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THE KENYON COLLEGIAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Charter ratified; new Board to be elected

By Robbie Ketcham '04

Kenyon Collegian Alumni Association members voted to ratify the organization's charter in August, formally establishing the Association and setting up an election for a new Board of Directors.

The vote officially establishes the Association's mission to "foster fellowship among the newspaper's alumni, connect with current student journalists and support the newspaper as an open forum of impartial journalism and independent opinion."

Although the number of ballots cast was small, the 13-2 vote easily exceeded the two-thirds support needed for ratification.

Both dissenting voters explained their concerns and offered suggestions, which will be referred to the new Board when it is elected.

A copy of the charter and further details about the vote can be found at the Association's Web site, collegianalumni.blogspot.com.

Board election under way

The newly approved charter mandates that a new Board of Directors take office within a year, and voting is now under way for this Board.

Voters in August nominated 13 eligible members to be representatives to the

Board and three members to be Association treasurer. Of these, 10 nominees accepted the representative nominations, and one accepted the treasurer nomination.

Biographies for all nominees and an official ballot are inside. Members can also vote online at collegianalumni.blogspot.com. **Ballots must be cast online or postmarked by Jan. 16, 2008!**

The Board of Directors consists of four elected representatives, one elected treasurer, the *Collegian's* student editors-in-chief and the newspaper's faculty advisors. Only the elected representatives and treasurer have votes

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Did you hear about...

- The *Collegian* alumnus who was covering a story and ended up driving a human scalp to the coroner?
- The *Collegian* alumna who has been recognized by the Society of Professional Journalists?

If not, check out our Web page for the stories!

collegianalumni.blogspot.com

While there, sign up to receive e-mail whenever an item is posted. And let us know if you have news to share!

Helping the *Collegian* for the holidays

Kluge fund offers way to support paper by giving to Kenyon

By Robbie Ketcham '04

With the holidays upon us, you might be receiving many mailings from non-profits seeking a donation. You might have even gotten some mailings from Kenyon.

But did you know that you can give to Kenyon and support the *Collegian* at the same time? Thanks to the newly established P.F. Kluge Collegian Fund, you can!

The P. F. Kluge Collegian Fund will help foster student journalism at Kenyon by supporting student internships and special *Collegian* projects. Specific projects will be developed each year and administered by the *Collegian's* advisors. Since the advisors will also be *ex-officio* members of the Collegian Alumni Association's Board of Directors, *Collegian* alumni will be able to keep in touch with them through the Association. At the same time, gifts to the fund will count as donations to Kenyon College, and the College will oversee the fund's finances.

As an endowed fund, anyone can donate. So you can help the College by helping the *Collegian*!

The Kluge Collegian Fund is named for P.F. Kluge '64, a noted author,

journalist, former *Collegian* editor and currently Kenyon's writer in residence and a *Collegian* advisor.

The fund was established earlier this year by a \$50,000 pledge from Daniel Matthew Voorhees '95 and his partner, Chris Dorobek. Voorhees lived in Lewis Hall with Kluge when Kluge was writing his book *Alma Mater*, and they established a lasting friendship. He is now the president and CEO of the Washington financial services firm Anybill. Dorobek is a Washington-based technology editor, and his commitment to a free press helped shape the endowment.

The initial \$50,000 gift is expected to generate about \$2,250 a year for projects. As the endowment grows, more funds will be available to help the newspaper and student journalism.

If you would like to support the Kluge Collegian Fund, you can give by check, Visa, American Express, Discover or MasterCard. Gifts can be sent to the Office of Development; Kenyon College; College Relations Building; Gambier, OH 43022. Please specify that the gift is for the Kluge Collegian Fund.

Candidates for the Board of Directors

Each candidate for the Board of Directors was asked to submit a one-paragraph biography. Here are the unedited submissions.

Sarah Hart '01

Sarah Hart was the editor-in-chief of the *Kenyon Collegian* in 2000-01, as well as the arts and entertainment editor and staff writer before that. She is now the managing editor of *American Theatre* magazine in New York City. She joined the *American Theatre* staff in 2001 and worked as assistant editor before taking on the managing position in 2004. Under her supervision the magazine launched a major redesign—including a refined editorial focus—in November 2005. She is the editor of the second edition of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Foundation's *Stage Directors Handbook*, published in 2006, and edited the National Theatre Artists Residency Program newsletter for three years for Theatre Communications Group/Pew Charitable Trusts. She received her BA in drama and English from Kenyon College.

Todd Holzman '80

Todd Holzman graduated from Kenyon in 1980 with a BA in English. He worked on *The Collegian* during each of his four years in Gambier, covering football, basketball and other sports, writing a sports column (called "Hindsight") – and later, editorials. He served as managing editor of the paper for two years. In the quarter-century that followed, he served as a reporter for *The Miami Herald* and other newspapers and worked for United Press International. In 1987 he moved from Florida to Washington, D.C., where he edited a pair of weekly papers before spending time at Knight-Ridder Business News, States News Service and ABC Radio News. Since 2000 he has worked at National Public Radio, where his current title is supervising senior editor in charge of Digital News. In that role he has helped shape the growth of the Web site NPR.org. He has assumed a special interest in NPR's internship and mentoring programs. He lives in Arlington, Va.

Robbie Ketcham '04

Robbie Ketcham holds degrees from Kenyon in English and history and a minor in religion, as well as a master's in journalism from the University of Missouri. His work for the *Collegian* included being a reporter, copy editor, news editor and editor-in-chief for three semesters, from spring 2003 through spring 2004. He has also worked or interned at the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, the *Greensboro* (N.C.) *News & Record* and the *Columbia Missourian*. He is currently a designer and graphics journalist for *The Journal Gazette* in Fort Wayne, Ind., and has been a member of the Alumni Association's Interim Board of Directors. In addition to being treasurer, he hopes to get involved in planning workshops and other training programs for the *Collegian*.

Steve Lannen '97

Steve Lannen is a member of the Class of 1997. During his *Collegian* years, he worked as a reporter, Arts and Entertainment Editor and News Editor. In his senior year, he was a co-editor-in-chief with the very capable Gianna Maio and talented J.E. Luebering. In addition to contributing to editorials and writing occasional news stories in his final year, Lannen also helped usher in the use of a college newswire and gave the go-ahead for the development of today's web site. One of the guys who actually designed the *Collegian* web site now works for Google and makes much more money than Lannen does. That's because Lannen is a reporter at the *Lexington Herald-Leader* in Kentucky. He writes about diverse topics such as criminal justice, immigration policy and bourbon. He would rather give what little money he does have to the *Collegian* directly instead of to another capital campaign. It would be easier for him to do that if the current staffers paid their fees on the P.O. Box, but that can be discussed later.

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Election: Influence the Association with voice, vote, volunteering

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on the Board. The representatives and treasurer serve two-year terms, while the editors-in-chief and advisors serve as long as they hold those positions.

The current editors-in-chief are Dayne Baughman '08, Hannah Curran '09 in the fall and Leslie Parsons '09 in the spring; the current advisors are former *Collegian* editor and Kenyon Writer in Residence P.F. Kluge '64 and Associate Professor of Political Science Pamela Camerra-Rowe.

Be part of your group!

Thanks to the interest and support of *Collegian* alumni like you, the Association is

now a reality. But your help and input is still vital! Please take a few moments to read over the Board candidates' biographies and cast your vote. Only with everyone's voice can the Association reach its full potential.

If you vote online, please also sign up to receive an e-mail notice whenever we post a new item to the site. (You might also have to adjust any spam-protector in your e-mail account to ensure that our updates are received.) This way, you can keep informed of the Association's activities and of news concerning your fellow alumni.

When voting, please also consider how you might like to help the Association. Perhaps you're a working journalist and would like to mentor a student considering the

profession, help plan a journalism workshop or participate in such an event. Perhaps you would like to help organize a future reunion or other social gathering. Perhaps you have some ideas to help improve the Association and would like to pass them along. Whatever your interest, we would love to hear it!

You can either leave a comment while voting, or maintain the complete anonymity of your ballot by writing us separately at **The Kenyon Collegian Alumni Association, P.O. Box 707, Gambier, OH 43022** or e-mailing us at collegian.alumni.association@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your interest in the Collegian Alumni Association!

Candidates for the Board of Directors *(continued)*

J.E. Luebering '97

J.E. Luebering was the *Collegian's* co-editor in chief (with Steve Lannen and Giana Maio) in 1996-97. He went on to study English at the University of Chicago. He is currently an associate editor at Encyclopaedia Britannica, where he is responsible for Britannica's coverage of literature and theater.

Tracy Miller '02

Since 2005, Tracy has enjoyed reliving her *Collegian* years as a member of the Collegian Alumni Association's interim board of directors. While at Kenyon, she held a variety of positions on the newspaper, including editor in chief in 2001-2002. After graduating in 2002 with a degree in English, Tracy relocated to New York to pursue a career as an editor, and stumbled quite accidentally into the field of online media. Her first "real" job in the field was at AOL, writing and producing travel and entertainment features for AOL CityGuide. She is currently a senior online editor at the *New York Daily News*, where she participates in the process of integrating digital media with the daily news cycle. In fall 2008, Tracy hopes to begin a master's degree program in media and cultural studies, with an emphasis on the Internet and digital media. A native of Columbus, Ohio, she now resides in Brooklyn, New York.

Taryn Myers '04

Taryn Myers '04 is currently working on her doctoral degree in clinical psychology at Kent State University, where she earned her master's degree in 2006, and she is working at Summa Health Systems in Akron, OH in their Outpatient Psychiatry Clinic. She began writing for the *Collegian* her first semester at Kenyon and became News Assistant during her second semester. She was Senior News Editor her sophomore year, and she served as Editor-in-Chief during her junior year. Her senior year, she worked as Senior Production Editor. While at Kenyon, she also served as Vice President of the Ballroom Dance Club, Co-Chair of the Danswer's Co-Op, and President of the Gospel Choir. In high school, she served as News Editor and Managing Editor of *The Alcove*, a monthly newspaper.

Renee Peck '75

I married my Kenyon boyfriend and we have lived in New Orleans for 32 years, where Stewart practices law as managing partner of a 30-person law firm and I work at the local paper. In the journalism arena, I have edited, coached reporters, assigned stories, overseen production, interviewed people both grand (from Britney Spears to Arnold Schwarzenegger) and small, as well as written thousands of features on subjects so wide-ranging it defies brief description. But nothing prepared me for the challenges of covering the manmade destruction of New Orleans after Katrina, of writing about the myriad stories of courage, despair, disaster, renewal, hope and, most of all, persistence that fall daily in my path. I started a weekly column in January 2006 about rebuilding our lives after the storm that has won New Orleans Press and Louisiana/Mississippi AP awards, and put me on the other side of the camera, with interviews by *Newsweek*, NPR and others. But mostly what I have learned has been that, in covering issues and lives, we journalists have a unique opportunity to explain and improve our worlds. That particular journey, for me, began at Kenyon.

Adam Sapp '02

Adam Sapp is a 2002 graduate of Kenyon College. During three of his four years at Kenyon, he worked on the *Collegian* staff in various positions, including A & E reporter and News Editor. After receiving his BA in history, he worked as a general assignment reporter for a newspaper in northern Ohio, *The Ashland Times Gazette*. He then turned down graduate school in urban planning at the University of Portland to pursue work at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif. He is currently the Assistant Dean of Admission and Financial Aid at Claremont McKenna College, where he oversees both web-based and print-based office publications. In September, he published an eight-page article on Kenyon in the 2008 *Barron's Guide to Highly Selective Colleges*. Last year he served as one of the many coordinators, as well as attendee, of the Collegian Alumni Reunion in October. Last year, he also served as co-chair of the 5-year Reunion Committee for the Class of 2002, overseeing the fundraising of \$28,000 for the Kenyon Annual Fund. He serves on the board of the Los Angeles Alumni Committee, where he recently coordinated a gallery walk of Kenyon College Provost Greg Spaid's work at the Getty Museum in west Los Angeles.

Bryan Stokes II '05

After graduating Kenyon, Bryan Stokes II received a Master's degree in English from The Pennsylvania State University in State College, PA. He currently teaches preschool in Chicago as part of the Teach for America program.

Gordon Umbarger '04

Gordon Umbarger graduated from Kenyon in 2004 having studied English and drama. During his time on the Hill, he was consistently active with the *Collegian* in various capacities, including copy editor, Arts & Entertainment editor, and finally Co-Editor in Chief during the 2003-04 academic year along with Robbie Ketcham '04. Together, Gordon and Robbie oversaw changes at the *Collegian* including a reformat of the paper's layout to provide more effective use of space for articles, as well as the addition of new technology to allow the entire publication process to be handled electronically. At Kenyon, Gordon was also active in the Kenyon College Dramatic Club and two GLBTQQA organizations, Allied Sexual Orientations and the Kenyon College Unity House. Following graduation, Gordon moved to Washington, DC where he now works as Center Director for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions in College Park, MD. He shares a home in Columbia Heights with two other Kenyon alumni where they receive weekly copies of the *Collegian* by mail.

REMEMBER!

Ballots must be submitted online at
collegianalumni.blogspot.com
 or postmarked by
January 16, 2008

OFFICIAL BALLOT

For representative to the Board of Directors (circle up to four choices):

SARAH HART	TARYN MYERS
TODD HOLZMAN	RENEE PECK
STEVE LANNEN	ADAM SAPP
J.E. LUEBERING	BRYAN STOKES II
TRACY MILLER	GORDON UMBARGER

For treasurer of the Association (circle one choice):

ROBBIE KETCHAM (unopposed)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS BALLOT BY JANUARY 16 TO:
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GAMBIER, OH 43022
OR VOTE ONLINE AT COLLEGIANALUMNI.BLOGSPOT.COM**

PLEASE SEPARATE THESE TWO FORMS!

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I WANT TO DONATE TO THE KLUGE COLLEGIAN FUND

Name and class: _____

I wish to make a gift of \$_____ to Kenyon College, specifying that my donation go toward the P.F. Kluge Collegian Fund.

Will your company match your gift? (Circle one:) YES NO

If enclosing a check: Please make check payable to Kenyon College and write "P.F. Kluge Collegian Fund" in the memo line.

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Type of card: _____

Card no.: _____

Exp. date: _____

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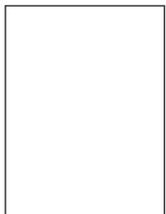
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Charlotte Nugent '07	Hannah Curran '09

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