculty additions, student service additions, and the bettering of the Career Development Center.

Another reason interest in Kenyon is growing may be the establishment of a new group called SAGA (Student Advisory Group on Admissions). Members of this student volunteer group help give tours, talk to students and help with campus events concerning admissions. Most recently, these student volunteers have been involved in a phone-a-thon through which they will have contacted over 1500 prospective students and spoken with them, answering any questions about the College. Ellen Turner, Associate Director of Admissions, deserves all the credit for the group’s organization and its work, but the students deserve the true credit for their enthusiasm.

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**Films**

**The Man with the Golden Gun**
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The Plot: Bond must destroy the evil Scaramanga, a wily, Mid-eastern assassin. Scaramanga doesn't wish to die. They Fight a lot. You need to know no more. Color the rest true. — Spiff Spiffman

**War and Peace**

Two exhibitions of art, under the heading "War and Peace," have opened in the Colburn Gallery and will continue through Sunday, February 16.

The "Unforgettable Fire" exhibit, on loan from the Resources Center in Wilmington, Ohio, is a collection of twenty-five photos taken by the victims of the atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima, Japan, during World War II.

Another exhibit, "The Ribbon: A Celebration of Life," includes segments of a ten-minute-long ribbon created by thousands of people to symbolize what artist Justin Merritt says she could not bear to think of as "lost forever in a nuclear war." Merritt's 1982 project climaxis in tying the ribbon around the Pentagon on August 4, 1985. The ribbon is composed of a variety of materials from around the country. The exhibit comes Chicago's Peace Museum, where three pieces are housed.

Gallery hours are 8:30 am to 8:30 pm, Monday through Friday, 1:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Saturday and Sunday. The exhibit is open to the public without charge.

**TENDER MERCIES**
Directed by Bruce Beresford; starring Robert Duvall, Betty Buckley, Tess Harper, Ellen Barkin; 1982, 100 minutes.

Tender Mercies is a movie of beginnings and endings. The story revolves around a small motel on the outskirts of a Texas town. When Robert Duvall begins to work at this motel, he also begins a new phase of his life. At Duvall, a once-famous country crooner, sinks into obscurity, his ex-wife rises to stardom as a singer.

Yet, the thrust of this movie is not the new fame of the ex-wife nor does it chronicle Duvall's new life. It is a story about life. The characters are real. And as in life, this movie does not show every action of the characters. It is up to the viewer to decide who is good and who is bad or to realize that a few months have passed between the last scenes and the scene now on the screen. When the movie ends, it is not an explosion of fireworks but rather a quite new beginning. — David Schwartz

**First Blood**
Directed by Sylvester Stallone; starring Sylvester Stallone and Brian Dennehey; 1982, 94 minutes.

First Blood has the appeal of a fatal car accident. Its message mangled, its hero Bent and its appeal Core. First Blood offers vengeance, revenge and slaughter — all packaged in the language of "an eye for an eye" and Vietnam gone askew. "They drew first blood," mutters Rambo after polising off a small hamlet in response to a silly caricature of a town Sheriff, a Buford Pusser gone wrong.

This film certainly should offer a great deal of Vietnamese vets with its message; it is comicbook entertainment. — Spiff Spiffman

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**Is There Life After Kenyon?**
11:00 am panel of 6 alumni representing occupations in business, communications, law, education and public policy will address the questions:
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What sort of person would enjoy your occupation?
What is another occupation which a person like you would enjoy?
Lunch in Lower Dempsey Hall & Lounge with the 6 panel members plus other alumni representing a variety of occupations (bring your lunch tray). Alumni will be assigned to different tables based on their occupations, and students will be able to select the table they wish to join.

This program is designed for Sophomores and Juniors. Freshman and undecided Seniors are also welcome. Sponsored by the Career Development Center.

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Kenyon swimmers meet the challenge—Lords win, Ladies edged

By Peter Cope

The board of swimming fans that showed up to watch the Lords and Ladies this weekend were not disappointed. There were fifteen pool records set, and at the UCSD (University of California at San Diego) meet on Saturday 45 times fell under the NCAA qualifying standards for the men and the women for both teams. UCSD was ranked right behind both the Lords and Ladies in the Division III rankings.

When UCSD showed up on Friday, a day early, they were rested and ready to swim. The Lords and Ladies had practiced hard all week and were quite tired. As Born noticed, “This team has begun to swim much better in season.”

The Friday night meet for the Ladies left them riding high. But the UCSD girls came in and shattered seven pool records, overshadowing the Ladies two pool records. Both winning relays set new pool records. This is especially impressive because those records were held by some very good swimmers from Div. I teams.

The most exciting race of the meet was probably the 100 breast with Smith from UCSD beating Erin Finneran by less than a second. Kenyon’s star freestyler Patty Aht set a pool record in the 50 free with a 24.57, well below the national cut. Kenyon’s free relay of Finneran, Teresa Zoric, Christine Jacob, and Aht, beat the UCSD team by two seconds to make the final score: 1:41.93-1:44.35. The relay set a new pool record in that race.

Then came the 200 IM, Kaszmierowicz for UCSD, who took off and won with an amazing swim. But Hummer did get partial revenge when he beat Cavataio for second place. “It looked like I swam badly, but it is just Kaszmierowicz is far and away the best in the nation at that event,” Hummer remarked afterwards.

The final individual event, the 200 Breast, was next. As Craig Hummer stalked up to the blocks, he was heard muttering, “I want full revenge.” Well, he did get it by winning the event, and Jeff Perkins placed a clutch third place. The meet was tied at 52. Coach Steen later admitted he had a feeling that Hummer would win the race.

The final event, the free relay, was close until Greenlee dove into the water. He gave the Lords a huge lead that they held on to easily. The relay set a pool record, and they had the crowd going wild.

In terms of a future return visit to San Diego, Steen responded, “I would love to return the favor.” But he pointed out that his swimmers do not participate in mandatory fundraisers like the UCSD swimmers do. “I think we showed them the way back and the came out of it with one win and one loss, so it was not such a bad deal for them,” explained Steen.

The Vegetable point for the Kenyon distance swimmers this weekend was their 100/5. Jim Creech and Todd Clark for the men and Christine Jacob and Laurie Davis for the women, all made their cuts this weekend.

The outlook for the nationals is scary. Kenyon will not have as easy a time as in the past. There are still many more cuts to be made at conferences. The taper (resting) part of the season is coming up soon, and all the swimmers are getting excited. Neil grilled and said, “I am ready to taper,” when asked how he felt. Now that almost a whole season filled with many thoughts of, “I cannot move my arms any faster,” has survived, there is a one-shot taper and shave vain. With Coach Steen giving Knele Rockne pop talks at every dreary moment, we can be assured of spirited performances like those exhibited this past weekend.

Conference race heats up as

By Darryl Shankle

As the second half of the NGAC play begins, the Kenyon Ladies’ basketball team seems to be turning things around a bit, winning two of their last three games after a four game losing streak. Last Wednesday, the Ladies were edged 56-52 by the Lady Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan. Last Saturday Afternoon, Kenyon upened the College of Wooster 62-55.

Hosting the Bishops of Delaware, Ohio, the Ladies turned ungracious hosts in taking a 23-22 lead at the half. But, as has been the case almost every time the Ladies lose, the opponents blistered the nets in the second half (11 of 22 from the field) while holding Kenyon to just 10 of 31 (31.3%). OUW also won the game on the boards, gathering in 38 compared to the Ladies’ measly 24.

Leading the way for the Ladies was sophomore Jill Tibbe, who tossed in 21 points, Fahey controlled the boards with 14. Junior playmaker Chris Fahey had 6 assists.

Against the CoW, Kenyon was able to get some offense going (other than Tibbe), especially in the second half, to win in Ernst for only the second time this season. The Ladies gained “sweet revenge” of an earlier 56-52 loss at Wooster.

This game was decided, like the OWU loss, in the second half. Being down 28-25 at the half, the Ladies came out roaring in the last 20 minutes with a lot of offense, scoring 37 points. More importantly, however, the Ladies held Wooster to just 26, including a paltry 28.7% from the field (9 of 30). Tibbe again led all scorers, this time with 19 points. Senior captain Betsy Lukens knocked Wooster out of the running with 10 points.

Ladies stop losing streak

By Robert Hurley

Last time Kenyon tipped off against Oberlin, the Lords were a team looking for a boost following a difficult early season schedule. They got the boost as they beat the Yeomen in a thrilling overtime game. Confidence quickly followed and the Lords have since played better than .500 basketball.

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The Yeomen had, the Lords must win at least one of the next three games to have a chance at the conference championship. But, as has been the case in the past, the Yeomen have been the ones to get the job done.

Thursday night in Oberlin, the Yeomen were able to get the better of the Lords, 95-72, and avenge the loss in the season opener. The Yeomen are now 7-10 overall and 4-5 in the conference.

Friday night, the Yeomen have the chance to move themselves into a first place tie with the Lords. Kenyon will not have as easy a time as in the past. There are still many more cuts to be made at conferences. The taper (resting) part of the season is coming up soon, and all the swimmers are getting excited. Neil grilled and said, “I am ready to taper,” when asked how he felt. Now that almost a whole season filled with many thoughts of, “I cannot move my arms any faster,” has survived, there is a one-shot taper and shave vain. With Coach Steen giving Knele Rockne pop talks at every dreary moment, we can be assured of spirited performances like those exhibited this past weekend.

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Though the Lords played well and scrapped and clawed their way back into the ballgame countless times, OUW’s Bishops held on and, behind senior Scott Tedder’s 28 points, put Kenyon away.

The Yeomen game was a different story. As sophomore David Mitchell said, “We played like we were half asleep.” The Lords trailed by 15 at halftime and lost by 15. Consistently sleepy, perhaps.

Against Oberlin on Monday, Kenyon seemed lethargic in the first half, going into the lockerroom trailing the Yeomen by four. In the second half, however, everything clicked. Aided by a rag-tag Oberlin defense that allowed the Lords free run of the paint, Kenyon “had a little fun.” The Lords scored fifty-seven points in the second half, coasting to a 93-72 victory. Mitchell led the bench with 26 points, including 10 of 10 from the line. Baier had 30 and Mark Speer added 26. Six other Lords scored as Kenyon upped its record to 9-12, 4-4 in the NCAC.

Next for Kenyon is a rematch against Case. The Spartans outplayed the Lords early in the conference season and the Lords will be looking for revenge. That game will have been played last night. Saturday the Lords travel to Pennsylvania to play Allegheny, NCAC co-leaders. If a home birth in the conference tournament is to be, the Lords must win at least one of the next three games.