Kenyon Student Comfort Around Campus Survey Results

General Information about map and survey:

This survey was designed to gauge Kenyon student’s comfort around campus and identify any issues students may have regarding campus climate at specific locations or spaces on campus. Students were presented with a map of campus and asked to click on the top five locations they felt most comfortable. They were then presented with a separate map and asked to click on the top five locations they felt least comfortable. After selecting locations on each map, students had the opportunity for written expansion on the locations they selected. We then asked respondents to indicate the extent of how much they agree or disagree with the statement: Overall, I feel comfortable at Kenyon. The responses of the locations clicked on the maps created heat maps which are presented in the following pages.

The map of campus was edited for clarity and readability purposes. Light blue boxes represent apartments and residence halls, dark blue are parking lots and Village of Gambier buildings, red are academic, purple are Kenyon buildings that are non-residence and non-academic, and green are lawn space. In creating the new map, Lentz house was regrettably left off. Had it been on the map, the red box would have been above and to the right of the Library Parking Lot and below and to the right of Bailey House.

The survey was sent out to 1795 Kenyon students and 309 students responded to the survey, a response rate overall of 17%.

Breakdown of respondents:

- Females: 203 (67%)
- Males: 106 (33%)
- Seniors: 96 (31%)
- Junior: 79 (25.5%)
- Sophomore: 79 (25.5%)
- Freshmen: 55 (17.8%)

The survey was distributed on November 30, 2016 and 93% of responses were collected between then and December 7, 2016.

Each heat map has a scale on the bottom that responds to the graph it is attached to. The reddest point indicates the most selected location on that map. Thus, the reds are the same color whether the most selected area had 129 respondents or 34.
Overall:

Below is the heat map of the places 309 students on campus selected as places they feel **most comfortable**. The top five most selected locations were Olin and Chalmers Library (129 students, 43%), Peirce Dining Hall: New Side (103, 34%), Wiggins Street Coffee (85, 28%), Peirce Dining Hall: Old Side (71, 24%), and the KAC (63, 21%).

Students selected these spaces because they were places that they spent most of their time and were familiar with the space. These are spaces where students were living, studying, working, eating, or spending time with friends.
Below is the heat map of the places 309 students on campus selected as places they feel **least comfortable**. The top five most selected locations were Peirce Dining Hall: Old Side (103 students, 40%), Old Kenyon Hall (70, 27%), KAC (54, 21%), other (various locations selected that were not specific building or locations) (47, 18%), and the New Apartments (45, 17%).

There was less scatter in the least comfortable responses than most comfortable meaning the locations that were chosen in least comfortable will show up more intensely.

One reason students marked a space as least comfortable was because of insufficient lighting or seclusion. Old side was also marked as a space where students felt least comfortable because of the large groups that sit there and the general feeling of social cliques. Student’s past experiences also played a large factor in whether they felt comfortable in a location.
We then asked respondents to indicate the extent to how much they agree or disagree with the statement: Overall, I feel comfortable at Kenyon. Half (50%) of the 287 respondents agreed with the statement and 33% strongly agreed.
Most comfortable comparison:

Female/Male:

Female most comfortable heat map:

Male most comfortable heat map:
The top 5 locations for 203 female respondents: Olin and Chalmers Library (95 students, 48%), Peirce Dining Hall: New Side (77, 39%), Wiggins Street Coffee (71, 36%), NCAs (39, 20%), and Peirce Dining Hall: Old Side (39, 20%).

The top 5 locations for 106 male respondents: Olin and Chalmers Library (34 students, 34%), KAC (33, 33%), Peirce Dining Hall: Old Side (32, 32%), Peirce Dining Hall: New Side 26, (26%), and the NCAs (23, 23%).

Females had a higher response rate and their responses were less spread than male responses.

A higher percentage of males chose fraternity dominated locations, such as Old Kenyon (13.4%), Leonard Hall (12.2%), South Quad (7.3%), Delt Lodge (7.3%), and Ganter (7.3%), than females (4%, 4%, 5%, 1.5%, 1.5%)
Class Year:

Splitting by class year shows the same general trends of where people are comfortable with differences coming from the different living spaces. Thus, first-years more frequently chose McBride and Norton Residence; sophomores, Caples and Bushnell; juniors, Old Kenyon and New Apartments; and seniors, NCAs and Taft Apartments.

First years most comfortable:

Seniors most comfortable:
First years felt most comfortable in Peirce Dining Hall: New Side (26 students, 47%), Wiggins Street Coffee (24, 44%), Olin and Chalmers Library (23, 33%), McBride Hall (18, 33%), and Ascension Hall (13, 24%).

Seniors felt most comfortable in the NCAs (44 students, 46%), Olin and Chalmers Library (38, 40%), Peirce Dining Hall: New Side (31, 33%), Wiggins Street Coffee (18, 29%), and Peirce Dining Hall: Old Side (17, 17%).
Least comfortable comparison:

Males/Females

Male least comfortable:
Females felt least comfortable in Peirce Dining Hall: Old Side (74 students, 42%), Old Kenyon Hall (59, 33%), KAC (37, 21%), South Quad Lawn (34, 19%), and the South 2 Parking Lot (30, 17%).

Males felt least comfortable in Peirce Dinning Hall: Old Side (29 students, 35%), KAC (17, 21%), Other (17, 21%), New Apartments (15, 18%), and Peirce Dining Hall: New Side (13, 16%).
Class year

First years least comfortable:

Seniors least comfortable:
First years felt least comfortable in Old Kenyon Hall (18 students, 39%), Peirce Dining Hall: Old Side (12, 26%), Other (1, 24%), Peirce Dining Hall: New Side (7, 15%), and the KAC (7, 15%).

Seniors felt least comfortable in Peirce Dinning Hall: Old Side (28 students, 44%), Old Kenyon Hall (25, 29%), South Quad lawn (24, 28%), KAC (22, 26%), and Peirce Dining Hall: New Side (17, 20%).
Extent of comfort:

We then asked respondents to indicate the extent to how much they agree or disagree with the statement: Overall, I feel comfortable at Kenyon. The following are a breakdown of the responses.

Females:

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Overall, I feel comfortable at Kenyon.

97 female respondents (51%) agreed with the statement and 57 (30%) strongly agreed.

Males:

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Overall, I feel comfortable at Kenyon.

47 male respondents (48%) agreed with the statement and 37 (38%) strongly agreed.
First years:
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Overall, I feel comfortable at Kenyon.

29 first year respondents (57%) agreed with the statement and 19 (37%) strongly agreed.

Seniors:
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Overall, I feel comfortable at Kenyon.

47 senior respondents (50%) agreed with the statement and 20 (21%) strongly agreed.