Tenure Denial Provokes Student Response

by Sean McCollum

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Editor's Viewpoint
by Scott Whitcomb

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At this point, no one can really say for sure. One thing is quite clear, however. There seems to be a problem with the system of granting tenure. The fact that so many students are concerned about the denial of tenure to a professor is a good indication that something is amiss in the method of tenure review.

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We Will Need Several New HEAD RESIDENTS
Starting August 25th

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Chris Frantz, Raymond House, ext. 6589 or
Bob Whitcomb, Business Office, ext. 6541

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Pick up packet of application materials from
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NOTE: Completed applications are due April 30.

OPINION/LETTERS

Tropos Deadline
by Kurtis L. Trobe

The editors of Tropos, the Lawrence University publication showcasing the artistic output of the members of the Lawrence community, have put it, and hope to be published. Only with a large number of your submissions can Tropos best represent the creative work of the members of the Lawrence community. And that's our goal—let's work together to make it happen.

Some ideas for submission:

- Drawings or paintings
- Photography
- Poems or essays
- Anything that is a work of art

Any of us will be glad to answer questions and to take indications of interest. Please contact us before this coming Sunday, April 6th.

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WANTED: Alumni Feedback

Dear Students,

Spring is coming, the birds are singing, the days are getting longer—and the snow is melting, the days are getting longer. With the arrival of spring, the birds are singing, the days are getting longer. The snow is melting, the days are getting longer, and the flowers are blooming. It's a beautiful way to celebrate the end of winter.

Having received a great deal of it, shouldn't you be singing, too? You might as well, because the days are getting longer. The snow is melting, the days are getting longer, and the flowers are blooming. It's a beautiful way to celebrate the end of winter.

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Fisk Visits LU

Classical guitarist Eliot Fisk will perform at Lawrence University on Friday, April 11. The 8:00 PM concert is scheduled for Harper Hall in the Music-Drama Center. Standing room only tickets at $4.00 are available at the university box office, 115 N. Park Ave., or by calling 735-6749 from noon to 5:30 PM, Monday through Saturday. Fisk’s extraordinary musicianship has earned him an international reputation as a master of the classical guitar. His recent performance at New York’s Alice Tully Hall was followed by winning First Prize at the 1985 International Guitar Competition in Italy and widely celebrated performances throughout Europe and America.

“One of the most brilliant, intelligent and gifted young musical artists of our time.”

“Montreux” Performs at Chapel

\textit{Montreux}, an acoustic music quartet of international acclaim, will perform in concert in the Lawrence University Chapel, 8 p.m., Sunday, April 6. The music of “Montreux,” a new American instrumental music, is found in the true sense of the word. A melting pot of world music, incorporating Western classical, blues, folk, jazz, blues, fiddle tunes, African and Caribbean styles, these masters add an atomicized hodgepodge of styles; yet they blend the music. Each member is a solo artist in his own right, having produced nearly a dozen albums between them. The members include violinist Darol Anger, pianist and composer Barbara Higbie, guitarist, mandolin player, mande-celbst, and violinist Michael Marshall, and bass player Michael Manning. Hailed as a new force in contemporary American music by Down Beat magazine, “Montreux” has appeared on sold-out houses across the United States, Europe, and Canada.

The concert at Lawrence is sponsored by the Lawrence Special Events Committee, and WAFI radio. Tickets are $5 for adults, and $3.50 for students and senior citizens, and are available at the Lawrence University Box Office, 115 N. Park Ave., between noon and 5 p.m. Monday, noon and 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, telephone 735-6749.

Have Fun Outdoors

by Bill Fischelis

The Outdoor Recreation Club is for anyone who likes to enjoy themselves; everyone in the Lawrence Community is welcome to participate in any of the Outdoor Recreation Club activities.

Besides the various fun-filled activities, the Outdoor Recreation Club provides you with information on canoeing and kayaking rentals, snowshoeing equipment, and complete camping gear.

Fall term the Outdoor Recreation Club had planned outings for rock climbing and camping, but these were cancelled due to poor weather and lack of participation.

A group of ten people went skiing for a week at Steamboat Springs, Colorado during Christmas Vacation. This trip was very successful and a similar trip is planned for next year.

Winter term there were many skiing excursions planned, but they also were cancelled because of lack of participation. One group did go to a cross-country outing at Trees for Tomorrow for a beautiful weekend.

For spring term there are also a lot of great activities planned including canoeing, kayaking, rafting, camping, hiking, parasailing, and shanties at High Cliff. The dates of these activities are posted around campus on the Outdoor Recreation Club Activities Calendar. Friday, April 4th there will be lunch set up during Happy Hour at the Union and during dinner at Dooner with information available concerning the trips planned, and those interested in an activity may sign up at the booth.

There are a lot of exciting activities planned, so join the fun!
Baseball Springs Into Action

You can't judge a book by its cover. The 1986 Lawrence University varsity baseball team may not resemble its title. Sophomore southpaw Brad Sainoo seemed to be cruising, to his first win of the season, when he allowed only two runs in four innings while building up a 7-1 lead against Otterbein. A few hitting mishaps with a score up the middle in the fifth inning found Nelson on the bench hit leading by only one run. That lead soon turned into a 10-7 defeat.

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