Alumni Board discusses issues

Last weekend the Alumni Board of directors held its Spring meeting to discuss alumni activities and campus concerns. The meetings ran from Thursday through Saturday and such issues as alumni relations, class identity, reunions, new members of SARC and alumni were also honored at a banquet on Friday evening. Alter speaking briefly about the changes in the Dean of the Faculty’s office and the recent cancellation of an issue of Laurence Today, Warch went on to address the concerns of the alumni regarding the Greek system.

He stressed the fact that the administration does annually review the activities of the fraternities and the sororities.

He also noted the long history of the system at Lawrence and emphasized that no plans for immediate drastic change were forth coming.

Professor Bremer spoke to the Alumni Board as the faculty representative. The major issue he was asked to address was faculty satisfaction/dissatisfaction with the compensation scale.

Billias examines documents

By Rebecca Sherrills
Lawrentian Staff

The Stevens Lecture-ship, an endowed trust shared by the History, Philosophy, and English Departments, provides for an annual lecture by an outside scholar on a topic in the humanities.

This year the lecture-ship brought George A. Billias, Professor of History at Clark University and a prominent scholar in the field of early American history, to campus to deliver a lecture on April 21 in Riverview Lounge.


Concern was generated earlier this month when the University refused to support a new fraternity formed by a group of freshmen.

The IFC recognized the new fraternity in February, but the University chose not to support it.

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Lauter addresses Greeks in special forum session

By Mark Niquette
Lawrentian Staff

Dean of Students Charles Lauter told a large Riverview Lounge audience Thursday morning that the University recognizes the current Greek system on campus, but will not support any attempt to form a new Greek organization.

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Opinion

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The Lawrentian editorial staff's weekly statement

If one thing has characterized the banner and battling of the pro- and anti-Greek factions recently, it has been an unwillingness (inability?) to isolate and identify specific abuses or benefits which can be attributed to Lawrence's Greek system.

Such is the nature of the beast. The attempts to pin down the positive or negative characteristics fostered by the Greek system typically end with a road-block of either conclusive evidence or untestable hypotheses.

Recently staged by Greek supporters and detractors, while it has helped fill the pages of The Lawrentian this term, very little in producing any convincing arguments.

Perhaps debaters should not be looking at what is good or bad about the Greek system, but rather they should try to determine effective and fair ways of evaluating the system.

No matter how many national statistics on the Greek system are produced, the real question remains: How well does Lawrence's Greek system function in our unique setting?

It is oh-so easy to jump on the bandwagon of one slogan-sputtering group or another. It is far more difficult, however, to seek a middle ground from which the elusive, and elitist which may create hurt feelings and which can profoundly affect the character of that person in regard to possible acceptance.

The attacks on or defenses of the Greek system must address -- and at least try to quantify -- elements of the arguments which can lead to a middle ground.

Otherwise, all the rampant rhetoric will not move us any closer to a decision regarding the value of the Greek system within the Lawrence community.

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A different look at liberal education

To the Editor,

The following editorial comment is concerned with one of the opinions found in last week's Lawrentian.

It is written and edited by students at Lawrence University who are solely academic term. I t is written and edited by students at Lawrence University who are solely.

But her rambling article has nothing to do with the Greek system itself. In all reality, she is complaining about problems occurring in human relationships (including another system's worth).

In much of her article, which is quoted from the Lawrence handbook, she takes passages and sentences out of context and misleads them into negating the Greek system.

For example, one of the actual sentences found in the handbook concerning a liberal education is as follows: "It asks not only what but why..."

This sentence tries to define the difference and importance of a liberal education, yet Ms. B. misquotes it and implies that because Greeks live in a world of division (stereotypes, values, et cetera), we should abolish the Greek system so we can, as she stated, find "a common understanding" of people.

Are we attending a college of liberal arts to try and find a perfect place or utopia? I don't think so! That concept should be dealt with in sociological, psychological, or some other field.

It is a shame that people have to struggle to stay in that system as it was portrayed in the movie "Animal House," or in its worst form, over identifying with a fraternity or sorority.

I'm not going to turn this article into a pro-Greek editorial, but I am going to say that if you take away the Greek system, you are taking away a major building block of a school of liberal arts curriculum.

As the handbook states, there are a wide array of opportunities; it does not preclude decisions. At LU, once we possess the diversity and breadth of becoming a Greek, the decision is whether an individual would like to become a Greek. It's up to you.

Whether you are for or against the Greek system, if you remove that choice, you are essentially taking away an important freedom of choice found at Lawrence: The privilege of liberal learning is a freedom of choice. The liberal learning is to choose to be a liberal learner is to choose freedom of choice.

The responsibility of being raised by the American Constitution and the American community which the liberal arts philosophy and education promotes (LU Student HB p. 13).

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Mr. Goossert, however, fails to take this line of reasoning to its logical end, which our American Constitution and judicial system are based upon. When one makes a choice and acts, it is under the condition that this choice and action do not cause harm to others. The Greek system harms the Lawrence community through its selective nature.

The Greek system is unnecessarily selective, exclusive, and elitist which may create hurt feelings and discrimination toward the independents.

According to Baitis' Manual of College Fraternities, fraternities are "mutually exclusive, self-perpetuating groups." These groups, however, are not "mutually exclusive."

The facts remain that even if a person shows an interest in joining these institution-aligned groups, this person can theoretically be denied admission no matter how strong that person's desire to join.

My decision to be friends with a person or join an open group is based upon my self-selection (I choose for myself) and each person's independent and individual choice to accept me.

An individual cannot join the Greek system without a fraternity or sorority offering that person to.

The Greek system's selectivity and this exclusivity is alienated in the act of voting upon and individual's admittance to the group, which proves that ultimately these institutionalized groups are harmful to everyone.

This process of selectivity can be seen at its worst (but not exclusively) in the Greek system's selection process.

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David Wolf

Thank you's

To the Editor,

We would like to thank everybody who attended "Dart's Tenth Circle," the Pledge Party from Hell" last term. With your help we were able to raise two hundred dollars for the Children's Heart Foundation.

The Phi Kappa Tau pledge class of 1986

Larry Dahlke
David Korns
J.P. McDonald
Nathan Niebler
Mark Schefler
David Wenzel
Scott Wilson

To the Editor,

The Brothers of Delta Tau Delta would like to thank those among the Lawrence community who attended our Paddy Murphy theme party. Through your efforts and ours, approximately $225 was raised for the Arthritis Foundation.

With this amount, and an expected $800 to be raised through ourCelebrate booth, we shall reach $2,000 in yearly funds for the 1987-88 school year.

The money is donated to various charities in the Fox Valley area. These funds were thought about and not have been achieved without your support and your encouragement through the Lawrence community.

Thank you.

David Cullinan
Vice-President
Delta Tau Delta

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**Shooting from the Hippocampus**

**Melanie Perrault**, The Lawrence

It’s hard to believe for a fact, I think it’s been in last week’s column. You all of your illusions about me are shot, but live with it.

I reported that Lawrence was admitting 80 more freshmen, but by gosh, it turns out that next year’s freshmen class is supposed to be smaller than this year’s!

**Thanks to the Admissions Office for pointing me to their misrepresentation to the Lawrence rumor factory. That’s the last time I’ll use Gilgo’s killer pimp as a source.**

The Admissions Office staff weren’t the only people I was not allowed to talk to last column! The Lawrence was hot off the presses when we reported that Sue Dollberal, cornered me as I was passing out fliers to other delicious Downer street students. I began to suspect something was wrong when two jets of steam shot out of Sue’s ears when she saw me. I became nervous upon seeing a “Run, Jesse, Hide!” poster on the back of Miss Dollberal’s polyester vest.

I attempted to disregard my teeth from a mouthful of mashed potatoes and black coffee, as was the case with the matter Sue? Did you just figure out that Downer burnouts are made from leftover Hungarian Goulash?

Needless to say, Sue Dollberal was amused and loudly proclaimed that I was “caught in the past, ignorant, racist, stupid,” and horror upon horror upon horror over the other accusations. Let us take a look at Mr. Jackson.

The first question people ask Mr. Jackson when assessing his ability to be President is “How can you expect to run the country, and have experience in political administration?”

Mr. Jackson answers with a clever “This country [the country - it needs a leader] which usually prompts screams of approval from everyone.

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Clariﬁcation and Indictment: A final word

**Peter Battles**, The Lawrence

Kerregaard re-marked in his journal that being objective about objective matters is no great problem, unless what is difficult is being objective about subjective matters.

I had intended to avoid this question in the previous controversy in this column. In fact, an article was written for this very spot. Yet, certain occurrences offset my plans. What follows was hastily scribbled. So, with conviction and apologies, I jump.

The Letter. I am unabashedly against the letter "Prominent People are Greeks" (4/22/88) was meant to indicate that an event (the national external system) endorsed the correspondence. If this is the case, however, I would hope that the Greek system and the colorful flag around which to rally. The following goes as follows: A certain group of people have displayed a "surprising" leadership skills. The members of this group are mostly Greek, the system and no longer remain at. Many attachments remain."  

**Opinion letter on Greek system went far too far**

To the editor,

In recent months, the opinion section of the Lawrence has become the battleground between Greeks and Independents. Letters both pro-Greek and anti-Greek have appeared in almost every issue for the past several weeks. Opinions are a fine thing and everyone has a right to them, but the letter of April 15 that called for boycotting of alumni donations has overstretched its bounds. The action called for in the letter could cause a rift in the Lawrence community and retard alumni relations in the future. Callings for alumni to march against Greeks was never done directly affect the Greek student, but would cause harm to the university’s financial situation. If the individuals presenting this idea really had the campus’ best interest in mind, they would never propose actions detrimental towards the campus’ future.

The letter, "Students call for change," contained the following statement: "This statement brings forth images of hundreds of students from around the Greek system to protest against the Greek system. Yet, when searching through past issues of The Lawrence, one finds fifteen individuals at most, who have expressed feelings of discontent towards the Greek system." All too often it is the outspoken few whose opinions are taken as those of the whole. Even more, it is often those who have never experienced that have the most to say."

The Greek system has taken a survey of its members with the following results: there are 272 members of 104 women involved in the Greek system, 330 members involved in at least one extra-curricular activity and 126 participating in three or more. This marks a substantial contribution to the campus as a whole.In addition, for Term II, the combined Greek men’s point average was 2.776 and the combined Greek women’s average was 2.857. The total combined Greek average was 2.814 compared to the 2.900 all-campus average. Therefore, the Greek average is .095 below the all-campus average, however, from a group that is traditionally highly involved around the campus and participating in both Greek and non-Greek system.

It is also detrimental to the Lawrence community. April 15th letter "Students call for change". Should we walk down the road, we may not find. Don’t walk beside us, but be the laurel friend. The Greek community would like to extend an open invitation to all the students of Lawrence would be able to keep his strong religious convictions from interfering with his presidency.

Mr. Jackson claims to have no desire to convert the nation, but political rivals look frighteningly like church revivalists.

Maybe Mr. Jackson and Pat Robertson ought to join on one ticket.

They could be the “Know nothing, no Experience, but God Loves Us” party. This president’s personal religious beliefs have nothing to do with his or her ability to run the government, but rather than his beliefs may become law, I get a little st accelerator.

The results of this survey are available to all interested parties. Bob Pankratz at the Beta House door.

(220 signatures are available from The Lawrence and Bob Pankratz at the Beta House).
Novickis leaves Physical Plant, attachment to athletic fields

By Colleen Vahey

Lawrentian Staff

Novickis also did a lot of extra jobs like helping waiting teams with their equipment, assisting in setting up equipment, and even enabling parents to set up tail gate parties. "I'm not that I don't enjoy my job," said Novickis, "because I do." One reason Novickis indicated was health-related.

According to his doctor, mowing the hills around Lawrence has caused Novickis many problems with his knees. Another reason Novickis cited was that there has been a very limited opportunity for

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Entertainment

Entertainment Editorial

Media Center should loan video tapes

by Tom Kramer

Lawrentian Staff

Just what are movie fa-

natics to do during the
two days without a cam-

pus film?

One definite possibility is to simply complain about another motion picture related subject: THE VIDEO CASSETTE TAPE.

I feel the time has come to

brothers and sisters, that the Seeley G. Mudd Li-

brary should start checking out video tapes overnight to students.

With over 500 movies in their growing catalog, and only two frequently booked viewing rooms, it is high time the use of these resources be granted to students instead of needlessly collecting dust on lonely, very lonely, shelves.

Normally every week-end the two VCR's are rented out for a price of $8 a night and $8 a week-end; Information Desk employee Therese Weber said.

Paul Schrode, head of student activities, said it is highly probable that more video equipment will be added in the near future.

Why should students take a cab to the video store when they can drop by the media center, and take fifty paces back to the dorm?

Since 800 books can be checked out for weeks no-questions-asked, it is well within reason that our liberally educated stu-
dents be responsible for not drop-kicking The Graduate.

I say: let's not be out-
done by the Appleton

Public Library. "We've been checking out video overnight - or Friday through Monday - for about three years," A.V. Supervisor Cecilia Wiltz-

na said.

While it is obviously il-

legal for the media center to charge a price, I firmly urge one and all to rise up and persuade Media Cen-
ter Director Tom Sykes, and Director of Library, Dennis Ribbens to at least give this proposal a try.

I can see it now: a stu-
dent scans the shelves of films which are deemed "check-outable." signs a form, and off he/she goes into movie viewing ec-

stacy.

Work with me people, make the dream real.

Until that blessed day comes . . .

Fox River Mall Cinema

Unbearable Lightness of Being R

1:00, 4:00, 7:30

Good Morning Vietnam R

Viking Theatre

Penal Attraction R

Fri & Sat 7:00, 9:15

Return to Snowy River II

Sunset

100, 3:15, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Bloodsport R

130, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Brenteke PG

1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:15

Colors R

1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

Fox and the Hound G

Paragon Beanfield War R

5:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:15

3 Men and a Baby PG

5:00, 7:00, 9:00

The Unholy R

Critters II PG-13

7:00, 9:45

Cast Emporor PG-13

1:00, 4:00, 7:30

Pre-Celebrate! activities set for this week

Celebrate' 88 is rapidly

approaching. This year, in addition to the one-day festival of the arts on Sat-

day, May 7th, there will be festivities the pre-

ceding week.

The kickoff for Cele-

brate' 88 will take place on Sunday, May 1st with a special Coffee House. Coffe

House will use an open mic format with an em-

phasis on many different forms of the arts includ-

ing music, poetry, drama, and comedy.

Monday night, May 2nd, Celebrate' 88 will present the first Lawrence Classic Arts Film Festival. At 7 p.m. in Youngchild 161, Gone with the Wind will be featured (admission is $1.50).

The Classic Arts Film Festival will continue on Wednesday with the pre-

sentation of Alfred Hitch-

cock's Psycho and Rear

Windu.

Psycho will be shown at 7 and 11 p.m. in Youngchild 161, and Rear Windsu will be shown at 9 p.m.; admission for the double feature is $1.50.

Two other pre-Cele-

brate' 88 activities will round out the week. Re-

cency, a five-man acapella group, will perform in Riverview Lounge on Thursday night at 8:30 p.m.

The group blends swing, classic motown, Beatles, country and western, and current top forty hits into their own unique style.

On Friday, May 6th, Downer will feature a special Celebrate' 88 picnic at dinner. Later that evening, the Viking Room will sponsor Hans and Shatzi in Riverview Lounge at 9:30 p.m.

If you are interested in helping with this event, there are many ways to get involved.
Candidate Committee brings Earl to Campus

By Kris Howard
Lawrentian Staff

Although the political fever aroused on campus by the Wisconsin primaries has died down, the Candidate Coordinating Committee is still working.

The next event sponsored by the committee will be the May 10th visit of Tony Earl. Earl is running for the Senate seat vacated by William Proxmire, and will speak at 1:30 in Riverview Lounge.

According to the committee’s president, Mike Taylor, the group is making plans for fall activities. In addition to “more involvement for the Young Democrats and Young Republicans,” Taylor would “like to see the group get a little more politically active” in non-presidential campaigns.

Taylor stressed the importance of involvement in local politics—“This is your home for eight months each year, you might as well get involved in Appleton politics.”

Taylor noted the $2 million spent annually by Lawrentians in the community as a primary reason for campus involvement in local politics. “In Ward 2, a student could easily be an alderman.”

The Candidate Coordinating Committee was first organized last fall by Gwen Hurd and Adam Speer. They concentrated on setting up a debate with all of the Presidential candidates.

When Taylor assumed leadership, he chose to focus instead on Individual visits by the candidates. After spending “a lot of time on the phone wheeling and dealing,” the committee arranged visits by three of the major Wisconsin primary candidates before the Wisconsin primary. Taylor credited Larry Longley, Paul Shrode, and Linda Fuerst, who worked extensively in support of the committee.

The committee will be holding elections for next year’s officers at its next meeting. Any questions may be directed to Mike Taylor, x6873, or Gwen Hurd, 730-8986.

Correction

The name of Cindy Engebretsen was inadvertently left off of the list of counselors selected for next year’s staff, which was published in last week’s Lawrentian. Cindy will be a counselor in Plantz Hall.

The Lawrentian staff regrets the error.
Viking netters capture second at invitational

By Jennifer Wood

Last weekend the Viking Tennis players took second place to Ripon College while hosting one of the largest meets of the season.

The Lawrence Invitational attracted ten teams from eight different schools in the Northwestern Division of the Midwest Conference.

The six varsity players took places in nearly every match. Some of their fine performances included a 2nd place finish by Mark Flegel to Ripon's no. 1 seeded player and winner of the tournament, and a 3rd doubles--ranked 8th in the country.

Eric Schacht's win of the no. 3 singles title to Ripon's Highly-ranked 8th in the nation, and 1st in this division, four out of their seven players are seniors this year, while all of the Viking players will be returning next year.

This year, however, the competition for the title was between any four out of the five teams.

The Vikings open up tournament play Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at Whitfield Field against Concordia College. If the Vikings beat Concordia, they'll play at 11:30 a.m., and if they win the semi-finals, they'll play for the championship at 2:30 p.m.

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"but I want to leave Lawrence with a good relationship."

Novickis seems to have a good relationship with students, faculty, and administration. As former MFL C 140 student, Nancy Martinez Johnson says, "Dave is a very personable guy, he gets along with everyone and he's a hard worker.

Still, some students are questioning the reasons behind Novickis' leaving. As student worker at Alexander, Wayne Hietpas put it, "There's something seriously wrong when you lose such a valuable employee. It's really going to be a loss for the college."

Lauter pointed to the fact that fraternities have much higher damage costs because of the types of parties they host. "In general, it is my view that the Greek organizations are not living up to expectations."

Lauter explained that the Greek evaluation system is an attempt to determine what Greek expectations should be and to give feedback to the individual organizations. However, the evaluation, intended to be an annual procedure, has not received enthusiastic faculty support and has yet to complete an extensive report.

After his opening remarks, Lauter responded to questions from various Greek members for nearly an hour.

Several of the points raised by students dealt with the fact that the administration did not appear to be sending a consistent message about the Greek system, and that the students questioned what authority determined that the system was not "living up to its potential."

Lauter responded that the faculty has traditionally had the strongest voice on campus, and that it was their perception which was real. Other students questioned whether the student committee that had established its policy toward the Greek system had done an interpretation that had been made over a long period of time.

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• Of course, one will not discover complete conformity among the groups opposed to the Greek system, in the honest, modes, and possible outcomes of the opposition, there is no consistent voice -- complete inaction is rarely achieved.

Thus, the views that follow are but my own: The anti-Greek argument should not center upon the crimes of excessive hazing or acquaintance rape. Such inflammatory words elicit a strong and immediate backlash: "That doesn't happen here. Goodbye." When protest turns to proselytizing, many people switch channels. Neither should the indictment limit to charges of sexism and exclusivity. They do occur. They are in my opinion, within the not penalized very nature of the beast. Still, this is insufficient.

Humans are, to coin a phrase, social beings. These social groups, small or large, will not always mirror society from a political or social standpoint. There will be barriers; there will be some measure of sexual or social discrimination. And one may opt for membership in any of these groups or institutions. Certainly, however, institutional existence is not a right. Individual opinions may lead to rules and the Greek system is not a permanent feature, free from all accountability. Times, affairs, people, groups, needs -- these all change.

• Daniel 5:25: Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin. All ought to be able to read the writing on Behemoth's wall.