Fourth annual Peace Concert set

By Kristin Morris
Lawrentian Staff

Peace will be the focus of a special musical gathering this Sunday at Lawrence Harmony IV. Appleton’s 4th Benefit Concert for Peace, will be held in the Lawrence Memorial Chapel at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11th.

Sponsored by the Appleton-Pyatigorsk Pairing Project, highlights of this event will include vocalist Janet Planet, the Fred Sturm Jazz Orchestra, the Contemporary Improvisational Ensemble, and a slide presentation of Appleton’s sister city in the Soviet Union, Pyatigorsk.

The idea for the concert originated in July 1984, as a result of the Pairing Project’s need for a fundraiser. Barbara Hines, an active member in the organization and traveler to the Soviet Union, the idea of combining music and the quest for peace seemed fantastic.

“Time to combine music and peace is to create a most wonderful thing,” she said of her involvement with the project. “It brings the heart and mind together.”

The Appleton-Pyatigorsk Pairing Project is part of an international organization that arranges sister cities for different nations. Once a city has obtained a contact and the necessary steps have been taken, the projects can begin.

This past summer two groups from the Appleton area visited Pyatigorsk, along with other Soviet cities such as Leningrad and Moscow. Ms. Hines stressed, however, that this trip was not a tourist vacation.

“We really got to see and meet the people in Pyatigorsk. While we were there we met with so many unique people,” Hines said. While in Russia, the Appleton group met with the mayor or Pyatigorsk and appeared on television for an hour and a half. A language institute, medical healing spas, and a Pioneer Camp were only a few of the sites discovered during the six days spent in the sister city.

The Concert for Peace will feature many talented performers. Guest vocalist Janet Planet, a gifted musician from Oaklaxa, will be featured with various groups. One such group is the Contemporary Improvisational Ensemble, which includes Lawrence graduates Larry Darling and Patty Schultz.

Consisting of six synthesizers and a percussionist, the group will be performing an improvised version of the traditional Russian folk song “Hymn to the Russian Earth.” Planet will also be singing “Amazing Grace,” conducted and arranged by composer Maury Laws. The arrangement of the song was prepared by Laws especially for vocalist Planet. She will also join with Tom Theba for a duet version of the Wizard of Oz tune, “Over the Rainbow.”

Lawrence talent will also be on display with senior Rose Brzezinski, who has not only arranged the grand finale of the program but also the work for the Fred Sturm Orchestra and Janet Planet. The twenty piece orchestra will be premiering the performance of “Heartland,” arranged by please see page 5, column 1.

Dukakis is campus’ choice

The results are in, and the Lawrence campus has chosen Michael Dukakis, the sitting governor of Massachusetts, as their preferred choice to be the next president of the United States.

Dukakis received 33 votes out of the 117 ballots cast, while second-place finisher Robert Dale (R-Kansas) recorded 33 votes.

The biggest surprise recorded in the balloting was Paul Simon, a first-term senator from Illinois, who received 20 votes, good for third place, and a much higher percentage than he has been receiving in the variety of state and national preference polls so far conducted in the early stages of the 1988 race.

Frequently polls taken this far in front of the election season reflect name recognition more than hard-core support, and the fact that many Lawrence students hail from Simon’s home state is a plausible explanation.

Summer theft plagues campus

By David Faber
Lawrentian Staff

A series of thefts plagued the Lawrence community this past summer, involving Plantz Hall and four fraternity houses.

Three weeks ago, members of the Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Kappa Tau, and Delta Tau Delta fraternities reported to their houses to find run-sacked attics and active rooms. In addition, many personal possessions were stolen.

While thefts in the Lawrence community are nothing new, Chris Prantz, Associate Dean of Students for Residential Life, admits that “this is the most preposterous theft we’ve ever experienced.”

Heading the list with the most stolen property is the Delta house, which reported the theft of the house stereo system, a VCR, a TV, a ten speed bicycle, a walkman, a receiver and turntable, and a tennis racket. Said Bob Countryman of Delta Tau Delta, “The active room was torn apart.”

Missing items in the Sig Ep house include a bass guitar.

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Activity Marks Homecoming '87

By Erica Langhus, Lawrentian Staff

After approximately six months of planning by the Student Alumni Relations Committee (SARC), Homecoming '87 at Lawrence gets kicked off this afternoon, Oct. 9, at 4 p.m. with an all-campus tug-of-war competition on Union Hill and the blue and white dinner at Downer Commons.

"The students in SARC have been working really hard on coordinating Homecoming with the alumni office," said Mary Losiniecki, assistant director of alumni relations.

"Everything seems to be falling into place," said Kris Lappen, Homecoming coordinator.

Besides the tug-of-war competition and blue and white dinner tonight, the Viking Room will sponsor Happy Hour from 4 to 6:30 p.m. with live entertainment.

The day's events will culminate with the Homecoming dance which takes place from 9 p.m. to midnight in Riverview Lounge. Providing music will be JAVA, a Madison-based band specializing in pop, reggae, jazz, funk, and Latin-flavored music.

JAVA returns for more

By Erica Langhus, Lawrentian Staff

JAVA has returned. This Madison-New Orleans based band will perform their "reggaomafunk" tonight, Oct. 9, in honor of Lawrence University's Homecoming '87 festivities. The dance will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight in Riverview Lounge. Admission is free.

"In the past the Homecoming dance has been no big deal, so this year we are focusing on the dance to get people in," said Kris Lappen, Homecoming coordinator. "Because JAVA was such a hit at Celebrate last year, SARC figured if JAVA doesn't bring people in, nothing will." according to Mary Losiniecki, assistant director of alumni relations. "The band members themselves are very excited about coming back. They really liked Lawrence and were excited to be invited back."       
JAVA is comprised of seven members originally from Madison, Wisconsin. The band's focus is reggae music and jazz for danceability. This is achieved with various diversified instruments as the flute, harmonica, trumpet saxophone, percussion, lead and bass guitar, and vibraphones. JAVA performs both original numbers and other

Concerns about campus lighting

By Paul Snyder, Lawrentian Staff

"When I arrived here there were lots of lights out around campus," remarked Mel Hands, the director of Physical Plant. Recent efforts over the past months by both Physical Plant and the Appleton Utility Department have attempted to alleviate what some students have called a serious security problem.

Specifically students have mentioned the bridge over Drew St. between Ormsby and Colman Halls, the Fraternity Quadrangle, and the area around Trever Hall. Since his arrival here last January, Hands said he has made a conscious effort to ensure that all lights have had adequate upkeep.

Hands said he has made improvements on the bridge over Lawe Street between the Union and the Quad replacing the lights there and at the suggestion of Dean of Students Charles Lauter, lights have been installed on the West Side of the Chapel. "We have repaired all lights on campus and have plans to install more," said Hands.

Some students expressed a special concern at the beginning of the school year about the Drew Street Bridge, which connects Brokaw and Colman Halls with the campus. One student noted that while standing on the bridge the lighting seemed adequate. However, when approaching the bridge from either the Ormsby Hall or Colman Hall side the bridge seemed "pitch black."

Hands stressed that this was not a Physical Plant utility problem. "There is a street light that was out (but it has been repaired by the city of Appleton)." The street light Mr. Hands mentioned is on the east side of Drew Street next to the bridge and does in fact illuminate it.

Despite the efforts of Physical Plant and Appleton, some students still express concerns for both the Trever Hall area and the Quad around Trever Hall and Mr. Hands described the Quadrangle's lighting as having "no problems."

Some students disagreed with Hands' assessment. "I would say that the lighting in the Quad is marginal. Though there are lights above all the doors on a dark night I do not think that those lights would be enough," said one student.

Another commented on the Trever area: "Things are bad behind Sage and over to Trever. Though there are lights on the pathways there are a lot of darkness around the bushes by the river and in the parking lot."

Some however seem satisfied. "I think the campus is very well lit in all areas," one student remarked. Hands said that he believed the campus was safe.

Starsearch '87, a student and faculty variety show, will be held at 8 p.m. in Riverview Lounge, and a "Bustin' Out" party at 10:30 p.m. sponsored by the Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kappa Alpha Theta at the Sigma Phi Epsilon House.

On Sunday, the Lawrence women's soccer team plays against UW-Eau Claire at 11 a.m. at Whiting Field. "Homecoming was scheduled earlier this year so we really had to work... In fact, I came back to school early just to zerox and write memos for it," said Lappen.

"But I guess a lot of alumni are coming back this year so hopefully it will be a lot of fun too." We tightened the schedule this year so more people can participate and we've invited all the faculty and staff," said Losiniecki. "I think JAVA, Starsearch, and the picnic will be the highlights of the weekend, but to me everything is a highlight."

"It would be good if everyone could get involved in everything."
Campus News

Lantern making the connection

By Ann Spelzmann
Lawrentian Staff

Universities and colleges nationwide are calling upon their students to more actively participate in an assortment of community volunteer projects. This year Lawrence joined Campus Compact, a coalition of over 120 college and university presidents which creates and investigates public service opportunities for their members' students. Headquartered at Brown University Campus Compact includes the presidents of Georgetown and Stanford universities.

Currently Campus Compact is conducting research and proposing programs to create incentives and remove obstacles that discourage students from participating in community projects. For instance, the coalition recognizes that often loan indebtedness and financial concerns prevent students from volunteering in the community. In answer to that problem, Campus Compact suggests redirecting work-study funds to allow students to work in the community as part of their educational assistance.

Main Hall Forum

Schutte speaks of sanctity

By Susan Duncan
Lawrentian Staff

The crime of "pretending to be saint" was one of the points dealt with by History Professor Anne J. Schutte in her talk in the first Main Hall Forum of the year last Tuesday.

"Painters, the Inquisition, and the Shape of Sanctity in Seventeenth Century Venice" was the topic of Schutte's lecture, which focused on trial records generated from the Venetian Inquisition in the Seventeenth Century, especially the documents concerned with the crime of "pretending to be a saint.

Schutte's main focus referred to a case in particular that of Chichillia Ferazzi's attempt to become a saint. "Ferazzi was in a precarious position during that time, being an unmarried laywoman running a house of refuge for girls in peril," said Schutte. This gave her no comfortable niche in which conventional Venetians could place her. "Her socio-economic vulnerability, mental and emotional instability, and a need to gain attention all combined to create in her a belief in her own sanctity."

In brief, Ferazzi had herself painted to look like a saint, fully confident that she was an especially favored holy person. "The Venetian Inquisition, all ready absorbed with other various visual representations of 'herself against the one of these was that she repeatedly forced the girls in her "house of refuge' to say that no record of Ferazzi's life after her imprisonment could be found.

At the end of Professor Schutte's talk, there was a "Ferazzi was in a precarious position during that time, being an unmarried laywoman running a house of refuge for girls in peril." question - and - answer session, prior to a Forum reception.

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Campus Compact has received funding from the Atlantic Richfield Foundation, the Exxon Educational Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Johnson Foundation. In response to the national outcry for volunteer programs from communities and representatives from higher education, Compact has been involved in developing their own service networks.

At Lawrence, Lantern provides volunteer opportunities to interested students. Lawrence does, in fact, have a long history of volunteer community service.

"Lantern was already in existence in 1969. It was not until the early 1970's, however, that students set up actual community projects. Prior to that time Lantern gathered funds to contribute to the community," said Charles Lauter, dean of students. Between 1973 and 1974 as many as 400 of 1300 students at Lawrence participated in the eight community projects which included the Big Brother and Big Sister program.

"Lantern acted as a liaison between community needs and potential volunteers who could supply the necessary services. The community and those being helped were absolutely delighted by the efforts of the students to reach out to those in hospitals or in need of tutoring," Lauter explained.

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Features

Lawrence admissions: prospective change

By Tom Kraemer
Lawrentian Staff

To become a freshman at Lawrence, prospective students with the hope of being considered useful pieces in the giant recruiting puzzle. Once accepted, each person may still not know exactly where he or she fits in. It appears individuality is what Lawrence is all about, according to Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Steven Syverson.

Just as the number and type of applicants change from year to year, similarly, the priorities on which the Admissions Office focus may alter.

Syverson, starting his fifth year at Lawrence, came from Poly College in California. In his first two years here, he said the goal was "to rebuild Lawrence's prominence in the Midwest."

Presently, Syverson cited the main goals for the recruitment of the class of 1992: To increase the number of minority students, increase geographic diversity, and increase international enrollment.

The office chooses to get logged down with exact numbers when dealing with geographic diversity, Syverson said. (For example, needing X number of freshmen from Buffalo.) "I'm not going to chase geographic divisions if the result is simply having lots of suburbanites," Syverson said, indicating that Lawrence has a cross section of personalities with different backgrounds.

The results from the freshmen enrollment are:

- 42% of the 355 class members came from Wisconsin (15% from the Fox Valley)
- Minnesota edged out Illinois for second place in total number of freshmen: 47 to 46
- 75% of the class was drawn from the Midwest states (from the Dakotas to Ohio and north of Missouri)
- 20% are first generation college students
- 55% came from non-public schools.

Syverson commented that an exception to normal procedure is being followed in the recruitment of international students. The current enrollment of foreign students is between 3-5%, and Syverson said he hopes to push the figure up to 8%.

Don Boya, the semi-retired director of admissions, is currently on a three and a half week trip reading, and campus visits are just some of what goes on in the Admissions Office located inside the Wilson House on the corner of College Avenue and Lawe Street. "We work on an eighteen month schedule which kicks off on April 1st," Syverson said.

Throughout this time period Syverson estimated that the office will:
- receive 12,000 inquiries from high school students
- physically visit 500 high schools
- attend 100-140 college fairs in six weeks time.

Syverson said college fairs draw bigger than high school visits, since a large number of students may travel long distances to attend a fair, as opposed to the possibility of only two students approaching a Lawrence representative during a high school visit.

Autumn is travel season for most of the Admissions troupe which also includes: Ray Brown and Lyle Hall, associate directors of admissions; Ellen Sayles, assistant director for Conservatory students; and Shirley Wooley, coordinator of campus events visits.

From approximately September 20 to December 10, Syverson said an average of only two recruiters will be around the office at one time.

FRESHMAN DINNER

On Tuesday, October 6, in the Buchanan Kewit Center gymnasm, a dinner was held in honor of this year's largest freshman class. Each student was personally invited by the president to attend the affair. Nearly all of the freshmen, their counselors and faculty representatives attended.

Entertainment was provided by Mary Louise Knutson, '88, who played the piano, and accompanied everyone in the nostalgic "O'er the Fox" song.

Our president, Mr. Richard Warch, presented the welcome, by introducing many faculty and staff members, vital to the function of the freshman class. Charles F. Lauter addressed the freshman class on the value of a liberal arts education.

He admirably spoke of his trip to the Soviet Union this summer as being "an extension of that education."

Lauter visited the Soviet Union for two weeks, with ten members of the Appleton community, in conjunction with a feasibility program he helped to instigate. After years of efforts and much communication with the Soviet Union, Appleton now has a partner city in the Soviet Union; Pyatigorsk, located between the Caspian and Black Seas.

Lauter also expressed an interest in an exchange student program with Pyatigorsk, hopefully to be in full progression within the next four years.

This dinner was the first of a four part series for the class of 1991. The dates of upperclassman dinners will be announced at a later date.

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Fred Sturm

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— Barbara Hines
Project chairman

Appleton residents this past summer, "We Want Peace" is the title of the show, and will be emphasizing the Russian people.

After the concert, a reception featuring video tapes of Appleton's Russian sister city and assorted craft items from the Soviet Union will be on display in the Lawrence Music-Drama Center lobby.

Ticket sales will be used to help defray the cost of the previous visit to Russia and go toward future visits from citizens of Yattgorsk. Tickets are $4 for students and $7 for adults, and may be purchased through the Lawrence University box office.

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Missing from the Beta house are a VCR, a receiver.

Lambda Sigma literacy campaign

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program and how Lawrentian volunteers, willing to donate 1-2 hours per week, can help.

A volunteer tutor in reading or math, for example, as a Second Language would go through a 3-part training session with program coordinators to learn tutoring techniques.

The adults who seek help in the GOAL program have varying literacy skill levels, ranging from zero literacy to a 12th grade reading level. Some enter the program seeking a high school diploma, while others simply wish to brush up on math and other skills before entering college.

Lawrentians also tutor high school refugees, which works with people from a variety of cultural backgrounds, especially Hispanic and African.

"We welcome anyone who brings a concern for the problem of illiteracy, an interest in helping, and who wants to try something new," Curry said.

Lambda Sigma members will man tables at Downer throughout the week where students, faculty and staff may ask questions and volunteer their time for the program.

Lawrentian tutors would always work under the supervision of a trained instructor, assisting where one-on-one contact is needed along with a computer, a Mac keyboard, and a Mac printer. Pam Holdorf, records supervisor at the Appleton Police Department, revealed that the locks securing the computer equipment were broken and that 20 people still occupied Plantz around the time of the theft.

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It could be anyone with a key, a student, alum, or kids from town. If the windows were locked they were forced open," said Paul Shrode, Associate Dean of Students for Activities.

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Sports

Volleyball team tops Silver Lake

By Steve Siegel
Lawrentian Staff

When the Lawrence volleyball team last met the Silver Lake College Lakers three weeks ago, the youthful Vikings took control early, never surrendering the advantage, taking an eight-game winning streak away, 15-10, in a match played by the first four games.

The Vikings were led by sophomores Amy Vorpahl and Tracie Spangenberg, who were able to punctuate enough energy and leadership to carry the team, which is constituted by seven freshmen.

This time, the youthful Vikings came together, leading by a 16-14 count. Lawrence repelled the charge and won going away, 15-10. The second game the Vikings lost a little edge off their game, and it showed. Silver Lake rolled after taking an early lead. They were threatened by a Lawrence rally at 9-8, but the visitors recovered to take the second set, 15-8.

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Playing the ultimate spoiler's role, the University of Chicago invades the Banta Bowl Saturday afternoon intent on doing its best "bull in a china shop" impersonation, with the Lawrence University Vikings and the rest of the Midwest Conference notre division teams representing the Midwest Conference north division teams.

Kickoff in this "quasi-Midwest Conference" matchup is set for 2:00 p.m., rather than the usual 1:30 p.m. start. "They've got nothing to lose," said Rich Agness, Lawrence head coach. "Since we were just going to do whatever they can to totally disrupt the north division race," Agness admits he's been disappointed in the Vikes play to date, but says the team's condition is far from terminal.

"We certainly haven't lived up to the preseason billing, I'm sure there are a lot of people around the conference, especially those that picked us, who are wondering, 'Is Lawrence really that good or aren't they that good?'"

While the Vikings' 2-2 record somewhat masks how they've struggled this year, Chicago has played better than its 1-2 mark may indicate. The Maroons lost their season opener, 17-15, out to put the brakes on a to Washington University mini home losing streak on a 27-yard field goal by Mark Dupuis.

The Maroons lost by a 12-yard rush per game and 167 yards passing. The Vikings are averaging 140 yards per game on the ground and 182 yards passing.

Chicago would like nothing better than to keep the Maroons north division race as chaotic as possible.
Bork's beard is reason for confirmation

By Colin Fisher
Lawrentian Staff

I like Judge Bork's beard, and, therefore, I think the Senate should confirm his nomination and clear the way for him to be a Supreme Court Justice. If only we could encourage more people who have odd beards, strange mustaches, and funky hair to enter the political arena.

American government would be the better for it. During the hearings, I looked at Bork's furry chin and outragedly silly sideburns and could only come to one conclusion: The man is destined for greatness. Hence, I have changed the name of my column from "Memoirs of a Pat Sajak wanna-be" to "Memoirs of a Judge Bork wanna-be."

Considering my satire to be of intrinsic value to the Lawrence community and pretty much the glue that holds the "Lawrentian" together, I'm hoping that this name change business won't cause any ugliness. I suppose, however, that if the "institution" asked me nicely and decided that I didn't have to pay any tuition this term, I might think about changing it back. Facial hair is fundamentally American politics; all one has to do is take a look at the Presidents of the late nineteenth century. Such rates of any Western democracy. In 1984, roughly 50% of those registered actually went to the polls on election day. Even fewer of those who were eligible participated in the election.

Some say they can't be bothered or they don't think their vote will make a difference. But certainly those arguments are untrue. What is true is that each person's vote is worth but one vote. And in an election with millions of participants, that might seem overwhelming. It is important to remember that the vote which belongs to everyone you know — your doctor, your plumber, your lawyer, the guy who washes your car or picks up your garbage — their vote is also worth only one.

So you have as much chance to make a difference as anyone.

Voting makes a difference

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Column writing is an important job and an excellent opportunity for a serious, aspiring journalist to display opinion in a unique writing style. Unfortunately, for you, the reader, sometimes a happy idea like my sneaks past the editors and miraculously ends up with a weekly column.

Welcome to my column. I hope to take up space here all year long. Some weeks I will have something very important to say. Other weeks, however, I'll be forced to do... Well, just read on.

Choosing a topic is a good way to start a column. Let's say for the fun of it, that I have nothing to write about this week. Well, my readers would eventually find this out. You see, readers have lives to live. And they're not just going to sit and waste precious time reading word after word after word if nothing of any value is expressed. I want you, my prospective faithful followers, to know that I love each and every one of you. I hope you will learn that my column will be more than just a place to turn to when you want a biased opinion from someone probably just as unformed as you.

For instance, let's pretend that my opening column this year was to be on Homecoming. I would eagerly and feverishly use my talents to dig up a real interesting piece on this weekend. Maybe I would go back and discover the roots of the tradition here at Lawrence, find out what sport was going to be played in the "big game," or at least find out what color jerseys our opponents would be wearing. But to be honest, I just happened to glance at the same gray "Homecoming " 87" sheet just like the rest of you.

No, don't think I'm gonna bother babbling about something I don't know about. Not here! Not in this column, huh? Let's leave that kind of stuff to the others.

Together, you and I are going to make sure some real progress is made in turning this column into one that stands for something. I'll get ugly if it means getting ugly. And I'll even research a topic if that's what it takes.

Because, again, I love ya. Some readers may not agree with me on that one, but I hope you will find out that I have more to say than you and I.
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