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Unveiling a new campus Master Plan
The Board of Trustees recently approved a new plan that would transform the look and feel of the College and Gambier. See more on pages 8-9.

Navigating OCS
ERICH KALETKA | STAFF WRITER

About half of the members of a junior class will study abroad, according to the Center for Global Engagement (CGE). Yet, despite the high percentage of students who opt to spend a summer, semester or year studying abroad, some have complained that the College’s study abroad policies and requirements are too strict for students to always be able to pursue their interests.

Kenyon currently offers 230 approved study abroad programs at internationally recognized universities and colleges.

“We seem to have enough [approved programs] to cover whatever students want to study,” Marne Ausec, director of the CGE, said. Ausec said she and the rest of the CGE staff look for a combination of “academic challenge, community engagement, experience, and health and safety” when approving students to enroll in off-campus study.

It is fairly rare for students to attend unapproved programs. “In the last two years, no outside programs have been approved by the provost, or the CGE,” Ausec said.

Emily Graf ’15 wanted to attend an unapproved program and chose to withdraw from the College for a semester in order to do so. Graf, an English major who spent a semester in Patagonia, Chile, said she wanted to study abroad in a place very different from Kenyon, and doing an English program at Exeter or Oxford wouldn’t have allowed that experience.”

Emily Graf ’15

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Students balance employment
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On-campus employment is a fixture on most college campuses, including Kenyon’s. According to Associate Director of Career Development Leslie Harding, there are 755 students employed by the College at this time — of those, 240 are participating in a federal work-study program job of some sort. Work-study is part of a financial aid package and is meant to help supplant the cost of being in college, according to the Kenyon website. This number only includes students who have been approved for jobs payed by the College and does not include students who work for establishments such as Wiggin Street Coffee, the Village Inn, the Kenyon Inn or any other possible employers in Gambier or Mount Vernon.

Out of the 755 student employed by the College, according to Harding, there are 161 unique positions these students fill. These positions range from serving as teaching assistants to being tour guides for the Office of Admissions. Indeed, Admissions employs nearly a quarter (175 of the 755) of all the student employees on campus, who, in addition to guiding tours, are responsible for everything from answering phone calls to writing emails.

On Nov. 9, Nite Bites Café announced via Student-Info that they would be closing for the rest of the semester. David Thoensen ’17, chief financial officer of Nite Bites, explained that the business is taking a hiatus in order to make improvements, which will include “taking drastic steps” to increase delivery speed, finding different methods of advertising and re-vamping the menu — new additions may include ice cream sundaes, nachos or breakfast items.

Nite Bites, a student-owned-and-operated establishment that serves up various sandwich and drink options in Peirce Pub on Sunday through Thursday nights, stays open between 9:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. The business began in November 2011, founded by members of the Kenyon College Entrepreneurship Club. Nite Bites receives approximately 70 to 100 in-house and delivery orders on any given night, according to Thoensen.

Maya Kaufman
NEWS ASSISTANT

In the small town of Gambier, it can be difficult for students to satisfy late-night cravings.

In light of a recent Nite Bites hiatus, new dining options show promise.

The Collegian is proud to present the first issue of a semi-terly magazine dedicated to long-form, investigative and photographic journalism.

120,000 cups later: No Waste November

A record three teams head to NCAA
**OCS process frustrates**

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**Brief**

*Campus Senate passes bathroom resolution*

On Oct. 28, Campus Senate unanimously passed a resolution recommending that all single-stall bathrooms on campus be converted to gender-inclusive, gender-neutral restrooms. The resolution was Senate’s first in over a year and a half, and it calls for Kenyon to take “all appropriate measures” to provide gender-neutral toilet and shower facilities in residence halls as soon as feasible, in addition to increasing the number of gender-neutral bathrooms on campus as a whole.

“We decided that this was a no-brainer in the fact that it was not only pragmatic insofar as you have a single-stall bathroom which you lock behind you, so it doesn’t really matter what the gender of the person in there is,” Senate Co-Chair James Jacoby ’15 said. “It will additionally create shorter lines when that comes up. And it’s only that, it does more justice to transgender students and other students who identify outside of the gender binary because it gives them an option that they feel more comfortable using.”

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— Madeleine Thompson

**Village Record**

*Nov. 5 – Nov. 11*

Nov. 5, 9:53 p.m. — Student complaint of light headedness and pain in chest in McBride Residence Hall. Safety responded.

Nov. 6, 8:06 p.m. — Employee reported theft of chair and plant in Gund Commons.

Nov. 7, 6:50 p.m. — Fire alarm sounded due to cooking food in New Apartments. No fire.

Nov. 7, 11:15 p.m. — Intoxicated, underaged student in McBride. Safety responded.

Nov. 8, 11:21 a.m. — Unknown person(s) damaged departmental and directional signs on South Campus.

Nov. 8, 12:30 p.m. — Student reported prescription lost from pocket on North Campus.

Nov. 8, 11:24 p.m. — Intoxicated student. Safety responded and transported to residence.

Nov. 9, 12:03 a.m. — Student reported individual in vehicle yelled out abusive language while driving on Wigginton Street.

Nov. 9, 12:05 a.m. — Intoxicated student. Safety responded and transported to residence.

Nov. 10, 12:05 a.m. — Student found urinating on exterior wall of the Carrier Center.

Nov. 10, 1:01 a.m. — Safety officer found intoxicated student at Weaver Cottage attempting to take bike from rack; without permission.

Nov. 9, 1:57 a.m. — Intoxicated, underaged student in Hanra Residence Hall. Safety responded.

Nov. 9, 2:00 a.m. — Community Advisor witnessed student in McBride tear down papers without permission. Upon confrontation, accused student refused to give ID and fled.

Nov. 9, 3:27 a.m. — Intoxicated, underaged student in Norton Residence Hall. Safety responded. Transported by squad to KCH.

Nov. 9, 9:12 a.m. — Intoxicated, underaged student in McBride. Safety responded.

Nov. 10, 10:50 a.m. — Student reported individual in vehicle yelled out abusive language while driving on Wigginton Street.

Nov. 11, 5:47 p.m. — Student injured arm. Safety assessed and gave icepack.

**CORRECTIONS**

In “New Hall and health center dedicated to trustees,” (Oct. 30, 2014) the Collegian reported remarks from Alan E. Rothenberg ’67 P’96 H’10 about his experience with chapel requirements at Kenyon. According to the College archives, Kenyon eliminated chapel requirements in 1960, before Rothenberg enrolled. The Collegian incorrectly reported volleyball’s NCAA overall record as 6-2 when it’s actually 16-2. (See “Kenyon’s women’s volleyball clinches Northwest Coast Athletic Conference crown” Nov. 6, 2014.) The correct record is 16-2. In “Kenyon’s Native American cultural symbols: November” (Nov. 6, 2014), the Collegian incorrectly reported in a photo caption that two students were displaying art in honor of Native American Heritage Month. They were Adelaide members displaying Hispanic artwork. In the same article, Lemnazul Lelsey was cited as being a part of the class of 2017. He is a member of the Class of 2016. The Collegian regrets the errors.

**NEWS**

**EDITORS: EMILY SAKAMOTO and VICTORIA UNGVARSKY**

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President Sean Decatur on paying tuition for Off-Campus study:

“One of the thoughts behind [the transition to paying full tuition for Off-Campus Study rather than playing just for the program] is it should actually make the study away more accessible for students on financial aid, too because the financial aid costs and the costs of studying away are actually much more predictable than they were before.”

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**Student Council**

Sunday, Nov. 9

- The Junior Class Committee did not meet.
- The Student Life Committee did not meet.
- The Housing and Dining Committee is incorporating feedback from last week’s vegan and vegetarian open forum. The committee is organizing an AVI Appreciation Day.
- The Academic Affairs Committee changed the name of “experiential learning” courses to “off-campus engagement courses.” The Committee formed an EHS subcommittee to make students more aware of library services.
- The Sophomore Class Council is planning another fundraiser.
- Office of Campus Safety’s lighting walk will occur on a date to be determined.
- The Senior Class Committee will partner with Alumni Leaders of Tomorrow to plan a fundraiser for the Kenyon Fund.
- The Buildings and Grounds Committee reopened the recently revamped section of Middle Path and encouraged feedback from the community.
- The Business and Finance Committee held another budget supplemental hearing. All student groups that requested allocations received partial or full funding. Student Council approved all budget allocations. The budget allocation for the spring semester will be on Dec. 6.

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**LUNNEA FELDMAN EMISON | COLLEGIAN**

The Center for Global Engagement is in Hoehn-Saric House.

Cook said.

In fall 2013, the CGE shifted its policy so that instead of students paying for programs directly, students now pay Kenyon tuition and fees when studying abroad. According to Fox Business News, the average cost of study-abroad programs is $17,785 per semester; Kenyon’s academic requirements are too lax.

“Many nuances, and... students won’t have the opportunity to beyond the classroom and have an academic experience, since I... it’s just not right matter what the gender of the person in there is,” Senate Co-Chair James Jacoby ’15 said. “It will additionally create shorter lines when that comes up. And it’s only that, it does more justice to transgender students and other students who identify outside of the gender binary because it gives them an option that they feel more comfortable using.”

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**Steven Schmidt**
Outside the classroom, students get the job done

NATHANIEL SHAHAN STAFF WRITER

As the reds, oranges and browns of late autumn grace the Hill, the Environmental Cam-

pus Organization (ECO) is using the month of November to make the College a little greener. ECO co-leader Sonia Prabhu ’16 says the group is “trying to raise stu-
dent consciousness about various forms of waste on campus.” Each year, through posters and instal-
lation art, ECO makes a public posi-
tion, which ECO will be re-
sponsible for establishing, will be filled by a student whose sole re-
sponsibility will be collecting cups and other dishes from residence halls.

The application is expected to be available at the start of next semester.

The idea of a cup collector was Joahn Allon’s, a former member of the class of 2016 who is now at-
tending Tufts University. Prabhu and Allon applied for a sustain-
ability grant offered through the College last spring for this par-
ticular position. Since Prabhu and Allon applied for the grant, the College hired two part-time employees to track deliveries, “to make sure that this is not just another hoohoo that was happening in the College,” said David Novak, ECO manager of the Bookstore.

All Bookstore employees are paid at the first of three pay levels: the three pay lev-
els are $7.95 per hour, which is Ohio’s minimum wage, $9.07 per hour and $10.22 per hour. Each level has differ-
ent qualifications and du-
ties. First-level jobs require mostly manual work and have the highest level of su-
pervision, while higher lev-
els involve more technical skills and experience and allow for more autonomy, and applicants must have at least one year of work experience and each pay grade provided by the CDO. Bhushal Sharma, for example, earns $10.22 per hour for his third-level position as a KAC manager and $9.07 per hour in his second-level job.

Students interested in finding employment on campus can visit the Career Development Office in low-
er level of Gund Commons, call their office at (740) 427-
5365 or browse the CDO-hosted online system Sym-
plcity.

Effects of No Waste November vary in impact

In less than two months 120,000 paper cups were used in Peirce Hall. ECO urges students to reduce paper consumption.

Meera White ’18, Admissions Office

Next semester AVI will employ a student to collect reusable dishware.
Discovering an easy A: students consider course difficulty

REGAN HEWITT STAFF WRITER

An institution that prides itself on academia and athletics, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is currently facing the turmoil at the center of the collegiate world. A report released on Oct. 25, accused the institution of padding grades and creating “easy A” classes for athletes. According to CNN, “the NCAA cleared some of UNC were ‘fined’ through the academic system in order to keep them eligible for playing time.”

Kenyon Director of Athletics, Fitness and Recreation Peter Smith described the controversy as “unfortunate.” Smith asserted that such a scandal could never occur at Kenyon. “We’ve almost got the reverse of a UNC situation,” he said.

Kenyon’s position as a Division III school may help it to avoid imitating athletics for academics. “[The athletes] are students first … and they came to Kenyon to get an education,” Smith said. According to Smith, student-athletes are rewarded with special extra tutoring or educational opportunities. “The policies we have in place are the same for athletics and nonathletes, in terms of enrollment,” he said.

As Chair of the Committee on Academic Standards (CAS), Professor of Biology Chris Gillen explained that any student can be reviewed at the end of the semester and placed on conditional enrollment if academic standards are not being met. According to Gillen, “one possible requirement of a conditional enrollment is that a variable number of hours and allowed to participate in a sport.” Kenyon does not appear to have a specific history of banning athletes from sports based on academic standards.

Student-athletes say they maintain equally difficult class schedules as non-athletes. “We don’t take easier classes during season,” Jack Mauney ’18, a member of the baseball team, said. “I take classes I’m interested in.” Student-athletes are required to maintain a 1.75 credit enrollment in the College to maintain playing eligibility.

Often, athletics are more organized, proactive students because, as one professor noted, coaches “force coach” their students in student’s academic lives, and, according to Smith, encourage students to put athletics on hold if they are overworking. “Our coaches get academic progress reports all the time,” Mauney said.

In fact, Kenyon has a committee devoted to ensuring that every class lives up to the College’s rigorous academic reputation. “The Curriculum Policy Committee is charged with reviewing new classes … and so [the CPC] makes a judgement about whether or not the class meets the [the CPC’s] standards,” Gillen said.

Most students denied that there were “easy A” classes at Kenyon. Although students can do receive an A in their classes, they do not believe those classes to be easy. “When I get an A, it’s because I worked for it,” Kyla Spencer ’18 said.

Although students realize that the skills they are learning are going to provide a foundation for further work, Mason said. Although he says that he does not frequently give A in his own classes, Mason believes that students work very hard for the grades they do receive. “I don’t see an absence of rigor. I see students who do the purported academic rigor of Kenyon overall, some classes do develop a reputation for being an ‘easy A.’”

“I think grade inflation is a problem,” said Archon. “Kenyon is very immune to it.” President Sean Decatur said. Decatur explained that Kenyon is not exempt from pressure to inflate grades. “It’s a problem that will put them on the same footing when applying to jobs and graduate school alongside students from other institutions.”

Some students feel the current for- eign language program at Kenyon offers a potential “easy A” class. By not testing out of the introductory-level classes, students who have previously taken a language can receive a GPA boost by taking a class with a much lower level of education in that particular subject. “People are taking levels that they’ve tested out of,” Paige Ballard ’18 said.

Another class that has developed an “easy A” reputation is Introduction to Anglo-Saxon, taught by Ragegic professor of English Bill Klein. The class depends on a students’ ability and participation as well as the completion of five opinionated 500-word papers throughout the semester. “It’s an easy class … [but you can’t miss class or turn in a 200-word paper — that’s not going to cut it,” Nick Lebowitz ’18, an avid fan of the course, said.

“[If you do your work, getting an A isn’t hard.” As of press time, Klein could not be reached for comment.

However, some are considered an “easy A.” They are physical- sly strenuous, and there are readings and reflection papers, but if you show up, it’s a fairly easy class,” Emma Cowan ’18 said.

Overall, most students seem to feel Kenyon is providing them with exactly what they came here for: a professional, academic environment with a faculty that is equally invested in their education. “There’s no ‘easy A’ class at Kenyon; there’s just easier,” Mithmad Hussain ’17 said.

On November 4, many Americans took time out of their schedules to take the trip to their local polling station and vote in the midterm elections. In Knox County, positions up for grabs included state representative, county commissioner and probate judge. In each election, the Republican candidate won by a wide margin.

Margaret Ann Ruhl (Republican), who will be serving her third term in the Ohio House of Representatives, secured 63.77 percent of the vote. “I am humbled and privileged that the voters of Knox County elected me to another two-year term,” Ruhl said in an interview with the Collegian. “I will work hard to serve my constituents to the best of my ability.”

Also in the race for the Ohio House of Representatives, Joyce Stolloc (Democrat) won 24.94 percent and Randy Miller (Independent) won 11.3 percent.

Roger Reed received 68.9 percent of the vote, granting him his second term as county commissioner. “The people of Knox County are very in-formed people,” Reed said over the phone. “They found that I was the candidate with electability, and the most government experience.” Reed served as mayor of Fredericktown, Ohio for 16 years and he stood on city council for six years before winning his first term as county commissioner. Reed said his opponent, Eric Wyruski (I), was a “nice gentleman but no government experience.” Wyruski won 31.1 percent of the vote.

Jennifer Springer was elected as the Knox County pro- bate judge. Springer secured 56.25 percent of the vote, while her opponent, Jef-frey C. Williams, earned 43.75 percent of the vote. “My family helped me change,” Springer said. “I’m all about rehabilitation. I’m all about helping children, helping juveniles. However, I think the system is society was held accountable for actions.”

A highly-charge issue this election was the tax levy towards education failing to pass for the ninth consecutive time. According to the East Knox School Board’s website, the levy would address the growing deficit situation that has occurred over the last several years. The levy consists of $3.9 million of property tax ($136.50 per year for a $100,000 home) and one half of one percent (0.5 percent) earned-income tax. “The last time East Knox passed a levy that it still active was in 1984. Kenyon students Faith Mantesso ’16 and Phoebe Roe ’16, who founded PEKK (Partnership with East Knox and Kenyon), described themselves as “devastated and dis-appointed, but not surprised that the levy didn’t pass.” Due to the school board’s lack of sufficient funds, the school board decided to combine the middle school and high school, eliminate arts programs, change students to play sports and severely cut the budget. “I think it highlights what’s wrong with education in the U.S.,” Roe said. “Education is solely the foundation of every-thing the U.S. stands for, but it gets such little funding.”

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Representative Margaret Ann Ruhl (R)

“We believe we have done well providing a late-night op-tion, catering to student organi-zations and being an entre-preneurial outlet for Kenyon students,” Thoesen wrote in an email to the Collegian. “This semester has been our best financially.”

Director of Housing and Residential Life Jill Engel Hell-mack commented that Nite Bites fills a void in the late-night dining offerings in Gambier but that it may not be enough. “There’s [Nite Bites] during the week, but there’s not much on the weekends,” she said.

In order to make up for the lack of late-night food op-portunities on weekends, the Office of Housing and Residential Life planned a program called Midnight Munchies, in which administrative and Commu-nity Advisers were to sell food purchased in Mount Vernon late on Halloween night — ideally near a location where students would be partying. Scott Gill-Jacobson, assis-tant director of housing and residential life, suggested the idea of getting Chipotle right next to the dorms. “So far it’s been a very highly positive reaction,” Roe said. “Most people jump at the idea of getting Chipotle right down Middle Path.”

Roe and the Housing and Dining Committee are cur-rently working with the Ar-chor Society to host this week’s Thursday Munchies as a test run. The Archons will donate the money collected from delivery fees to East Knox schools.

“We’re hoping that this program can raise enough money for school supplies, college application fees and other such expenses,” Archon Co-President Steve Kaplin ’15 wrote in an email to the Col legian. “The goal is to have both Thursday and Sunday Munchies each week.”

Although Roe and Kaplin are both seniors, the University Chair of the Munchies programs, Thoesen acknowledged the difficulties of operating a business in a late night dining environment. “This [Midnight Munchies] is one way to help students study and run a student and food run business late into the night on top of all your academic responsibilities,” Thoesen wrote. “Students need to sacrifice a lot to provide this service.”

MAYA LOWENSTEIN STAFF WRITER

Late night food options shift

Midnight Munchies and Thursday Munchies arrive on cam pus as Nite Bite closes down until second semester.

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Election 2014: Knox County stays red, votes down low

COIRA MARKOWITZ | COLLEGIAN

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Students seek to confront social climate on campus

Groups of students have begun meeting on Tuesday nights to brainstorm solutions to recent issues.

“...and faculty members attend weekly, according to Arnold. Seven students attend the sessions, said. “So I think it’s good that they need to get to parties with alcohol already in their hands according to whether people were over or under 21. The new policy says anyone can drink after the under-21 rule is violated, and Campus Safety comes upon the violation, they have to deal with it. It’s not that the policy says anyone can drink anytime; it’s really about making good decisions.”

During Susan Apel’s 83 time at Kenyon, drinking was a more public practice. “You could buy beer at the shop, the grocery store, and the Village Inn, it was just readily available,” she said. “We didn’t have any need for pre-gaming because people could easily get beer or green punch at frat parties.” According to Apel, the College did little to police consumption of hard alcohol because beer was already legal. “When I was here, the college didn’t draw distinctions when policing hard liquor and beer,” she said. “The drinking culture was just more open.” Pre-gaming — a common practice among students that involves drinking alcohol prior to attending a social function — became more popular after the minimum drinking age was raised because undergraduate students were no longer guaranteed alcohol at campus parties. "A lot of students today feel that they need to get to parties with alcohol already in their systems,” Catie McGenagle ’17 said. When Apel was a student, drinking in one’s room was considered unnecessary. “You would go straight from the library to a party because you knew there was going to be alcohol there,” Apel said. "People kept alcohol in their rooms, but we didn’t have many pre-party gatherings.”
**EDITORS: ANNA DUNLAVEY AND ELANA SPIVACK**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOV. 12 | 4:00 PM**

ELAINE BLEAKNEY CHEERLEADER, FRESHMAN HOUSE

KNOX COUNTY SYMPHONY ANNUAL CHILDREN’S CONCERT

**NOV. 18 | 7:30 PM**

Yellow Bird Dancers

GUND BALLROOM

**NOV. 18 | 8:00 PM**

KNOX COUNTY SYMPHONY ANNUAL CHILDREN’S CONCERT

**NOV. 18 | 7:00 PM**

**ELANA SPIVACK ARTS EDITOR**

Walt Jr. left the White family breakfast table and found himself in Rosse Hall on Tuesday Nov. 11 in a talk sponsored by Student Lectureships, Discrimination Ad- visors, the Peer Counselors, Social Board, Student Accessibility and Support Services, and the psychology and neuroscience depart- ments. Actor RJ Mitte of Breaking Bad, AMC’s wildly popular series about a cancer-stricken chemistry teacher-turned-meth dealer, came to Kenyon to speak about overcoming disabili- ties. Affected by cerebral palsy, Mitte is an oncoming on overcom- ing setbacks. His presentation fea- tured anecdotes from his own life as well as universal lessons about moving beyond fear.

Mitte began acting at about age 10 and did background work for shows like Hannah Montana and Weeds. He claimed these roles gave him insight on how leading actors worked, and helped him prepare for his successful acting career as Breaking Bad’s Walter Jr., who also has cerebral palsy.

Mitte emphasized not only the challenges he overcame but the blessings that came with every struggle. “Everybody in this room has a disability,” he repeated throughout the night.

“ `{A disability is not a disability. It’s knowledge,’ he went on. He elaborated that he fully realized his ability to grow through his disability. One anecdote related to a pivotal moment when he re- alized everyone is scared of “being the first one” to stand up for a cause. “I stood up for myself, so people stood up with me.” This epiphany helped him overcome bullying, a phenomenon he says extends beyond the playground, especially into social media. “People want to attack what they don’t understand,” he said. “[They] try to take a piece of who you are, … but that’s not for them to use.” Mitte’s antidote to life’s set- backs is to bypass fear itself. “If you let that fear manipulate you, … you’re not being who you’re meant to be,” he stressed. While assertion about determination and positivity may seem clichéd, even juvenile, the crowd had a response. His philosophy of self- lessness is not new, but it is often much-needed for the meandering college student.

He also acknowledged that some challenges are persistent. “You will constantly have self-doubt. When it gets down to it, you have to just face that fear,” he said in response to a student’s question.

Such strength cannot come from a single person. His headstrong personality comes from his family, specifically his grandparents. They forbade him from saying “I can’t,” pushing him to confront his fears. “You have to find the few people that you can model yourself after,” he said. “People you know inside and out.”

His mother Dyna Mitte accompanied him on his tours and has supported him his whole life. She described her momentary turmoil when he was diagnosed at age three, but then pulled herself together after a aunt, a longtime manager of a medical facility and key figure in Mitte’s diagnosis, ad- vised her “[g]o take a bath, a glass of wine, and cry all my tears out that night because there couldn’t be any more tears after that.” Dyna continued, “I had to focus on what I could do as a parent to make his life as normal as possible … We surrounded ourselves with sup- portive people.”

Celia Lown ’15, co-president of Student Lectureships, stressed the importance of speaking out against bullying. “You think of bullying just as the middle school playground but it’s really all-en- compassing these days,” she said. “As cliche as it sounds we really wanted people to take it to heart and think about how their actions affect other people.”

Maddie Morgan ’18 attended the talk and came away with the enviable ambition Mitte pos- sesses. “Go after whatever you’re passionate about, don’t let other people stop you, don’t let fear get in the way,” she said.

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Breakin Bad’s RJ Mitte talks overcoming disability

Mitte visited Rosse Hall this past Tuesday night to discuss his work as an actor with cerebral palsy.

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**ARTS EDITOR**

Argentine poet Hugo Mujica lives a rich life. Mujica has been a paint- er, a Trappist monk and author, an Argentine poet Hugo Mujica and Victor Rodriguez Nunez. He is a student of Spanish Katherine Heden, Hugo Mujica and Victor Rodriguez Nunez. as well as universal lessons about moving beyond fear. "[A disability is not a disability. It's knowledge," he went on. He elaborated that he fully realizes his ability to grow through his disability. One anecdote related to a pivotal moment when he realized everyone is scared of "being the first one" to stand up for a cause. "I stood up for myself, so people stood up with me." This epiphany helped him overcome bullying, a phenomenon he says extends beyond the playground, especially into social media. “People want to attack what they don’t understand,” he said. “They try to take a piece of who you are, … but that’s not for them to use.” Mitte's antidote to life's setbacks is to bypass fear itself. "If you let that fear manipulate you, … you're not being who you're meant to be," he stressed. While assertion about determination and positivity may seem clichéd, even juvenile, the crowd had a response. His philosophy of selflessness is not new, but it is often much-needed for the meandering college student.

He also acknowledged that some challenges are persistent. "You will constantly have self-doubt. When it gets down to it, you have to just face that fear," he said in response to a student's question. Such strength cannot come from a single person. His headstrong personality comes from his family, specifically his grandparents. They forbade him from saying "I can't," pushing him to confront his fears. "You have to find the few people that you can model yourself after," he said. "People you know inside and out.

His mother Dyna Mitte accompanied him on his tours and has supported him his whole life. She described her momentary turmoil when he was diagnosed at age three, but then pulled herself together after a aunt, a longtime manager of a medical facility and key figure in Mitte's diagnosis, advised her "[g]o take a bath, a glass of wine, and cry all my tears out that night because there couldn't be any more tears after that." Dyna continued, "I had to focus on what I could do as a parent to make his life as normal as possible ... We surrounded ourselves with supportive people.

Celia Lown '15, co-president of Student Lectureships, stressed the importance of speaking out against bullying. "You think of bullying just as the middle school playground but it's really all-encompassing these days," she said. "As cliche as it sounds we really wanted people to take it to heart and think about how their actions affect other people."

Maddie Morgan '18 attended the talk and came away with the enviable ambition Mitte possesses. "Go after whatever you're passionate about, don't let other people stop you, don't let fear get in the way," she said.

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Premier Argentine poet finds profundity in simplicity

Argentine poet Hugo Mujica lives a rich life. Mujica has been a paint- er, a Trappist monk and currently is an award- winning poet and Cath- olic priest. His spiritual understanding of life shows through his potent poetry, some of which he read in Peirce Lounge on Monday, Nov. 10 in a presentation sponsored by the National Endow- ment for Humanities and the Distinguished Teaching Professorship and Hub- bard Funds. Mujica read a selection of his poems in Spanish that were fol- lowed by an English translation by Associ- ate Professor of Spanish Katherine Heden.

Mujica’s work covers philosophy, anthropol- ogy, fiction and poetry. Vaso Roti, one of the world’s most esteemed presses, published Mu- jica’s Complete Poetry, 1983-2011 in 2013. The same year he won Spain’s prestigious Casa de America Poetry Prize with Cuando todo calla.

Heden and her hus- band, Professor of Span- ish Victor Rodriguez Nunez, met Mujica in Granada, Nicaragua at a poetry festival in 2011. They quickly realized what a prominent po- etic figure he was, and resolved to bring him to Kenyon.

They particularly en- joyed how he utilizes si- lence and spaciousness. "The white space for me feels like a way of giving silence priority," Heden said. Conversely, sparse- ness enhances his lan- guage. Mujica noted, "He wants a language that is very concentrated, that is very full of meaning. He’s the Anti-Neruda.”

Mujica said quite sim- ply, "To be simple is very hard.”

During the Q-and- A, a student asked Mu- jica what made him start writing poetry. Mujica responded, "Poetry.” He began writing in the ear- ly 1970s, three years into a seven-year vow of si- lence he took as a Trapp- ist monk. He relayed the story of how he was in the monastery’s kitchen when he saw a sunset and was moved to write sev- eral lines. He had previ- ously been a painter, but lost his passion. Poetry, however, had just reached him. "I felt I was born into some new expres- sion,” Mujica said.

Mujica deliberately read his poems without announcing titles. He de- eated almost let a title slip but caught herself and laughed the mo- ment off. Mujica never explained this omission, but it allowed for fluidity through the reading that connected myriad ideas.

Attendee Isabella Bird ’18 especially liked the poetry’s sensibility. "You feel like you’re in the midst of it all, it’s contradictory, but I guess it makes a lot of sense in the end because … a lot of things are sort of con- tradictions,” she said. "There is no other way for them to be.”

Mujica’s work largely featured nature imagery, often musing on water or light before exploring a more profound theme. Though his poe- ms use spare, direct language, they prove complex when one con- templates his final mes- sage about human nature and divining into the soul. "It’s pure spirituality," Rodriguez Nunez said.

Mujica described the objec- tivity in Mujica’s themes, saying there is a more "poet persona" that reinforc- es universality. Heden elaborated on this idea, saying, "[The poetry is] so apparently simple and yet it is so incredibly profound that it kind of blows your mind.”

Mujica also effectively combines dense language with emotion. "Thought is central but it’s not separate or distant from feeling,” Heden said. "It’s smart and cerebral but not cold.”

Other artists, from film directors to musi- cians, have influenced Mujica. He specifically mentioned J.S. Bach. "I used to say that the only proof that we have that God exists is the Apa- sionada de San Matthew and if God doesn’t exist so the Apasionada is God,” he said.

Mujica’s passion for po- etry comes from the pure joy of creating. "I couldn’t live without creating,” he said. "So for me what I get is a moment where something wasn’t there and it takes [a] shape and become[s] something.”

For Mujica, art’s great- est power is making something, a creation or feeling that did not exist before.

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Enriching the mind and palate: Wine and poetry in Gund

“An Evening of Wine and Poetry” was the latest installment of Feast.

ANNA DUNLAVEY ARTS EDITOR

Professor of English and Editor of the Kenyon Review David Lynn addressed a small audience, most of whom had consumed about four glasses of wine, in the Gund Gallery during Tuesday night’s “An Evening of Wine and Poetry.” “Learning how to appreciate wine is an aesthetic experience similar to learning to appreciate poetry,” Lynn said. “It takes some time to train your palate.” Those who had stayed for the poetry part of the event, inspired by the Gallery’s exhibition “In the Wake of Radical Hospitality in Contemporary Art,” seemed to agree with that.

Many people, however, had left the event sponsored by the anthropology department, the Kenyon Review and the Gund Gallery, after the wine portion concluded. Additionally, two of the poets scheduled to read, Associate Professor of Spanish Katherine Hedeen and Professor of Spanish Victor Rodríguez-Núñez, were not in attendance due to illness. However, those who made it to the event took part in a fun and sophisticated evening.

The event began at 7 p.m., when Professor of Anthropology Bruce Hardy took the floor in a green kilt. “I wear a kilt any time I need to dress up a bit,” Hardy wrote in his own words interwoven with passages from farmers’ prose poems, all pertaining to the’esthia’ of FEAST. Professor of English David Lynn addressed the audience, inspired by the latest installment of Feast.

Hardy thought the tasting went well and was happy to share his knowledge with Kenyon students and faculty. “Ultimately, drinking wine is about commensality,” he said. “Also, the more you gain knowledge about wine (or beer), the more likely you are to treat it as a valued product rather than just an alcoholic drink.”

Professor of English Thomas Hawks, who read his poetry later on in the event, said that although he had had some of the wines before, “it was nice to slow down and pay attention to them.”

After the tasting finished, those who decided to stay moved upstairs to the Busch-Haefner-Wald-Wright Gallery on the second floor for the poetry reading. Hawks and two other professors of English, Andy Grace ’10 and Janet McAdams, all read original work pertaining to the themes of FEAST.

Grace read poetry from his experience growing up on a former family dairy farm, including poems with his own words interwoven with passages from farmers’ diaries. McAdams read six prose poems, all pertaining to food as well as to the body. Hawks read one of his own poems about food more from other poets, staying within the themes of food and radical hospitality. “I was looking for something that I thought would connect well with an audience in one hearing,” Hawks said.

Hardy agreed with Lynn’s assertion that poetry and wine are analogous, “In both cases, you are engaging your brain with your aesthetics,” he wrote in an email. “In wine tasting, you are asked to pay attention to what your senses are telling you.”

Hawks also echoed Lynn. “I think the word stumbled on the tradition of linking wine and poetry,” he said, citing how Geoffrey Chaucer was given a royal grant of a gallon of wine daily. “They are great pleasures, they are both intoxicating, there are some cultural norms which we need to palpate immediately and some of both of them that require more contemplation.”

This was not the first time an event featured the art of drinking alcohol, and it will not be the last. A repeat performance of Tom Marwood’s The Art of Drinking Beer with Friends is the Highest Form of Art, which was first performed on September 17, will be held in the Gallery on October 19.

Gohar Vardanyan strikes a chord with Kenyon audience

BAILEY BLAKER STAFF WRITER

Rosse Hall often showcases classical concerts, but the guitar is rarely included in such ensembles. However, on Saturday, November 8, the Warner Concert Series presented classical guitarist Gohar Vardanyan in Rosse Hall. While there were many Gambier community members in attendance, only a small group of Kenyon students showed up. Despite the intimate crowd, those present for the concert were in for a remarkable experience.

Vardanyan has been playing the guitar since she was only five years old, and her high level of dedication and technical skills on guitar show during each piece. The first piece she performed was Manuel Maria Ponce’s Suite in A minor. She executed the collection of five movements with artful mastery and creative flair. The first movements within the suite were light, airy and full of warmth. The theme continued with the last two movements, Gavotte I and Gavotte II; Gigue. These last parts of the piece were full of precision and a sense of fluidity.

The next piece Vardanyan performed was Un sueño en la floresta by Asturian Barrios Mangore. Afterwards, Vardanyan explained the technical aspects of the song itself. “The song has a note most guitars don’t have,” she explained, referring to the high C. “I just recently got an instrument that can play the piece as Mangore had originally intended.” Vardanyan’s rendition was elegant and full of life.

Vardanyan is influenced heavily by Latin music and composers. This was made evident by the next two songs she selected for the concert, Isaac Albeniz’s Cordoba from CANTOS DE ESPAÑA and his Sevilla from Suite Española. Performing these two songs as a series, Vardanyan awed the crowd with her sheer talent and skill. The exuberant style of these two songs worked to end the first portion of the concert on an energetic note.

After intermission, Vardanyan treated the audience to Julian Arcas’s Fantasia para guitarras. This piece, based on themes from the opera La traviata, brought forth not only Vardanyan’s mastery of the guitar, but also her sense of humor. Before starting the Fantasia, Vardanyan made a quip about the famous opera that the song is based on: “The good thing is that this isn’t three hours long.”

Joaquín Rodrigo’s Invocación y Danza is Vardanyan’s favorite piece to perform on guitar. The song tells the story of a young woman haunted by the ghost of a former lover and her attempt to appease his lonely spirit. “It was really eerie, but in a beautiful way,” Amy Schatz ’17 said. There was certainly a sense of the melancholic and haunted within the songs’ minor chords and dissonant tones.

Vardanyan closed the concert with a pairing of Manuel de Falla’s Chanson du feu follet from El amor brujo and Danza No. 1 from La vida breve alongside Astor Piazzolla’s Primavera porteña. These three songs worked together to bring the concert to an uplifting and resonant end. The concert as a whole was, according to Reagan Neviska ’17, “an amazing, awe-inspiring performance.” A guitar player herself, Neviska was impressed by the technical control that Vardanyan exhibited with each of her musical selections.

Vardanyan’s performance was one of the highlights of the week that Kenyon’s music department sponsored this semester. The next event, an opera workshop performance, will be held in Brandi Recital Hall on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.
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Don’t repay AVI workers with rudeness

While AVI Foodsystems provides numerous methods for venting complaints regarding food service, it was not prepared for recent insinuations made on social media that members of the company’s staff at Peirce Hall were inbred. It was yet another moment of dismiss the possibility of a supposedly progressive campus that strives against bigotry yet harbors members capable of gross hatred.

Even if the demeaning remark was made by a single individual, it is no secret that server workers on the whole are often treated with dismissal at all and disrespect at worst. What the secret seems to be is how hard the staff work so that you, the student, can enjoy a healthful and varied meal three times a day; seven days a week with virtually no effort on your part. Perhaps students should be required to arrive at Peirce at 5 a.m. for a nine-hour day that makes our class schedule seem like vacation.

If you do not already, take the time to talk with Peirce workers; they’re people with advice and stories. If you are genuinely interested in finding out about Knox County, its culture and politics, these are the people who could educate you. And if you enjoy a full belly every day, you owe them at least the debt of gratitude.

NCAA reminds us: Devoted teams deserve devoted fans

With three Kenyon athletic teams competing in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) this week, it is as good a time as ever to be a fan of the Lords and Ladies.

Regrettably, it seems as though very few Kenyon students take advantage of this opportunity to watch good teams play and perform well.

We understand that the liberal arts model which Kenyon offers appeals to many who are looking for a college experience which, in contrast to larger schools like The Ohio State University, does not have a pervasive athletic culture.

Even so, it is important to consider that those competing for any Kenyon team are not just athletes. They are also our friends, classmates, acquaintances and co-workers.

It is an honor to host an NCAA playoff game, let alone appear in that game, and Lords soccer is doing both this weekend. The Collegian encourages anyone who is proud of their membership in the Kenyon community to stop by Mavec Field on Saturday afternoon, to watch the Lords take on Hendelberg University at 11 a.m.

Whether you go to support a friend or classmate, or to partake in a rare opportunity, the reasons you could find for going to this game are far better than the reasons for staying home.

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Fulfilling your global responsibilities

J Street U allows students to break out of the Kenyon bubble to address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

SIMONE HOLZER

CONTRIBUTOR

As an American Jew who cares for the safety of Israel and feels deep outrage about the ongoing occupation, I often feel the need to take action to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. I also often feel inhibited. In our isolation on the Hill, it is easy to feel unable to affect change to end the conflict. But this weekend, I went to J Street U’s Midwestern regional workshop in Chicago — there, I was reminded that those of us who care about these issues can connect to a larger student movement working to end the occupation, establish two autonomous states and ensure the self-determination of Israelis and Palestinians.

One of the themes of this weekend was responsibility to act. This responsibility exists on many levels. American Jewish leaders are responsible for ensuring Israeli security and Palestinian sovereignty, and because of America’s political and economic connections to both parties, we have the ability to ensure productive action on both sides. Those of us who care about Israel, particularly American Jews, have a critical responsibility to speak against actions Israel takes that work against Israel’s long-term best interests, such as expanding settlement growth.

And, further, the occupation inhibits fundamental Palestinian human rights, which includes lack of access to clean water, military violence and trials in military rather than civilian court. I feel responsible for these things. As an American, as a college student and as an American Jew, I understand and am motivated by these many levels of responsibility I must take on.

This sense of responsibility led me to J Street U, a student movement dedicated to reaching a two-state solution through American leadership. J Street U has allowed me to collaborate with students from Kenyon and campuses around the country to not only educate myself about the conflict, but also take action to move closer to two states. This obligation to act is why J Street U Kenyon held a fundraiser earlier this semester for Friends of the Earth Middle East, an organization addressing the current water crisis in Gaza, and Other Voice, a grassroots organization bringing Israelis and Palestinians together.

Right now, a peace agreement seems inhibited byescalating tension in Jerusalem and the West Bank, as well as the events of this summer. Increasing settlement expansion and violence exacerbate these tensions. Yet, it is precisely these tensions that demonstrate our need to act. A two-state solution and lasting peace are possible, but this requires our work. As college students, we have a choice to either buck in our isolation or to be proactive and take action to end to this conflict. We have extraordinary resources available to us including social media, political influence and a network of students across the country who are also working to end the occupation and ensure the long-term security of both parties.

Many of us are connected to, moved and outraged by this conflict — because we are Jewish or Palestinian, because we have friends and family affected by this conflict or simply because we are motivated by human suffering. Just as both parties are responsible for their actions in this conflict, we are also responsible for choosing action over apathy. Those of us in J Street U are taking on this responsibility and we want the Kenyon community to join us.

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Be skeptical of e-readers and electronic books all you want, but make sure it’s not just sentimentalism holding you back

The romanticism of physical books is undeniable, but if there are clear environmental advantages, it may be time to make a switch.

BRIANNA LEVESQUE CONTRIBUTOR

People of today are increasingly trading in that beautiful old book smell for a glowing, scentless electronic reader. Consequently, the excuse that a theoretical hungry dog swallo- wed up your essay is quickly becoming less and less applicable. As discussed in an Opinions piece published in the Collegian ("Online homework detracts from learning experience," Oct. 23), the computerization of our age is having an inad- equate effect on the classroom experience. Contributor Grif- fin Burrough ’18 wrote of his frustrations with the growing inundation of online compo- nents of class work, feeling that a reliance on technology over in-person interactions yields an education lacking the construc- tive personalization a liberal arts college strives to provide. I understand concerns over this shift from the traditional to technological, for I have them myself. But while the aforementioned article focused on the effect of computeriza- tion on the learning process, I was struck by how our relationship with pa- per and books has been transformed since the 15th century. There were thousands of yel- lowed pages lovingly adorned with flourishes of ink and pictures painstakingly crafted for the page, many bound with personalized flair; these books were shown an amount of care absent in the production of e-books today. These are vestiges of the past. My English pro- fessor [Piers Brown] explained that book history is becoming more popular partly due to the increasing abandonment of traditional books for electronic options. Certainly, Johannes Gutenberg’s printing press of the 15th century was revolu- tionary, but it seems we are again at a crossroads of infor- mation and story and I’m not sure how I feel about it. On the one hand, I become sentimental about physical books, connected in a way I just can’t experience with an e-reader. There’s something to the character of their pages, the fragrance — new or old — they possess, the tactile pleasure of turning the leaves to reveal a previously undiscovered ar- rangement of words. I saw an online advertisement for Am- azon Kindle Voyage, market- ing it as a "page turner." I’m sorry, but pressing a button or swiping the screen just isn’t the same as the physical cover-to-cover journey.

However, I’m aware that most of this romanticism is simply because this is the way it has always been, and I have a habit of clinging to the familiar for no reason other than its fa- miliarity. Reading is construct- ed in our collective memories as a certain experience — a pro- cess that is currently undergo- ing slight alteration. For books to become e-readers, and for us to accept the evolution, it’s go- ing to take a measure of letting go.

Of course, the effects of this technological movement are not limited to personal experi- ence: supporting one industry over the other has vast envi- ronmental and economic im- pacts, the effects of which are currently debatable. The digi- tization of books is a relatively new phenomenon and I’m in no position to fully endorse either side until more definitive compa- risons of the pros and cons of each are established. When that day comes, I am prepared as an environmentalist to support whichever product is kindest to the planet and the future.

If the balance points toward letting go of traditional books, I will make the transition. How- ever, it won’t be easy for me if this is what the future holds, and there will be a significant portion of the population who will also feel a twinge of nost- algia at the mention of a glossy book jacket or quirky book- mark.

We will just have to remind ourselves that although the ex- terior process of reading may change, the immutable, interior magic a story is capable of cre- ating is still present — no mat- ter how we turn the page.

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As Kenyon Krud returns, students again display bad manners

A student gives her take on simple things students could do around campus to fight the spread of sickness.

HANNAH LEE LEIDY CONTRIBUTOR

With papers piling up, endless tests and senior comps (I’m not a senior, but I shudder to imagine what you all go through), no one can afford getting sick at this time. Living in close quarters and us- ing shared facilities cre- ates an unfortunate breed of illness to spread, especially when sick people don’t use prop- er etiquette.

People who disregard polite hygiene practices are appalling. Granted, it can be hard to think about others when you yourself are unwell. I personally want nothing more than to get a hug from everyone when I’m feeling crummy.

However, I try my best to refrain from doing anything that could hurt someone else. It’s a common courtesy that everyone should re- spect and strive to main- tain.

First things first, don’t sneeze or cough direct- ly into the open air that everyone else inhales. I hesitate to offer anyone a “bless you” when their un- covered-sneeze particles permeate the air. It’s rather hard to muster the kind- ness to comfort someone when they’re putting your own health at risk.

In addition to covering your mouth when you’re feeling a little green or off, avoid passing drinks and food with others. It’s com- mon sense that consuming food and drink with a sick person’s utensils passer- es you to ingest their germs.

Whether you’re at Peirce or a party, get your own cup, bottle, fork, spoon or whatever you fanc- ey and then use it. Keep others well; don’t share; it’s that simple.

Avoiding getting up close and personal with people is another simple way to keep from spread- ing your sickness. If some- one with a cold brings their face too close to me, I automatically lean away.

Sorry, but it’s not me; it’s you. Contagious sickness is often spread through air- borne travel. So whether you have the sniffles or are recovering from a bout of the Kenyon Krud, maxi- mize the proximity be- tween your face and some- one else’s.

The most interesting and easiest way I have seen germs spread, however, oc- curred in Peirce’s servery.

Try to imagine for a min- ute that you’re a germa- phobe, like myself. While standing in line waiting for food, the person in front of you sneezes, licks their fin- gers and then reaches for the bongs all with the same hand.

Excuse me, but gross.

If you are sick, cover your sneeze. If you are sick, don’t lick your fingers before touching some- thing that multiple people will touch. Even if you’re well, try to control the saliva you spread in dining places.

The next time you’re feeling a little green around the gills, be a hu- manitarian. Consider how you don’t want anyone else to feel like you’re feeling at the moment (unless you do, in which case, that’s unfortunate) and then re- sponsibly keep your germs to yourself. Children learn these types of common courtesies in kindergar- ten, so it shouldn’t be too hard for us practice them as adults.

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For Kenyon Democrats, GOP victories not end of the line

For those disappointed with midterm elections, the landslide is a call to action and increased student involvement.

**MATTHEW GERSON CONTRIBUTOR**

You didn’t have to be a politico to expect Republicans to do well on Election Day. But in the end, Republican gains were deeper and wider than almost anyone predicted — even the gurus.

Congress has been the big story: Republicans picked up eight Senate seats and a majority, and it seems likely the one still undecided race will fall in their favor, too, while the House has more Republicans than any point since the end of the World War II. Less discussed, however, are the 30 state-level legislative chambers that now ended into Republican hands and the 23 Republican trifectas — when the same party controls the both houses of a state legislature and the Governorship — that now exist, compared to just seven Democratic ones.

Last week, Republicans gained a stunning 432 seats in state house chambers. And shockingly, GOP gubernatorial candidates won in three Democratic bastions: Massachusetts, Illinois and Maryland.

What can a motivated Democrat at Kenyon do about it? Amid the gloom, there are a few things Dems on campus should keep in mind.

The first is to vote. Last week, voters aged 18-29 made up only 13 percent of the electorate. In 2012, nearly one in five voters was aged 18-29. Young voters are key to any successful Democratic campaign, but they let their party down this year. If 2016 is going to go in the Democrats’ favor, liberals our age will have to vote in stronger numbers than we did last week.

The second is to help get out the vote. Ohio is a bizarre place — depending upon whom you ask, the state has somewhere between one and 2.5 million more registered voters than we did last week.

Third, keep your head up. “Victory is an illusion of philosophers and fools,” wrote William Faulkner, and no one truer than in the cyclical motions of American politics. If I had a dollar for every time a party has claimed victory in the last 30 years, only to quickly lose ground the next time voters went to the polls, I could probably take a friend to lunch at the Gambier Deli.

Americans are frustrated with gridlock, and so they punished the party of a president who promised change but was unable to bring it. That’s very different than embracing Republican policies. Candidates hardly even discussed the issues this year — the election was all about President Barack Obama. Because important issues like health reform, climate change, tax reform and income inequality were not even on the table, it is impossible for Americans to have voiced their opinions on them. When it comes to policy, this was an election about nothing.

Lastly, remember that the real fight has yet to come. In 2016, the tables will turn.

Some 24 Republican senators will be up for reelection — even more than the number of Democrats who were up this year. And the presidential race will draw tens of millions of additional voters to the polls, mostly from groups that, in the past, have overwhelmingly supported Democrats.

It’s a miserable time to be a Democrat in Ohio. Frankly, at the moment, it’s not fun to be one anywhere. But if, like me, you lament the results of the recent election and look with dread at what two years of a Republican-dominated Congress will mean for our country, heed the words of the American labor leader Joe Hill shortly before his execution: “Don’t Committees’ time mourning.”

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

In the Oct. 30 issue of the Collegian, there was an article about the Oct. 24 dedication ceremony for the Rothenberg Hill House, named for trustee Alan E. Rothenberg ’67 P’96 H’10, the primary donor, whose name was incorrectly indicated in the story.

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I think I may have forgotten how to tell time.

At the very least, I’ve forgotten the more conventional ways of keeping time — perhaps because in Rabat, Morocco, I just don’t need to tell time the way I do at home. The call to prayer is my morning alarm, my signal for lunchtime and my mid-afternoon wake-up call. The fulcrum of the day is between classes. The kind of fluidity that allows old men to forget how to tell time — perhaps because I have had some extremely memorable experiences in my short time here.

Like Eid, for example. Eid Al-Adha, or the Feast of the Sacrifice, is a holiday in October that honors Abraham’s willingness to sacrifice his son Ismail in submission to God, before God intervened with the blood down the drain to make everyone wash their hands. Punctuated by the occasional sheep’s “baa,” the blood down the drain, and the smell of burnt sheep heads. Beating the sheep with a sheep for sacrifice instead. It is also the second of the two major Islamic holidays during the year. The week leading up to the holiday saw carts of sheep for sacrifice lumbering around in the medina, piles of hay popping up as makeshift shops, manned by boys who acted as vendors. Our sheep took up residence on the terrace three days prior — my family slaughtered and skinned him Sunday morning.

After the slaughter, as I walked through the medina with my sister Khouloud, I passed crowds of young men around charcoal pits meant for roasting the sheep heads. Because everyone washes the blood down the drain to the streets, the streets were indeed running with blood. Politically incorrect, but I like to think that the occasional sheep’s “baa” from unseen terraces, the smell of burnt sheep heads, and the colder sea breeze signifies the end of summer. Spending Eid in Morocco was incredible — it was a slice of a life so different to mine yet so similar in spirit to how we would celebrate Christmas or Thanksgiving.

Sadly, my time here is coming to a close. I only have a few more weeks left before my program ends. All the Eid sheep have been eaten and Rabat’s colder sea breeze signifies winter. But even though I’ll be returning to Kenyon in the spring, Rabat will always be a home.
Men's soccer wins NCAC and chance to host NCAA game

OLIVER DEBARROS STAFF WRITER

The Kenyon men's soccer team claimed its first-ever NCAC tournament championship last Saturday with a convincing 2-0 win over Denison University (5-4, 4-4 NCAC). The Big Red defense was no match for Kenyon's attack, as the Lords were able to score on multiple occasions throughout the game, ultimately sealing their victory and earning them the NCAC title.

Despite strong performances from both teams, Kenyon outplayed Denison in the critical moments of the game. Kenyon's attack was led by a combination of individual skills and teamwork, creating numerous scoring opportunities that ultimately led to their historic victory. With this win, Kenyon not only ensures their place in the NCAA tournament but also gains an automatic bid to host a first-round game, providing an opportunity to compete at home against the best teams in the country.

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Ladies defeat rival Denison, but fall to Messiah College.

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SPORTS EDITOR

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Kenyon’s defense did not let up for the remainder of the game — Denison was unable to produce any shots on goal and first-year goalkeeper Sarah Spero ’18 didn’t touch the ball the entire game. In addition, Kenyon’s offense appeared stronger than Denison’s, outshooting their opponents eight to four.

“The team played really well and they played really hard and fought the entire game, so that was really nice to see,” Head Coach Jacque DeMarco said. “The Denison team played really well against us, so that was a good challenge for us, and I think it only makes us stronger going into our next game.”

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The win gave Kenyon an overall record of 19-2 for the season and further supported their number-one ranking in the conference. “We all had this common goal to win the NCAC,” Spero said, “and just keeping that goal in mind has really kind of brought us together and made us work harder in practice and work with our coaches to make that happen.”

The Ladies had little rest before they faced Messiah, who was 15-6 during the regular season.

“We are ready to play our game and to work together to attack offensively and come back on defense, and to protect our field,” Hall said before the game. “I think it’s going to be a good match. Everything that I’ve heard, they’ve very physical and a good team, fast, and I think that’s kind of how we are too,” Coach DeMarco said in advance of the Messiah game.

Kenyon could not, however, take advantage of playing on their home turf, and was unable to keep its game going and lost to Messiah 2-0. The team approached the match evenly matched at the start of the game, but Messiah began to gain control and scored 22 minutes into the first period. Kenyon was unable to get past their opponent’s defense to tie the score, and nine minutes before the end of the game, Messiah successfully got another goal past Kenyon’s defense.

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A swimming medley relay, might very well have expected a routine meet. However, short and Ladies calmly entered the pool from their locker rooms, walking alongside first years, were impressed by the team's ability that a team as dominant as it is now could have been in rebuilding mode so recently, when Carney said, "At the beginning of the season, we set out a list of goals, and one of those goals was to host the national tournament most recently in 2006 — their lone appearance prior to this year. Field hockey reached NCACs for the first time.

This year, each team was built around a super-star player who has been at the forefront of their respective team's glory — Tony Amolo '17 for men's soccer, Rachel Hall '15 for field hockey and Becca Romaine '15 for women's soccer. This season, Hall became the most prolific goal-scorer in the team's history, and Romaine finished her career as fourth all-time goal-scorer for the Ladies. Amolo, who scored 14 goals this year and 11 last year, could find himself in the Kenyon record books if he improves his scoring production every year. Of course, the ingredients to dominance have included more than any one player.

For Lords soccer, the season was magical from the beginning. Until they lost to Wabash College on Oct. 18, the team ranked second in all of Division III. Though they tied their next game against Ohio Wesleyan University and were downgraded to third in the national rankings, the team regained its composure and won their remaining three regular-season games.

Grant Carney '15, a Lords defender, says the team was in a rebuilding stage during his first season at Kenyon. Though it seems unbelievable that a team as dominant as it is now could have been in rebuilding mode so recently, when Carney and his classmates arrived, the program had just graduated many of the members who led it to its 2000 NCAA appearance.

"After all those guys graduated, we were stuck with a younger team that had just three or four seniors and a few juniors," Carney said. "It gave a chance for freshmen like myself and a few other teammates … to come in and play from a young age."

The atypical wealth of experience that the Class of 2015 earned in their first two seasons is, in large part, what made the successes of this season possible. Carney's three companions in the defensive line — Logen Ernst '15, Sam Justice '15 and Cameron Scott '15 — were all members of that rebuilding year who played a central role in this campaign. For Carney, this season represented the perfect opportunity to cement his class's legacy.

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DeMarco guided the program from a 7-11 finish in 2011, 8-10 in 2012, 13-7 in 2013 and finally to the team's best record in its history this year.

Hall also credits a strong sense of togetherness and friendship among the team members as fostering the positive atmosphere necessary for a team to thrive.

"One thing that Jacque always has us do before games is, whether we're traveling or not, we have a notecard, and it has one of our teammate's names on it," Hall said. "We write what we think that they're good at, what we appreciate about them, why we respect them. Then, we meet up with that person and read it to them. It just makes us feel really good before we go out and play."

In contrast, women's soccer faltered early, but had solidified their attack by season's end. Although this was not the first year that the women's soccer team has benefited from Romaine's talent, it was the first such year in which everything came together. Romaine said that developing the proper mentality was almost as crucial as athletic performance to making their nationals run a reality this year.

"We've always been a team that had a capability, but when you start to do it, you start to believe in yourself, actually," she said. "I think that's been the biggest difference."

Romaine also believes that the perfect combination of veteran and young players came together on the field this year.

"The seniors and the people that have been on the team before went through a lot in the last couple of years, and have earned a lot," she added. "Even though we have a young team, we were able to bring them up and get them involved as soon as possible."

"I think we've improved with each game this season," she added. "The more time you do spend with each other, the more you become a team."

While two of these teams have yet to see how their seasons will conclude, one thing is certain: next year's fall sports teams will have a lot to live up to.