Artist Series offers Saint Paul Orcelh

The Lawrence University Artist Series concludes its sold-out season on Thursday May 21, with a concert by the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra. Internationally acclaimed conductor and violinist Pinchas Zukerman will lead the ensemble in works by Mozart, Haydn, Dvorak, and Tchaikovsky in the concert scheduled for 8:00 p.m. in the Lawrence Chapel.

The Chamber Orchestra enjoys a reputation as America’s finest orchestra of its kind. Under the musical direction of Pinchas Zukerman since 1980, the orchestra has grown to 30 full-time performers, tripled its subscription base, and expanded its regular season to more than 80 concerts. They have performed with international soloists including cellist Yo-Yo Ma, pianist Peter Serkin, and violinist Jean-Pierre Rampal, and have toured throughout North America, western and eastern Europe, and the Soviet Union.

Pinchas Zukerman bids farewell to the orchestra as its musical director at the end of this season. His Lawrence experience is among the last four concerts of his seventh season. Please see page 4, column 3.

Conkey’s manager talks about prices

By Steve Siegel
Staff Writer

"You’ve got to compare apples to apples," says Scott Werleln, the manager of administration and textbook manager for Conkey’s bookstorae. Werleln’s comment was in reference to an article published in The Lawrence by John Conkey in January of 1987. The article, written by a 1987 Lawrence graduate, argued that Lawrence students’ claims about Conkey’s textbook prices were false.

The article compared Conkey’s prices to those at a store at the University of Michigan, where the writer was a graduate student.

Werleln admits that Conkey’s textbook prices are higher than those in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where the Lawrence University campus is located. But he steadfastly denies that Conkey’s overcharges Lawrence students.

"It’s a question of things going into the price of a textbook," said Werleln, who noted that the price of textbooks is based on a number of factors. Please see page 5, column 1.

International Ethics Conference held

Top world thinkers converge

By Mark Niquette
Staff Writer

When delegates from the Biomedical Ethics Conference departed from Lawrence to their respective homes on Wednesday, they took understanding with them and left behind the first step toward international ethical decisions.

Lawrence University hosted the second of its kind conference this year. The conference, which brought together 30 of the world’s most thoughtful biomedical ethics thinkers, was generously sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

The collection of philosophers, theologians, and physicians from nine countries and 14 different medical specializations gathered to discuss decisions about withdrawing life-sustaining treatment for any medically hopeless patient.

"The whole idea of the conference was to establish candor," said John Stanley, Edward F. Mielke Professor of Ethics at Lawrence and originator of the event. "We wanted to meet together in a comfortable setting and with each other honestly about what is at stake in the ethical decisions we are making.

The entire collaboration was based on the fundamental assumption that "decisions to withhold or withdraw potentially lifesaving or life-prolonging treatment are fraught with ethical dilemmas. that the ethical problems relating to non-treatment decisions will increase rather than decrease over the next decade," and also the importance of talking about these issues "across different medical cultures and different medical specializations.

Each delegate was responsible for preparing one case history dealing with a biomedical pertinent issue for the entire group’s consideration. These cases and the discussion which was generated are expected to be compiled for publication, according to Stanley. Please see page 8, column 1.

Ethics of ‘living wills’ discussed at L.U.

By Mike Bohm
Staff Writer

Although there are inherent problems with “living wills,” the speaker and large benefits to patients with very serious terminal illnesses as well as society as a whole, according to Dr. Joanne Lynn in a lecture given last Monday evening in Harper Hall. The speech, "Life Prolonging Treatment: Should You Decide Now?", was part of a program of lectures devoted to issues in biomedical ethics. This series is underwritten by the Mielke Family Foundation and other organizations in Appleton and in the Fox Valley.

Dr. Lynn, who is an Associate Professor of Geriatric Medicine at George Washington University, argued that more control should be given to terminally ill patients — and less control given to the state — over the direction of their medical treatment.

This should be done by constructing living wills, under the proper guidance of an attorney and doctor, said Dr. Lynn. Living wills are legal statements which express the wishes of a patient on how he should be treated in the event that a diagnosis of an irreversible terminal illness would be made. The will decides ahead of time whether the patient, if he desires, should be allowed to die naturally instead of prolonging a life of pain and suffering. The value of a living will comes into play when a patient is no longer competent and is unable to make decisions on his own. The will would be constructed sometime during his life when he is competent. The legal will can be used by a next of kin to speak for the incompetent patient to stop treatment in those instances where the wishes of the patient are at variance with the wishes of the doctor who is often compelled by law or personal conviction to continue treatment. Please see page 3, column 1.

Honors Code is vital to L.U.

By Kristin Kusmirek
Staff Writer

The trust allowed by the Honor Code is vital, according to Professor John Dreher. He believes, "That trust is the binding coherent force that keeps us from falling into atomic individualism." But the increased incidence of Honor Code violations has caused concern over the adequacy of the Honor Code system. Professor Cory Azzi and Dreher presented their views and criticisms of the increasing debate in the Honors Council Forum in Riverview on May 7.

"Now that it’s been 25 years since the establishment of Honor Council, it may be time to reopen and reexamine the issues," proposed Steve Bean, Honor Council member and Forum mediator. The Honor Code has allowed Lawrence students open library stacks, unproctored exams, and mutual trust among students and staff.

Azzi separated the judicial proceeding of Honor Council into two parts: 1) the judgment about the accused student’s guilt or innocence and 2) the determination of a penalty. Azzi indicated that he was "very impressed with the judgments that people on Honor Council make," but also noted that "curious things start to happen when one examines the sentencing process. It was suggested that the problem may stem from lax penalties. The typical penalty for plagiarism is an F, but as Azzi noted, "An F is an honorable grade." An F can mean anything on a transcript from sheer laziness on the student’s part to an Honor Council violation.

Should a student found to have questionable character be trusted to tell a possible future employer...
**Features**

**Why are the Mayflies here anyway?**

By Ace Diamond

Special to the Lawrentian

As I returned from a midnight walk for a new typewriter ribbon, and a case of smokes, a scream rang out like a shot in the night from a long black limo. It pierced the cool Appleton night, indicating the beginning of another ongoing weeks of hell along the banks of the Fox and mighty Fox River.

“They’re here!”

The voice repeatedly shrieked, and they did refer to the local gang of hoods who dominate the downtown store scene on the Avenue.

“They referred to the recently arrived mass of wings that would soon blanket the dorms for a time: good luck, the Mayflies.

But this was not the time for self-reflection, nor was it the time to ask why these hellspawn creatures of once again come to fill the air like bullets at an outdoor Italian cafe in Chicago. It was time to find shelter.

The sky was a full-out sprint which nearly collapsed my tattered fins. I slammed the door and a bit of cool my respirator system which was raging like the new, modern music at Gimbel’s. What’s this crazy world coming to? I asked no one as I lit a cigarette to comfort the nerves which I started to corral my senses and I started to calm my nerves which come to Appleton every year with nearly collapsed my tar-filled lungs.

In Montana, and the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra.

The regularity of alimony payments from this one. Strep ran to the nearest doughnut shop and grabbed a cup of coffee and a carton of smokes and began cranking out this pulitzer-bound scoop.

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They referred to the recently arrived mass of wings that would come to Appleton every year with the late Joe Pesci playing a Grinch, placed several long distance calls to the island of Matumba, which lies twenty miles south of Guam. It is here that the nightmarish mayflies originate, and they are soon brought to Appleton by a one-engine Piper flown by a man known only as "The man who flies the one-engine Piper."

In this small aircraft, he brings in cartons of Mayfly eggs to the Grinch’s back door every Tuesday at two in the morning in exchange for several thousand.

Why are these hell-spawned creatures let loose on helpless Lawrentians like sorority girls to Downer ice cream? My informant, Strep Throat, has come up with some starting answers to this baffling question.

On a clue that our esteemed President Warch allegedly stated "those pseudo-intellectual pansy college students almost as much as the jokers at the Tumbledweed Tap.

Strep purchased the most sophisticated wire-tapping equipment available in the Fox Valley and began surveillance on Lawrence’s big cheese.

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**Wind Ensemble concert set**

The Lawrence University Wind Ensemble, directed by Robert Lev, featuring guest artist clarinetist Robert Umiker, will perform in concert Sunday May 17, in the Lawrence Chapel.


Principal clarinetist with the North Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Umiker is a professor at the University of Arkansas. He has appeared as soloist with the North Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and the Northwest Symphony Orchestra. A faculty member of the Tidewater Music Festival in the Northwest, Umiker is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music.

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The show wouldn't have been complete without the help of lighting design by Nick Wurtzell, and slide operation and quick sound shifts by Peggy Taff, and "Answer Me" by Paul Grant, Campbell will be singing a selection of slides of Lawrence students will also highlight this performance. It was fortunate enough to get a preview of this performance. Corrie Campbell has a fantastic and beautiful voice. The songs she selected are bright, cheery and peppy. Corrie's piano accompaniment comes from the light fingers of Clara Chang, and her guitar accompaniment is performed by Nancy Yandel. The show wouldn't have been complete without the help of lighting design by Nick Wurtzell, and slide operation and quick sound transposing by Bryan Schultz.

This is one of the most innovative performances I have seen, and everyone should take time out to see Light More Light. Corrie and her crew have put on an exceptionally inspirational production.
Ethics of 'living wills'

The length of a life is not the only factor that a doctor should consider when treating a patient, said Dr. Lynn. The quality of life should be equally important, if not more. A longer life is less desirable than a shorter life, according to Dr. Lynn. For terminal patients who are incapable of recognizing themselves or others around them, who require assistance with every major function, and whose prolongation of life only brings more pain and suffering, these people have a 'life situation' whose prolongation of life should be examined. The true meaning of an 'F' is that the Honor Council may not have the means to correct the problem. 'It is not within the power of the Honor Council to change the norm of behavior of students,' said Azzi. The Honor Council has already taken some action. Next year, a documentation workshop will be given to all freshmen to acquaint them with proper documentation techniques. ‘By doing this, we hope to eliminate unintentional plagiarism,' said Azzi. The Honor Code is vital to L.U. and the true meaning of an 'F'.

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Speakers define death

By Kris Howard
Staff Writer

What is the definition of a human person? What do we do to define as death?

These were the ethical considerations discussed by visiting philosopher Grant Gillett and Lawrence professor John Stanley in a Main Hall Forum held last Wednesday.

Gillett, a neurosurgeon from New Zealand, holds a philosophy degree from Oxford and serves as a professor there. He was on campus as part of the Biomedical Ethics Conference held at Lawrence this week.

The special Main Hall Forum was offered in conjunction with Lawrence's Philosophy Club.

Gillett's initial contact with Stanley, Edward F. Mielke, Professor of Ethics at Lawrence, came from Stanley's response to Gillett's article in The Journal of Medical Ethics. Gillette began the discussion by first presenting his article, which dealt with the discussion of "brain death."

"Brain death," the term for those who have suffered irreparable damage to the brain stem, Gillett explained. Severe brain damage commonly results in a vegetative state where the human shows no awareness of or interaction with his environment, yet his brain stem still functions.

Gillett tried to explain his views of brain death by discussing three areas which define personhood. He stressed the importance of the "character and ethical value of the individual."

The first area of personhood is personal identity, according to Gillett, as characterized by "thought life" and its individuality. A person must be capable of "coherent mental life" in order to interact with the world. Gillett said. Because the higher areas of the brain which control this coherence are the most susceptible to trauma, severe mental damage often impairs personal identity.

Quality of life is the second important aspect of personhood for Gillett. He described this as the individual's characteristic mode of physical interaction with the world. Sometimes when a human is in a severe vegetative state, he does not communicate his identity to the world and thus is not a person, Gillett concluded.

The final trait which characterizes a person is responsibility for self, said Gillett. When a human has this responsibility, his thoughts and values translate into action which furthers his self interests.

Using knowledge of neurological conditions, doctors can evaluate whether or not a living person is a human by this criteria. Gillett explained, then make ethical decisions regarding life support systems.

Gillett feels that "without fiddling with the definition of death," the end of life as a person can be distinguished from death as a human. According to Gillett, we do not—and cannot—require that we prolong the life of a non person at the expense of large quantities of economic resources and psychological strength. In cases where decisions must be made, Gillett feels that the health of a person must take priority over that of a biological organism.

Whereas Gillett's presentation centered on defining "person," Stanley focused on defining "death."

According to Stanley, death is the "irreversible cessation of the ability to function as a human being."

He argued that although the 3,000-10,000 people in the United States with severe brain damage were not persons, they were not dead. This intermediate category is the chief cause of ethical dilemma, Stanley said.

The Lawrence professor felt that we accord the members of this intermediate group a respect which only properly belongs to persons. The dilemma centers on the agreement that we should not aggressively preserve this life, but that we cannot make it equivalent to death.

Stanley said that essentially, the dilemma will remain because we as a society are not yet ready to allow human management of human death.

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has risen dramatically in the past two decades, matching the increased cost of automobiles, white bread, and college tuition. "We're not part of the university," said Werlein, and as a result, students think the worst. Students, he said, assume that [Conkey's] is "out to make big bucks."

Werlein said that Conkey's prices are higher because "smaller quantities cost more." At the University of Michigan, where 10,000 copies of the Harbrace College Handbook are purchased, "there are going to be some differences."

"If you're selling that many," continued Werlein, "you can charge less, knowing that the difference will be made up in the quantity sold."

Many students, said Werlein, who are shocked by the high cost of textbooks shouldn't be. "General textbooks are a different breed than mass-market ('trade') publications," he said. They have more expensive binding, paper, color graphics and, most importantly, they appeal to a small market niche.

Werlein said that many textbooks will have a press run of only a few thousand copies. In contrast, the quantity of best-selling books may be run into the hundreds of thousands. "6,000 copies versus 100,000 copies" makes a difference, said Werlein.

"If you're selling that many copies you can charge less, we feel we're reasonable for the market."

And Werlein added that students who believe that Conkey's reaps great profits by virtue of their Lawrence textbook monopoly would be surprised to find out that they earn only a small profit. "The industry-wide average net profit is three percent," said Werlein. The net profit is defined as the amount of money remaining after the bookstore's costs are subtracted.

The system that is used to determine prices is a very simple formula. The publisher offers Conkey's a "net price" - perhaps $10.00. Conkey's then marks the book up 25%; the new figure is obtained by dividing the net price by 75%. The result is $13.50 after rounding to the nearest quarter.

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Werlein said that Conkey's doesn't make large amounts of money on used books, either. Lawrence students are frequently upset at receiving only a wholesale price for an expensive hardcover book, but Werlein says that this is a result of the way the business is run. "The big, wholesale, used book houses" will only offer Conkey's about $2.40 for a hardcover book which is $20.00 when new, said Werlein.

Conkey's can only offer what students are likely to see as a reasonable price if they know that the book will be used in the coming year. Werlein said that the policy is to offer students half price if they have been assured of the book's being used in the next academic year. Conkey's then sells the book for 25% off the original new price. "We feel we're reasonable for the market," said Werlein, who reiterated his belief that anybody seriously interested in investigating the situation must compare like items.

Edward F. Mielke spoke Wednesday as part of the Medical Ethics Symposium.

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The Vikings finished the season 14-6-2, the second-best finish in Lawrence history, with a doubleheader sweep over MSOE on May 12 (9-6, 12-4). The sweep was Lu's third of the season. Brad Snelson struck out a season-high nine batters in game one, while Cory Schahoff went 3-for-3 to pace the Vikings' 14-hit attack. Cory Kadlec went 2-for-3 with two doubles and three RBI. Camps set a Viking record for fewest hits allowed in a season (0.70 hits/innings pitched). The old record was 0.70 hits/innings pitched. Camps also tied the school record for number of 3-hitters in a season with three. Other records broken for the Vikings included Snelson's 52 strikeouts, which broke the single-season record of 51 that he set a year ago.
Sanctuary referendum: pro

To the editor:

As an individual who supports Sanctuary I feel it necessary to explain why I feel an obligation to put so much time into seeing that the upcoming vote approve the resolution. I feel Sanctuary to be an essential part of our survival as a nation as well as being something to which we must morally and ethically subscribe. The manner in which a country is run must be based on humanitarian standards. What I wish to address here is the issue of the humanity behind the Sanctuary movement. I have spoken to several groups on campus ranging from B.O.S. to the College Republicans. As might be expected, I've had quite a variety of questions thrown at me but I think the most important of them is that of whether or not the Sanctuary is political or humanitarian. My question is how to separate the two. The problem does lie with our current administration's foreign policy, but this is not why I support Sanctuary. I would be supportive of it under any administration which is violating its own country's codes of justice. The U.S. government has deported 35,000 Salvadorans since 1980. It's estimated that 30% of these refugees are killed within a year of their return. The Sanctuary movement is designed both to help these refugees to survive and give them opportunities to speak politically. By its actions the Immigration and Naturalization Service denies the basic freedom of speech and freedom from fear and want. What right do we have to choose another country's form of government? As a superpower of the world it is not our job to control other nations. With power comes a responsibility. Our constitution defends justice for all people. When we allow our foreign policy to go against our own constitution it is a sorry state indeed. Sanctuary is not against our government. I have nothing but the utmost respects for this country's basic freedoms. What disturbs me is when a part of the country is a very powerful part, refuses to follow those doctrines of freedom. We, as the people, must never allow our government to fall short of its goals. We are built on righteousness and humanity and these are things which should never be separated from the politics themselves.

Bill Sklar

Sanctuary referendum: con

To the editor:

On May 21, members of the Lawrence community should vote against the proposal that would make Lawrence a sanctuary for Central American refugees. This proposal is ineffectual and unenforceable. Further it does not say what its supporters intend to say.

The significant sentence of the proposal is: "Upon Declaration of Sanctuary, the Lawrence Community will not assist the Immigration and Naturalization Service in any efforts of apprehension or investigation of any political refugees who are, will be, or have been guests of the University." It is clear that this proposal would not increase the safety of guest speakers who are refugees. Those members of the Lawrence community who would be motivated to assist the Immigration and Naturalization Service in apprehending or investigating political refugees would not be dissuaded from doing so if this proposal were enacted. There could be no recourse against those that chose to assist the Immigration and Naturalization Service in their efforts at Lawrence; if some action were taken against such a collaborator, Lawrence would be in a position for an interesting law suit.

Apparently some of the supporters of the proposal admit that it can have no positive practical consequences. They say, "For Lawrence, a declaration of Sanctuary is primarily a symbolic statement which rejects our government's foreign policy for contributing to the violence in Central America...." It is usually better to make a clear statement than a symbolic one, however.

A clear and concise resolution stating which of our government's policies members of the Lawrence community oppose and why they oppose those policies would say what the supporters of sanctuary want to say more clearly and emphatically than their current proposal does. A clear and concise resolution would also avoid even the possibility of legal problems for the University. There are in fact many ways of taking a stand against the policies of our government concerning Central America; one of the worst of these ways would be to pass this sanctuary proposal. However.

Thayer Torgerson

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The Lawrence Difference identified

The Lawrentian editorial staff’s weekly statement

Medical ethics is a new and different field. It is a field which has just recently been brought into the public eye. And it is important that it has been brought into the public eye, for the decisions that are made after careful deliberation of the ethical issues involved in death and dying are here to stay, no matter how unpleasant they may be.

It is a credit to Lawrence that 35 of the world’s foremost thinkers on this fledgling subject came to Appleton to discuss non-treatment decisions. During a time when medical ethics is still a relatively unknown philosophical endeavor, Lawrence is leading the way toward better and more humane solutions to morally difficult and technically complex problems by playing host to this working conference.

Hopefully many students took advantage of the plethora of ethics related forums this week by attending one or more of their choice. Those who did so are better for it, and must likely realize that the problems discussed are problems which will not go away; they are a product of the advanced state of Western medicine.

If Lawrence can help students in a most practical and important way, in addition to its regular curriculum, by allowing for, in Professor Stanley’s words, “an awful lot of candid, thoughtful discussion” by the Aristotle’s of medical ethics, the Lawrence-difference becomes crystal clear in at least one major respect.

Students should be impressed with the quality of the workshop that was executed this week. Very few people will ever be in a similar position.

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Social Concerns appreciates

To the editor:

The members of the Committee on Social Concerns (CSC) would like to thank all those who participated in the 60-27-13 meal. We appreciate your willingness to learn more about the problem of world food distribution. This issue is an urgent one of which we all should attempt to be aware.

We would also like to raise some issues for consideration by the Lawrence community. Those who attended the dinner this year and last experienced the “degeneration” of a potentially enlightening experimental meal into a sort of food fight. We admit that some of these problems might have been avoided through better planning by those who organized and coordinated the dinner. We apologize for any actions that tended to foster a feeling of antagonism between the 60, 27, and 13 percent groups.

The participants in the dinner also play an important role in the overall success of the dinner. The actions that led to the storming of the “13% table” by the 60% and 27% groups trivialized the plight of these people. Many forget that the 60% of the world’s population who survive on a subsistence diet do not have access to the food of the 13%, nor in many cases the means to change the distribution. Members of CSC are aware that it is difficult, if not impossible, for middle and upper middle class American college students to really understand the meaning of hunger and deprivation. The 60-27-13 meal is an effort to raise awareness of the 13% that we are in the minority.

We realize that this letter does not address all criticisms of such an event. Our hope is that through efforts such as the 60-27-13 meal the Lawrence community will become more aware of local and world hunger issues and think seriously of the purpose of these events.

Committee on Social Concerns

A reader complains

To the editor:

What has happened to the Lawrentian as of late? For the past two weeks there have been no personals in the paper at all. Has it been that no one has submitted any, or is it due to the new restrictions imposed upon submitting them? In the past you could just handwrite a personal on a piece of paper and turn it in and still remain anonymous. Who wants to go through the hassle of having to type out a personal and then having to sign your name to it? I think this defeats the purpose of the personals entirely.

The idea of using the personals at the discretion of the Lawrentian staff is fine and dandy, but under what criteria do you determine what is fit to print and what is not? I myself found the personals column to be full of more interesting, and factual news than many of the stories which have been printed recently. Isn’t the Lawrentian supposed to be “Lawrence University’s Student Newspaper”?

I think that the “new” Lawrentian should open its eyes to the Lawrence community and bring back the tradition of the personals. If you can’t find the space for them, MAKE IT!!!

Name withheld by request

Debate canceled

To the editor:

I regret to announce to those looking forward to the proposed debate between the College Republicans and the Committee on Social Concerns that it has been canceled.

After declining an invitation to debate second term, the College Republicans reconsidered on May 5. This undoubtedly would have been an excellent opportunity for Lawrence students to be exposed to the issues.

Unfortunately, with only two weeks until the vote, the end of both groups were unable to come into accord.

Xavier Arguello, a politician from Nicaragua, will speak at Riverview Lounge May 15 at 4:00 p.m. John Stockwell, an ex-CIA agent will speak May 18 at 4. In addition, there will be workshops Saturday from 10-noon and Sunday from 1-3 and 5-7.

Sincerely,
Christopher McNulty
(Committee on Social Concerns)
The Lawrence professor explained that the conference was a first step towards more far-reaching biomedical ethics gatherings.

"The conference was intentionally not a consensus-building conference," he said. "We didn't come into the conference with the goal of creating official statements, but as the logical and psychological prior event to a consensus-building conference."

The group has agreed to meet again—possibly in Europe or Colorado—ideally within a year, to continue discussion and deal with "the specific ethical challenges as a result of the scarcity of medicine and fears to guard the sanctity of human life."

Stanley conceived of the idea for the conference at Lawrence's London Center, where he was assigned in 1986.

Stanley explained that as part of a research project, he conducted interviews with physicians and surgeons making vital ethical decisions in Holland, England, Scotland, and Israel. Two clear impressions emerged from those interviews, he said: "Considerable variations exist in attitude and practice across both medical cultures and specialties," related Stanley. "Also, I had a great desire to know more about how other physicians were answering ethical questions. It was from these interviews the idea of an international conference emerged."

Stanley asked three key European figures to help him compile a list of the most thoughtful delegate for invitation to the conference, and Stanley arranged for each delegate to come to Appleton.

Stanley thought originally that London, Oxford or Leiden would be the best place for the conference. But he was really enthusiastic about the conference and very eager to talk with their colleagues from other countries, he said.

Stanley explained that the importance of the conference would be felt when the delegates returned to their home countries and related the views expressed at the event.

"These physicians will tell other physicians about the importance of cross-cultural communications, and a greater knowledge and appreciation of other values and views will result," according to Stanley, the entire conference was recorded, and will be transcribed for possible publication. He said that Ramaan Gillon, editor of The Journal of Medical Ethics, would publish a report of the conference in the journal, and five working papers formulated during the conference will be sent to each of the delegates for revision and possible publication as well.

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Committee positions available

There are several Lawrence University Program Council and committee positions open for the 1987-88 academic year. Openings include chairperson of the University Events Committee which is responsible for planning Celebrate! Other Celebrate! committee positions are also open including area heads for the community, children's arts & crafts, raffle, concessions and production areas as well as coordinators for each stage. The Performing Arts Council is also seeking a chairperson. Applications and position descriptions are available at the Information Desk in the Union. Chairpeople are selected on the basis of their application materials and interviews. Other committee positions require only an application. Past experience is beneficial, but enthusiasm and interest are much more important as training is provided to new committee heads and members.

Participation in the various programming committees is very rewarding. Students have the opportunity to work closely with fellow students to develop exciting and enriching programs for the campus. They can learn about such programming skills as marketing, technical production, contract negotiation as well as organizational skills including leadership, group motivation and evaluation. A great deal of satisfaction can be derived from presenting a program to an appreciative audience of fellow students. It is also fun to meet performers and to represent the university to various guests. Students interested in participating in these or other programming committees should leave their names at the Information Desk or contact the Campus Activities Office at ext. 6600.