APB Revises College Alcohol Policy

By Maureen Carr

A direct result of revised Ohio state laws on the purchase and consumption of alcohol, Kenyon too is faced with the problem of revising the college's alcohol policy. Action is being taken to revise the Kenyon's and Alcohol Program, currently in a board comprised of 13 people tasked to develop the new policy.

Drug and Alcohol Program Board's goal is to develop a brief, more understandable, and more easily enforceable policy. An assured that the primary goal of the policy is not to punish, but rather to educate and increase their potential to make personal choices regarding the use of alcohol.

The policy is expected to be the first student representation because of students' awareness of the current use of alcohol on campus. As most students already have any problem since July 31, 1968, other policies can no longer be disregarded at the state of Ohio until they are in use. Therefore, an overall change in Kenyon's alcohol policy needs to be decided over the next three years, as the number of students increases on campus. As a result, "In the near three years individuals will have to make tough personal choices. Some may blatantly break the law by drinking openly, or what may become the more common would be the increase in private drinking behind closed doors."

The question then arises for the College as they must decide how to enforce the law while at the same time upholding the College's own philosophy of trust in the individual's capacity for mature decision making. In the current draft version of the policy, there are four areas of concentration: the statement of basic principles of the institution; the statement of responsibility of the individual in accordance with the law; the commitment to assistance and prevention of abuse problems on behalf of the college and peers; and a commitment to change and awareness of the goals and the procedures of other institutions.

Approval of the policy is expected by fall, if not this spring. Dean of Students Thomas J. Edwards is currently considering the revised policy and plans to announce it back to the Drug and Alcohol Board, which will meet before the end of the year for final revisions. The policy then goes to Senate, which will make decisions about when, where and how it will be presented to the trustees, who must approve the final draft.

Wilhelm stressed again the importance of peer education by saying "the most effective way of dealing with the alcohol problem is by having peers confront and educate peers. The College, with the assistance of students, now wants to help students with alcohol problems to overcome them and to educate all students. Copies of the current alcohol policy can be found in the Student Handbook and in the Student Affairs Office.

Bausinger Ends Stint at Kenyon

By Jeff Stevens

Vicky Bausinger, Kenyon's Director of Student Activities, will resign at the end of this year. Bausinger said she has decided to leave because she feels that she has done what she can for the College and would like to move on. "I've taken Kenyon as far as I can take it," she said.

Bausinger has been at Kenyon for the last three years, and has no definite plans for the future. When asked where she would go next, she replied quite simply "I don't know." Possibilities for what she will now undertake are numerous, however. They include operating a deli, returning to elementary or high school level teaching (which she did for six years prior to her stint at Kenyon) or continuing further in another student activities related job—perhaps managing a student union. She has not yet made any job inquiries for the last possible position, and she has no specific colleges in mind. "Anything," she said, "large or small." Kenyon is now faced with the task of replacing Bausinger, and is expected to form a search committee to that end in the near future. Hopefully, a replacement can be found before the first of July, when the Director of Student Activities officially starts work.

AAG Sponsors DWI Commercial

By Reid S. Laiho

"When you say that you want to do a humorous drunk driving commercial, people think that you aren't taking it seriously," she says. "But, our goal is to get people to think about it, and a good way to get people's attention is through humor."

Currently, there has been no set date for final reproduction of the commercial, but the script revision, to make the commercial accurate for the state of Ohio, and production arrangements are already being made by the Public Affairs office, the Knox County Sheriff's Department, as well as different sources for the technical aspects.

The advertisement, according to Culbertson, will be donated to the state of Ohio which for use as a public service announcement. "It can be used for TV, as a leader for movies and in classrooms," she said. "It can be used almost anywhere. According to one member of KAAG, it will be provided to the Kenyon Film Society as a leader to their movies. "We think it will be a really good thing to do, and if it affects anybody anywhere," she concludes, "then that's just an added bonus."
A Letter From the Editor

To the Community:

Since publishing last week's editorial, a number of interesting facts have been brought to my attention which suggest that a brief re-examination of the issue of safety is in order here.

Recall if you will that we took the position last week that the circumstances surrounding December's rape are likely to arise again with the onset of Spring Break, and that in our opinion the College has not yet taken sufficient steps to protect the student body. I will stand firmly behind that view.

However, it should be noted that actions are now being undertaken to rectify that situation. Security and Safety Director Tom Davidson reports that he has drafted a lighting improvement plan, in the process of training new security officers, and continues active participation in the investigation of the rape among other things. Granted, progress is not immediately visible on all of these fronts, but that does not necessarily reflect any lack of concern or effort on the part of the Security office.

In light of all that is apparently being undertaken then, it seems to me even more odd that the student body has perceived no increase in our safety. But if we reflect on two persisting facts of Kenyon life, we may discover some reasons for our discomfort:

The first, "fact" is that the communication process around here is faulty. With the exception of the escort service, the student body has yet to be made aware of any increased safety measures at any branch of the College. No announcements or reports were made to Senate, Student Council, the collegian or dormitory residents (through campus mail). The safety bulletin that did appear were the remarkably low-profile, remarkably low-distribution and remarkably tardy warnings of a "limping man" making advances toward women students.

The second "fact" (which in some ways creates the first) is that part of being a College is being in business. For Kenyon this business is, top priority after the rape was to soothe the fears of those who fund the College - that is, primarily parents and alumni. This explains why Kenyon parents received a letter and Kenyon alumni received a Bulletin, each of which discussed safety improvement programs. Meanwhile, the students themselves, who are the least financially significant (so long as they don't up and leave) have yet to hear of any of these plans.

I don't mean to imply that the College is insensitive or uncaring toward student needs. Indeed, sooner or later, as the College searches its other priorities off its list, eventually someone will likely get around to telling us what is going on in Gambier. Until then, allow me to pass on what I have gleaned from various sources: The College is working on implementing some new safety measures, the extent and timing of which will be disclosed to students as soon as the information flow trickles down from the top of this ivory tower to we the residents of the ground floor.

So how safe are we now? As fellow students, your guess is as good as mine.

Sincerely,
Paul Singer
Editor-in-Chief

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Quote of the Week

"Intercessors for America is a Virginia-based newsletter with the stated purpose of "challenging Christians to unite in prayer and fasting for America." In recent editions they suggested topics of prayer for their readers, including the following:

"Intercede that God go before, appoint an angelic guardian, move against deceptions and confusion, protect ourselves, purify the atmosphere during the December 7-10 [NF] Summit meeting. Bind the spirits of the Antichrist and intercede that God show mercy and keep America from any agreements contrary to his will."" -Quoted in Harper's, March 1988

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THE READERS WRITE

The Kenyon Collegian encourages letters to the Editor. All submissions must be typed, double spaced. The Editor reserves the right to edit all material while maintaining original intent of the submission.

Merit Decision Needs Better Info

To the Editor:

So the argument over Gender Studies resumes. I thought that maybe the fall of the "last stand against feminism" (why does feminism need to be stood against anyway?) last year took care of all that. Perhaps not. I am writing to support Prof. Balkin's letter of last week and to offer my own views upon the subject. As I was reading the Collegian in Peirce last week, I heard someone say, "Oh, well, you might expect her to say that. She's a woman." Thinking, "What? So what's the problem there?", I turned around and said, "Izat so? Then why do I, a man, agree with this viewpoint also?" I, and I believe most human beings you will encounter, am in favor of decision on the basis of merit. But I have some issues with the merit... of Afr.. Broadly presented, I am not saying that it necessarily does not exist - I do not wish to seem to be attacking him. But I do more than an effective case has been made for it. Perhaps this issue is getting mixed up with the sticky issue of "men's rights/equality". I agree that men may be 'oppressed' by societal stereotypes in that we 'have' to live up to the "macho" image or else be considered somehow abnormal (though that is changing). But can we say that we are anywhere near as oppressed as women? Absolutely not! I see gender sexual equality (as gender stereotypes for men/women) as a positive addition to counterbalance negative effects admitted that men may need to be brought up to some degree, and thus need a process modifier. But a smaller positive one is needed, since men do not suffer certain sequences of manipulability—economic power-related consequences—that we do. If you argue that the same amount of modifier is needed for both sexes, I counter that would simply make us all in the same status quo, which at this point is preferable to men.

Even if all of that argument is not on point (I admit that I may have given a wrong reason, I am not sure), why did the editors need to bring in the merit... of Afr... Broadly presented, I am not saying that it necessarily does not exist - I do not wish to seem to be attacking him. But I do more than an effective case has been made for it. Perhaps this issue is getting mixed up with the sticky issue of "men's rights/equality". I agree that men may be 'oppressed' by societal stereotypes in that we 'have' to live up to the "macho" image or else be considered somehow abnormal (though that is changing). But can we say that we are anywhere near as oppressed as women? Absolutely not! I see gender sexual equality (as gender stereotypes for men/women) as a positive addition to counterbalance negative effects admitted that men may need to be brought up to some degree, and thus need a process modifier. But a smaller positive one is needed, since men do not suffer certain sequences of manipulability—economic power-related consequences—that we do. If you argue that the same amount of modifier is needed for both sexes, I counter that would simply make us all in the same status quo, which at this point is preferable to men.

Sincerely,
Daniel H. Chadwick

P.R.C. Reviews American Education

By Betty Bailey and Scott Runenberg

The People for Responsible Citizenship (PRC) gathered last Friday evening, February 26, to discuss many of the issues concerning education in America. The point was raised again to what the exact role of education is in the United States. Traditionally, education has stood as a means for mobility, but as was discussed in the meeting this only works in an ideal way of thought today. Arguments were raised suggesting that education serves to keep people in their present social and economic status. Two main viewpoints support this argument. One being that the wealth of our nation can afford to send their children to private institutions, whereas those in the lower end of the economic bracket are forced into the public school system and often denied higher education. Another viewpoint concerns demographics: poorer areas have less public money going to them in lieu of higher education. This lack of respect for American areas has more tax money leading to public funded schools. One possible view is the raising of taxes. If tax were increased, this would allow for better educated, higher teacher salaries, raising the qualifications for teachers.

Recognized through this point was the fact that poor, tax poor areas often get the money that is not needed in these areas. As far as perspectives teachers are concerned, the low status given to these areas supports this lack of motivation, lessons the desire to teach. Although the People for Responsible Citizenship looked at the issues of American education, another viewpoint concerns demographics: poorer areas have less public money going to them in lieu of higher education. This lack of respect for American areas has more tax money leading to public funded schools. One possible view is the raising of taxes. If tax were increased, this would allow for better educated, higher teacher salaries, raising the qualifications for teachers.

Sincerely,
Betty Bailey
PRC Reviews American Education
Film Examines Land Act Effects

By Pamela Scully

"Awaking on Friday morning, June 20, 1913, the South African Native fought for himself, not actually a slave, but a pariah in the land of his birth."

So begins Tol. S. Phaalje's classic account of the 1913 Land Acts. He portrayed Africans, who made up seventy percent of the British colonial Empire, as outsiders in any part of South Africa other than the reserves (later homelands) which constituted only 13 percent of the country. Africans could live in "white South Africa only if they employed as servants or workers on white-owned farms, mines or industries. Passed by the white government of the newly formed Union of South Africa, the Act is probably the most infamous piece of legislation in South Africa's history, serving to this day as a cornerstone of the apartheid policy of "separateness," which was inaugurated in the 1950's under the Nationalist government of Dr. Hendrik Verwoerd. The years following the enactment of the 1913 Land Acts witnessed the large scale dispossession of Africans from lands which had remained in their families for generations, a practice which continues to this day.

Tsiamele: A Place of Goodness, is one account of the impact on an African family of the 1913 Land Act. Ellen Kuwayo, a noted anti-apartheid activist in Soweto and author of the acclaimed autobiography Call Me Woman, grew up on a farm in the Orange Free State owned by her family since the 1880s. In 1974 the area was declared a black spot and black families were moved to the relocation camp of Bothabiele, in a town constructed on a desolate square of land with no running water, no sanitation and many miles from the nearest town.

Tsiamele takes the viewer into the home of Ellen Kuwayo's Aunt Blanche, into her memories of the days when the land was more than 600 acres. She recalls the standing Sol Plaatje--of the South African native Nationalist Party--as he witnessed the eyes of the local community and of his trip to Britain to appeal to the British government to intervene on behalf of the South African farmers. "Plaatje's appeal was unauthorized," the British government had already abdicated responsibility for securing justice in South Africa when it recognised the formation of the white dominated Union of South Africa in 1910. It was in response to Union that the South African Native National Congress was formed in 1912.

Although technically flawed, and made on a very low budget, Tsiamele is an important documentary in that it takes the viewer into the homes of a rural black community, a community so often neglected--by politicians, historians, film makers. It is also a record of the descendants of the wealthy African family who emerged in the second half of the nineteenth century and which for a time rivaled and in some cases eclipsed the production of white farmers, thereby challenging the intervention security of white agriculture. The African peasantry limped on well into the 1950s, but the effects of the 1913 Land Acts ultimately undermined the position of African farmers.

Today the grand strategy of Apartheid has worked in respect of the dispersion of African farmers from the land. But Kuwayo has rightly ended her film with a warning. An old Seswana proverb cautions that "if you dig a hole for a man to lie in, you are likely to fall into it yourself."

Lords B-ball bids Farewell to Ten

By Russell Brightman

Almost four years ago, twenty-two wide-eyed freshmen joined just one upperclassman in trying to get the Kenyon men's basketball team in shape. The following is the story of the 1976-77 team, which lost Thursday to Ohio Wesleyan, the ten players who stayed with it and one manager face the reality that their basketball careers have finally ended.

Over the course of their stay at Kenyon, these young men have revamped a once down-trodden program. 1-25 the year they arrived, they currently stand 9-9, improved, posting a 6-19 mark their freshman year, followed by records of 13-15, 13-14, and this year, 14-13. Amazingly, this represents Kenyon's first winning season in eleven years, when the 1976-77 team went 14-11.

But beyond the records, beyond the scores, the story one takes from Kenyon an experience that they will never forget.

"My best memories are of the friendships," said Kevin Anderson, who balls from New York and Georgia. "I felt like we'd hang out even if we weren't on the team together."

Memories will also come from the travel like everything else about playing basketball has afforded them. In the span of their four years, the players have been to Europe, the Far East, Africa, and South America. They have also had the chance to play against Division I schools, including a trip this year to Akron, which should finish with the best record of all the Division I schools. It hasn't all been a bed of roses, however.

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Citizenry discussion does not stand as a means through which to solve the problems of the educational system by meeting for a few hours, a few proposals were raised as to how the educational system could be bettered. One proposal considered raising the school participation in the public system, along with increasing federal spending. This would result in across the board improvements in teachers and school facilities. Another proposal suggested a "spelling bee" for educational excellence, such as a "spelling bee" for educational excellence. In the year that I have spent with my family. I have not been able to participate in our democratic system. Our next meeting will be Friday, March 25, in the Shops at 5:00 p.m. The topic to be discussed will be the Presidential candidates.
Lords, Ladies Fall Victim to OWU in League Semis

By Scott Johnson

The Lords and Ladies basketball teams both concluded their seasons against Ohio Wesleyan University in the semifinals of the NCAC tournament last Thursday. The final scores were 104-92 for the men’s game and 95-58 for the women’s game.

With one final chant of “Way to Go Ladies” the women’s basketball team called it a year. But not without compiling a 13-12 overall record (9-3 in NCAC). The final record reflects a schedule which in the words of head coach Gerchen Weitbrecht, “Was the best we have had to date.”

The Ladies started the year with a slow 2-6 start, but following winter break went on an 11-6 tear. Weitbrecht, 1987 NCAC coach of the year, said, “If we were healthy we could have gone further.”

Even with the loss of all-conference senior center Karen Hixson the Ladies advanced to the conference tournament semifinals. From the opening tipoff it was clear that the Ladies were outsized and outmatched on the hardwood.

However, the Ladies were not intimidated and gave it their best shot. OWU went on a scoring tear, but with junior Heather Spencer scoring 30 points for her team, the Ladies kept within range.

“In the first half we played exactly the way we wanted to play,” stated Weitbrecht, “We played and set the tempo of the game for the first half of the game.”

At the half, the Ladies trailed the Bishops 30-22 with Spencer leading all scorers with 10 points. Even with a now 80 OWU bench and a questionable call from the officials, the Ladies were closing the gap on their opponents.

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college basketball, Morris became one of the NCAC’s most feared scoring threats. A three-year starter, the 7’9” point guard led the Lords in scoring and assists this past season. His three-point accuracy was second in the NCAC to junior tramissions Spencer and Kelley, even though only half of his 288 field goal attempts came from beyond the stripe.

“Nelson has been our top clutch player,” added Brown. “The Woofter game where he had seventeen second-half points and hit four big free-throws just stand out in my mind.”

The other four seniors who have played all four years included Mark Speer, Ted Stewart, Mark Day, and Bruce Gerber. And to spur all these players on throughout has been Sweet L., none other than student assistant Lawrence Pacheco.

Despite falling just short of some goals, this group has banded together at times and come up with some memorable moments. As sophomores, they upended Allegheny in the NCAC semifinals before taking OWU into overtime of the championship. Then they took OWU to the limit for the next two years in the tournament’s semifinals, and last second wins over Muskingum last year and Mount Vincent Nazarre and Woofter this year.

“We were 7’9” point guards,” said Stewart. “But we did accomplish something and we’ll always have them to remember.”

Furthermore, this is a group which has truly epitomized the meaning of the term student-athlete. Incredibly, the cumulative grade-point average of these ten stands well over four, a testament to their success comes when one realizes that some of them will go on to medical school after graduation, some will attend graduate school, and others are looking to jump right into the business world.

“Kenyon has a lot of quality people,” remarked Brown. “And I’d just have to say that these players are just great people. As basketball players, they’ve been hard workers and as people, they’ve been a pleasure to know.”

This last year, there will be no Mark Speer jumping out of the gym to slam through another alley-oop pass. There will be no Nelson Morris driving around his Ohio Wesleyan opponent during the Lords’ 104-92 loss in the conference semifinals.

With only 1:10 gone in the second half, the Ladies tied the game on a 15-foot jumper by sophomore Tracy Cunnin. Until mid-way through the second half the game continued to swing back and forth.

Then the Ladies ran into trouble. With the score tied at 43-42 in favor of the Ladies, the Ladies went almost 3 minutes without scoring a point. During this time the Bishops scored 12 unanswered points.

“We franchised on the offensive end, but had trouble getting the ball in the net,” said assistant coach Ron Bayus.

With just over 6:00 remaining in the game, sophomore Leslie Douglas went airborne to intercept an arrant OWU pass in a last-ditch effort to rally her team. Freshman Shelley Webb scored on the play to break the Ladies scoring slump, making the score 55-41 in favor of the Bishops.

But it was too little too late as the Ladies ran out of steam and time,” claimed Weitbrecht. The depth of the OWU bench overpowered the Ladies as the Battling Bishops drove to a 69-58 victory.

“We finished up strong, that’s important,” Douglas said, “It was encouraging that we came together really well out there.”

Weitbrecht summed up the season by saying that “The last four games proved we can play. We went out well with fun and a good team effort.”

In the second half of the evening’s doubleheader, the Lords tried their best to match up with an Ohio Wesleyan team that was ranked fifth in the nation for Division III schools. They fell short in the process but gave the men’s Battling Bishops a run for their money.

The Lords played an up-tempo first half, taking the game right to OWU. With 6:20 gone in the first half the Lords had amased a 17 point lead (22-5) lead. This run and gun pace continued until the halftime buzzer sounded. When the smoke cleared the Lords were up 51-48. Leading the team in scoring for the half were junior Doug Mitchell and Nelson Morris with 8 points apiece, adding to the team’s scoring were other players who ranged between 4 and 7 points each.

“We played one of our better games even though the pace wasn’t our style,” said senior Kevin Anderson. “If we could have boxed out early on we could have had a bigger lead. But they’re just so solid that if one guy’s off, somebody is going to pick them up.”

Notes

Hockey

The Fee Lords improved their record to 2-1 with a 4-1 decision over Baldwin-Wallace last weekend. It was the goal-tending of Pete Bowman that kept JUW off the scoreboard while Lowell Briggs dumped in two goals to lead the offense. The main attraction, though, may have been Bill Gerster’s two penalties, one which was assessed for a head-butt.

Tournaments

Sophomore Brian Hols took the $75 first prize in the men’s half of the Kenyon 8-ball tournament this past weekend by beating Peter Cophea in a heart-stopping match. Despite scrapping on the eight-ball in the decisive game, the Coper included $50 in the 64-person field. On the women’s half, Karla Kellenberger pocketed the same amount as Hols by defeating Anne Wiskow in the finals of the eight-person field.

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Women’s Intramural basketball standings:

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